

Circular 3944

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2026 NSW SURF BOAT INTERSERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY CIRCULAR

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

Actioned by: Persons responsible for entries.

Date: 28 January 2026

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Summary	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter & compete in the 2026 NSW Surf Boat Interseries Championship.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete and submit entries via LIVE HEATS by midnight, Wednesday 4 March 2026. ○ <i>NOTE: No late entries will be accepted after this date</i> ○ SLSNSW Boat Series are to action all entries.

Competition	Date	Location
NSW Surf Boat Interseries Championship	Sunday 15 March 2026	Ocean Beach SLSC

INTRODUCTION

In November 2023, Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) announced the establishment of the SLSNSW Surfboat Interseries Championship, and outside of State Championships, the premier surfboat event in NSW intended to feature the best crews from the five respective Boat Series in NSW.

The Competition will continue the current Surfboat Interstate format, featuring eight crews (U19, U23, Reserve & Open male/female division) representing the five NSW Boat Series. Each series (North Coast Boat Series, Hunter/Central Coast Boat Series, Sydney Northern Beaches Boat Series, Sydney Branch Boat Series & Warilla Bowls Premiership) will enter their best crew(s) across the four (4) male/female divisions.

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ENTRIES

Each NSW Boat Series will be required to submit their entries via LIVE HEATS by Wednesday 4 March 2026. When entering teams into LIVE HEATS, please ensure that crew names are those of your Interseries Team.

EVENTS CONTESTED

Open Female

Open Male

Female Reserve Grade

Male Reserve Grade

Under 19 Female

Under 19 Male

Under 23 Female

Under 23 Male

Junior Relay (U23 & U19 Men & Women)

Senior Relay (Open & Reserve Men & Women)

Surf Boat Relay (Interseries Relay).

Full program will be published after the close of entries.

Sweeps Briefing – 7:30am

Racing Commences – 8:00am

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 competitors must meet SLSNSW award, patrol, and proficiency requirements as per the 2025/26 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

Reference is made to the following documents which apply to this event:

- SLSA Policy 1.02 – Use of SLSA Equipment
- [Memo - SLSNSW 5.04 Patrol Hour Exemption Process](#)
- [SLSNSW Regulations 5. Competition Eligibility and Exemption](#)

TEAM SELECTION

The five (5) boat series represented in the Interseries Championships will be responsible for selection of their teams. SLSNSW will complete an audit of all competing crews to ensure the meet the criteria stated under 'Eligibility to Compete.'

No team changes are permitted unless an injury occurs prior to the start of competition and a medical certificate MUST be provided, or evidence of exceptional circumstances to surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor is **\$54.25** (incl GST).

EVENT CONDITIONS

General competitive conditions are as detailed in the 38th Edition of the [Surf Sports Manual](#) and any subsequent bulletins shall apply to the conduct of all events except when amended by these championship rules.

Note: The Interseries Championships are open to both S2 & S3 Sweeps. However, when the SHR (or SRR equivalent) is 16 or greater under the SRR, S2 sweeps will not be permitted to compete. In this instance, SLSNSW will facilitate a sweep swap to enable a crew to continue to compete.

UNIFORMS

SLSNSW will provide each Interseries Team with a competition rash vest and team trucker cap.

Where available, teams should wear their Branch Boat Series Competition Caps. Where this is not possible, crews are to wear their Club Competition Cap.

COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS

Each crew shall be responsible for the provision of their Surf Boats.

All equipment used in the competition must comply with SLSA specifications and have been scrutineered and passed for use in SLSNSW competition. Random scrutineering may take place.

DRAWS

At the Team Managers briefing on the morning of competition, the Referee will undertake one draw of team positions for the first event conducted. Subsequent draws will be a 'rolling draw' format where all Interseries Teams will move up one Alley position in each event conducted in an area.

POINTS SCORE

The Series Team with the highest aggregate points earned in all divisions and relays combined, will be the Interseries Champions.

- Points for divisional events and relays shall be allocated on a 10,9,8,7,6 basis for positions 1 – 5.
- The all-age relay will attract double points.

RASH VESTS

All competitors will be required to **wear a SLSNSW provided** yellow series Lycra rash vest. Clubs must ensure that competitors wear rash vests in both warmup and competition.

DRAFTING & COMPOSITE CREWS

Drafting of crews from outside a Boat Series may occur if a Boat Series provides appropriate rationale as to the extraordinary circumstances that require drafting a crew from beyond their own Boat Series.

The request to field a composite crew must be submitted, in writing to Greg Pierce – SLSNSW Sport Manager for approval by the Championship Referee and SLSNSW Boat Panel.

Requests to draft a crew must also be submitted in writing to Greg Pierce – SLSNSW Sport Manager, with an outlined plan to mitigate the need to draft in future seasons.

MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

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.

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.

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 authorized spokespeople.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

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.

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 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 38th Edition 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 Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with the procedures set down in the 38th 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 \$150.00 must accompany all documentation when the protest is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

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 Competition 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 event download Stack Team App when entries 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 **“2026 NSW Surf Boat Weekend”**.
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.

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/crews' 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.

ANTI-DOPING

It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete both the ASADA Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. 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 supports and implement SLSA's Anti-Doping and Match Fixing policies (SLSA Members Area > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.1 1 & 5.02).

For further information regarding the courses please contact Surf Sports (02) 9471 8000 or surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further additional information, please refer to the event guides to be published on the event webpage.