

CARNIVAL BULLETIN

CARNIVAL	BEACH	DATE
Age Championships	Maroubra	Under 9s, 10s, 11s Saturday, 30 January 2021
		Under 12s, 13s, 14s, Inclusion events Sunday, 31 January 2021

1. EVENT GENERAL INFORMATION

Due to COVID safety protocols and the resultant need to restrict attendance numbers, the 2021 Branch Age Championships will be different to the structure which ordinarily applies.

The water and beach competition areas will be well-separated; the intention being to run them as different “bubbles”. Once entered in the water or the beach area, a competitor will not be permitted to cross-over and compete in the other area.

All events will be block racing. Clubs can expect that the higher the number of entries, the higher will likewise be the cuts. It is planned where possible water events will go straight to finals from heats.

1.1 Entries

All entries are to be completed in the online Sports Event Management System (SEMS) - URL: <https://sems.sls.com.au>

Clubs are to enter competitors into their respective age and gender group for either: Water Area events, Beach Area events or Inclusion events (Sunday 31 Jan only).

Entries close at 3pm on Wednesday, 27 January 2021. No Late entries will be taken.

Entry fee: \$5.00 + GST

1.2 Restriction of events

- Clubs can enter a maximum of 8 water competitors and 8 beach competitors per age group, per gender. **Entry is permitted in beach or water disciplines, not both.**
- Soft sand runs are restricted to competitors who have entered in beach events only.
- The team events are restricted to a maximum two teams per club.
- Mixed beach relays are restricted to those beach competitors who did not compete in a gender-specific relay team.

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- For these Championships, it is a special condition that competitors will only be able to enter their own age group. **Competing up an age for team events is not permitted.**

1.3 Inclusion Events

Surf Life Saving Sydney is committed to the inclusion of people of different abilities.

The 2021 Age Championships will be hosting junior (7-13yrs) and senior (14yrs+) inclusion events in swim, board, sprints and flags. These events welcome all members who participate in surf lifesaving, but who may not have had the opportunity to compete at the State Championships. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd [but the events will not contribute to the Club Point Score].

Requirements:

- Participants must be financial SLS members;
- Children must be aged 7 and above
- Have a physical, intellectual or sensory disability; and
- If competing in water events; have completed a preliminary and a competition evaluation swim suitable for the individual's specific needs.

Clubs, members and families who currently participate in an inclusion program, and who are willing to assist with the organisation of these events are encouraged to submit their nominations to assist.

1.4 Carnival Program

Please see [SLSS website](#)

1.5 Carnival Layout

	Water 1	Water 2	Beach	
			Beach 1 Sprints	Beach 2 Flags
Saturday 30 January	Under 9 Under 11 Male	Under 10 Under 11 Female	Under 9, 10, 11	Under 9, 10, 11
Sunday 31 January	Under 12 Under 14 Male	Under 13 Under 14 Female	Under 12, 13, 14, Senior and Junior Inclusion	Under 12, 13, 14, Senior and Junior Inclusion

Please refer to the Carnival Program for further details and marshalling times.

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1.6 State Qualifying Events

Qualification procedures for State Age Championships qualifying events are attached in Appendix 1

2. TEAM EVENTS

2.1 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".

NB no composite teams allowed except for National Parks District members.

2.2 March Past

The Junior March Past event is presently timetabled for the Branch Open Carnival, Saturday 6 February 2021 [to be confirmed in the Branch Open Carnival Bulletin].

2.3 R&R

R&R events are presently timetabled for the North Cronulla Carnival, Saturday 27 March 2021.

2.4 Cameron Relay

Will be a "3-person" event [identical to that planned for State Age this season]. One male and one female are to fill the positions of board paddler and swimmer.

Because of the COVID-inspired decision to separate the beach and water events at this carnival, the runner must be an entered water competitor. They are to complete both run legs and can be of either gender.

3. ENTRY CONDITIONS

3.1 Eligibility

All competitors must be proficient as at 31st December 2020. This must be reflected in Surf Guard. 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.

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3.2 COVID Safety

The event is subject to a COVID-19 safety plan. **A key component and one on which we seek cooperation is that competitors adopt the mantra: “Turn up, compete, leave”.**

All event attendees (or their guardians on their behalf) will be required to:

- Complete an online COVID safe declaration/check in on the day of the event using the QR code provided.
- Comply with the health directions of government and public health authorities as issued from time to time.
- Understand and act in accordance with COVID safety directions from SLSS as amended from time to time.
- Comply with any testing and precautionary measures implemented by SLSS.
- Act with honesty and integrity in regard to the state of their personal health and any potential symptoms; and
- Monitor their health and take a cautious approach to self-isolation and reporting of potential symptoms.

