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2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships Surf Boats – Entry Circular

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.

Actioned by: Persons responsible for club entries

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Summary:	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2022 NSW Surf Life Championships Surf Boats competition on Friday 3 – Sunday 5 March 2023
Action:	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via SEMS by Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 11.00pm.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Online Late Entries close on Sunday 12 February 2023 at 11.00pm (<i>late fees apply</i>).</p> <p>NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes team amendments)</p> <p>SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the Championships. Do not pay until the invoice is received.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Team Manager Registration Form by Sunday 29 January 2023 at 11.00pm.</p>

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Surf Boat Championships attracts competitors from the Under 19 to Masters age groups, providing opportunity to unite over a three-day period and showcase one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Surf Boat Championships. Please note that SLSNSW may issue subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in this Circular.

2. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Reference is made to:

- The current [37th Edition Surf Sports Manual \(Revised August 2022\)](#)
- The proficiency competition requirements for 2022/23 Season:
 - [Circular 3734: Confirmation of Patrol Hours for Competition](#)

3. GENERAL CONTENT

Entries are to be completed online using the [Sports Events Management System \(SEMS\)](#).

- **Entries close on Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 11:00pm.**
- Online late entries close **Sunday 12 February 2023 at 11:00pm** (late fees apply).
- **No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes team amendments).**
- SLSNSW will send invoices to all Clubs after the event. Do not pay until the invoice is received.
- Clubs are reminded to complete the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#) by **Sunday 29 January 2023 at 11:00pm**. This Team Manager Declaration Form includes Clubs logging their team manager contact details. This is to ensure all event communications such as changes to timetables, re-locations etc. can be sent via SMS and Email. Details about the Team Managers meeting format will be available soon.
- **Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the close of late entries on Sunday 12 February 2023 for any omissions and errors.**
 - **Note: SLSNSW will only respond to calls or emails from Team Managers/Club Registrars regarding entries. SLSNSW will be reverting all calls and emails from individual members back to clubs.**

4. NSW SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The NSW Surf Boat Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may (subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual [37th Edition] and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this Circular) postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

Competition Committee Chairperson	Darren Moore
SLSNSW Director of Surf Sports	Donald van Keimpema
Championship Referee	Greg Heard
Local Organising Committee Representative	Craig Susans

Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	Joel Wiseman (TBC)
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	Jim Pinnington

5. NSW SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The NSW Surf Boat Safety Emergency Committee (SEC) will direct all matters relating to the safety of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each SEC meeting:

- Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area
- Injury management statistics
- Current weather predictions
- Competition statistics.

The SEC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The SEC will then advise the CC.

The SEC is responsible for enacting the contingency plan for this event. The Safety Operations Manual developed for this event is to be applied by the Referee when considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.

Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair)	Joel Wiseman (TBC)
Council Representative/Lifeguard	TBC
Assistant Safety and Emergency Management Coordinators	TBC
Deputy Carnival Referee	Mick Lang
Powercraft Coordinator	Adrian Hill
First Aid Coordinator	Australian Event Safety Services
WHS Coordinator	TBC
SLSNSW Senior Competitions Coordinator	TBC

6. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Officials

A quota system for clubs to provide Accredited Officials based upon the number of competitors entered may be in place for the 2023 NSW Surf Boat Championships. More information to come if required.

6.2 Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2023 NSW Surf Boat Championships, a Powercraft roster will be implemented. Clubs will be identified based on the total number of entries for the 2023 Championships.

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements.

- IRB Driver:** Be a current financial SLS member and be a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver.
- IRB Crewperson:** Be a current financial SLS member, be a proficient IRB Crew Certificate.

- **RWC Operator:** Be a current financial SLS member and hold a proficient RWC Operator Certificate.
- **Both IRB and RWC:** Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and competent to deal in all surf conditions.

As the Powercraft requirements will be based on figures calculated after entries close for the 2023 event, the **Powercraft Roster will not be available until after normal entries close on Wednesday 18 January 2023.**

Clubs will be required to nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew personnel via the Powercraft Form which will be available week commencing 23 January. All IRB Drivers and Crew personnel must also bring with them their current SLSNSW Powercraft licence.

Clubs that fail to meet their requirements or to attend rostered shifts at the Championships will be suspended from competition until such a time that requirements are met.

Some Clubs may also be required to bring IRB equipment to the Championships. All IRBs supplied must be registered with SLSNSW, have passed the 2022/23 Gear and Equipment Inspection process and be entered on SurfGuard.

6.3 First Aid

This year all first aid will be provided by SLSNSW's Australian Event Safety Services (AESS). This means there is no requirement on clubs to supply any volunteers for these roles.

7. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2022/23 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

Reference is made to the following documents which apply to this event:

- SLSA Policy 1.02 – Use of SLSA Equipment
- [Circular 3734: Confirmation of Patrol Hours for Competition](#)

The Proficiency requalification must be completed by close of "normal" Entry Nominations to be eligible to participate in a SLS Championship or other event i.e. late Entry Nominations will not be accepted for members who have not completed their proficiency requalification by the normal close of Entry Nominations.

