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2023 NSW Open Championships – Entry Circular

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

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Summary:	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2023 NSW Open Championships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 3 – Sunday 5 March 2023: U15 - Opens
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via SEMS by Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 11:00pm. <input type="checkbox"/> Online late entries close Sunday 12 February 2023 at 11.00pm (<i>late fees apply</i>). <p>NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes changes to team events)*</p> <p>SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the Championships. Do not pay until the invoice is received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Team Manager Registration Form by Sunday 29 January 2023 at 11.00pm.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2023 NSW Open Championships attracts competitors from the Under 15s to Open age groups, providing opportunity for surf lifesavers to unite over a three-day period, showcasing one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will be held on the stretch of beach between Queenscliff SLSC and North Steyne SLSC in Sydney Northern Beaches Council from Friday 3 – Sunday 5 March 2023. Freshwater SLSC will host the R&R and Lifesaving events.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2023 NSW Open 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 change to team events*).**
- 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 Registration 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. 2023 NSW OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2023 NSW Open 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 OAM
Carnival Referee	Jenny Kenny
Local Organising Committee Representative	Craig Susans
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	Joel Wiseman
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	Jim Pinnington

5. 2023 NSW OPEN SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2023 NSW Open 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:

- a) Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area
- b) Injury management statistics
- c) Current weather predictions
- d) 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	Peter Carney
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 (not the number actually competing) is in place for the 2022 NSW Open Championships. Online late entries will be added to the total number of competitors entered to ensure that the club's obligation is satisfied.

Note 1: the Sunday of the Open Championships does not count towards your official's quota.

The Officials quota is new in 2023 and this replaces any previous versions of the Officials quota from previous years. Officials, as a minimum requirement, must have a current Core Official accreditation.

Open Championships Quota

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1 to 4	—
5 to 10	1 Official
11 to 20	2 Officials
21 to 30	3 Officials
31 to 40	4 Officials
41 to 50	5 Officials
51 to 60	6 Officials
61 to 70	7 Officials
71 to 100	8 Officials
101 to 150	9 Officials
151+	10 Officials

Officials who want to share a role with someone else MUST communicate this to SLSNSW. Two officials sharing one role fulfils one official in the quota (the quota is based on attendance on the Friday AND Saturday ONLY).

If sufficient Officials are not provided according to the above quotas SLSNSW reserves the right to impose a monetary penalty or request the offending club to show cause why that club should be able to compete at the Championships.

Please be aware the quota system is based on the number of competitors entered into the event, not the number of competitors starting. Clubs are reminded before entering their competitors into the entry system that they MUST meet the officials' quota.

Officials undertaking duties to meet club's quotas, who have not already been appointed, will be requested to report to the Deputy Referee at Queenscliff SLSC by 7:00am each morning of competition. Procedure for this to be confirmed.

It is essential that clubs work with their officials to ensure that they (the Officials) understand the effect on the Championships if they do not communicate with SLSNSW regarding non-attendance or changes to the Official's Appointments. Clubs should check that officials appointed are attending on

the days that they are appointed for, as this could have a significant impact on whether athletes can compete or not.

6.2 Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2023 NSW Open Championships, a Powercraft roster will be implemented. Clubs will be identified based on the total entries from 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 may be suspended from competition until such a time that requirements are met and/or charged a fine.

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

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](#)

Late proficiency exemptions are required to be endorsed by both Club and Branch (on letter head) 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.**

8. ENTRY FEES

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

This year 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 online late entries received after the initial closing date will incur a late fee of \$99.25 (incl. GST).

No individual late entries will be taken at the Administration Centre – Queenscliff. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of SLSNSW e.g. a competitor must be a team member replacing another team member in a team already entered. 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.

Additional Events:

When additional events are entered for competitors (individual and / or team) after normal entries have closed, a fee of \$20.30 per event / per competitor will be charged. Note: **The competitor must be already entered into the Carnival.**

Additional individual event entries must be received no later than one hour before the start of the particular event at the Carnival Administration.

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 Open Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into SEMS: <https://sems.sls.com.au/> - Event Name: *2023 NSW Open State Championships*.

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

Online late entries will close at 11pm Sunday, 12 February 2023.

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

10. SCHEDULED 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.

10.1 Lifesaving Events

Lifesaving events will be held at Freshwater SLSC and will be held on the following days:

- U17 & Open Champion Patrol will be conducted on Sunday 19 February
- U15 & U17 Champion Lifesaver will be held on Friday 17 February
- U19 & Open Champion Lifesaver will be conducted on Saturday 18 February

- U17 & U19 First Aid Competition will be conducted on Saturday 25 February
- U15 & Open First Aid will be held on Sunday 26 February

For more information, please see the Lifesaving Championships Entry Circular.

