



Final Event Information

2023 NSW Interbranch Championships

2 & 3 December 2023

Fingal Beach SLSC

The 2023 NSW Interbranch Championships will be held at Fingal Beach SLSC on 2 & 3 December 2023.

Timetable:

Below is the event timetable and as with all event timetables, the schedule, order and start times are subject to change at the Referee’s discretion. For further timetable information please refer to the order of events provided on page 7.

Saturday 2 December 2023	
Time	Description
6:15am	Officials Briefing, Fingal Beach SLSC
7:00am	Team Managers Meeting, Fingal Beach SLSC
7:15am	Athlete and Officials Oaths/Welcome to Country
7:30am	Start of Interbranch Day 1
4:00pm	Estimated finish for Day 1
Sunday 3 December 2023	
6:45am	Officials Briefing, Fingal Beach SLSC
8:00am	Start of Interbranch Day 2
12:00pm	Estimated finish for Day 2
1:00pm	Championship Presentation

The order for the Iron / Cameron Relay will be drawn at the Team Managers meeting on Saturday morning to ensure transparency.

Pointscore

Placing in Finals

Placings in finals will be allocated points on an 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1st – 11th, for each event contested. Only the first competitor from each Branch to correctly complete the course shall earn points for their Branch team. i.e., If Branch A come 1st and 2nd, Branch A will get points for 1st, no one will get points for 2nd, and the next Branch to place will get points for 3rd.

Individual Events

In individual events, only the first competitor from each Branch to correctly complete the course shall earn points for their Branch team.



Relay Events

In the relay events, the results shall be determined as per the finish order of correct completion of the race and points awarded as per the first paragraph. If it is not possible to conduct the Relays as finals, two heats shall be conducted. The first three place getters in each heat shall qualify for an "A" final and the remainder of the place getters in the heat shall contest a "B" final. Points shall be allocated in the "A" final on an 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 basis and 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for the "B" final (note that the highest points that can be earned in the "B" final is 5 points). If any team/individual in either the "A" or "B" finals is disqualified, they will earn 0 points for their Branch.

Dead Heats

Dead heats in finals in both team and individual events shall be declared as per current Edition of the SSM (clause 2.24).

Overall Branch Pointscore

The Branch with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the competition shall be declared the winner. Further to this, when the event has concluded and there is a tied point score, the Branch team with the most 1st placings shall be declared the winner. Failing this, the Branch with the most 2nd placings to the last placing points awarded respectively will be considered to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the pointscore will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

LiveHeats

All competitors are required to have a LiveHeats Wristband with them which will be used throughout the event. All competitors will be signed into the event using Live Heats, and all event racing will be marshalled and recorded using Live Heats.

SLSNSW will have a very small number of spare wristbands available which will be charged back to the Branch.

Competition Area:

The 2023 NSW Interbranch Championship area will be made up of one (1) x Water Area and one (1) x Beach Area. The proposed event site map is available on page 10 of this document. However, please note the map is not to scale and is subject to change, dependant on beach availability and conditions on the day. Branches are asked to follow instructions given by SLSNSW staff and the club work crew.

Search and Rescue Teams:

In the case of an inshore search and rescue, two (2) x SMAR (min Bronze Medallion) qualified members from each Branch are to register and be briefed by the SEMC each morning at 7am at the water area.

Water Safety Roster:

Each Branch will be required to supply two (2) members to provide water safety as per the water safety roster. Water safety personnel will need to supply their own orange rash vest, cap, fins, rescue tube. Water safety personnel will be required to sign on with the SEMC at the **Administration Tent 20 mins prior to their shift start time.**