Late proficiency exemptions are required to be endorsed by both Club and Branch (on letterhead) before being received by SLSNSW. This can be sent to statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au and will be forwarded to the State Director of Lifesaving for consideration. Any late proficiency exemptions should be received no later than **Sunday 12 February 2023.**

For reference to all SLSA Policies please download from the SLSA Members Area.

8. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2023 NSW Surf Boat Championships is **\$59.55** (incl. GST).

SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the event. Clubs must not pay their entry fees prior to the Championships. Payment terms are as stated on the invoice.

Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if events or the entire Championships are cancelled.

Late Entries:

All late entries received after the initial closing date shall be charged at \$99.25 *including* GST.

No individual late entries will be taken at the Administration Centre – Queenscliff. It is suggested that Clubs still enter members if there is a chance that they will be competing and then withdraw their entry prior to the close of late entry.

Team Substitutions:

No late fees will be charged for team event substitutions if the substitute is already entered into the carnival.

9. ENTRIES – SEMS

Club entries to the 2023 NSW Surf Boat Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into SEMS: <https://sems.sls.com.au/> - Event Name: *2023 NSW Surf Boat State Championships*.

Online entries will close at **11pm on Wednesday, 18 January 2023.**

Late entries will close at 11pm on Sunday, 12 February 2023.

Please refer to the [SEMS User Guide](#) and [SEMS Club Entry Webinar](#), before and during the entry process.

10. SCHEDULED SURF BOAT EVENTS

The following events shall be conducted in their respective age group areas in accordance with the requirements of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and amending Bulletins and Circulars.

Surf Boat Events will be conducted on Friday 3 – Sunday 5 March 2023.

11.1 Lifesaver Relay

It is intended that the components of the lifesaver relay are to be run separately at their own championships i.e. Water legs to be run during Open Championship and Boat leg to be run at Surf Boats. The Lifesaver Relay entry conditions are described in the 37th Edition of the Surf Sports Manual and age and gender requirements will be strictly adhered to.

11.2 Surf Boat Open Events

Open Male Surf Boat	Open Female Surf Boat
Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat	Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat
Under 23 Male Surf Boat	Under 23 Female Surf Boat
Under 19 Male Surf Boat	Under 19 Female Surf Boat
Open Surf Boat Relay	

11.3 Surf Boat Masters Events

160 Years min Male Surf Boat	160 Years min Female Surf Boat
180 Years min Male Surf Boat	180 Years min Female Surf Boat
200 Years min Male Surf Boat	200 Years min Female Surf Boat

220 Years min Male Surf Boat	220 Years min Female Surf Boat
240 Years min Male Surf Boat	240 Years min Female Surf Boat
260 Years min Male Surf Boat	260 Years min Female Surf Boat

11. ENTRY CONDITIONS

11.1 Surf Boat Sweeps

All Surf Boat Sweeps entered in the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships are required to have completed their Development Coach – Surf Boat Award, Sweeps Accreditation Assessment Tool and have been issued with a Sweeps Accreditation Number. Surf Life Saving NSW will audit of all the sweeps entered into the carnival for compliance.

To be an unrestricted (S3) sweep and to be eligible to compete in all SLSA competition, a sweep must hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion, a minimum current Development Coach Award or equivalent as well as having attended a sweep practical assessment or sat with a panel of sweeps in a formal process of learning and to have been deemed competent to sweep by this panel. A restricted (S2) sweep may participate in competition under the guidance of a sweep mentor in surf conditions rated up to and including 13 under the Mc-deM Surf Hazard Rating (SHR) system provided that they have formally commenced the SLSA online Development Coaching Module and sat with a panel of sweeps as part of their skill development. A (S1) pre competition sweep is not permitted to participate in any competition.

11.2 Surf Boats and Double Dipping

"Double dipping" (i.e. competing in more than one division or age category of rowing) by crews will not be permitted at the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships. Exceptions to this condition are as follows:

Sweep Oarsmen may continue to compete in multiple divisions and age categories but, as per existing SLSA rules, shall only compete in a particular division or category once irrespective of whether they are sweeping or rowing.

- Individual rowers from an age crew who are also competing with another crew (i.e. not the same four rowers) in an older age category are permitted to row in a second category at the Championships provided that the other crew members are not also doubling up to form separate crews.
- Should a member of any crew become indisposed they may be replaced subject to approval of the Carnival Referee provided they comply with the requirements for the event.
- If an U19 or U23 competitor is rowing in an older age category made up of mixed age groups they can continue to row in that older age category even if their own individual age division is suspended or cancelled. However, a crew made up entirely of rowers from suspended or cancelled age or gender group(s) shall not be permitted to compete.

11.3 Handlers

Surf boat handlers (when allowed due to surf conditions) must be competitors who are already entered in the carnival. They are to wear full competition gear – NSW State Championships high visibility lycra vest, competition cap and helmet (if this has been mandated due to conditions).

12 GENERAL INFORMATION

12.1 Championships Point Score

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for each Championship (1st place to 6th place).

