

FINAL EVENT INFORMATION

2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships

The following information relates to the conduct of the NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships proudly supported by Your local club.

CRITICAL EVENT INFORMATION

1. Star-pickets or tent pegs are **NOT** permitted to anchor Club tents. SLSNSW advises that sandbags or other weighting mechanisms must be used to fix/anchor Club tents.
2. Single use plastics must be avoided. Northern Beaches Council have strict measures in place to ensure we keep their beaches clean.
3. SLSNSW will be using Live Heats for the duration of the championships. Athletes must bring their allocated Live Heats wristband.
4. Team changes must occur at the Admin Centre or dedicated Live Heats station. Team Changes **WILL NOT** be made by Officials. Team Managers must endeavor to make team changes by 4pm the day prior to the event.
5. Team Changes will **NOT** be permitted once Marshalling commences.
6. Parking for Club Trailers will open at 8am on Wednesday 22 February.
7. Club Tents are permitted to be installed from Midday, Wednesday 22 February.
8. Have fun!

ENTRY CIRCULARS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Reference is made to the following:

a) NSW State Championships Webpage

The below resources can be downloaded from the – [2023 State Championships event page](#).

- Entry Circular
- Event Timetable
- Powercraft Roster
- Water Safety Roster
- Area Map

b) Random Draw

The random draw will be shared on the [2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships event page](#) on Monday 13 February.

c) Cameron Relay and Iron Person Order (U11-U14s only)

The order for all Cameron and Iron Person Races will be a set **Swim-Board**.

- d)** As per the Entry Circular, no individual late entries will be accepted at the Championships.
- e)** SLSNSW will be using Live Heats to record all results (excepting March Past). Competitors and Team Manager must ensure that wristbands are correctly assigned. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they are recorded correctly by the Live Heats recorders.
- f)** 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 doing so.

RESTRICTED EVENTS

Please be reminded of the following outlined in the Entry Circular.

- **Surf Teams** – 3 Male teams and 3 Female teams per club per age group (U9 to U14 years).
- **Ironperson – U11 to U14 - Branch selection via quota.** Please refer to the [Restricted Events Memo](#).
- **Beach Relays** – 3 Male teams, 3 Female teams per club per age group (U9 to U14 years).
- **Cameron Relay** – 2 teams per metropolitan club and 1 team per country club.
- **Board Rescue – U11 to U14 – Branch selection via quota.** Please refer to the [Restricted Events Memo](#).
- **Board Relay** – 3 Male teams and 3 Female teams per club per age group (U9 to U14 years).
- **All Age Board relay – Branch selection via quota.** Please refer to the [Restricted Events Memo](#).
- **All Age Beach Relay** – 1 team per club (U9 to U14 – to include at least three females).
- **All Age Board Relay** – The order will be U9 (1), U10 (2), U11 (3), U12 (4), U13 (5), U14 (6). Competitor's arms must be marked with their number. A reminder that as this is an ALL-AGE event, competitors must compete in their own age group and are not permitted to compete up an age. E.g., an U11 cannot do the U12 leg. There must be a minimum of three females per team.
- **Mixed Beach Relay** – 2 teams per metropolitan club & 1 team per country club. There must be two males and two females in each team.

Cameron Relay

- U11 & U12 Cameron Relays are mixed (2 males and 2 females) – 1 male and 1 female are to fill the positions of either board paddler or swimmer.
- U13 & U14 Cameron Relay's are Male/ Female per the Entry Circular.

TEAM MANAGERS

Thank you to all team managers who have completed the online survey to register your contact details. If you have not already registered your details, please click the [Team Manager - Declaration Form link](#). SLSNSW will use Team App to communicate all critical event information.

NOTE

A compulsory Team Managers meeting will be held online, via Zoom, on Monday 20 February at 6:30pm. SLSNSW ask that only ONE representative from each Club is in attendance. The Zoom link can be found below.

<https://SLSNSW.zoom.us/j/88212883141?pwd=aVlmdmFrQnZadXdDbDBPRk1xS1dUZz09>

TEAM APP

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

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

1. Download the "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 State Championships"
4. Click the "Become a member of this Team App" icon at the top of the screen.
5. Therefore, once joined – also join groups or specific lists that you would like updates for as notifications will be targeted to the specific group.
6. 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 DO NOT RELY ON TEAM APP AS YOUR ONLY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION! It is an individual's obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a Team App update is not an excuse for missing events.

LIVE HEATS

SLSNSW will be using Live Heats for the duration of the Championships. ALL competitors must ensure they have a correctly assigned wristband prior to the commencement of competition. Replacement wristbands can be purchased from the Event Administration Centre for \$5.00 per band. Important notes.

