



CIRCULAR

SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER
Updated Entry Circular: Coolangatta Gold at Bate Bay	Wednesday, 14 October 2020	19 (v2) /20-21

To	Club: Presidents, Secretaries, Surf Sports Coordinators, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors
From	SLSS Surf Sports Committee
CC	BOM, LSEC, SLS NSW, SLSA

This document outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the Coolangatta Gold at Bate Bay on Saturday 24th October 2020.

The Coolangatta Gold at Bate Bay provides a meaningful competition opportunity to members who have been training for the 20/21 Surf Sports Season.

NOTE: SLSS may issue subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provide in this circular. Please refer to the [event webpage](#) for up to date information.

KEY INFORMATION	REFER TO
<input type="checkbox"/> Clubs to submit entries for all competitors and handlers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries Open Thu, 1 October 2020 • Entries Close Thu, 15 October 2020 at 11pm • Entries can be completed at https://sems.sls.com.au • No late or on the day entries will be accepted 	1. Event General Information 2. Event Entries 3. Conditions of Entry
<input type="checkbox"/> Clubs to pay entry fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSS will issue invoices to Clubs after close of entries. • Invoices should be paid by Thu, 22 October 2020, please email remittance to admin@surflifesavingsydney.com.au 	2. Event Entries 3. Conditions of Entry
<input type="checkbox"/> Coaches to complete declaration of competency for competitors by Thu, 22 October 2020.	Details will be emailed to competitors following close of entries
<input type="checkbox"/> All event attendees to fill out a COVID safe declaration on the day of the event.	3. Conditions of entry

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1. EVENT GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Event Categories

All short and standard course events are age-based categories except for Opens where competitors can be of any eligible age. Competitors may only enter one event.

BEACH RUN EVENT - 5KM				
Categories	Male	Female	Mixed	Legs
15+ Individual only	X	X	✓	Run only

SHORT COURSE EVENT - 7KM				
Categories	Male	Female	Mixed*	Legs
U15 Individual and Teams	✓	✓	X	Swim, Board, Run only
U17 Individual only**	✓	✓	X	Swim, Board, Run only

*A mixed team is permitted to compete in the male team event category

**If an U17 wishes to compete in ski in individual category, they may enter U19

STANDARD COURSE – 25KM				
Categories	Male	Female	Mixed*	Legs
U17 Teams only	✓	✓	X	Ski, Swim, Board, Run
U19 Individual and Teams	✓	✓	X	Ski, Swim, Board, Run
Open Individual and Teams	✓	✓	X	Ski, Swim, Board, Run
Masters Individual and Teams	✓	✓	X	Ski, Swim, Board, Run

*A mixed team is permitted to compete in the male team event categories

NOTE: Due to the COVID Safety restrictions, entry numbers will be restricted. Entry criteria and event categories will therefore be subject to change.

Team Events

- A team will consist of any competitor combination with a minimum of two people and maximum of four people. Each leg must be completed by one individual only.
- If a team has less than 4 people, one individual can complete more than one leg of the course.
- A team must be formed by members of the same Surf Life Saving Club.

1.2 Course details

- Competitors must compete in the manner determined and presented by the Competition





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Committee and in accordance with the event rules.

- Competitors must follow the direction and instructions of the Referee and associated Officials. Failure to do so may result in a penalty or disqualification.
- Drink stations will be provided along the event course. These will be self-serve and contactless
- It is the competitor's responsibility to wear their timing chip appropriately so that a time will be recorded when going through the transition points. Instructions will be provided.
- **For course maps please refer to the [event webpage](#)**

BEACH RUN EVENT - 5KM		
Leg:	Distance:	Location (starting from Wanda Beach):
Run	5km	North the gully and sand hills Return to Wanda Beach

SHORT COURSE EVENT - 7KM		
Leg:	Distance:	Location (starting from Wanda Beach):
Swim	1.5km	South past North Cronulla beach Return to Wanda Beach
Board	2.5km	South past South Cronulla Beach North to Greenhills Beach Return to Wanda Beach
Run	3km	South to North Cronulla Beach North to Cronulla Beach Return to Wanda Beach

STANDARD COURSE – 25KM		
Leg:	Distance:	Location (starting from Wanda Beach):
Ski	12.5km	South past Bass and Flinders/Hungry Point South North to Cronulla Beach Return to Wanda Beach
Swim	2.5km	South past North Cronulla beach Return to Wanda Beach
Board	4.5km	South past South Cronulla Beach North to Greenhills Beach Return to Wanda Beach
Run	5.5km	South to North Cronulla Beach North to Cronulla Beach Return to Wanda Beach

NOTE: The Competition Committee reserved the authority to amend the course and/or postpone and/or cancel a category or the event if deemed necessary in the interest of safety for competitors.