10.2 Surf Boat Events

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

For more information, please see the Surf Boats Championships Entry Circular.

10.3 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, as in 2022. 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.

10.4 R&R Events

R&R for the 2023 NSW Open Championships will be held at Freshwater SLSC on Saturday 4 March 2023. R&R events scheduled for this day are:

U17 2 Person R&R	U17 5 Person R&R
U19 2 Person R&R	U19 5 Person R&R
U23 5 Person R&R	Open Male 5 Person R&R
Open Female 5 Person R&R	Open Mixed 5 Person R&R
Open 2 Person R&R	Open 6 Person R&R

10.5 March Past

The March Past will be held at Queenscliff SLSC on Saturday 4 March, 2023.

Open March Past	Under 23 March Past
Under 17 March Past	

10.6 Scheduled Open Events

Surf Belt Events			
	Open Male Belt Race		Open Female Belt Race
	Under 19 Male Surf Belt Race		Under 19 Female Surf Belt Race
	Under 17 Male Surf Belt Race		Under 17 Female Surf Belt Race

Swimming Events			
	Open Male Surf Race		Open Female Surf Race
	Under 19 Male Surf Race		Under 19 Female Surf Race
	Under 17 Male Surf Race		Under 17 Female Surf Race
	Under 15 Male Surf Race		Under 15 Female Surf Race
	Open Male Surf Teams		Open Female Surf Teams
	Under 19 Male Surf Teams		Under 19 Female Surf Teams
	Under 17 Male Surf Teams		Under 17 Female Surf Teams
	Under 15 Male Surf Teams		Under 15 Female Surf Teams

Multi-Discipline Events			
	Open Ironman		Open Ironwoman
	Under 19 Ironman		Under 19 Ironwoman
	Under 17 Ironman		Under 17 Ironwoman
	Under 15 Ironman		Under 15 Ironwoman
	Open Male Board Rescue		Open Female Board Rescue
	Under 19 Male Board Rescue		Under 19 Female Board Rescue
	Under 17 Male Board Rescue		Under 17 Female Board Rescue
	Under 15 Male Board Rescue		Under 15 Female Board Rescue
	Open Male Rescue Tube Rescue (4 person)		Open Female Rescue Tube Rescue (4 person)
	Under 19 Male Rescue Tube Rescue (4 person)		Under 19 Female Rescue Tube Rescue (4 person)
	Open Male Taplin Relay (6 person)		Open Female Taplin Relay (3 person)
	Open Mixed Taplin Relay (6 person)		
	Under 19 Male Taplin (3 person)		Under 19 Female Taplin (3 person)
	Under 17 Male Taplin (3 person)		Under 17 Female Taplin (3 person)
	Under 15 Male Cameron Relay		Under 15 Female Cameron Relay

Ski Events			
	Open Male Single Ski		Open Female Single Ski
	Under 19 Male Single Ski		Under 19 Female Single Ski
	Under 17 Male Single Ski		Under 17 Female Single Ski
	Open Male Single Ski Relay		Open Female Single Ski Relay
	Under 19 Male Single Ski Relay		Under 19 Female Single Ski Relay
	Under 17 Male Single Ski Relay		Under 17 Female Single Ski Relay
	Open Male Double Ski		Open Female Double Ski
	Open Mixed Double Ski (1 Male & 1 Female)		
	Under 19 Male Double Ski		Under 19 Female Double Ski

Board Events			
	Open Male Board		Open Female Board

	Under 19 Male Board
	Under 17 Male Board
	Under 15 Male Board
	Open Male Board Relay
	Under 19 Male Board Relay
	Under 17 Male Board Relay
	Under 15 Male Board Relay

	Under 19 Female Board
	Under 17 Female Board
	Under 15 Female Board
	Open Female Board Relay
	Under 19 Female Board Relay
	Under 17 Female Board Relay
	Under 15 Female Board Relay

