

2023

Sydney

WATER

Surf Series



Event Partners



ILLAWARRA



- Round 1: Saturday 21 October @ Warilla SLSC**
- Round 2: Saturday 4 November @ Kiama Downs SLSC**
- Round 3: Saturday 18 November @ Bulli SLSC**
(Under 8s – Under 13s Water events)
(Under 8 – Masters Beach events)
Sunday 19 November @ Bulli SLSC
SUMMER OF SURF ROUND
(Under 14s – Masters Water Events)
- Round 4: Saturday 25 November @ Wollongong City SLSC**

Entries now open in SEMS

***Over \$60,000
worth of prizes!***

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ENTRY INFORMATION FOR FULL SERIES

SUMMARY:

Entries open Monday 25 September 2023 through [SLSA SEMS](#) and will close midnight Wednesday 18 October 2023

- Managers Declaration to be completed by Wednesday 18 October 2023
Go to [2023 SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES DECLARATION AND TEAM MANAGERS DETAILS](#)
- Rash Vest Sizing form to be completed by Wednesday 18 October 2023
Go to **2023 Sydney Water Surf Series Rash Vest Order Form**
- Expression of Interest for Officials roles, please go to [2023 Sydney Water Surf Series Officials](#)
Please complete by Tuesday evening, prior to each round.
- Invoices will be emailed to clubs after closing date. We ask that they are paid within 14 days.

1. ENTRIES:

1.1 Entries to be completed by clubs on-line through [SLSA SEMS](#). **Please go to carnival named Sydney Water Surf Series 2023 (This will enter the competitor into ALL 4 rounds. If entering the full series, no separate entry is required for Round 3 Summer of Surf.**

1.2 All competitors must meet SLSNSW or respective state, award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per 2023/24 proficiency competition requirements including Policy 5.04 and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

1.3 **2023-2024 Junior proficiencies for competitors must be entered into Surfguard prior to entries being submitted into SEMS.** ANY COMPETITORS THAT DO NOT MEET CRITERIA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.

1.4 Entries will close at midnight, Wednesday 18 October 2023.

2. ENTRY FEES:

2.1 \$80.00 per competitor.

2.2 The entry fee includes an official race singlet and covers entry to **any or all rounds** of the series.

2.3 Please bring your liveheats wristband. If you require a new one, they will be available to purchase.

2.4 All Under 8 competitors will receive a sample/gift bag at the end of the series. Under 8s will not require liveheats wristband.

3. LATE ENTRIES

3.1 Late entries will be taken on the day of each carnival but will attract an additional fee of \$20 per competitor. If a member is unable to be entered into SEMS on the day of entry, their entry may not be accepted.

4. RASH VESTS

4.1 Sponsored rash vests will be given to each competitor as part of their entry fee. This rash vest must be worn during competition by all competitors

4.2 Club to complete Rash Vest order by **Wednesday 18 October 2023**. All attempts will be made to give correct sizes as per order but will depend on pre-ordered stock. To place order, go to [2023 Sydney Water Surf Series Rash Vest Order Form](#)

ENTRY INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES COMPETING IN ROUND 3 ONLY

If you have competitors that will just be competing in **Round 3 ONLY** of Sydney Water Surf Series in conjunction with Summer of Surf, please **TAKE NOTE** of the following information:

SUMMARY:

Entries open Monday 25 September 2023 through [SLSA SEMS](#) and will close midnight Wednesday 15 November 2023.

- Managers Declaration to be completed by Tuesday 14 November 2023
Go to [2023 SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES DECLARATION AND TEAM MANAGERS DETAILS](#)
- Rash Vest Sizing form to be completed by Tuesday 14 November 2023
Go to [2023 Sydney Water Surf Series Rash Vest Order Form](#)
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5. ENTRIES FOR ROUND 3 ONLY

5.1 Entries to be completed by clubs on-line through [SLSA SEMS](#). **Please go to carnival named Sydney Water Surf Series/SOS R3 only.**

5.2 All competitors must meet SLSNSW or respective State award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per 2023/24 proficiency competition requirements including Policy 5.04 and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

5.3 **2023-2024 Junior proficiencies for competitors must be entered into Surfguard prior to entries being submitted into SEMS.** ANY COMPETITORS THAT DO NOT MEET CRITERIA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.

5.4 Entries will close at midnight, Tuesday 14 November 2023.

6. ENTRY FEES:

6.1 \$35.00 per competitor.

