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### 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships proudly presented by Your local club Entry Circular

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

**Actioned by:** Persons responsible for club entries.

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<b>Summary:</b>	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships to be held from Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
<b>Action:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Complete and submit entries via SEMS by <b>11.00pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.</b></li><li>○ Online late entries close <b>11.00pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b> (<i>late fees apply</i>).</li><li>○ <b>NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes changes to team events)*</b></li><li>○ SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the Championships. Do not pay until the invoice is received.</li><li>○ Complete the <a href="#">Team Manager Declaration Form</a> by <b>11.00pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</b></li><li>○ Complete the <a href="#">Rash Vest Order Form</a> by <b>11.00pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</b></li></ul>

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships attracts competitors from the U9's to U14's, providing an opportunity for young surf lifesavers to unite over a four (4) 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 the Sydney Northern Beaches Council area from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Freshwater SLSC will host the R & R and Lifesaving events.

This document outlines key information relating to the 2024 Age 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 \(Revised February 2023\)](#)

## 3. GENERAL CONTENT

Entries are to be completed online using the [Sports Events Management System \(SEMS\)](#).

- Entries open **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.
- Entries close **11.00pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**.
- Online late entries close **11.00pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024** (late fees apply).
- **No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships (excludes changes to team events\*).**
- SLSNSW will invoice all Clubs after online late entries close. Please do not pay until the invoice is received.
- Clubs are reminded to complete the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#) by **11.00pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. This Team Manager Registration Form includes Clubs logging their team manager contact details. This is to ensure all event communications such as changes to timetables, relocations etc. can be sent via SMS and Email. Details about the Team Managers meeting format will follow.
- **Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the close of late entries on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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.*

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#### 4. 2024 NSW AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2024 NSW Age Championship 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	Carlo Villanti
Local Organising Committee Representative	Craig Susans
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	Mick Motley
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	Jim Pinnington

#### 5. 2024 NSW AGE SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2024 NSW Age 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)	Mick Motley
Council Representative/Lifeguard	Steve Dowman
Deputy Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator	Darren Galea
Deputy Carnival Referee	Michael Day & Louis Tassone
Powercraft Coordinator	Anthony Hill
First Aid Coordinator	Liam Drake
Water Safety Coordinator	James Crittenden
SLSNSW Competitions & Event Staging Coordinator	Belinda Cooper

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## 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 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships. Online late entries will be added to the total number of competitors entered to ensure that the club's obligation is satisfied.

The Officials quota remains in place for 2024 and supersedes any prior versions of the Officials quota from previous years. Officials, as a minimum requirement, must hold a current Junior Officiating or Core Official accreditation.

#### NSW Age Championships Officials Quota Daily Requirement

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1-4	—
5-30	1 Official
31-40	2 Officials
41-50	3 Officials
51-80	4 Officials
81-100	5 Officials
101-120	6 Officials
121+	7 Officials

Officials who wish to share a role with someone else **MUST** communicate this to SLSNSW. Two (2) officials sharing one (1) role fulfils one (1) official in the quota (the quota is based on attendance over two (2) days for each 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 official's quota.

**If sufficient officials are not provided by clubs according to the provided quotas, SLSNSW will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required officials are present.**

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. Procedures for this to be confirmed prior to the Championships.

**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 Officials 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 children can compete or not.**

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## 6.2 Water Safety

The following quota will apply for water safety during the 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships. Water Safety relates to the personnel responsible for the 'in water' safety support during events. This is a separate quota requirement to the Powercraft and Officials requirements.

The following is the water safety ratio for the 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships and replaces any previous versions of the Water Safety quota.

### NSW Age Championships Water Safety Quota

Competitors Entered	Water Safety Required
1 to 9	0
10 to 19	1
20 to 29	2
30 to 39	3
40 to 49	4
50 to 65	5
66 to 79	6
80 to 95	7
96 to 109	8
110 to 124	9
125 to 140	10
141 to 155	11
156 to 170	12
171 to 185	13
186 to 200	14

*Note: There is no longer any cap on the water safety ratio. For every 15 competitors above 200, 1 more water safety personnel are required.*

The Water Safety roster will be finalised, distributed to all Team Managers and will be able to be downloaded from the State Championships event web page once the online late entries for the Age Championships have closed.

