



BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 CARNIVAL BULLETIN

EVENT SUMMARY

CARNIVAL	BEACH	DATE
Age Championships U9's and U10's	North Bondi	Saturday 28 th January 2023
Age Championships U11's to U14's	North Bondi	Sunday 29th January 2023
Open Championships (U15's to Opens) Masters Beach March Past Juniors and Seniors Inclusive Championships (Junior and Open)	Maroubra	Saturday 4th February 2023
Boat Championships Board Riding Championships	Maroubra	Sunday 5th February 2023
Lifesaver Championships R and R Masters Water	Coogee	Saturday 11th February 2023

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VERSION CONTROL TABLE

Version	Section	Summary of change

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1. EVENT ENTRIES

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

Entries will open on Wednesday 11 January 2023 and will close for;

Age Championships at midnight on Wednesday 25th January 2023. No late entries will be taken.

Open Championships, Masters Beach (and Water), March Past, Inclusive, Boat & Board Riding Champions at midnight on Wednesday 1st February 2023. No late entries will be taken.

Lifesaver Championships, R and R at midnight on Wednesday 8th February 2023. No late entries will be taken.

Inclusive entry fee per competitor:	Nil
Age (U9 to U14) entry fee per competitor:	\$5.00 + GST
Open, Masters and Lifesaving entry fee per competitor:	\$20.00 + GST
Entry fee per team:	
March Past, R&R 5 and 6 person, Surf Boat and Patrol Team Open	\$50.00 + GST

SLSS will issue invoices to all Clubs after online entries close.

Entry fees are non-refundable if events or the entire Championships are cancelled within 72 hours of the Championship start date. If events, or the entire Championships are cancelled more than 72 hours out from the Championship start date 50% of the entry fees per club will be refundable.

1.1 Open Championship Entries SEMS Event Name: SYD Branch Open Championships 2023

- Competitors are permitted to enter both water and beach events, however no events will be held up.
- Competitors will need to be entered into every contest they intend to compete in.
- For team events competitors are permitted to enter two team ages only (per the Surf Sports Manual)
- Team events per club are restricted (refer 2.1)
- SLSS may request clubs to reduce their entries if maximum event numbers are exceeded.

1.2 Masters Championship Entries SEMS Event Name: SYD Branch Masters Championships 2022

- Age groups at these Championships will be based on decades for all age categories i.e. 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+.
- Competitors are permitted to enter both water and beach events, however no events will be held up.
- Competitors will need to be entered into every contest they intend to compete in.
- Team events for the water will be pre 135 and post 135, so only two age categories.
- For Beach events team relays will be pre 160 and post 160, so only two age categories.

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- Masters' competitors are permitted to enter in both the Open and Masters carnivals however will incur a fee for each day.
- SLSS may request clubs to reduce their entries if maximum event numbers are exceeded.
- 1km and 2km beach run events will be held as part of the Open Championships on Saturday 5 February 2022.

1.3 Age Championships Entries SEMS Event Name: SYD Branch Youth (U9-14) Championships 2023.

- Competitors are permitted to enter both water and beach events, however no events will be held up.
- Competitors will need to be entered into every contest they intend to compete in.
- Team events per club are restricted (refer 2.1)
- SLSS may request clubs to reduce their entries if maximum event numbers are exceeded

1.4 Lifesaving Championships Entries SEMS Event Name: SYD Branch Lifesaving Championships 2023.

- U14 through to Masters
- Patrol Competition teams will need to be entered as a team.
- See separate [Lifesaving Circular](#) for further information

1.5 Inclusive Championships Entries SEMS Event Name: SYD Branch Inclusive Championships 2023.

Surf Life Saving Sydney is committed to the inclusion of people of different abilities. The 2023 Inclusive Championships will be hosting U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, Opens inclusion events in wade, swim, board, sprints and flag, 500m Run. These events welcome all members who participate in surf lifesaving, but who may not have had the opportunity to compete at the State Championships.

- Competitors will only need to enter into their respective age and gender group.
- 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; participants must bring their own Water Safety personnel.

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.

1.6 Carnival program and layout

The full carnival program and carnival layout will be distributed to clubs in early January 2023. This will include arrangements for parking and beach access management.

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1.7 State Qualifying Events

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

2. TEAM EVENTS

2.1 Team Numbers

MAXIMUM 1 PER CLUB FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

ALL AGE BEACH RELAY – U9 TO U14

ALL AGE BOARD RELAY – U9 TO U14

LIFESAVER RELAY

MAXIMUM 2 PER CLUB FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS (AGE & YOUTH ONLY)

SURF TEAM

BEACH RELAY

BOARD RELAY

BOARD RESCUE

CAMERON RELAY

2 X 1KM BEACH RELAY

If clubs have 2 teams each Competitor must be marked according to the team, they are in i.e., “A” or “B”

2.2 March Past

Youth (U9 to U14s), U17s, U23s and Open March Past events will be held as part of the Open Championships to be held on Saturday 4th February 2023.