1. Late individual or team entries are not permitted.
2. Team changes must be made prior to the 1st Marshalling Call. No team changes will be made in marshalling.
3. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure they have the correct tag, and their correct results are recorded.

[Everything you need to know about Live Heats, including the Marshalling process for State Champs is detailed here!](#)

LYCRA VEST COLLECTION

Pink lycra vests are mandatory for all competitors throughout the entire Championships, **including during Warm Up**. Please ensure all competitors retain theirs for the duration of the competition. Collection times are per the schedule below.

U9 & U10

Thursday 23 February: 6:15am – 7:15am on beach in your respective competition areas.

U11, U12, U13, U14

Friday 25 February: 6:15am – 7:15am on beach in your respective competition areas.

Lycra Vest collection can also occur during Event Administration Desk (Nth Steyne SLSC) operating hours (6:30am – 4pm) during competition days.

EVENT AREA

The overview map of the competition area can be found on page 11.

TENTS

Tents may be bumped into the allocated areas from Wednesday 22 February at midday. Please ensure that you secure your tent frame with sandbags or other weighting mechanisms in the dedicated spaces minus the covers.

NO STAR PICKETS OR SPIKES ARE PERMITTED ON GRASSED AREAS.

There is limited Club tent space available. Please ensure adequate access to the promenade for public use and ensure **no Club tents are located on the beach**. Club tents should set up along the promenade, with 6x3m tents set across **3m ONLY**, and 3x3m tents two deep.

Front row spaces will be limited to **6m per club** to give equal opportunity to all clubs attending.

POWERCRAFT ROSTER

The 2023 NSW State Championships Powercraft roster can be accessed by clicking on the [Powercraft Roster](#) link.

What to do:

1. Powercraft personnel are to sign on 1 hour prior to the start of each shift at the IRB compound located between Queenscliff & North Steyne surf clubs.
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 license and provide their own lifejackets.

Please ensure you nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew personnel via [survey monkey here](#).

WATER SAFETY

Water safety personnel will need to provide their own 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 (2022/23).

Please register via the form <https://form.jotform.com/230377001132844>

What to do:

1. Water safety personnel are to sign on 1 hour prior to the start of each shift located at the southeastern corner of Queenscliff SLSC under the clock tower.
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. The roster can be accessed [here](#).

FAILURE TO FULFILL POWERCRAFT or WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

Provision of personnel to fulfill powercraft or water safety requirements are essential to ensuring the safety of competition participants. The following will occur if clubs do not report for duty at the specific time (1hr prior to rostered time).

1. The clubs Team Manager will be notified and will report to the Powercraft and/or Water Safety Coordinator immediately.
2. The Team Manager will be given 30mins to rectify the indiscretion.
3. Failure to rectify will result in Club athletes being stood down from all competition, until the indiscretion is rectified.
4. Discussions will be minuted in the presence of the Championship Committee.
5. If the indiscretion is not remedied by the Club and/or Team Manager.
 - a. Club athletes will not participate in ANY areas during the allotted club powercraft/water safety shift.
6. The indiscretion will be raised to the SLSNSW Board for review and implementation of a financial penalty.

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 officials' allocation.

If sufficient officials are not provided according to the quotas contained in the Entry Circular SLSNSW reserves the right to impose sanctions on the club or request the offending club to show cause, why that club should or should not compete at the Championships.

OFFICIALS CLOTHING

Official clothing may be collected from Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club when you register during the following times.

Wednesday 22 February	3:30pm – 5pm
Thursday 23 February	6am – 9am
Friday 24 February	6am – 4pm
Saturday 25 February	6am – 9am

OFFICIALS DRESS CODE

All Surf Sports Officials will be provided a 2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships officials shirt. All Surf Sports Officials must wear their red accreditation name badges.

It is imperative that **NO** Surf Sports Official enters the competition arena with any:

- Club identification
- Branch identification
- Sponsors identification (except any recognised event sponsor)

The Officials breakfast will be held from 6:30am each morning at Queenscliff Surf Club and Freshwater Surf Club. Officials Parking will be located within Lagoon Reserve. You will be required to present your Officials Badge upon entry. Please consider carpooling where feasible.

PRESENTATION / MEDAL COLLECTION

Medals will be collected and presented in your competition area immediately after the completion of a finals race. Medals not collected, will be available from the administration table at North Steyne SLSC the following day for those who were absent. SLSNSW will not send medals to home, Club or Branch addresses after the conclusion of the Championships.

WARM UP

Will be as follows:

- 7:00am to 7:20am – swim all areas – NO CRAFT
- 7:20am to 7:40am – craft – NO SWIMMING

No competitor should be within 50m of the water areas whilst the courses are being set by the SLSNSW 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. It is recommended that all clubs continue with their risk assessments prior to entering the water for warm up activities.