1.3 Start times

- **5km run will commence at 6:30am.**





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- A face to face briefing will be held at 7:00am, all athletes and at least one team handler should be present.
- The race first wave start will be 8:30am, unless advised by SLSS Staff or the Referee.
- There will be multiple start waves to reduce congestion on the start line and throughout the course. Wave allocations will be advertised before the day of competition.
- The start will be a dry or traditional ski start dependent on conditions. The Referee will advise competitors of the start method.

1.4 Prizes

- Prize money is awarded to the following places and categories:

Male and Female INDIVIDUAL categories				
Place	U15	U17	U19	Open
1	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$1,000
2	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$750
3	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$500
4	\$125	\$125		\$350
5	\$100	\$100		\$200
6	\$75	\$75		\$100

Male and Female TEAM categories			
Place	U15	U17	Open
1	\$250	\$250	\$600
2	\$150	\$150	\$400
3	\$100	\$100	\$200

NOTE: Athletes participating for prize money in these groups will not be covered under work cover and will only be covered under personal accident insurance.

2. EVENT ENTRIES

2.1 Entry procedure

- All Bate Bay Gold entries are to be completed in the online Sports Event Management System (SEMS) - URL: <https://sems.sls.com.au>
- Handlers must also be entered in the system.
- For team events the entry should reflect the course leg each team member intends on racing
 - If a team member is racing in more than one leg of the course, they need only enter their starting leg (teams with fewer than the maximum allowed members will be accepted in the system as an 'incomplete team')





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NOTE: Entries to the event will be restricted to comply with the advice at the time from the ministry of health. At the time of release of this circular, entries are being accepted from all SLSNSW members.

2.2 Entry fees

Individual Entry: Short and Standard Courses	\$50.00 Incl GST
Team Entry: Short and Standard Courses	\$100.00 Incl GST
Individual Entry: 5km Beach Run	\$10.00 Incl GST

Entry Fees include a Coolangatta Gold Competitor lycra vest.

2.3 Refund Policy

- No refunds for competition withdrawals or competitors that did not compete or did not finish.
- Changes will be considered subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances.
- All entry cancellations are to be emailed to SLSS Branch office admin@surflifesavingsydney.com.au
- Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- Teams that have not entered all intended competitors in SEMS prior to close of entries will not be eligible for a refund and only those that are entered will be eligible to compete.
- Primary Go / No Go Date is set for 7 October 2020 *subject to change
- If a "No Go" decision is made;
 - **Primary Go / No Go:** In the event a "No Go" decision is made at this point, there will be no charge.
 - **Final Go / No Go:** In the event a "Go" Decision is made at the Primary Go/No Date and subsequently competition is suspended, postponed or cancelled, the amount refunded, if any, will be determined by the costs incurred by SLSS.

Disclaimer:

This policy is intended as a guideline for competitors when making their travel plans and/or taking time off work. It is the responsibility of competitors, officials and spectators to investigate their own personal situation and potential financial consequences and make their own decisions as to whether they wish to attend the competition.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3.1 Eligibility to compete

All entrants must be SLSNSW financial members and meet SLSNSW award and proficiency requirements as per the 2020/21 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued by close of entries. See [SLSA Policy 5.04](#) and the [Surf Sports Manual](#) for more details.





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All competitors who are entering in any category do so of their own accord and must follow SLSA competition conditions outlined in the current edition of the [Surf Sports Manual](#).

Competitors will also be required to supply a declaration of competency from their coach.

3.2 COVID-19

All event attendees will be required to submit contact details and fill out a COVID safe declaration on the day of the event. All event attendees **MUST** wear the issued wristbands at time of check in to be allowed entry to the competition area. The wrist band must be worn for the duration of the competition.

SLNSW expects all members, participants, coaches, officials, administrative staff and volunteers to:

- 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 and SLNSW 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.

