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CARNIVAL CIRCULAR

CARNIVAL	BEACH	DATE
Age Championships	Maroubra	Sunday 9 th February 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION SYDNEY BRANCH AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOW TO ENTER THE CARNIVAL

Entries are via the online Sports Event Management System (SEMS) - URL: <https://sems.sls.com.au>
SEMS users are required to have an active log in account to the Members Area (members.sls.com.au)
To apply for SEMS access, complete and lodge a Form49 with the SLISA IT Helpdesk. Refer to the [SEMS User Guide](#) for further guidance.

N.B. Entries close on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 11pm.

ENTRY FEE \$5.00 + GST

All entries are required to be paid before Branch Championships.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & ENTRY PROCESS

Clubs are only required to enter a competitor into their respective age and gender group.

Please be **advised R&R, Board Riding and March Past will be held on Saturday 8th February** during the Opens carnival. These competitors need to be entered separately and R&R and March Past need to be entered as teams. There will be no extra charge for these nipper teams.

Entry into the above events is through the Sydney Branch Age Championships carnival entry page.

Qualification procedures for State qualifying events are attached in Appendix 1

No Late entries will be taken.



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ELIGIBILITY

Any competitor found to be a non-financial member, not proficient or not have the correct age appropriate award will not be eligible to compete at the Branch Championships.

The Branch office will be communicating with Clubs leading into the Championships to resolve any issues of this nature. A list of competitors, who have failed to meet the entry requirements, will be kept at the Registration Area.

All competitors must be proficient by 31st December 2019. This must be reflected in SurfGuard for entry into SEMS.

REGISTRATION/WRISTBANDS

All Clubs are to send one representative to the Registration Area in, or near, the Maroubra SLSC between 6.30am and 6.50am to pick up their allocation of wrist bands for their competitors. These will be split into age groups, per online registration numbers, for Clubs to distribute accordingly to their competing Nippers.

All competitors **MUST** wear the wrist band issued at time of Registration. The wrist band must be worn for the duration of the competition.

No Clubs to share wrist bands.

OFFICIALS QUOTA

Clubs will be required to supply **1 official per 10 competitors**. If there are not enough officials the carnival will not proceed.



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MEDAL PRESENTATIONS AND POINTSCORES

Medals will be handed out during the Championships at the recording desks in the area that the Competitors are competing.

Sydney Branch will run a point score for the Age Championships.

- **Double points will apply to the All Age Relays**

The point system will work as follows: 6 points for 1st place and then down to 6th place which will be awarded 1 point. In the case of a tie they will be awarded the same points and the next place will drop a position.

The National Parks Clubs will be competing under the “National Parks” cap and be combined for teams. We hope that this will encourage more competitors from that area.

NEW EVENTS

A reminder that the Cameron Relay is a mixed event. This team must be made up of 2 girls and 2 boys with at least 1 girl being a paddler or swimmer.

Mixed beach relays will again be included in the program, with 2 boys and 2 girls making up the teams.

CARNIVAL PROGRAM – Please see [SLSS website](#)

U8 EVENTS

Under 8's will no longer be included in the Sydney Branch Age Championships, and will have their events held separately on the 2nd February 2020 at South Maroubra.

Please see separate circular for further information. Under 8's also has its own carnival entry in SEMS



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AII AGE BOARD RELAY

Club are limited to entering 1 team each. This event is not gender specific.

In accordance with the Surf Lifesaving rules the event will commence with the Under 9 paddler and progressively move through the age groups before finishing with the Under 14 paddler.

The course distance for the event is approximate to the distance for the board relay course for the Under 9/10 age groups.

Report time for the All Age Board Relay is 7.30 am in Water Area 2.

Each competitor will be required to have their age group marked on their shoulder.

Each team is to have only one handler who will handle for the entire event. The handler must wear a club competition cap and wear a **High Vis vest** as their outer upper garment.

AII AGE BEACH SPRINT RELAY

Club are limited to entering 1 team each. The event is not gender specific. There will be no U8 in the beach relay for 2020.

Report time for the All Age Beach Sprint Relay is 7.30 am at the Sprint Track.

TEAM NUMBERS

All Clubs are to note the permitted team numbers for each event as listed on the Carnival Program.

If more than one team is entered in an event each Competitor must be marked either "A" or "B".

No composite teams allowed except for national parks.

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CARNIVAL LAYOUT

The carnival layout is as follows:

Event	Age	Event	Age
Water Area 1	Under 14 & Under 13	Beach Area 1	Beach Sprints Under 11 to 14
Water Area 2	Under 12's only	Beach Area 2	Flags Under 11 to 14
Water Area 3	Under 11's only	Beach Area 3	Beach Sprints Under 9 & 10's
Water Area 4	Under 9 & 10's.	Beach Area 4	Flags Under 9 & 10's

Please note Carnival Program for further details and marshalling times.

HANDLERS

In all events that require handlers it is essential that each handler:

1. Be a member of a surf club
2. Wear a competition cap
3. Wear a fluoro pink lycra garment as their outer upper body garment.

IRB REQUIREMENTS

The following Clubs have been rostered on to assist with IRB carnival water safety. Peter Burst is the Water Craft Coordinator for the Championships and all crews are to report to him. Please note the report time is 6am.

It is essential all crews report on time to assist with carnival set up.

Sunday 9th February – 6am report – Maroubra SLSC

Rostered:

Nth Bondi	Bondi AM/ Clovelly PM	Bronte	Coogee	Maroubra
Sth Maroubra	Elouera	Duty Boat: Wanda		

N.B. Clubs who fail to provide their rostered IRB and crew may be prevented, by the Competition Committee, to compete in further Championship events.