All competitors warming up must wear Pink High – Visibility Rash Vest. No Warm ups should occur prior to 7am.

FIRST AID

First Aid will be provided during the event and will be operational from 7:00am each day of competition. The central First Aid Centre will be located on the north – west corner of the trailer parking area. There will be multiple First Aid locations between water areas and beach areas. Please refer to the event map for precise locations on beach. If a competitor is unable to walk to a First Aid location because of an injury, please advise an official who will contact First Aid member to attend. If an Ambulance is required to attend the event for an injury sustained, this will be arranged through the championship Safety team.

CONTINGENCY LOCATIONS

The contingency locations for this event will be South Steyne, Manly, Shelley, Long Reef, Collaroy, Mona Vale, and Basin Beaches. As per usual the Competition Safety and Emergency Committee (SEC) will communicate any change or update via Club Team Managers.

Aim and Principles of Relocation:

The aim of relocating part or all 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 Committee is responsible for assessing the situation and deciding 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 used.

PARKING

Please refer to the overview map on final page.

There will be limited, paid parking along Queenscliff and North Steyne Beaches.

Event Parking will be available at Keirle Park and Hinkler Park. A Kiss and Drop zone will be operational in Pacific St. Please enter from a northbound direction along North Steyne.

EVENT PARKING

Competitors are encouraged to park at the following sites. [Details are provided on the Event webpage.](#)

1. Keirle Park - \$20 per vehicle
2. Hinkler Park - \$20 per vehicle
3. Metred parking will be available at Freshwater SLC for the Junior R & R.

Parking must be prepaid daily through the ZipBy app prior to arriving at carparks. Parking cost is \$20 per day.

Prepay Parking Instructions:

1. Download ZipBy App
2. Create an account

3. Select Booking > New Booking
4. Search for Hinkler Park or Keirle Park. Click >
5. Click MAKE BOOKING
6. Enter Start Date and Time
7. Enter End Date and Time
8. Enter car licence plate.
9. Click SAVE
10. Enter your credit card details
11. Click CONFIRM PAYMENT

Please be respectful of residents and only park in designated areas. Parking will be enforced by Northern Beaches Council with fines issued to those people who disobey parking regulations imposed by the council.

TRAILER PARKING

Access to the trailer parking area will be from 8am pm Wednesday 22 February 2023. On competition days, access must be before 6:00am and only after completion of competition.

All trailers must be reversed parked, and at 45-degree angle starting from the compound end of the designated trailer parking area moving south towards Nth Steyne SLSC. Please reverse toward the beach. The trailer parking area will be fenced, though not locked overnight.

SECURITY

There will be security onsite, overnight for the duration of the carnival. Although security is present, any valuables and/or craft should not be left in Club tents or in the vicinity of the Club house. All craft are to 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 Queenscliff, Freshwater and North Steyne SLSC takes no responsibility for gear and equipment if left on the beach and it is at your own risk.

ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The carnival administration centre will be located inside North Steyne SLSC during the following times:

- Wednesday 22 February: 1pm – 5pm
- Thursday 23 February: 6:30am – 5pm
- Friday 24 February: 6.30am – 5pm
- Saturday 25 February: 6.30am – 5pm
- Sunday 26 February 6:30am – 1pm.

CLASHING OF EVENTS

Note: While every effort will be made by the Event Referees to avoid clashes in the timetable, athletes may have to choose one content over another.

Competitor Liaison Officers have been appointed 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.

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 Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/events/517490483824979>

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

Instagram - @slnsw

Results – follow via www.liveheats.com

PHOTOGRAPHY AND 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 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 about the Championships will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

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

Lifesaving UAVs to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards. Drones or UAVs will be used for media during this event.

COMPETITION AREA ACCESS

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.

SPECTATOR AREA

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.

HANDLERS

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

All competitors and handlers must leave the arena with all equipment at the conclusion of their events. High visibility vests/Bibs and club caps are required for handlers.

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 will be readily available from the Liaison Officer or online. An Appeals Fee' of \$110.00 must accompany all when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

CODE OF CONDUCT

SLNSW expects that all members involved in competition will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.

Any incidents or behavior likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of surf sports competition will be managed as described in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

MERCHANDISE / VENDORS

Surf Life Saving NSW will be selling official merchandise during the Championships. The Stallholder village will be between Queenscliff SLSC and the Lifeguard Patrol Shed.

Fine Designs is the Official Merchandise partner for the State Championships. Make sure you pick up your official event merchandise from the Fine Designs stall or through the [online merchandise stall](#).

