



Memorandum

To:	Clubs, Junior Activities Coordinators
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Subject:	Qualification Procedure for Restricted Events at the 2016 NSW Age State Championships.

In September 2015 Surf Life Saving NSW published a memo outlining the details of two further events that are now restricted entry events at the 2016 NSW State Age Championships. The memo can be accessed via the link below:

http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/news/memo-2016-nsw-age-championships---restricted-entry-events/memo_surfsports_state-age-championships-restricted-events.pdf

As a result, the 2016 State Age Championships will now have three restricted entry events. They are:

- **All Age Board Relay** – Sydney Branch has two qualifying spots.
- **U11 to U 14 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 2016 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 2016 Sydney Branch Age Championships.
[Note: Once a club has thus qualified for an entry or entries in the board rescue competition, the position is "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 2016 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.
2. Surf Life Saving Sydney acknowledges the fact that some competitors may not be able to compete at the 2016 Sydney Branch Age Championships due to either illness, injury or other commitments.

3. If you are unable to compete at the 2016 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 12 February 2016**. In that application a competitor must outline the following:
 - Wildcard position you are applying for.
 - Reason/s for not competing at the Branch Championships.
 - Results and/or other information that you wish to be taken into account.
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 Monday 15 February 2016.
7. The published list for each event will be final and all names will be forwarded to Surf Life Saving NSW confirming their entry.
8. There will not be a reserve list for these events.

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