

FINAL EVENT INFORMATION
2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships
Surfboat Championships
Friday 15 – Sunday 17 March 2024

The following information relates to the conduct of the 2024 NSW Surfboat Surf Life Saving Championships, proudly supported by Your local club.

Queenscliff SLSC

The Club is pleased and excited to again host the 2024 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships. Surfboat racing is a spectacular discipline within Surf Sports and Queenscliff SLSC cannot wait to showcase the best surfboat crews in NSW to our local community.

CRITICAL EVENT INFORMATION

1. **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.**
2. **Parking for Surfboat Trailers will open from midday Thursday 2 March. Surfboat Trailer Parking is permitted along the promenade south of Nth Steyne Surf Life Saving Club.**
3. **Club Tents are permitted to be installed on the first morning of competition only. Clubs tents are permitted on the sand behind your respective competition areas each day.**
4. **Collection of Pink Lycra Rash Vests will occur at 7am on the first morning(s) of competition in your respective areas. To ensure comfort whilst competing, we ask you bring last year's pink rash vest as unfortunately, we cannot guarantee you will receive your preferred size.**
5. **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 - [2024 State Championships website](#).

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

b) As per the Entry Circular, no late entries will be accepted at the Championships.

c) SLNSW, 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.

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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.

Sweeps meeting will be held each morning 30 min before the advertised start time.

PROGRAM

Friday 3 March - Masters

- Guns up 8:00AM
- Heats / Round Robin
- Finals, where necessary.
- 2:30pm Surf Boat Relay Heats

Saturday 4 March – Block 1 [U23 Men / Women, U19 Men/ Women]

- Guns up 8:00AM.
- Round Robin
- Elimination Rounds as necessary.

Saturday 4 March – Block 2 [Open Men/Women, Reserve Men/Women]

- Guns up 7:30AM
- Round Robin
- Elimination Rounds as necessary.

Sunday 5 March – Finals Days [All divisions].

- Guns up 7:30AM
- Lifesaver Relay
- Boat Relay Semi if necessary.
- Elimination rounds if necessary.
- Quarter Finals
- Semi Finals
- Finals
- Boat Relay Final

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 “2024 NSW State Championships”

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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.

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

Surfboats

Friday 3 March 7AM in the Surfboat Area

Saturday 4 March 7AM in your respective Surfboat Area.

Unfortunately, due to the large increase in competitor numbers, SLSNSW cannot guarantee you will receive your preferred Lycra Vest size. If feasible, please bring last year’s pink rash vest to ensure your desired level of comfort whilst competing.

POWERCRAFT ROSTER

The 2024 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 2023/24 powercraft license and provide their own life jackets. Please ensure you nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew personnel via this [Microsoft Forms](#)

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).

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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 and during competition hours.

Thursday 14 March 6:30am – 4pm

Friday 15 March 6:30am – 10am

Official's Dress Code - Clothing

All Surf Sports Officials will be provided a 2024 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. There will be a podium in your area for photos.

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WARM UP

Will be as follows:

7:00am to 7:40am No competitor should be within 50m of the 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 a 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, 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.

1. Keirle Park - \$15 per vehicle
2. Hinkler Park - \$15 per vehicle

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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 Surfboat trailer parking area will be from Midday Thursday 2 March 2023. On subsequent competition days, access must be before 6:00am and only after completion of competition.

All trailers must be parked along the promenade, south of the North Steyne SLC clubhouse. Please ensure trailers do not obstruct pedestrian walkways and vehicle thoroughfares.

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:

Thursday 14 March 6.30am – 5pm

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Saturday 16 March 6:30am – 5pm

Sunday 17 March 6:30am – 1pm.

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

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.

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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. The competition arena will be "out of bounds" for everyone except the competitors in the events being conducted.

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 the 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.

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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](#).

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