NON-COMPLIANCE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE EVENT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. OFFENDING MEMBERS RISK DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THEMSELVES AND THEIR CLUBS.

There will be a COVID Safety plan in place for the Coolangatta Gold at Bate Bay. Under this plan, a number of precautions will be put into place to create a COVID Safe environment. Many of these precautions will be relevant to all SLNSW Surf Sports events, including increased hygiene/cleaning practises, restricted numbers of attendees at events and the addition of Biosecurity Safety personnel. Further Details to follow.

Due to the variable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent shifting level of government restrictions, the COVID Safety plan will continue to be adapted to remain current. Any relevant updates to the COVID safety plan, competition procedures or beach set up will be released closer to the event through the event webpage.

More information can also be found on the SLNSW website here:

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-updates-resources-slnsw-clubs>

If you have any questions, please contact:

- SLSS Branch Office on 9019 0722 or
- SLNSW Surf Sports Team on 9471 8000





3.3 Age Requirements

In accordance with the current [Surf Sports Manual](#) (36th Edition), for the purpose of determining an age group, all competitors must have a common birth date calculated as at midnight on 30th September each year.

Competitors must meet the following minimum age requirements:

Event or Leg	Age Requirement
Short Course Swim, Board or Run Leg	Minimum of 13 years of age as at 30 September 2020*
Short Course Individual Event	Minimum of 14 years of age as at 30 September 2020
Standard Course	Minimum of 15 years of age as at 30 September 2020

***U14 competitors are permitted to enter in U15 Team events only and must have their SRC. If entry numbers exceed the numbers permitted for COVID safety, U14 competitors will be removed from the competition.**

3.4 Race Requirements

- It is compulsory that each competitor wears the high vis lycra vest provided.
- Competitors in the ski leg are required to have a water storage device attached to their craft or their person.
- All competitors must adhere to decisions and direction provided by the Event Referee and all other Officials.

3.5 Life Jackets

It is compulsory for competitors to wear high visibility (conspicuous colour) SLSA approved level 50 Australian Standard (AS4758) lifejackets or Type 2 (AS1499-1996) lifejackets while competing in the ski leg of the course. (Level 50S lifejackets unless listed on the SLSA Approved Gear and Equipment List are not approved.) It is not required for high visibility safety vests to be worn over the top of lifejackets. See also Section 2 of the [Surf Sports Manual](#).

SLSS will not be issuing lifejackets (PFDs) – this is the responsibility of the individual/club.

3.6 Handlers

- Each individual competitor is permitted to have a maximum of one Handler who will assist in the management of the competitor and their equipment.
- Each team may be permitted a maximum of 2 handlers which will be confirmed based on entry numbers. If teams are not permitted handlers, they must assist their team members.
- It is essential that each handler:
 - Be entered into the entry system
 - Be a member of a surf club





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- Be of at least 13 years of age
- Wear a wear a fluoro shirt/rash vest as their outer upper body garment.
- At no time during the event, may a Handler, Coach or other person in a competitor's team or club, cause an advantage, or appear to cause an advantage to or for a competitor. Such advantage may not be limited to, but includes pacing, travelling alongside of and push starting. In addition to this, Handlers are:
 - Not permitted to enter the water except to retrieve craft or take part in a rescue.
 - Not permitted to leave the competition area in the immediate preceding 'change over' area, or the next 'change over' area except to travel directly between such areas.
 - Not permitted to approach their competitor unless within the designated area at the aid stations located on the run leg of the course.
 - NB: This applies to anyone (not just Handlers) approaching a competitor on the run leg of the course.

NOTE: Penalties incurred by Handlers will be applied to the competitor/s as if the competitor/s had committed the infringement.

3.7 Clothing & Numbering

- Each competitor and handler/s must wear their assigned number/s on both the side upper arms and at least one back of calves. The numbers will be applied using permanent marker (competitor/team must bring their own). Numbers must remain visible at all times.
- Competitors are permitted to wear their club caps or a swimming cap
- Swimming costumes are to be worn at all times, along with the event Lycra provided in the competitor's kit. They must be SLSA approved as designated in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual. Any variance to SLSA approved costumes may be approved for use by the Referee prior to the commencement of the event.
- SLSA will supply lycra race singlets which must be worn by competitors as outer garments on all of the legs of the event, except the ski leg when a minimum Level 50 lifejacket must be the outmost garment.
- The Event Referee has the authority to require the removal of costumes or other garments which the Referee considers to be offensive.
- Footwear is permitted for the running leg of the course.
- Swim goggles and/or face masks are permitted for the swim leg of the course.
- Swim flippers or any other swimming aids are not permitted as part of the swim leg of the course. Wetsuits are permitted to be worn, if at 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the event, the Referee deems the water to be below 18 degrees Celsius. Please refer to Section 2.5 of the current Surf Sports Manual for approved wetsuits.
- Handlers must wear mandatory event Handler bibs as outer garments for the duration of the event.

