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2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships Final Event Information Guide As of Friday, 20 January 2023

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Introduction

The 2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships will be held at Cape Hawke SLSC. With over 1200 competitors, 150 officials and 3,000 spectators the event is shaping up to showcase three days of competition at One Mile Beach.

Important Information

The events section on the Surf Life Saving NSW website – [2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships](#) lists the following important documents for reference:

- Timetable
- Entry Circular
- Site Map
- Powercraft Roster
- Water Safety Roster (to be uploaded once late entries close)
- Officials Appointments

As per the entry circular no individual late entries will be accepted at the Championships. When additional individual events are entered for competitors 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.

No late fees will be charged for team event substitutions if the substitute is already entered into the carnival. While every effort is made to ensure the results are accurate, it is the competitors' own responsibility to ensure that they have their name, club and position correctly recorded.

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Fine Designs is the Official Merchandise partner for the Country Championships. Make sure you pick up your official event merchandise from the Fine Designs stall or through the online merchandise stall.

The Fine Designs stall will be in the Vendors area outside Cape Hawke SLSC. You can access the online store via <https://store.finedesigns.com/australian/2023-oakberry-acai-sls-nsw-country-championship.html>

For further details, please see the [event webpage](#)

Team App

Team App will be used throughout the Championship as a platform to communicate important information and timetable changes to Officials, Team Managers and Competitors.

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

1. Download the “Stack Team App” 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 Country Championships”
4. Click the “Become a member of this team app” icon at the top of the screen then select the appropriate group; “Competitors”, “Officials”, “Team Managers”
5. Ensure that you have notifications enabled (check this within the app)

By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive immediate 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.

Live Heats

SLNSW will be implementing the Live Heats carnival management system for marshalling, recording results, and calculating the overall pointscore.

Competitors must bring their Live Heats wristbands and ensure they have been allocated to competitors prior to the start of competition. Branches must distribute their allocation of wristbands prior to the commencement of the Championships. **Branches requiring further wristbands must inform SLNSW before COB Wednesday 25 January by filling out the following**



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JotForm. Orders (fulfilment of wristbands for Country Championship shortfall only) can be collected from the Administration centre on Thursday 26 January from 3pm.

Replacement of wristbands lost throughout competition, can be purchased from the event administration centre for a \$5 fee.

Team Managers Meeting

A **compulsory** Team Managers meeting will be held virtually, at **7pm on Tuesday 24 January**. It is vitally important that a Team Managers and/or dedicated Club personnel are in attendance to receive vital event specific information.

<https://SLSNSW.zoom.us/j/81488293126?pwd=bnhvdnJDaxltSFFEbK1sSXpvUGdCZz09>

IMPORTANT: The Carnival Referee will talk to team managers regarding the Double Ski, R&R, Lifesaver Relay and Surfboard riding at the \Team Managers Meeting. Please be aware of your team's competitor numbers in these events prior to this meeting. This will ensure that the draws can be amended before the events.

If your team manager has not already registered their details, please do so ASAP by clicking here:

[Team Manager Registration Form](#)

Lycra Vest Collection

Pink lycra vests are mandatory for all competitors to wear throughout the Championships, including during warm up. Athletes must wear rash vest distributed at the 2023 Championships. Please wear these in all events including beach sprint and flags (with the exception of March Past and Board Riding). Please ensure all competitors retain their lycra vest for the duration of the competition.

Lycra Vests will be available for collection at the 2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships Administration and Help Desk which will be located on the lawn in front of Cape Hawke SLSC between 4pm-6pm on Thursday 26 January or between 6.30-7.30am on Friday 27 January.

Important: Location Specific Details

Surf Life Saving NSW has been afforded the opportunity to host the 2023 Oakberry Acai Country Championships through generous support from Mid Coast Council. The sand dunes at One Mile Beach are an important ecological feature which makes One Mile Beach a beautiful location to host the 2023 Championships. Under no circumstances is ANYONE permitted to enter the sand dunes or access the competition site via means other than designated pathways. Mesh fencing will be in place to clearly deter individuals from accessing the dunes. SLSNSW asks that Clubs reinforce the dunes as off limit areas and encourage competitors and officials to leave no evidence of human impact.