12.2 Results

In the case of a dead heat for positions 1st, 2nd or 3rd each competitor will receive a respective medal and the following medal allocations will apply:

- Dead heat for 1st place: Two (2) Gold and One (1) Bronze will be awarded (no Silver will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1st place, dead heat for 2nd place: One (1) Gold and two (2) Silver will be awarded (no Bronze will be awarded)
- One competitor in 1st place, one competitor in 2nd place, dead heat for 3rd place
 - One (1) Gold, one (1) Silver and two (2) Bronze will be awarded
- Dead heat for 1st place and dead heat for 2nd place: Two (2) Gold and two (2) Bronze will be awarded (no Silver will be awarded)

13 SCRUTINEERING

All boats will have a safety check by SLSNSW scrutineers. For any craft found to be non-compliant craft, the club members will be advised and have the right to made alterations (in accordance with the scrutineering specifications) and present the craft for checking. If found to be still non-compliant, the craft will not be able to be used and shall be removed from the beach.

14 SPONSOR RASH VESTS

All competitors entered into the 2023 NSW State Championships will be issued an official high visibility pink competition lycra vest. It is a requirement for all competitors to wear the supplied Lycra vest in competition at the 2023 NSW State Championships. See SSM2.5.1.

Clubs must ensure that competitors wear the approved lycra vest in competition, **no other branded vests** may be worn. Competitors may be requested to wear the approved lycra vest as part of medal presentations.

More information on rash vest distribution will be available soon.

15 MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

15.1 Drones

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public. SLSNSW and its telecast production contractors will be operating UAV's for both surveillance and capturing of event footage.

15.2 Photography

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW.

SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or Clubs. Professional photographers will be attending and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Clubs are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area.

Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

15.3 Media Statements

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the State Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding the State Championships will be made by authorized spokespeople.

16 HEALTH & WELLBEING

SLSNSW will run this event in accordance with NSW Government and NSW Health guidelines, which are subject to change.

SLSNSW reserves the right to alter event competitor eligibility & attendance and spectator & official attendance should any Public Health Orders in force during the event place limits on the number of attendees and/or the vaccination status of attendees.

The welfare of all competitors is of paramount importance and athletes or their parent/guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

Any competitor or official who suffers illness or injury prior to or at the 2022 State Championships **MUST** seek medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

In addition SLSNSW may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate in the competition. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of the athlete concerned and fellow competitors while also ensuring all parties and Surf Life Saving NSW are not placed at risk.

17 ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING:

It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete both the ASADA Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport. Moving forward, SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great addition to the structure of any touring team and/or squad and is vital for elite competition and athlete development.

SLSNSW fully supports the new SLSA Anti-Doping and Match Fixing policies (SLSA Members Area > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.1 1 & 5.02). Following the completion of each course, a completion certificate/email must be forwarded to surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au. SLSNSW have organised with SLSA to have these courses uploaded on to SurfGuard as an award. Once completed, the courses do not have to be completed again, unless there is an update in information from the organisations. If anyone has previously completed either course, proof must be sent through to Surf Sports in order to be recognised.

For further information regarding the courses please contact Surf Sports on 9471 8000 or surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au

18 BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Any misconduct while at the Championships will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the Championship. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves and their Clubs.

Parents or supporters are not allowed to assist competitors during the competition. Any breach of this policy may result in the disqualification of an athlete from the remainder of the competition and is at the discretion of the Referee.

Please refer to 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

19 PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based.

Protest Forms are available from the Liaison Officer. An “Appeals Fee” of \$110.00 must accompany all documentation when the protest is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

20 TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by TeamApp.

TeamApp will be used in the lead up to and throughout the Competition as a platform to communicate information, documentation and updates including timetable changes to Team Managers and Competitors.

It is highly recommended that everyone planning to attend any event download TeamApp when entries are submitted. If you cannot download the App onto a phone or tablet, you may also access TeamApp in a web browser on any computer.

To register for these event updates please follow the below instructions:

1. Download the “TeamApp” application from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications.
3. Once logged in search “**2023 NSW State Championships**”.
4. Click the “Become a member of this TeamApp” icon at the top of the screen then select the appropriate group you wish to receive notifications from.

By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive notifications and email updates as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information.

PLEASE NOTE: It is an individual's/Club's obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a TeamApp update is not an excuse for missing events.

21 NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL

Northern Beaches Council is thrilled to welcome the NSW Surf Life Saving State Championships to Queenscliff in 2023.

The Northern Beaches offers an array of ocean beaches, coastal rock pools, a 36km coastal walkway, five aquatic reserves brimming with sea life, national surfing reserves at Manly-Freshwater and Narrabeen, and so much more.

With an unlimited list of things to see, do, eat, drink and buy, you're going to want to stay for a few days! Choose from 5-star hotels, holiday apartments, B&Bs or camping.

While you are here, enjoy delicious food and drinks and outdoor adventures. If you need a steer in the right direction, head to our online visitor information centre, Hello Manly at hellomanly.com.au

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