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2026 SLSNSW Board Riding Championships Entry Circular 30 – 31 May 2026 | 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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Summary:	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2026 NSW Board Riding Championship.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clubs to advise and circulate this information to Board Riding Competitors.Complete and submit entries via Liveheats by 11pm Sunday 24 May 2026. No late entries will be accepted.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The SLSNSW Board Riding Championships will be held on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 May 2026 at Merewether SLSC.

Entries are to be completed online, via Liveheats <https://liveheats.com/events/502176>

- Entries close at **11pm Sunday 24 May 2026**. No late entries will be accepted.
- Competitors will also need to join the **'2026 NSW Board Riding'** Stack Team App Group to ensure they don't miss any important updates. Instructions are included below.

Reference is made to:

- [The Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition – October 2025 \(SSM\)](#)
- [Surfing Australia - Rule Book](#)

2. 2026 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.

Championship Referee	Andrew Bloxsom
SLSNSW Sports Manager	Greg Pierce
Safety & Emergency Services Coordinator	TBC
Club Organising Committee Representative	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 Stack Team App if any changes are to occur (regarding location, start time etc.).

4. STACK TEAM APP

Stack Team App will be used throughout and, in the lead up to the 2026 NSW Board Riding Championships as a platform to communicate important information and timetable changes.

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 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 2025/26 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

6. AGE DIVISIONS

Double dipping is permitted in certain age groups as per Section 2.3.4 of the SSM.

U17 can compete as an U17 and/or Open (Cannot contest U19's)

U19 can compete as U19 and/or Open

Masters competitors can only compete in one master's age division but can also compete in the Opens category.

All other age divisions can compete in their own age group only.

**** Note: a minimum of 3 starters are required to constitute an event, if there are insufficient starters then competitors in this age division will be required to compete up (youth) or down (masters) an age division.***

7. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2026 NSW Board Riding Championships is **\$45.20** (inc. GST).

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-U15) competitor, one female competitor and one Masters (30+) competitor. Teams must have five competitors to be eligible. A maximum of 12 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.

12. POINT SCORE

Points will be awarded for 1st place through to 6th place (1st – 6 points, 2nd – 5 points, 3rd – 4 points, 4th – 3 points, 5th – 2 points, 6th – 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 37th (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-U15) Male Malibu Long Board
Youth (U13-U15) Female Malibu Long Board
Open Male Malibu Long Board
Open Female Malibu Long Board
40-49 Male Malibu Long Board
40-49 Female Malibu Long Board
50-59 Male Malibu Long Board
50-59 Female Malibu Long Board
60+ Male Malibu Long Board
60+ Female Malibu Long Board

U13 Male Short Board
U13 Female Short Board
U14 Male Short Board
U14 Female Short Board
U15 Male Short Board
U15 Female Short Board
U17 Male Short Board
U17 Female Short Board
U19 Male Short Board
U19 Female Short Board
Open Male Short Board
Open Female Short Board
40-49 Male Short Board
40-49 Female Short Board
50-59 Male Short Board
50-59 Female Short Board
60+ Male Short Board
60+ Female Short Board

Board Riding Team (see section 10)

PROGRAM

Program will be confirmed and published closer to the event date.