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Event Site Map





Competition Area

The competition area will be made up of 9 areas – 4 x Water Areas (Red, Green/Yellow, Pink, Black/White), 1 x Boat Area, 1 x Board Riding Area, 1 x Sprint Track and 2 x Flag Pits.

No competitor should be within 50m of the water areas whilst the courses are being set by the SLNSW IRB powercraft team. This is not only a safety issue, but it ensures that the courses are correct. Any members/clubs that do not adhere to this may face a disciplinary committee.

Entry to the competition arena will be via the marshalling areas. No member, Coach, or Team Manager will be permitted to enter the competition arena unless escorted by a Competition Official.

Only one handler per competitor (ironman, etc.) will be permitted in the competition arena.

The spectator area where possible, will be directly behind the competition arenas together with a pedestrian walkway. The competition arena will be out of bounds for everyone except the competitors in the events being conducted, and officials.

Warm Up Area

The warm up for these Championships will be as follows:

7:00am to 7:30am – swim – all areas (except boat areas)

7:30am to 7:50am – craft

All team management need to ensure that this is followed.

All competitors warming up **MUST** wear Pink High-Visibility Rash Vest.

No warmups should be done prior to 7am.

Stallholder Area

Surf Life Saving NSW will be selling official merchandise during the Championships.

There are also a number of stallholders attending the event including Sharkskin, Engine, Kozii, Fashion Fish Designs, and Ohana Ocean Athletics.

Cape Hawke SLSC

Cape Hawke SLSC has 1 BBQ at the clubhouse BBQs (opening at 7am) running on the beach throughout the duration of the Championships.



Timetable

For a full timetable, please refer to the [Order of Events](#).

A very brief timetable is below (*subject to change):

Tuesday 24 January 2023	
Time	Description
7:00pm	Team Managers Meeting (virtual)
Thursday 26 January 2023	
Time	Description
3:00pm – 6:00pm	Administration Desk Open
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Collection of lycra vests (Administration and Help Desk) Collection of Officials Shirts
Friday 27 January 2023	
Time	Description
6:30am	Officials breakfast
6.30am	Administration Desk Opens
6:30am – 7:30am	Collection of lycra vests (Administration and Help Desk)
6.45am	Officials briefing
7:00am	R & R Report for 7:15am Start
8:45am	Competitor and Officials oaths to be read
8:30am	All other Water Areas Report for 9:00am Start
8:30am	U8 Beach Events Report for 9:00am Start
9:00am	Opens and Masters Board Riding Report
11.30am	U17-Masters Beach Events Report (12pm Start)
5:00pm	Estimated day finish
Saturday 28 January 2023	
Time	Description
5:45am	U13, U14, U15 male and female board riding (report)
6.30am	Administration Desk Opens
6:30am	Officials breakfast

7:30am	All Water Areas Report for 8:00am Start (including Boats)
7:30am	All Age Beach Relay Report for 8:00am Start. U9-U15 Sprint events to follow
8:00am	Beach Flags competitors report (8:30am start)
5:00pm	Estimated day finish
Sunday 29 January 2023	
Time	Description
6:00am	Beach Run Report (6:15am Start)
6.30am	Administration Desk Opens
6:30am	Officials breakfast
7:30am	March Past to report (8am Start)
8:30am	Water Area to report (8:45am start)
1:00pm	Estimated day finish

Note: SLSNSW as the event organiser, reserves the right to add or delete, change any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant.

Competition Information

Requirement for all events: ALL COMPETITORS must have their age group on their arm e.g. U30-U39, U14. They will not be able to start unless this happens.

Requirement for boat event: ALL SWEEPS must hold a current coaching accreditation and a surf boat sweeps accreditation to compete.

Surf Boats

Surf boats should arrive at Cape Hawke SLSC **Friday afternoon between 12pm – 5pm** at the designated drop off zone at Strand Street. Although security will be on site, please ensure no valuables are left on site.

Clashing of Events

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

Competitor Liaison Officers have been appointed in most areas to assist competitors. Clashing of events is not anticipated in the finals however, some clashes may be experienced during the heats. Any competitor who finds that their event clashes with another event should consult their Team Manager, who in turn should consult the Competitor Liaison Officer in the relevant area.

Competitor Liaison Officers will liaise with the various Sectional Referees to arrange deferment of heats, if possible, to enable competitors to obtain the maximum possible opportunity to compete.



