



Circular 1553

SLSCC Branch Championships – Masters, Opens and Boats

Audience: All Members, Club Presidents, Directors of Administration and Directors of Surf Sports
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Summary	Information regarding SLSCC Masters, Open and Boats Branch Championships. Entries close on Wednesday 25 th January 2023.
Objective	Provide clubs with the information needed to enter their members in the above mentioned branch championship carnivals.
Action	Clubs are to circulate programs and complete entries via SEMS prior to Wednesday the 25 th January 2023. No late entries will be accepted. Entries open on Friday 6th January 2023. Programs can be found at: Carnival Programs - Surf Life Saving Central Coast (slscc.com.au)

2022-2023 Surf Life Saving Central Coast Branch Champs

Boat Championships

Saturday 28th January at Umina SLSC

U15 to Open Championships

Saturday 28th January at Umina SLSC

Masters Championships

Sunday 29th January at Umina SLSC

Entries open on Friday 6th January 2023.

Entries close Wednesday 25th January 2023 @ 9:00am.

Programs can be found at:

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SECTION A – EVENTS

The following Championship Events shall be conducted as per the 37th revised edition of the SLISA Surf Sports Manual and any amending and clarifying Bulletins. www.sls.com.au

A1 U15 to OPEN EVENTS – TO BE CONTESTED ON 28th JANUARY 2022

Lifesaver Relay – The 2022/23 SLSCC Branch Champs will see the re-inclusion of the “Lifesaver Relay” with the top two teams gaining entry into the event at the SLSNSW Championships.

- The Lifesaver Relay entry conditions are described in the 37th Edition of the Surf Sports Manual and age and gender requirements will be strictly adhered to.
- Excluding the Surf Boat sweep within each team there must be four female and four male competitors, and they must meet age group requirements as per the 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual (one U17 competitor and one U19 competitor).

For all other events, Please refer to carnival program

A2 BOAT EVENTS – TO BE CONTESTED ON 28th JANUARY 2022

Please refer to carnival program

A3 MASTERS EVENTS – TO BE CONTESTED ON SUNDAY 29th JANUARY 2022

Please refer to carnival program

A4 CLARIFICATION of MASTERS EVENTS

- a) The following items should be noted when nominating to participate in these Masters Championships. To be eligible to compete in the 2022/2023 Central Coast Masters Championships, a member must comply with the following criteria:
- i. Be 30 years of age or over at midnight on 30 September preceding the Championships event.
 - ii. Be a current financial member of the club for which they wish to compete.
 - iii. Hold the SLSA Bronze Medallion and be currently proficient to compete in Masters Events.
 - iv. Have fulfilled patrol and membership obligations.
- b) All competitors must have their **age**, marked on their upper arm in black **at least 75mm high** (waterproof marking pen or similar).
- c) Masters competitors can only compete in their own age group in individual events and in only one (1) age category in each of the team event category including Surf Teams, Taplin, Board Rescue, Double Ski, Surf Boats, Ski Relay, Board Relay and Beach Relay.
- Note 1: In the Board Rescue and Double Ski events the team age category to be entered is the age category of the youngest competitor.
- Note 2: In all other team events the aggregate ages of the team members shall determine the age category to be entered.
- Note 3: In Surf Boat events the Sweep is not included when determining the aggregate age of the crew. A Masters rower shall compete in only one age category but may also compete in multiple age groups as a sweep oarsman.
- d) Boat sweeps may sweep in a number of age categories and do not need to be over 30 years of age but must be proficient Bronze Medallion members of the club for which they are competing and comply with the Patrol Hours requirements. In addition, to participate in the Central Coast Masters Championships surf boat sweeps must have undertaken the course in surf boat sweeping accreditation through their State Centre as well as holding a current SLSA Surf Coach accreditation.
- e) For any event to be contested at the Central Coast Masters Championships, a minimum of one (1) starter is required, as set out in **Bulletin 1/09-10 (August 2009) SLSA**.

Therefore, if one (1) competitor or team enters and completes the course in an event, they will be awarded the gold medal.

SECTION B – ENTRY CONDITIONS

B1 **MEMBERSHIP**

All competitors entered into these Championships must be financial and have completed SLSA approved membership forms, to register as members of the club for which they are entered.

B2 PROFICIENCY AND PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMPETITORS

All Competitors must meet the requirements set out in SLSA Policy 5.4 PROFICIENCY AND PATROL HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

NOTE: THE HOURS STIPULATED ARE ABSOLUTE AND MINOR SHORTFALLS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

Surf Life Saving Central Coast reserves the right to conduct random or detailed audits of entries and under such circumstances, the selected clubs will be required to submit appropriate documentation to substantiate the eligibility of those members entered.

