



Memorandum

To:	Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Presidents & Branch Secretaries
From:	Belinda Cooper, Competitions & Event Staging Coordinator
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Subject:	Restricted Entry Events – 2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships

The 2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships, proudly presented by Your local club, will continue to include events with restricted entries. This enables efficient and effective timetabling of these events from heats to finals with regard to surf and weather conditions.

Restrictions for NSW Age Championships

For the NSW Age Championships, the Ironperson, Board Rescue and All Age Board Relay events will continue to be restricted for the U11-U14 age groups.

Competitors must qualify through their branch, with the number of entries allocated as per the table below:

ENTRY QUOTA PER BRANCH		
BRANCH	IRONPERSON (U11 – U14)	BOARD RESCUE (U11 – U14)
FNC	7	4
NC	4	4
MNC	4	4
LNC	3	4
HUN	8	5
CC	8	5
SNB	10	5
SYD	10	5
ILL	5	5
SC	5	4
FSC	3	4
TOTAL	67	49

Note:

- The All Age Board Relay is restricted to **two (2) teams per metropolitan branch and one (1) team per country branch**.
- Clubs shall refer to branch as to how qualification will occur.
- Clubs shall complete other entries as per normal to ensure that competitors have been entered into the carnival by the close of entries. These Restricted Entry events **will not be visible in Live Heats so Clubs will NOT be able to enter competitors into these events**.

SLSNSW will require a list of qualifying competitors (individual events) or qualifying clubs (All Age Board Relay) from each **branch**, by **Tuesday 10th February 2026** for the NSW Age Championships, and only these qualifiers will start. The list of qualifiers must be submitted via [Microsoft Forms](#).

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Wildcard's may be available for restricted events if the available positions, as per the quota, are not fulfilled. Applications, via email to bcooper@surflifesaving.com.au, must detail the exceptional circumstances for the application. Wildcard applications will be reviewed by the SLSNSW Director of Surf Sports and the SLSNSW Carnival Committee.

Please note that applications will not be accepted from individual clubs or athletes and must be made by branches only.

Restrictions for NSW Open Championships

For the NSW Open Championships, the Lifesaver Relay will also remain a restricted event in 2026.

Note:

- The Lifesaver Relay is restricted to **two (2) teams per metropolitan branch and one (1) team per country branch.**
- Clubs shall refer to branch as to how qualification will occur.
- Clubs shall complete other entries as per normal to ensure that competitors have been entered into the carnival by the close of entries. These Restricted Entry events **will not be visible in Live Heats so Clubs will NOT need to enter competitors into these events.**
- Excluding the Surf Boat sweep within each team there must be four (4) female and four (4) male competitors, and they must meet age group requirements as per the 38th Edition Surf Sports Manual (one U17 competitor and one U19 competitor).

SLSNSW will require a list of qualifying clubs from each **branch**, by **Tuesday 10th February 2026** for the NSW Open Championships and only these qualifying clubs will start. The list of qualifiers must be submitted via [Microsoft Forms](#).

For any enquiries, please contact SLSNSW Surf Sports at statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au or (02) 9471 8000.