Water Safety personnel are required to hold the following **minimum** requirements (as per SLSA Water Safety Policy 1.2):

- A proficient Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed) and be a current financial SLS member (23/24).

## 6.3 Powercraft

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships, a Powercraft roster will be implemented. Clubs will be identified based on the total number of entries for the 2024 Championships.

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements.

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- **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 including entries for the 2024 event, **the Powercraft Roster will not be prepared until after normal entries close on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

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 during the week commencing **5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.** All IRB Drivers and Crew personnel must also bring with them their current SLSNSW Powercraft licence, personal compliant PFD, helmet, and appropriate clothing.

**Clubs that fail to meet their rostered requirements: SLSNSW will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required powercraft personnel are present AND undertaking their required shift.**

Some Clubs may also be required to bring IRB equipment to the Championships. All IRBs supplied must be registered with SLSNSW, have passed the 2023/24 Gear and Equipment Inspection process, and be entered in SurfGuard.

#### **6.4 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**

For clubs to be eligible for Championship Competition, clubs must have their Life Saving Agreement (LSA) in place for competitors to represent that club.

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award and proficiency requirements as per the 2023/24 proficiency competition requirements and any subsequent bulletins issued.

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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

### **8. ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee per individual competitor at the 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships is **\$67.26** (inc. GST).

**SLSNSW will issue invoices to all Clubs after the Championships. 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.**

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**Late Entries:**

All online late entries received after the initial closing date will incur a late fee of **\$99.50** (incl. GST).

No individual late entries will be taken at the Event Administration Centre at North Steyne SLSC. 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) a fee of **\$20.30 (incl. GST)** per event / per competitor will be charged. **Note: The competitor must be already entered into the Carnival.**

Additional individual event entries must be received at the Event Administration Centre at North Steyne SLSC by no later than 8am on the day of competition.

**Team Substitution:**

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 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into [SEMS](#).

Online entries will close at **11pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**.

Online late entries will close at **11pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

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

**Note: NO reserves are to be entered into SEMS for team events.**

**10. 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 LiveHeats, and all event racing will be marshalled and recorded using LiveHeats.

Athletes must bring their allocated LiveHeats wristband. Replacement wristbands can be purchased from the Event Administration Centre at North Steyne SLSC for \$5.00 per band.

Team managers will be responsible for team changes via LiveHeats throughout the competition.

**11. 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 \(37<sup>th</sup> Edition\)](#) and amending Bulletins and Circulars.

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## 11.1 Age Events

<b>Under 14 Events</b>
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Surf Teams
Female Surf Teams
Ironman*
Ironwoman*
Male Board
Female Board
Male Board Relay
Female Board Relay
Male Board Rescue*
Female Board Rescue*
Male Cameron Relay
Female Cameron Relay
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Relay
Female Beach Relay
Mixed Beach Relay
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
2km Male Beach Run
2km Female Beach Run
Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay
Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay
<b>Under 12 Events</b>
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Surf Teams
Female Surf Teams
Male Board
Female Board
Ironman*
Ironwoman*
Male Board Rescue*
Female Board Rescue*
Male Board Relay
Female Board Relay

<b>Under 13 Events</b>
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Surf Teams
Female Surf Teams
Ironman*
Ironwoman*
Male Board
Female Board
Male Board Relay
Female Board Relay
Male Board Rescue*
Female Board Rescue*
Male Cameron Relay
Female Cameron Relay
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Relay
Female Beach Relay
Mixed Beach Relay
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
2km Male Beach Run
2km Female Beach Run
Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay
Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay
<b>Under 11 Events</b>
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Surf Teams
Female Surf Teams
Male Board
Female Board
Ironman*
Ironwoman*
Male Board Rescue*
Female Board Rescue*
Male Board Relay
Female Board Relay

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Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
1km Male Beach Run
1km Female Beach Run
Male Beach Relay
Female Beach Relay
Mixed Beach Relay
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
Under 12 Cameron Relay
Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay
Female 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay
<b>Under 10 Events</b>
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Surf Teams
Female Surf Teams
Male Board
Female Board
Male Board Relay
Female Board Relay
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Relay
Female Beach Relay
Mixed Beach Relay
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags

Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
1km Male Beach Run
1km Female Beach Run
Male Beach Relay
Female Beach Relay
Mixed Beach Relay
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
Under 11 Cameron Relay
Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay
Female 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay
<b>Under 9 Events</b>
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Surf Teams
Female Surf Teams
Male Board
Female Board
Male Board Relay
Female Board Relay
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Relay
Female Beach Relay
Mixed Beach Relay
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags

**\*Qualifying events - Not included in SEMS.**

### 11.2 Special Events

The All Age Board Relay and All Age Beach Relay will be held as the first events on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. The event will consist of U9-U14 competitors.