Water Area	Time / Events
Saturday 2 December, 2023	
Sydney x 2 Sydney Northern Beaches x 2 Far North Coast x 1 Illawarra x 1 Lower North Coast x 1	9am – 12pm Surf, Ski Board Race & Iron Person events
Central Coast x 2 Far South Coast x 1 South Coast x 1 Hunter x 1 North Coast x 1 Mid North Coast x 1	12pm – End Iron Person and Board Rescue events
Sunday 3 December, 2023	
Central Coast x 2 Hunter x 1 Far South Coast x 1 South Coast x 1 North Coast x 1 Mid North Coast x 1	8am – 10am Taplin, Cameron and Ski relay events
Sydney Northern Beaches x 2 Sydney x 2 Far North Coast x 1 Illawarra x 1 Lower North Coast x 1	10am – End Board Relay events

- *The events listed are indicative only. Water safety will be required to be on during any U12-U14 events that fall within their allocated water safety shift.*

Team Managers Meeting:

The Team Managers meeting will be held in the club room at Fingal Beach SLSC, **7:00am Saturday 2 December 2023**. WhatsApp will be used to communicate directly with Team Managers if required.

*NOTE: This meeting is compulsory – at least one representative from each Branch Team must attend this meeting. If a Branch is not represented, the Championship Referee may suspend a Branch from competing until such time that a representative has been briefed.

Stack Team App

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

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

1. Download the “Stack Team App” application from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications.
3. Once logged in search “2023 NSW Interbranch”.
4. Click the “Become a member of this Stack Team App” icon at the top of the screen then select the “Competitors” Group. There will also be an “Officials” group and a closed “Team Managers” group.



By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive an immediate text and email updates as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information.

It is the responsibility of individuals and teams to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a Stack Team App update is not an excuse for missing events.

Parking

The below parking options will be available across the competition weekend. A site map is provided on page 10 of this document.

- Trailer parking will be to the north of the club behind the carpark.
- Competitor and Official parking can be found in the Fingal Beach SLSC carpark and surrounding streets.

Please ensure you arrive with plenty of time and park legally within designated locations. All vehicles are to be in defined parking areas and not to be parked across driveways or within no stopping / parking zones.

Tent Setup

Club tents can be set up from 3pm on Friday 1 December. Please refer to the map on page 9. Tents must be pegged down and well secured.

Warm Up Area:

Warmups are to be conducted outside of the water competition area from 7am. Penalties may apply if it is seen that this is not followed. Each Branch will be responsible for their own water safety and a risk assessment should be carried out before competitors enter the water. Competitors will be required to wear high vis pink vests during warm up and for the duration of the Championship.

Contingency Location:

The contingency location for the carnival will be at the southern end of Fingal Bay. Should the contingency location be activated, this will be communicated to Team Managers via WhatsApp and Stack Team App as well as SLSNSW social media/website.

Security:

Branches are encouraged to take all gear and equipment with them after training on Friday and competition on Saturday afternoon. SLSNSW and Fingal Beach SLSC accept no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to equipment. Security personnel will be on site overnight on both Friday and Saturday evening.

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

Catering:

Fingal Beach SLSC will be operating a BBQ for the duration of the event. In addition to this coffee and food are available for purchase from surrounding businesses within walking distance to Fingal Beach SLSC.

Scrutineering:

Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their own surf craft. All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications and meet scrutineering requirements. There will be no formal scrutineering of gear and equipment, however **random safety scrutineering** will take place throughout the Championship.

Photography & Media:

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW. SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or team management. Professional photographers will be attending, and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Branch 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 Interbranch Championship, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding about the Championships will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

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 operation manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance, and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements. SLSNSW is intending to utilise the services of Lifesaving UAVs to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards.



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/branches.

Parents and/or supporters 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.

Please refer to the [Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition](#) (revised Feb 2023) sections [2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour](#) and [2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour](#) and [Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy](#).

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.