6.2 The entry fee includes an official race singlet and covers entry to Round 3 @ Bulli SLSC only.

6.3 Please bring your liveheats wristband. If you require a new one, they will be available to purchase.

6.4 All Under 8 competitors will receive a sample/gift bag at the end of the series. Under 8s will not require liveheats wristband.

7. LATE ENTRIES

7.1 Late entries will be taken on the day of each carnival but will attract an additional fee of \$20 per competitor. If a member is unable to be entered into SEMS on the day of entry, their entry may not be accepted.

8. RASH VESTS

8.1 Sponsored rash vests will be given to each competitor as part of their entry fee. This rash vest must be worn during competition by all competitors

8.2 Club to complete Rash Vest order by **Tuesday 14 November 2023**. All attempts will be made to give correct sizes as per order but will depend on pre-ordered stock. To place order, go to [2023 Sydney Water Surf Series Rash Vest Order Form](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ALL ROUNDS OF SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES

For Round 1, 2 and 4:

Junior carnival (U8 to U13) commences at 8:30am
and Senior & Masters (U14 to Masters) commence 12:30pm

For Round 3:

Junior carnival (U8 to U13) commences at 8:30am on Saturday 18 November
Senior & Masters Beach events commence 12:30pm on Saturday 18 November
Senior & Masters (U14 to Masters) commence 8.30am on Sunday 19 November

Note: Under 14s will be competing with the Seniors and Masters.

9. SERIES FORMAT:

- 9.1 The Sydney Water Surf Series will be conducted over 4 rounds and open to any SLSA financial and proficient member.
- 9.2 Under 8 events will be held but we will not be conducting a pointscore in this age group. All under 8 competitors will receive a sample/gift bag at the last round.
- 9.3 Under 14s will compete in the afternoon program.
- 9.4 Individual point score championships will be conducted for age categories from Under 9 to Masters.
- 9.5 The categories for Under 9's through to Under 17's shall be:
 - a) Male Water Championship – points accrued from their individual age group water events
 - b) Female Water Championship – points accrued from their individual age group water events
 - c) Male Beach Championship – points accrued from their individual age group beach events
 - d) Female Beach Championship – points accrued from their individual age group beach events
- 9.6 Under 19's and Opens will compete jointly in open events. Cash/prizes will be awarded to winners in each round and overall series winners.
- 9.7 Masters categories will be 30yrs to 49yrs and 50yrs and over.
 - a) Male Water Championship – points accrued from their individual Masters age group water events.
 - b) Female Water Championship – points accrued from their individual Masters age group water events.
 - c) Male Beach Championship – points accrued from their individual Masters age group water events.
 - d) Female Beach Championship – points accrued from their individual Masters age group water events
- 9.8 **Prize Pool** for 2023 will be over \$60,000.

9.9 **INSURANCE:** As Sydney Water Surf Series offers prizes/prizemoney to individual competitors, please note that means that the competitor is only covered under typical personal accident/injury. They are not covered under iCare (workers compensation).

10. **POINTSCORE:**

10.1 Points to be given in each race in each round:

Placing	Points @ Round
1 st	10
2 nd	8
3 rd	7
4 th	6
5 th	5
6 th	4
7 th	3
8 th	2

There is no change to the Sydney Water point score for Round 3.

Separate to this, points in designated events based upon a Summer of Surf 5,000 status event will be recorded in accordance with the Summer of Surf pointscore.

10.2 **Count back** - In the circumstance of two or more competitors finishing on equal points in the overall pointscore, a countback will occur to determine which competitor receives the higher placing in the overall pointscore. The countback will be awarded to the competitor who has the highest individual event placing or number of placings in all rounds. If both competitors have the same number of highest placings (e.g. three 1st places in individual round events) then the next highest position (e.g. number of 2nd placings) will be used to separate the competitors.

11. **PAYMENT:**

11.1 SLS Illawarra will issue invoices to clubs after closing date of Wednesday 18 October 20 or for Round 3, Tuesday 14 November 2023 of which will be due in 14 days. If a club has not paid their entry fees by Round 4, prizes may not be given out to their competitors.

11.2 Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in this series or if a round/s are cancelled.

12. **PROGRAM:**

12.1 See attached program which is subject to change under the direction of the Carnival Referee.

12.2 Team events will be OPEN (meaning male and/or female) unless stated otherwise. Team Events will only be held if time permits.