These arrangements will only apply between areas and not between events in the one area. Events will not be held up for competitors competing outside their age group.

Officials and Event Safety Personnel

Officials Quota

Clubs are reminded that there is a quota system for clubs to provide accredited officials based upon the number of competitors entered. Further information is provided in the [Entry Circular](#) and [Officials Nomination Circular](#).

If sufficient officials are not provided according to the quotas contained in the Entry Circular, SLSNSW reserves the right to remove competitors from event until sufficient personnel are provided.

Powercraft Roster

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the Championships, a Powercraft roster has been implemented. Further information is provided in the [Entry Circular and Powercraft Roster](#).

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.

Event Safety

Water Safety

Clubs on the Water Safety Roster are required to provide a minimum of 2 water safety personnel to monitor the Ages (U8 to U14). Water safety personnel will need to supply their own lunch/food, orange high vis rash vest, cap, fins and rescue tube. All water safety personnel must have a minimum current proficient Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed) and be a current financial SLS member (2021/22).

The Water Safety Roster will be released on 24 January 2022 once late entries have closed.

What to do:

1. Water safety personnel are to sign on 30 minutes prior to the start of each shift at the Administration and Help Desk (downstairs clubhouse).
2. You will be provided with a briefing.
3. Proceed to your assigned area and inform the Sectional Referees of your presence.





Any issues from competitors, team managers or officials regarding water safety must be raised with the Water Safety Coordinator.

Powercraft Roster (IRB)

The 2023 Oakberry Acai Country Championships Powercraft roster can be accessed by clicking on the below link.

[2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships Powercraft Roster](#)

What to do:

1. Powercraft personnel are to sign on 1 hour prior to the start of each shift at the Administration and Help Desk (downstairs clubhouse).
2. You will be provided with a briefing.
3. Proceed to your assigned area.

All members reporting for duty must have their 2022/23 powercraft licence and provide their own lifejackets.

Contingency Location

Should the competition be moved due to unforeseen circumstances, the contingency locations are Forster Main Beach and Elizabeth Beach (Pacific Palms SLSC). As per usual the Championships Competition Committee will communicate any change or update via Club Team Managers.

Aim and Principles of Relocation:

The aim of relocating part or all of an event is to attempt to ensure that the competition is safely conducted within the set timeframe.

Assessment of Conditions and Investigation of Alternative Venues:

The Competition Safety Committee is responsible for assessing the situation and making recommendations to the Championships Competition Committee as to whether part or the entire event is relocated.

Relocation Timings:

The decision to relocate part or all an event will be made as early as possible.

If the event is to be relocated, a decision must be made as to the following:

- The events to be moved
- The timings to commence the relocated events
- The alternative location to be use





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Medal Collection

Medal Presentations will be conducted on beach 5-10 minutes after each final. There will be a podium set up in front of Cape Hawke SLSC should competitors wish to get photos on the podium.

All medals must be collected at the Championships, they will not be posted or available for collection after the Championships.

Follow the Event

SLSNSW will be posting selected results, updates and uploading pictures from the event on our Facebook, Twitter accounts and through the event manager entry system.

Follow us on Team App - [2023 NSW Country Championships](#)

Follow us on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/surflifesavingnsw>

Follow us on Twitter – www.twitter.com/SLSNSW

Follow results: <https://surfsports.sls.com.au/results/events>

Photography & Media

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 team management. Professional photographers will be attending, and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Club Team Management 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.

Media:

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the Country Championship, 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 about the Championships will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.



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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 unless approved by SLSNSW, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements. SLSNSW will be utilising the services of Lifesaving UAVs to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards.

Security

There will be security on site for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Although security is present, any valuables should not be left in Club tents and should be taken with you at the end of the day.

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by SLSNSW or its sponsors will immediately be brought before a Carnival Disciplinary Committee or a SLSNSW Judiciary for further action.

Please note that automatic disqualification of the team/club from the championship may occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

Surf Life Saving NSW and/or Cape Hawke SLSC takes no responsibility for gear and equipment if left on the beach and it is at your own risk.

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Mid Coast Council proudly welcomes the 2023 Oakberry Acai NSW Country Championships!
For all the information please visit <https://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Home>