3.3 Club Representatives

Only one club representative [“age manager”] per squad per gender, will be permitted inside the water and beach competition areas. It is a requirement that each age manager be entered into the SEMS system (event contest ‘Age Manager’) prior to the carnival entries closing.

3.4 Handler

In water 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.
4. **Be entered into the SEMS system* prior to the carnival entries closing.**

**A handler can only be assigned to a competitor once that competitor has been entered. In SEMS open the relevant contest > entrants list > highlight the competitor you wish to assign a handler > select assistant from the search drop-down list. (Refer to [SEMS guide](#) for more detailed instructions).*

3.5 Registration process / Wristbands

- All event attendees (competitors, age managers, handlers, water safety, officials and COVID marshalls) will need to report to the registration desk before entering the competition area.
- A QR code will be displayed for attendees (or their parent/guardian) to complete the COVID-safe declaration/check-in.

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- Once the declaration has been completed a wristband will be issued which must be worn for the duration of the competition.

4. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Officials Quota

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

4.2 COVID Marshalls Quota

The COVID safety plan for the Age Championships requires COVID Marshalls at each day's competition. Clubs are to provide members who will be present at the carnival and who will undertake the role of COVID Marshall per the quota below. On each day there will be a COVID Safety Coordinator appointed to supervise their role and functions.

The expectation is that the number provided by each club will be constant throughout each competition day. There is no objection to the load being shared by different members as long as the number present never falls below that requested below. **It is a requirement that each COVID Marshall be entered into the SEMS system (event contest 'COVID Marshall') prior to the carnival entries closing.**

Club	Number per day	
	Saturday	Sunday
Bondi	1	1
Bronte	1	1
Clovelly	1	1
Cronulla	2	2
Elouera	2	2
North Bondi	2	2
North Cronulla	2	2
South Maroubra	2	2
Wanda	2	2
Coogee	2	2

4.3 IRB Requirements

The following Clubs have been rostered on to assist with IRB carnival water safety. Robert "Max" Walker is the Water Craft Coordinator for the Championships and all crews are to report to him. **It is essential all crews report on time.**

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Saturday, 30 January	Course Setup	Water 1	Water 2
	6.30am Report Sth Maroubra Maroubra	7.30am Report Nth Bondi Bondi	10.00 Report Bronte Coogee
Sunday 31 January	Course Setup	Water 1	Water 2
	7.30am Report Cronulla Wanda	7.30am Report Cronulla Wanda	10.00 Report Elouera Nth Cronulla

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.

4.4 Water Safety Requirements

Schedule as follows:

Saturday, 30 January	Water 1	Water 2	
Handover 9.50am	From 7.45am [U9] Coogee & Bronte A	From 7.45 [U10] Sth Maroubra & Bronte B	
	From 10am [U11 Male] Maroubra	From 10am [U11 Female] Bondi	
Sunday, 31 January	Water 1	Water 2	Inclusion Area
Handover 9.50am	From 7.45am [U12] Elouera	From 7.45 [U13] Nth Cronulla	
	From 10am [U14 Male] North Bondi	From 10am [U14 Female] Wanda	From approx 11am Clovelly Cronulla

- **All water safety personnel are to be entered into the SEMS system (event contest 'Water Safety') prior to the carnival entries closing.**
- We are requiring a **MINIMUM OF 10** Water Safety per club with tubes, boards, rashies and caps
- First shift: Water Safety Teams there for a 7.30am briefing
- Second shift: Water Safety Teams be there for a 9.30am briefing
- Inclusion Events: Water Safety Teams be there for a 10.30am briefing
- Water Safety for first session ready to go at 7.50 am
- 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

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- 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: 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.
 - Likewise, act immediately if water area referee signals for a competitor or competitors to be removed
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5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5.1 Medal Presentations

Medals will be handed out during the Championships at the recording desks in the competition area.

5.2 Pointscore

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

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 District.

APPENDIX 1

State Qualifying Events *(subject to change as advised by SLS NSW)*

The 2021 State Age Championships will again have three restricted entry events. They are:

- **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. **U11 to U14 Board Rescue** – The first five teams to finish per age per gender in their respective finals.
[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.]
2. **U11 to U14 Ironperson** – The first eight competitors to finish in their respective finals and express their intention to compete at the 2021 State Age Championships per age per gender 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 2021 Sydney Branch Age Championships.
2. Surf Life Saving Sydney acknowledges the fact that some competitors may not be able to compete at the Branch Age Championships due to either illness, injury or other commitments.
3. If you are unable to compete at the 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 29th January 2021**. 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 considered.Can be entered via link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZKYZ7FP>
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.
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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