12.3 Events will be conducted as per the current SLSA Surf Sports Manual Edition and any additional bulletins.

12.4 It will be up to the discretion of the Carnival Referee if events go ahead or be changed.

13. **LIVEHEATS/WRISTBANDS**

13.1 LiveHeats RFID technology will be utilised at Sydney Water Surf Series. All athletes from U9 to Masters must wear their wristband in all events. It will help with marshalling, delivering live results and communication.

13.2 Competitors with Liveheats wristbands do not need to check in at Administration. Competitors without Liveheats wristbands need to come to administration. For new competitors (ie those who have not previously registered in Live Heats), wristband is included in their entry fee. For those competitors requiring a new or replacement wristband, they can be purchased from Administration for a fee of \$10.00.

13.3 Under 8s need to check in at administration to receive their wristband (not Liveheats).

NO WRISTBAND, NO COMPETITION

Wristbands will not be given to Managers/Parents – Competitors must come to Administration to be issued their wristband.

14. IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:

14.1 **ALL** competitors **MUST** wear official Sydney Water Surf Series singlets during competition. The competitor must wear Hi-Vis rash vest during warm-up period in water as well.

14.2 All handlers must wear Hi-Vis rash vest, club competition cap and must be a financial member of their club.

14.3 There will be two designated warm up areas on the day before the carnival – one area for board warm-up & one area for swim warm-up. Competitors must wear Hi-Vis rash vest during warm-up.

14.4 Individual clubs will be responsible for the water safety of their own competitors during the warm-up period.

14.5 All competitors must have their age group written clearly on their arms.

14.6 **OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION** will be via Stack Team App – Sydney Water Surf Series and emails. Please advise all your competitors to join Stack Team App. We will put updates on Facebook and Instagram.

15. OFFICIALS/WATER SAFETY:

15.1 Each club competing in the Sydney Water Surf Series must supply:

a) **OFFICIALS: 1 official per 7 competitors** Clubs are expected to supply officials in accordance with the split between their senior and junior entries.

b) **WATER SAFETY: 1 person per every 7 competitors** – required for U8-U13 section of carnival and U14 events. (Water Safety personal is in addition to Officials)

In calculating this rule, please note that the above quota for water safety is for the total number of competitors not the total number of water competitor's e.g. 1 official and 1 water safety personnel for 1 through to 7 competitors, 2 officials and 2 water safety personnel for 8 – 14 competitors;

So for example if a club has 30 competitors in total they require 5 officials and 5 water safety personal.

15.2 Sydney Water Surf Series Committee is calling for Expressions of Interest from members to fulfil official roles at each round. This is an ongoing strategy that will help develop more officials and have a pathway for them to take on leading roles at major championships. We will attempt to accommodate all requests but can not guarantee. A roster will be published before each round on Stack Team App.

This form can be submitted at any time during the series but please try and have submitted by Tuesday before each round so rosters can be completed a timely manner.

Expression of Interest for Officials roles, please go to [2023 Sydney Water Surf Series Officials](#)

15.3 Rosters for both officials and water safety will be done and placed in Team App by Thursday prior to each round. It is club's responsibility to fulfill their obligations as per the Roster. These ratios will be strictly adhered to by the Carnival Referee.

15.4 All officials and water safety personnel will be required to “sign on and off” on the day.

**ALL OFFICIALS AND WATER SAFETY PERSONNEL MUST BE FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE SAVING
AND HAVE THE APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THEIR ROLE.**

16. HEALTH & WELLBEING:

16.1 Competitors and officials should realise the importance of fitness to undertake their respective activities and should seek expert advice on all aspects of their health before participating. Competitors and/or officials who suffer illness or injury should seek medical advice prior to participating or continuing with their activity.

16.2 In addition SLS Illawarra may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate to ensure that an unfit competitor and/or official and/or SLS Illawarra is not placed at risk.

17. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT:

17.1 Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated and offending member’s risk disciplinary action against themselves and their Clubs.

17.2 Please refer to current Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and SLSA Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy

18. CLUB DECLARATION, TEAM MANAGER DETAILS, RASH VEST ORDER and EOI FOR OFFICIALS:

18.1 A Club Executive Officer must fill out the Club Declaration and Team Managers Details by **Wednesday 18 October 2023 or for Round 3, by Tuesday 14 November 2023.**

Go to [2023 SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES DECLARATION AND TEAM MANAGERS DETAILS](#)

18.2 The Team Manager must fill out the Rash Vest Order form for their club by **Wednesday 18 October 2023 or for Round 3, by Tuesday 14 November 2023.**

Go to [2023 Sydney Water Surf Series Rash Vest Order Form](#)

18.3 Expression of Interest for Officials to go onto Roster - this form can be submitted at any time during the series but **please try and have submitted by Tuesday before each round** so rosters can be completed a timely manner.