All Age Board Relay (Not included SEMS)

All Age Beach Relay (Included in SEMS - Age Championships)

### 11.3 March Past

The March Past will be held at Queenscliff SLSC at 8am on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

March Past (included in SEMS – Age Championships)

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## 11.4 R & R Events

All R & R events will be held at Freshwater SLSC for the 2024 NSW Age Championships on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

U10/U11 - 2 Person R & R

U13/U14 - 2 Person R & R

U12 - 2 Person R & R

U14/U15 - 2 Person R & R

U13-U15 - 5 Person R & R

**Note 1:** An U14 aged competitor is permitted to participate only in the U13/U14 or U14/U15 age category but not both.

**Note 2:** With the exception of the U13 - U15 5 Person R & R, an U13 aged competitor is permitted to participate only in the U13/U14 age category.

**Note 3:** The U13 - U15 R & R may be contested by any combination of male and female U13, U14 and U15 aged competitors.

**Note 4:** U13 aged competitors competing with U14s in team events are permitted under SLSA rules as detailed in Sections 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 of the Surf Sport Manual (SSM).

**Note 5:** At the NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships, the composition of U13/14 2 Person R & R teams shall be any combination of U13 and U14 aged competitors.

**Note 6:** At the NSW State Age Championships an U14 aged competitor is permitted to participate in the U13/U14 or U14/U15 R & R team age category but not both.

## 11.5 Inclusion Events

The Inclusion Events will take place from on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024** at North Steyne SLSC:

- Surf Race
- Board Race
- Wade
- Beach Flags
- Beach Sprint

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

## 11.6 Lifesaving Events

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

- U14 Champion Lifesaver will be conducted on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

The U14 Champion Lifesaver event will be conducted in separate male and female categories.

**Note 1:** There shall be no U13 Champion Lifesaver conducted as an eligibility prerequisite for this event includes a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate.

**Note 2:** U13 aged competitors are ineligible to compete in individual U14 aged events including the Champion Lifesaver.

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

### 11.7 Supplementary Information

- During the Age Championships, all Cameron Relay and Ironperson events will have a standard leg order of swim followed by board.
- U13 competitors competing with U14s in team events are permitted under SLSA rules as detailed in Sections 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 of the Surf Sport Manual (SSM).
- Teams entered in 'mixed gender' events (event code No. prefix '3') may contain a combination of both male and female competitors in each team.

#### Cameron Relay

- The Cameron Relay will be a four (4) person event (1 x swimmer, 1 x board paddler, 2 x runners)
- In the Cameron Relays, as a minimum, a female must take the position of either board paddler or swimmer. There should be both a male and female runner.

#### Mixed Beach Relay

- Teams will comprise of two (2) males and two (2) females.

#### All Age Relays (Beach & Board)

- Teams will comprise of a minimum of three (3) females.

### 12. RESTRICTION OF EVENTS

- **Surf Teams (U9 to U14)** – Three (3) male teams and three (3) female teams per club per age group.
- **Ironperson (U11-U14)** - Branch selection via quota, **not included in SEMS. To be sent to Branches.**
- **Beach Relays (U9 to U14)** – Three (3) male teams and three (3) female teams per club per age group.
- **Cameron Relay (U11 to U14)** – Two (2) teams per metropolitan club and one (1) team per Country club.
- **Board Rescue (U11 to U14)** – Branch selection via quota, **not included in SEMS. To be sent to Branches.**
- **Board Relay (U9 to U14)** – Three (3) male teams and three (3) female teams per club per age group.
- **All Age Beach Relay (U9 to U14)** – One (1) team per club. The order will be U9 (1), U10 (2), U11 (3), U12 (4), U13 (5) & U14 (6). There will be a minimum of three (3) females.
- **All Age Board Relay (U9 to U14)** – Two (2) teams per metropolitan branch and one (1) team per Country branch (U9 to U15 years) **not included in SEMS. To be sent to Branches.** The order will be U9 (1), U10 (2), U11 (3), U12 (4), U13 (5) & U14 (6). Competitors arms must be marked with the number. A reminder that as this is an ALL AGE event. Competitors must compete in their own age group and are not allowed to compete up an age. E.g., an U11 cannot do the U12 leg. There must be a minimum of three (3) females.
- **Mixed Beach Relay (U9 to U14)** – Two (2) teams per metropolitan club and one (1) team per Country club.

