



# Circular 3822

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## 2024 NSW Board Riding Championships – Entry Circular 4 & 5 May 2024 | Merewether SLSC

**Attention:** Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Secretaries/CEOs and Branch Presidents

**Actioned by:** Person/s responsible for competitor entries.

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<b>Summary:</b>	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2024 NSW Board Riding Championships.
<b>Action:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Clubs to advise and circulate this information to Board Riding Competitors.</li><li>▪ Entries close <b>12pm Sunday 28 April 2024</b>, entries to be made via SEMS. No late entries will be accepted.</li><li>▪ Competitors will need to join the <b>'2024 NSW Board Riding'</b> Team App Group by <b>Wednesday 1 May 2024</b> to ensure they don't miss any important updates. Instructions have been included below.</li></ul>

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The NSW Board Riding Championships will be held on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May 2024 at Merewether SLSC.

Entries are to be completed online, via SEMS:

- Entries close **12pm Sunday 28 April 2024**. No late entries will be accepted.
- Competitors will also need to join the '**2024 NSW Board Riding**' Team App Group by **Wednesday 1 May 2024** at the latest to ensure they don't miss any important updates. Instructions are included below.

Reference is made to:

- [The Surf Sports Manual 37<sup>th</sup> Edition – March 2024 \(SSM\)](#)
- [Surfing Australia - Rule Book](#)

## 2. 2024 NSW BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The NSW Board Riding Championships Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may, subject to the rules in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sport Manual and event rules, postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each CC 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 CC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The CC is responsible for enacting the Contingency Plan for the Championships.

<b>Championship Referee</b>	Carlo Villanti
<b>SLSNSW Sports Manager</b>	Jim Pinnington
<b>SLSNSW Sports Development Officer</b>	Jack Neilson
<b>Safety &amp; Emergency Services Coordinator</b>	TBC
<b>Club Organising Committee Representative</b>	Nick Newton

## 3. DAY OF COMPETITION

This event will be staged at Merewether SLSC. The specific location will be advised in the final event memo with contingency locations identified. Competitors will be communicated via Team App if any changes are to occur (regarding location, start time etc.).

## 4. TEAM APP

Team App will be used throughout and in the lead up to the 2024 NSW Board Riding Championships as a platform to communicate important information and timetable changes. **All competitors are required to join the online Team App group by Wednesday 1 May 2024.**

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

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 “2024 NSW Board Riding”
4. Click the “Become a member of this team app” icon at the top of the screen then select the “Competitors” group.

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.

## **5. 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, patrol, and proficiency requirements as per the 2023/24 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

Late proficiency exemption requests are required to be endorsed by both Club and Branch before being received by SLSNSW. This can be sent to [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@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 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**.

## **6. DOUBLE DIPPING**

Double dipping is permitted in certain age groups as per Section 2.3.4 of the SSM. Masters competitors can only compete in one aster’s age division but can also compete in the Opens category.

## **7. ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee per competitor at the 2024 NSW Board Riding Championships is **\$45.20** (inc. GST). Clubs will be directly invoiced for entries after the event.

**Please note, entry fees are non-refundable.**

## **8. JUDGING CRITERIA**

Judging will be as per Surfing Australia rules as set out in the Surf Sports Manual. Please see Section 7 starting from page 42 from the [Surfing Australia - Rule Book](#).

## **9. BOARD RIDING CRAFT CRITERIA**

Please see Section 7.2 from page 44 from the [Surfing Australia - Rule Book](#).

As per Surfing Australia Competition the longboard specifications are:

- The board length is minimum 9 feet measured from the nose to the tail on the deck of the surfboard.
- The width dimensions are to be a total minimum 47 inches in aggregate. This is the total of the widest point, plus the width 12 inches up from the tail and 12 inches back from the nose.

## **10. TEAM EVENT**

A Team event will be delivered on the Sunday morning of competition. This will be a non-championship event. Dependent upon team entries, the Championships Committee will run semi – final → final. Your team must consist of a minimum one youth (U13-U17) competitor, one female competitor and one Masters (30+) competitor. Teams must have five competitors to be eligible. A maximum of 14 teams can be registered on a first come first served basis.

## **11. LIVE HEATS**

SLSNSW will be using Live Heats for event draws and judging. More information will be provided in the Final Event Information.

Live Heats Event Page: <https://liveheats.com/events/>

## **12. POINT SCORE**

Points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place through to 6<sup>th</sup> place (1<sup>st</sup> – 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 points, 4<sup>th</sup> – 3 points, 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 points, 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 point). No points will be awarded for the team event.

An Overall championship club will be awarded based on the highest point score.

## **13. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT**

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their Clubs.

Parents or supporters deemed to be assisting competitors during the competition either stationary on the beach or in the water near the competition area will result in immediate disqualification from the competition (at the discretion of the carnival referee).

Please refer to 37<sup>th</sup> (Revised) Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

## **14. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

### **Photography:**

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Board Riding 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 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 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 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.

## **APPENDIX 1 - DIVISIONS**

Youth (U13-U17) Male Malibu Long Board  
Youth (U13-U17) Female Malibu Long Board  
Open Male Malibu Long Board  
Open Female Malibu Long Board  
40-55 Male Malibu Long Board  
40-55 Female Malibu Long Board  
55+ Male Malibu Long Board  
55+ Female Malibu Long Board

Under 13 Male Short Board  
Under 13 Female Short Board  
U15 Male Short Board  
U15 Female Short Board  
U19 Male Short Board  
U19 Female Short Board  
Open Male Short Board  
Open Female Short Board  
40-55 Male Short Board  
40-55 Female Short Board  
55+ Male Short Board  
55+ Female Short Board

Youth (U14/U15) Male Clubbie Board  
Youth (U14/U15) Female Clubbie Board  
Open Male Clubbie Board  
Open Female Clubbie Board

Board Riding Team (see section 10)

## APPENDIX 2 - PROGRAM

- \* Report Times: 0700 for 0730 start (subject to change)
- \* Depending on competitor numbers, the timetable may be adjusted.
- \* Draws and event/category times will be communicated closer to the event.

DAY	EVENTS
<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	55+ Long Board M/F: Heats-Final 40-55 Long Board M/F: Heats-Semi-Final Youth Long Board M/F: Heats-Semi-Final Open Long Board M/F: Heats-Semi-Final Clubbie Board Youth (14/15) & Open M/F: Final
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	Board Riding Team Event: Heats-Final  40-55 Short Board M/F: Final 55+ Short Board M/F: Final U13 Short Board M/F: Heats-Semi-Finals U15 Short Board M/F: Heats-Semi-Finals U19 Short Board M/F: Heats-Semi-Finals Open Short Board M/F: Heats-Semi-Finals