Go to [2023 Sydney Water Surf Series Officials](#)

Any questions:

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JUNIOR PROGRAM - SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES

Note: Under 14 events to be held in the afternoon with Seniors and Masters

Time	Water 1	Water 2	Under 8s	Sprints	Flags
7am	Clubs to pick up race singlets and complete late entries Competitors to register and receive wristbands				
8am	Officials and Water Safety to report to Co-ordinator				
8.15am	Compulsory Team Managers Meeting				
8.30am	U13 Male Surf	U10 Male Surf	U8 Male Wade	U9 Male	U10 Male
	U13 Female Surf	U10 Female Surf	U8 Female Wade	U9 Female	U10 Female
	U12 Male Surf	U9 Male Surf	Wade Relay	U9 Relay	U12 Male
	U12 Female Surf	U9 Female Surf		U11 Male	U12 Female
	U11 Male Surf	U10 Male Board H/F	Under 8 Male Sprint	U11 Female	U9 Male
	U11 Female Surf	U10 Female Board H/F	Under 8 Female Flags	U11 Relay	U9 Female
	U13 Male Board H/F	U9 Male Board H/F	Under 8 Male Flags	U10 Male	U13 Male
	U13 Female Board H/F	U9 Female Board H/F	Under 8 Female Sprint	U10 Female	U13 Female
	U12 Male Board H/F	U9 Board Relay	Under 8 Relay	U10 Relay	U11 Male
	U12 Female Board H/F	U10 Board Relay		U12 Male	U11 Female
	U11 Male Board H/F	Board Relays will be held if time permits		U12 Female	
	U11 Female Board H/F			U12 Relay	
	U13 Ironman			U13 Male	
	U13 Ironwoman			U13 Female	
	U12 Ironman			U13 Relay	
	U12 Ironwoman				
	U11 Ironman				
	U11 Ironwoman				
	U11/U12/U13 Board Relay if time permits				

FOR UPDATES, NEWS AND RESULTS SEE:

- Download Stack Team App onto your phone, then search for Sydney Water Surf Series
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sydneywatersurfseries/>
- Instagram: @sydneywatersurfseries

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SENIOR PROGRAM FOR ROUND 1, 2 AND 4 - SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES

PROGRAM FOR ROUND 3 TO BE CONFIRMED CLOSER TO THE EVENT

TIME	WATER 1	WATER 2	SPRINTS	FLAGS
From 10am	Clubs to pick up race singlets and complete late entries Competitors to register and receive wristbands			
12.00pm	Officials to report to Co-ordinator			
12.15pm	Compulsory Team Managers Meeting			
12.30pm	MALE WATER AREA 1	FEMALE WATER AREA 2	BEACH SPRINTS	BEACH FLAGS
	Open Ironman	Open Ironwoman	U14 Female	U17 Female
	U14 Ironman	U14 Ironwoman	U14 Male	U17 Male
	U15 Ironman	U15 Ironwoman	U14 Relay	Open Female
	U17 Ironman	U17 Ironwoman	U15 Female	Open Male
	30-49yrs Ironman	30-49yrs Ironwoman	U15 Male	30-49yrs Female
	50yrs plus Ironman	50yrs plus Ironwoman	U15 Relay	50yrs + Female
	Open Male Surf	Open Female Surf	Open Female	30-49yrs Male
	U14 Male Surf	U14 Female Surf	Open Male	50yrs + Male
	U15 Male Surf	U15 Female Surf	30-49yrs Female	U14 Female
	U17 Male Surf	U17 Female Surf	50yrs + Female	U14 Male
	30-49yrs Male Surf	30-49yrs Female Surf	30-49yrs Male	U15 Female
	50yrs + Male Surf	50yrs + Female Surf	50yrs+ Male	U15 Male
	Open Male Board	Open Female Board	U17 Female	
	U14 Male Board	U14 Female Board	U17 Male	
	U15 Male Board	U15 Female Board	U17 Relay	
	U17 Male Board	U17 Female Board	Open Beach Relay – 4 person any combination, min 1 female	
	30-49yrs Male Board	30-49yrs Female Board		
	50yrs + Male Board	50yrs + Female Board		
	Open Male Ski	Open Female Ski		
	U17 Male Ski	U17 Female Ski		
	30-49yrs Male Ski	30-49yrs Female Ski		
	50yrs + Male Ski	50yrs + Female Ski		

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