B3 RESTRICTIONS AND PROVISIONS

The following restrictions shall apply in regard to nominations and competition in the various events:

- a) All events shall be contested by teams and individuals representing Clubs only.
- b) Notwithstanding the provisions of “Substitution of Competitors” as provided for under General Competitive Conditions in the 37th revised edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual, it shall be possible for a club, in the event of the withdrawal of any member of a team, to replace such member of the team.
- c) This provision is subject to the replacement member appearing on the Entry System and meeting all conditions of entry. A replacement may also be made through the provisions of a “Late Entry”.

B4 CARNIVAL OFFICIALS

- a) To ensure that sufficient officials are available for Open and Masters Championships, a quota system will be implemented whereby clubs must provide accredited officials at the ratio of:

1 Official per each 9 competitors

- b) Officials must register their preferred area using the Jot form provided within the “Final Event Information” three days prior to the carnival.
- c) Please note: Due to the boat events being combined Masters and Opens, the official ratio will be considered separate to the remainder of the open championships.

NOTE: Clubs who do not comply with the above requirements will not be permitted to start in these championships until they satisfy these conditions of entry.

Each Official should report to the Administration area each day of the championships for their allocation of duties.

B5 **CLARIFICATION ON OPEN & MASTERS EVENTS MEDALS**

For all events, medals will be awarded as follows:

- i. Three (3) or more competitors – Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals may be awarded.
- ii. Two (2) competitors – Gold and Silver medals may be awarded.
- iii. One (1) competitor (providing the competitor/team completes the course) – Gold medal

B6 **HI VIS SAFETY VESTS**

- a) The fluorescent **FREEMASONS SPONSORED** competitor safety vests from SLSCC, will be mandatory for all competitors to wear in all water events. No other vest will be accepted for competition under any circumstances.

SECTION C – ENTRIES

C1 ENTRY CLOSURE

- a) Club entries must be submitted using SEMS no later than the **Wednesday prior to each event by 9am.**

There will be no late entries

C2 ENTRY REGISTRATIONS

- a) **Entries may be altered by the clubs at any time up to closing date**, after which time only team changes may be made without penalty.
- b) Competitors must report to the registration table to have their name marked off and a stamp placed on their arm. Competitors shall not start a race without this identification.
- c) Membership categories:
 - Active = **A**
 - Reserve Active = **RA**
 - Long Service = **LS**
 - Life Member = **LM**
- d) **Full Teams with all team members names must be entered into SEMS for Live Heats purposes.**

C3 ENTRY FEES

Entry fees have been established on the estimated number of competitors entering these Central Coast Championships to offset the cost of conducting the Championships.

- a) Accordingly, the cost for entry into these Championships is: **\$18.00** per competitor (irrespective of the number of events entered in each).
- b) A club's total entry fee for these Championships will be established by the number of competitors listed on the entry system multiplied by the appropriate fee.

No. of competitors @ \$18.00 each

A pro-forma invoice will be produced within Carnival Manager.

Should a competitor wish to enter in the 2022/2023 Lifesaving Championships events:

Champion Lifesaver, Patrol Comp, First Aid, a separate entry must be submitted.
However there will be no additional charge for this entry.

- c) **Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships.**
- d) When all entries are processed, a **Tax Invoice** will be generated by SLSCC in accordance with the Entry Fee instructions and including any late and additional entry fees owing by a club.

C4 LATE ENTRIES

- a) There will be no late entries on the day accepted.

C5 PENALTIES – BREACH OF ENTRY REGULATIONS

- a) It is mandatory that ALL competitors are listed in the Club's entries.
- b) Entry of competitors who are ineligible have penalties provided for as follows:
 - i. The penalty for Breach of Entry Regulations for these Championships will be the automatic rejection of those persons found to be in breach of regulations and the forfeiture of their entry fees.
 - ii. Application of the automatic penalty will not preclude further disciplinary action by Surf Life Saving Central Coast against Clubs or individuals if deemed appropriate.

CHECK LIST

The following has been designed to assist the Club Officer to complete the necessary entry forms for members wishing to compete at the 2022-2023 Surf Life Saving Central Coast Open/Masters/Boat Championships.

1. Ensure that the following information contained in this Circular has been read thoroughly and the conditions relevant to entries adhered to.
2. Entries have been entered using SEMs by 9am Wednesday 25th January 2023.
3. Ensure Competition Official Registrations are entered via jot form sent out in the final event information 3 days prior to the carnival.

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