

FINAL EVENT INFORMATION
2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships
Masters & Opens
15 February 2022

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

Queenscliff SLSC

The Club is pleased and excited to host the 2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships. It is the first time in over a decade the Championships have been held in metropolitan Sydney and it's a great opportunity to showcase the competitive spirit of Surf Life Saving to the many visitors to the Manly area.

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 are to be avoided. Northern Beaches Council have strict measures in place to ensure we keep their beaches clean. Please ensure your Club Tent areas are left free of debris and litter at the end of each day of competition.
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 stations. 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 Tuesday 28 February for Masters. Open Championship trailers permitted from 3pm Thursday 2 March.
7. Club Tents are permitted to be installed from Midday, Tuesday 28 February. Open Championship Club Tents can be installed from 3pm Thursday 2 March.
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 website](#).

- Entry Circular
- Event Timetable
- Powercraft Roster
- Officials Appointments

- Area Maps

- b) As per the Entry Circular, no individual late entries will be accepted at the Championships.
- c) 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.
- d) SLSNSW as the event organiser, reserves the right to add, delete or change any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant doing so.

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 utilise Team App to communicate all critical event information.

NOTE

A compulsory Masters Team Manager's meeting will be held online, via Zoom, on Monday 27 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/83119364758?pwd=WkZUcjFzUEpxYks2dmh4WEpnL0d4UT09>

A compulsory Open Team Manager's meeting will be held online, via Zoom, on Tuesday 28 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/85637502197?pwd=b3V6dUJBMjBvNXBEbWNyVIFqUUZ4dz09>

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 instructions below:

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 for "2023 NSW State Championships"
4. Click the "Become a member of this Team App" icon at the top of the screen
5. 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

SLNSW 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

Masters

Wednesday 1 March 6:30am – 7:30am.

Administration Centre Wednesday 1 March 9am – 4pm.

Administration Centre Thursday 2 March 7am – 10am.

Opens & Surfboats

Friday 3 March 6:30am – 7:30am in your respective competition Areas.

Friday 3 March 9am – 4pm Administration Centre.

Saturday 4 March 7am Surfboat Area.

If you are arriving for competition outside of the above times, please collect from the Administration desk at North Steyne SLSC.

MASTERS & OPENS CLUB TENTS

Club Tents for both Masters & Open competition can be bumped in from Tuesday 28 February at 10am. Additional Club Tents may be bumped in from Thursday 2 March at 3pm. Please ensure that you secure your tent frame with sandbags or other weighting mechanisms in the dedicated spaces, minus the covers. Tents for Masters & Opens Championships must be placed **off the beach**, along the promenade.

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 (max 6m frontage per club), with 6x3m tents set perpendicular to the beach.

NO STAR PICKETS OR SPIKES OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED BACK OF BEACH!

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 in 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](#).

FAILURE TO FULFILL POWERCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

Provision of personnel to fulfil 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 club's 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.

OFFICIAL'S QUOTA

Clubs are reminded that there is a quota system for clubs to provide accredited officials, based upon the number of competitors entered in competition by the club. 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.

OFFICIAL'S CLOTHING

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

Tuesday 28 February	3:30pm – 5pm
Wednesday 1 March	6am – 9am
Thursday 2 March	6am – 4pm
Friday 3 March	6am – 10am

Official's Dress Code - Clothing

All Surf Sports Officials will be provided a 2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships official's shirt. All Surf Sports Officials are requested to wear red accreditation name badges.

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

- a. Club identification
- b. Branch identification
- c. 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 (R&R Only).

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 post medals to club or home addresses after the Championships if not collected during the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships.

Main Podium (at back of beach):

The SLSNSW podium and backdrop will be set-up south of Queenscliff Surf Club, on top of the lifeguard shed. Please utilise this space for photo opportunities.

WARM UP

Will be as follows:

- o 7:00am to 7:20am – **swim all areas** – NO CRAFT
- o 7:20am to 7:40am – **craft all areas** – NO SWIIMMING

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 south – west corner of the fenced compound 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 a 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 primary contingency locations for this event will be Manly, Shelley, Freshwater, 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. The Competition Committee is responsible for deciding if part or the entire event is relocated.

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

There will be limited, council metered 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. Metered 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 Tuesday 28 February 2023. On subsequent 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 on site 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 left on the beach - it is at your own risk.

ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

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

Tuesday 28 February: 1pm – 5pm

Wednesday 1 March: 6:30am – 5pm

Thursday 2 March 6.30am – 5pm

Friday 3 March 6.30am – 5pm

Saturday 4 March 6:30am – 5pm

Sunday 5 March 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 decide to contest one event or another.

Competition 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 Competition Liaison Officer in the relevant area.

Competition 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 and updates, and uploading pictures from the event on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts and through the event manager entry system.

Follow us on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/events/449139056650172/>

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

Instagram - @slnsw

Results: www.liveheats.com

PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDIA

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and videos 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 Pros 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 also 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 (Ironperson, etc) will be permitted in the competition arena during competition in progress, unless otherwise notified by the Area Referee.

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 Competition 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 any appeal, when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

CODE OF CONDUCT

SLSNSW 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 behaviour 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.

As a reminder, all competitors, officials, Team Managers, club members and parents should treat each other with respect. If this does not occur, you will be subject to the disciplinary committee and may face further action.

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](#).



2023 NSW SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPS
Your local club

Open Champs - Key

-  First Aid
-  Merchandise, Vendors
-  Presentation
-  Drop Off Zone
-  Club Tents
-  UAVs
-  SLSCs
-  Sponsor Activations
-  Compound
-  Trailer parking