3.8 Gear & Equipment Specifications

- Surfboards, surf skis and lifejackets must meet the current specifications of SLSA.
- All competitor craft and life jackets are subject to scrutineering at Bate Bay and at any time,





during or after the event. Competitors and/or handlers must comply with the directions of the Scrutineer Officials and present their craft and lifejackets for scrutineering.

3.9 Anti Doping

The Coolangatta Gold at Bate Bay event shall be conducted under the SLSA Anti-Doping Policy. Drug testing may be conducted at any competition that is conducted under the authority of SLSS and all competitors are reminded to visit the 'Check your Substances' at <https://www.asada.gov.au/substances/check-your-substances>

3.10 Retirement from the Event

- Competitors may retire from the event at any point during the course. In some instances, the Referee, Officials or Medical officers will determine if a competitor cannot continue and they will be instructed to retire. This will be communicated to the competitor and/or the competitor's handler/s who shall immediately remove the competitors' equipment from the competition area.
- Medical Officers have full authority to prevent or restrain a competitor from continuing in the event if they deem it unsafe for the competitor to continue.
- Competitors who fail to complete a leg of the course within a period of time stipulated by the Competition Committee must retire from the event. SLSS accepts no responsibility for those competitors who fail to complete a leg in the required time. Those competitors will be automatically disqualified from the event and their timing chip will be removed. If the competitor continues to participate in the event, they do so at their own risk and SLSS take no responsibility for their safety or welfare.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.1 Carnival Competition Committee

The Carnival Competition Committee (CCC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CCC, subject to the rules in the 36th Revised Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM) and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this circular, may postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all events, and alter the venue of the competition.

POSITION	NAME
Chair Carnival Competition Committee	Darren Moore
SLSNSW Director Surf Sports	Donald van Keimpema
Carnival Referee	Greg Pierce
Deputy Carnival Referee	Carlo Villanti
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Darren Galea
SLSNSW Biosecurity and Safety Coordinator	Brett Richardson
Competitor Advisor	Nathan Smith
Club's Workforce Coordinator	TBC

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Sutherland Shire Council Representative	Bede Elphick
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4.2 Safety & Emergency Committee

The Safety and Emergency Committee (SEC) will direct all matters relating to the safety of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each SEC meeting:

- Risk assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area.
- Injury management statistics.
- Current weather predictions.
- Competition statistics.

The SEC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The SEC will then advise the CC.

The SEC is responsible for enacting the contingency plan for the Bate Bay Gold 2020. The Referee and the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC) are responsible to the CCC for recommendations concerning competition safety. The Safety Operations Manual developed for this event is to be applied by the Referee and the SEMC in considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (CHAIR)	Darren Galea
Deputy Competition Referee	Carlo Villanti
Safety & Emergency Management Officer(s)	Joel Wiseman Kane Hughes Brittaney Banks Michael Byrne Jackson Towns
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	TBC
Powercraft Coordinator	TBC
UAV Coordinator	TBC
Sutherland Shire Council Lifeguard Rep.	Bede Elphick
Water Safety /Inshore Water Safety Coordinator	TBC

4.3 Event Organising Committee

The Event Organising Committee is responsible for the logistical pre-planning and operational delivery of the Bate Bay Gold. The Event Organising Committee is responsible for the planning of the event but not the conduct of actual competition.

4.4 Media





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- Clubs and Branches shall be permitted to promote the event and/or their Club team within their own Branch (subject to SLSS approval). However, no Competitor, Team Manager, Official or spokesperson for a Branch/Club shall make media statements that could bring the event, its sponsor, or Officials into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.
- Complaints regarding the organisation of the event, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSS channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

4.5 Further information

Should further information be required please contact SLSS Branch Office (ph) 9019 0722, (email) admin@surflifesavingsydney.com.au

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