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WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Schedule as follows:

Ages		13-14's	12's	11's	9-10's
Area		Water 1	Water 2	Water 3	Water 4
Times	8.00am	Nth Bondi	Maroubra	Sth Maroubra Bronte	Coogee Bondi
11.45 / 12.15 all for handover		Nth Cronulla	Elouera	Cronulla Clovelly A	Wanda Clovelly B
4.00pm					

- Water Safety Teams marked A and B will split their teams
- We are requiring a MINIMUM OF 10 Water Safety per club with tubes, boards, rashies and caps
- AM: Water Safety Teams there for a 7.00am briefing
- PM: Water Safety Teams be there for a 11.15am briefing
- Water Safety for first session ready to go at 7.50 am - **Maroubra is required at 7.30am for all age board relay**
- SRC Teams are welcome, but this is on top of 10 Bronze minimum
- All Teams to bring their own tubes, 2 x rescue boards - hi vis rash shirts and caps
- NO Clubs to enter water without the above apparel and kit
- NO Boards in the Wave Zone - only highly experienced board paddlers on the boards - No SRC
- Clubs Water Safety Captains are to be on the beach managing their teams – water, food and fatigue
- **Water areas will be closed if Clubs do not deliver required Water Safety teams**
- Championship Carnival so no assistance to be given to competitors by the Water Safety team - no directions - no board handling
- Should the Water Safety Team judge the situation to be unsafe for the competitor act immediately.



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SCRUTINEERING OF SURF CRAFT

Sydney Branch Scrutineers will be scrutineering surf craft from 7.30am till approximately 10am on both days of the Championships.

Sydney Branch WILL NOT be providing any further opportunities for the scrutineering of surf craft after this completion of the Branch Championships.

CONTINGENCY PLANS/ALTERNATIVE VENUE

In the event that the surf and/or weather conditions prevent the program being conducted as scheduled a decision will be made by the Competition Committee as to contingency arrangements. That decision may include one or more of the following:

1. An alternative program on the day. All efforts will be made to safely complete as much of the scheduled program as possible. The number of areas and events to be conducted will be reliant upon the prevailing weather and/or surf conditions.
2. If suitable moving only the State Championship qualifying events to an alternative location.
3. Postponing the Championships to the following Sunday 17th February. If this decision is made the Championships will be reduced to a modified program with emphasis on completing the State Championships Qualifying events and a selection of other events.

In the event the Championships are either cancelled, or the program amended, prior to the day of the event details will be placed on the Surf Life Saving Sydney website and Facebook page, as well as the Facebook group SLSS Surf Sports.

CONTINUING INITIATIVE FOR SYDNEY BRANCH – STRIVING TO REDUCE SINGLE USE PLASTIC ON OUR BEACHES

In partnership with Clean Oceans Australia, Sydney Branch would like to encourage every competitor to bring their own refillable water bottle. Clean Oceans will be providing refilling stations on the promenade to refill your water bottles throughout the day.

APPENDIX 1

State Qualifying Events

The 2020 State Age Championships will again have three restricted entry events. They are:

- **All Age Board Relay** – Sydney Branch has two qualifying spots.
- **U11 to U14 Board Rescue** – Sydney Branch has five qualifying spots per age per gender.
- **U11 to U14 Ironperson** – Sydney Branch has ten qualifying spots per age per gender.

For all Sydney Branch (individual competitors and teams) the qualifying process for each event will be as follows:

1. **All Age Board Relay** – The first two teams to finish in the final at the 2020 Sydney Branch Age Championships.
2. **U11 to U14 Board Rescue** – The first five teams to finish per age per gender in their respective final at the 2020 Sydney Branch Age Championships.
[Note: Once a club has qualified for an entry or entries in the board rescue or all age board relay competitions, the positions are “owned” by the Club. The question as to which competitors it then selects in that position or positions, is a matter for the club.]
3. **U11 to U14 Ironperson** – The first eight competitors to finish and express their intention to compete at the State Championships per age per gender at the 2020 Sydney Branch Age Championships plus two wildcards per age per gender.

Wildcard Policy & Procedure:

1. Two wildcard positions will be available per age per gender for the U11, U12, U13 and U14 Ironperson events. The wildcard positions will only be available to those competitors who choose not to compete at the 2020 Sydney Branch Age Championships.
2. Surf Life Saving Sydney acknowledges the fact that some competitors may not be able to compete at the 2020 Sydney Branch Age Championships due to either illness, injury or other commitments.
3. If you are unable to compete at the 2020 Branch Age Championships and you would like to apply for a wildcard position - a competitor must apply for a wildcard position in writing to Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Office no later than **midday, Friday 7th February 2020**. In that application, a competitor must outline the following:
 - Wildcard position you are applying for.



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- Reason/s for not competing at the Branch Championships.
- Results and/or other information that you wish to be considered.

Can be entered via link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVMSQZL>

4. All competitors who automatically qualify in the top eight of each event are required to confirm their intention to compete at the State Championships at the time the results are recorded at the Branch Championships. In the event of a competitor, who finished in the top eight, expressing their intention NOT to compete at the State Championships, their qualifying spot will roll down to the next finisher/s until the eight automatic qualifying spots are filled.
5. The wildcard applications along with the remaining competitors from each final who did not receive an automatic qualifying spot, will be considered by the Sydney Branch Selectors for the remaining two qualifying spots
6. The successful ten qualifiers for each event will be published on the Sydney Branch Website on Tuesday 11 February 2020.
7. The published list for each event will be final and all names will be forwarded to Surf Life Saving NSW confirming their entry, which will be done by branch office.
8. There will not be a reserve list for these events.

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