Beach Events	
	Open Male Beach Sprint
	Under 19 Male Beach Sprint
	Under 17 Male Beach Sprint
	Under 15 Male Beach Sprint
	Open Male Beach Relay
	Open Mixed Beach Relay
	Under 19 Male Beach Relay
	Under 19 Mixed Beach Relay
	Under 17 Male Beach Relay
	Under 15 Male Beach Relay
	Under 17 Mixed Beach Relay
	Under 15 Mixed Beach Relay
	Open Male Beach Flags
	Under 19 Male Beach Flags
	Under 17 Male Beach Flags
	Under 15 Male Beach Flags
	Open Male 2km Beach Run
	Under 19 Male 2km Beach Run
	Under 17 Male 2km Beach Run
	Under 15 Male 2km Beach Run
	Open 2x 1km Male Beach Run Relay
	U17 2x 1km Male Beach Run Relay
	U19 2x 1km Male Beach Run Relay
	U15 2x 1km Male Beach Run Relay
	Open Female Beach Sprint
	Under 19 Female Beach Sprint
	Under 17 Female Beach Sprint
	Under 15 Female Beach Sprint
	Open Female Beach Relay
	Under 19 Female Beach Relay
	Under 17 Female Beach Relay
	Under 15 Female Beach Relay
	Open Female Beach Flags
	Under 19 Female Beach Flags
	Under 17 Female Beach Flags
	Under 15 Female Beach Flags
	Open Female 2km Beach Run
	Under 19 Female 2km Beach Run
	Under 17 Female 2km Beach Run
	Under 15 Female 2km Beach Run
	Open 2x 1km Female Beach Run Relay
	U17 2x 1km Female Beach Run Relay
	U19 2x 1km Female Beach Run Relay
	U15 2x 1km Female Beach Run Relay

10.7 Restriction Of Events

- For the Open Championships, Clubs can only enter a maximum of five (5) teams per team event.
- The Lifesaver Relay is restricted to two (2) teams per metropolitan branch, and one (1) team per country branch. Qualification is via nominated Branch events. Excluding the Surf Boat sweep within each team there must be four female and four male competitors, and they **must** meet age group requirements as per the 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual (one U17 competitor and one U19 competitor). Entry to this event will not be available on the online entry system. **Note this is not included in SEMS. Entry information will be sent to branches directly.**
- Teams entered in 'mixed' events (event code No. prefix '3') may contain a specified number(s) of male and female competitors in each team.

11.8 Clashing of Events

While every effort will be made to avoid clashes in the timetable, athletes will have to decide to contest one or the other.

11.9 Special Circumstances

Any competitor wishing to obtain special circumstances approval **MUST** supply documentation regarding their disability by close of entry nominations. Documentation will not be accepted during the carnival. For more information, please see Section 2.4(c) and Section 2.2.1(e) of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition.

Please supply Surf Sports SLSNSW with the required information and documentation statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au

11.10 Handlers

Handlers will not be required to be entered into the SEMS system, however, they will need to pre-register with SLSNSW. More information on this process to follow. It is highly recommended that handlers are current financial members of a SLSNSW club. Those who handle for a competitor who are not financial members of a SLSNSW club will not be covered under the SLSNSW Insurance Policy. Handlers are required to wear a high visibility vest (or at the discretion of the referee; may wear a high visibility bib/jacket type garment).

11. LIVEHEATS

SLSNSW will be using LiveHeats for on-beach carnival management. All competitors are required to have a Live Heats Race Tag with them which will be used throughout the event. All competitors will be signed into the event using Live Heats, and all event racing will be marshalled and recorded using Live Heats.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

12.1 Championship Point Score

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for the Opens Championship (1st to 6th), and the highest overall Country Club point score.

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

Whilst it is encouraged that Members and clubs have their craft and equipment inspected regularly by an accredited scrutineer/s, all surf craft carrying manufacturers compliance decals and/or a SLSA endorsed sticker should guarantee the craft meets SLSA standards and therefore, does not require a Scrutineering Sticker.

Random scrutineering of craft and equipment will take place throughout the duration of the carnival. No craft or equipment is exempt from random scrutineering as deemed appropriate by scrutineers. Finalists may be required to have their craft scrutineered prior to racing in event finals. Scrutineering will be available for all members at no cost however members should expect to experience significant delays.

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 SSM 2.5.1.

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.

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 UAVs 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, which may be 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 Pros may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

15.5 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 authorised 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 2023 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 [Sport Integrity Australia](#) Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. Both 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 Surf Sports 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 (02) 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, particularly those appointed as Officials, 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.

Parents or supporters must also understand that they are role models for young athletes. Clubs should make sure that parents and supporters understand that abuse of officials, other competitors or clubs will not be tolerated. Team Managers and Club Presidents should ensure that their parents and supporters understand their role at this competition and that expected standards of behaviour are clearly explained.

Please refer to 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.05 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.05).

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 process 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

22. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS

