



Circular 1605 – SLSCC Branch Championships – Opens/Masters/Boats

Audience: All Members, Club Presidents, Directors of Administration and Directors of Surf Sports
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Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Information necessary for entry to the 2023/2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLSCC Open Championships - SLSCC Masters Championships - SLSCC Boat Championships b) Reference information by Carnival Officials appointed to the events c) Entries close on SEMS on the Wednesday prior to each event at 9am
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Surf Life Saving Central Coast

CLUB ENTRY INFORMATION FOR THE

2023-2024 Surf Life Saving Central Coast Championship

Masters Championships

Saturday 10th February 2024 at Ocean Beach SLSC

Boat Championships

Saturday 11th February 2024 at Ocean Beach SLSC

Open Championships

Sunday 11th February 2024 at Ocean Beach SLSC

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Live Heats

Live heats will be in use for this carnival. Competitors can purchase a wristband using EFTPOS or exact cash at the Live Heats desk at a cost of \$5.00 or use any existing wristband they own.

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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 OPEN EVENTS – TO BE CONTESTED ON 11 FEBRUARY 2024

Please refer to carnival program

A2 BOAT EVENTS – TO BE CONTESTED ON 11 FEBRUARY 2024

Please refer to carnival program

A3 MASTERS EVENTS – TO BE CONTESTED ON 10 FEBRUARY 2024

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 2023/2024 Central Coast Masters Championships, a member must comply with the following criteria:

- i. Be 30 years of age or over at midnight on 30th 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 in competing 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 several 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.

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 regarding 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”.
- d. Surf Life Saving Central Coast (SLSCC) reserves the right to invite and/or accept entries from competitors and club teams from outside the Branch to compete in any event at the Central Coast Open & Masters Championships.
- e. Where a competitor or club team from outside the Branch wishes to enter an event, there will be no limit on the number of competitors or club teams.
- f. A competitor or club team from outside the Branch may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their Branch, compete in their Club colors. However, participation in team events at the Central Coast Open & Masters Championships is restricted to genuine club teams and, accordingly, all teams must compete in their club colors.
- g. All competitors and club teams from outside the Branch must gain clearance from their governing body to compete at the Central Coast Open and Masters Championships. This must be submitted to SLSCC prior to competition.

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 using the JotForm

MASTERS - <https://form.jotform.com/233527503115044>

BOATS – <https://form.jotform.com/233527152650856>

OPENS - <https://form.jotform.com/233527319918868>.

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

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: \$20.00 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 @ \$20.00 each

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

Should a competitor wish to enter in the 2023/2024 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 owed by a club.

C4 LATE ENTRIES

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:
 - 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.
 - Application of the automatic penalty will not preclude further disciplinary action by Surf Life Saving Central Coast against Clubs or individuals if deemed appropriate.

Checklist

The following has been designed to assist the Club Officer to complete the necessary entry forms for members wishing to compete at the 2023 - 2024 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 the Wednesday prior to the event.
3. Ensure Competition Official Registrations are entered via jot form attached to this circular