**NOTE:** There will be a separate entry process for the restricted events of the Ironperson, Board Rescue and All Age Board Relay events. Branches are to complete the form by **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. More information to be sent directly to branches.

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**NOTE:** No special consideration will be given to competitors who attempt to compete in more than one (1) area. (i.e., Events will not be delayed for this reason).

**NOTE:** Handlers will not be required to be entered into the SEMS system. It is highly recommended that handlers are current financial members of a SLSNSW club. Those who handle for a competitor that are not financial members of a SLSNSW club will not be covered under the SLSNSW Insurance Policy. Handlers are required to provide their own and wear a pink high visibility vest (or at the discretion of the referee; may wear a pink high visibility bib/jacket type garment).

## **13. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **13.1 Championship Point Score**

A point score will be kept for the highest overall club point score for each respective Championships.

### **13.2 Results**

In the case of a dead heat for positions 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> each competitor will receive a respective medal and the following medal allocations will apply:

- Dead heat for 1<sup>st</sup> place: Two (2) gold and one (1) bronze will be awarded (no silver will be awarded).
- One competitor in 1<sup>st</sup> place, dead heat for 2<sup>nd</sup> place: One (1) gold and two (2) silver will be awarded (no bronze will be awarded).
- One competitor in 1<sup>st</sup> place, one competitor in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, dead heat for 3<sup>rd</sup> place: One (1) gold, one (1) silver and two (2) bronze will be awarded.
- Dead heat for 1<sup>st</sup> place and dead heat for 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Two (2) gold and two (2) bronze will be awarded (no silver will be awarded) .

### **13.3 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.

### **13.4 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

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### **13.5 Handlers**

Handlers must be 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).

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## 14. 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.

## 15. SPONSOR RASH VESTS

All competitors entered into the 2024 NSW Age 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 2024 NSW Age Championships.

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.

SLSNSW advises each competitor must have their age clearly numbered on the upper arm.

The [Rash Vest order form](#) must be completed by 11.00pm **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

Rash Vests orders are to be collected from the Administration Centre within North Steyne SLSC by Team Managers only during the below collection times:

U9 – U10	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00 – 4.30pm
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	6.15 – 7.30am
U11 – U14	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00 – 4.30pm
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	6.15am – 7.30am

## 16. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

### 16.1 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.

### 16.2 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 Clubs. Professional photographers will be in attendance 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 Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

### **16.3 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.

### **17. HEALTH & WELLBEING**

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 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age 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.

### **18. 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](mailto: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](mailto:surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au)*

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## 19. 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 37<sup>th</sup> 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).

## 20. 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.

## 21. STACK TEAM APP

Important Information and updates will be communicated by Stack Team App.

Stack Team App will be used in the lead up to and throughout the 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships 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 NSW State Championships event download Stack Team App when Entry Nominations are submitted. If you cannot download the App onto a phone or tablet, you may also access Stack Team App in a web browser on any computer.

To register for these 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 “2024 NSW Age Championships” .
- 4) Click the “Become a member of this Stack Team App” icon at the top of the screen then select the appropriate group you wish to receive notifications from.

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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 Stack Team App update is not an excuse for missing events.

## **22. NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL**

Northern Beaches Council is thrilled to welcome the return of the NSW Surf Life Saving State Championships to Queenscliff in 2024.

The Northern Beaches offers an array of ocean beaches, coastal rock pools, a 36km coastal walkway, five (5) 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](https://hellomanly.com.au)

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**23. AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY AND PAYMENT PROCESS**