EVENT PROGRAM

Saturday 2 December 2023			
	Water Events		Beach Events
9am	U17 M/F Surf Race (F)	7.30am	U12 Mixed 2x500m Beach Run Relay (F)
	U15 M/F Surf Race (F)		U13 Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)
	U14 M/F Surf Race (F)		U14 Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)
	U13 M/F Surf Race (F)		U15 Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)
	U12 M/F Surf Race (F)		U17 Mixed 2x1km Beach Run Relay (F)
	U17 M/F Single Ski Race (F)		U12 M/F Beach Sprint (S/F)
			U13 M/F Beach Sprint (S/F)
	U15 M/F Board Race (F)		U14 M/F Beach Sprint (S/F)
	U14 M/F Board Race (F)		U15 M/F Beach Sprint (S/F)
	U17 M/F Board Race (F)		U17 M/F Beach Sprint (S/F)
	U13 M/F Board Race (F)		
	U12 M/F Board Race (F)		U12 M/F Beach Sprint (F)
			U13 M/F Beach Sprint (F)
	U17 M/F Iron Person (F)		U14 M/F Beach Sprint (F)
	U15 M/F Iron Person (F)		U15 M/F Beach Sprint (F)
	U14 M/F Iron Person (F)		U17 M/F Beach Sprint (F)
	U13 M/F Iron Person (F)		
	U12 M/F Iron Person (F)		U12 Mixed Beach Relay (S/F)
			U13 Mixed Beach Relay (S/F)
	U17 M/F Board Rescue (F)		U14 Mixed Beach Relay (S/F)
	U15 M/F Board Rescue (F)		U15 Mixed Beach Relay (S/F)
	U14 M/F Board Rescue (F)		U17 Mixed Beach Relay (S/F)
	U13 M/F Board Rescue (F)		
	U12 M/F Board Rescue (F)		U12 Mixed Beach Relay (F)
			U13 Mixed Beach Relay (F)
			U14 Mixed Beach Relay (F)
			U15 Mixed Beach Relay (F)
			U17 Mixed Beach Relay (F)
			All Age M/F Beach Relay (SF/F)
			All Age M/F Beach Relay (F)

NB: Beach Sprints, Beach Relay and All Age Beach Relay will consist of an A & B final. 'A' Final will be 6 competitors, 'B' Final will be 5 competitors.



Sunday 3 December 2023			
	Water Events		Beach Events
8am	U17 Mixed Taplin Relay	8am	U12 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
			U13 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	U12 M/F Cameron Relay (F)		U14 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	U13 M/F Cameron Relay (F)		U15 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	U14 M/F Cameron Relay (F)		U17 M/F Beach Flags (SF/F)
	U15 M/F Cameron Relay (F)		
	U17 Mixed Ski Relay (F)		
	U12 Mixed Board Relay (F)		
	U13 Mixed Board Relay (F)		
	U14 Mixed Board Relay (F)		
	U15 Mixed Board Relay (F)		
	U17 Mixed Board Relay (F)		
	Male All Age Board Relay (F)		
	Female All Age Board Relay (F)		

Rolling Draw

Event:	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6	Lane 7	Lane 8	Lane 9	Lane 10	Lane 11
#1	MNC	SC	SNB	HUN	FNC	LNC	NC	FSC	CC	SYD	ILL
#2	ILL	MNC	SC	SNB	HUN	FNC	LNC	NC	FSC	CC	SYD
#3	SYD	ILL	MNC	SC	SNB	HUN	FNC	LNC	NC	FSC	CC
#4	CC	SYD	ILL	MNC	SC	SNB	HUN	FNC	LNC	NC	FSC
#5	FSC	CC	SYD	ILL	MNC	SC	SNB	HUN	FNC	LNC	NC
#6	NC	FSC	CC	SYD	ILL	MNC	SC	SNB	HUN	FNC	LNC
#7	LNC	NC	FSC	CC	SYD	ILL	MNC	SC	SNB	HUN	FNC
#8	FNC	LNC	NC	FSC	CC	SYD	ILL	MNC	SC	SNB	HUN
#9	HUN	FNC	LNC	NC	FSC	CC	SYD	ILL	MNC	SC	SNB
#10	SNB	HUN	FNC	LNC	NC	FSC	CC	SYD	ILL	MNC	SC
#11	SC	SNB	HUN	FNC	LNC	NC	FSC	CC	SYD	ILL	MNC

**Note: This draw will continue to rotate throughout the carnival.

Event Site Map - Fingal Beach