2.3 R&R

R&R events will be held as part of the Open Championships to be held on Saturday 11th February 2023

2 Person

U10/U11 2 Person R&R, U12/U13 2 Person R&R, U13/U14 2 Person R&R, U14/U15 2 Person R&R, U17 2 Person R&R, U19 2 Person R&R, Open 2 Person R&R.

5 & 6 Person

U12/U14 5 Person, U13-U15 5 Person R&R, U17 5 Person R&R, U19 5 Person R&R, U23 5 Person R&R, Open Mixed 5 Person R&R, Open Male 5 Person R&R, Open Female 5 Person R&R, Open 6 Person R&R

Note 1: An Under 14 aged competitor is permitted to participate only in the U13/U14 or U14/U15 age category but not both.

Note 2: With the exception of the U13 - U15 5 Person R&R, an Under 13 aged competitor is permitted to participate only in the U13/U14 age category.

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Note 3: The U13 - U15 R&R may be contested by any combination of male and female U13, U14 and U15 aged competitors.

Note 4: U13 aged competitors competing with U14s in team events are permitted under SLSA rules as detailed in Sections 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 of the Surf Sport Manual (SSM).

Note 5: At the Sydney Branch Championships the composition of U13/14 2 Person R&R teams shall be any combination of U13 and U14 aged competitors.

Note 6: At the Sydney Branch Championships an Under 14 aged competitor is permitted to participate in the U13/U14 or U14/U15 R&R team age category but not both.

2.4 Cameron Relay

Will be a "4-person" event [1 x swimmer, 1 board paddler, 2 x runners]. U11's to U15's will be mixed , 2 male 2 female per team.

2.5 Mixed Beach Relay

Teams will comprise of two (2) males and two (2) females.

2.6 All Age Board Relay

The All Age Beach Relay will be held as part of the Age Championships to be held on Sunday 29th January 2023.. Teams will comprise of a minimum of three females. **The order will be U9 (1), U10 (2), U11 (3), U12 (4), U13 (5), U14 (6).**

2.7 All Age Beach Relay

The All Age Beach Relay will be held as part of the Youth Championships to be held on Sunday 29th January 2023. Teams will comprise of a minimum of three females. **The order will be U9 (1), U10 (2), U11 (3), U12 (4), U13 (5), U14 (6).**

2.8 State Qualifying Events

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

2.9 Competitor Warm Up Times

The warm up for the morning session will be swim only from 7:00am till 7:20am, then craft only from 7:20am to 7:40am.

3. ENTRY CONDITIONS

3.1 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. All competitors must be proficient by 31 December 2021 and have completed their patrol hour requirements. This must be reflected in SurfGuard for entry to be accepted in SEMS. Refer to Policy 5.04 (Competition Eligibility) for more information.

Clubs who have members per [SLSS memo – Proficiency and Patrol Hour Extensions](#) should contact branch office regarding entries for those members only.

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3.2 COVID-19

- Sydney Branch will run these events in accordance with NSW Government, NSW Health Guidelines and NSW Surf Lifesaving Requirements which are subject to change at anytime
- Sydney Branch reserves the right to alter event competitor eligibility & attendance and spectator & official attendance should any Public Health Orders in force during the event place limits on the number of attendees and/or the vaccination status of attendees.

3.3 Club Representatives

Up to 4 representatives [“Team Manager/Coach”] per club will be permitted inside the competition area. A form will be provided in early 2023 for clubs to register team manager/coaches prior to the event.

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.

Each Club’s handlers should be entered into the SEMS program when entering the competitor in Iron person event.

3.5 Registration process / Wristbands

All event attendees (competitors, handlers, team managers/coaches, officials) will need to report to the registration desk before entering the competition area.

4. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Officials Quota

Clubs will be required to supply **1 official per 10 competitors**. Clubs need to be mindful that if they are sending large numbers that they include this in determining their official nomination numbers.

Officials to complete the online nomination form which will be shared with all Officials and Clubs in separate communication.

Please be aware the quota system is based on the number of competitors entered into the event, not the number of competitors starting. Clubs are reminded before entering their competitors into the entry system that they **MUST** meet the officials’ quota.

Officials undertaking duties to meet club’s quotas, who have not already been appointed, will be requested to report to the Referee at Maroubra SLSC by 7:00am each morning of competition. Procedure for this to be confirmed.

It is essential that clubs work with their officials to ensure that they (the officials) understand the effect on the Championships if they do not communicate with Sydney Branch regarding non-attendance or changes to the Official’s Appointments.

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Clubs should check that officials appointed are attending on the days that they are appointed for, as this could have a significant impact on whether children can compete or not.

4.2 First Aid

Clubs will be asked to provide a First Aid, a roster to be sent out . They must have their ART First Aid Certificate. More details to be communicated in early 2023

4.3 IRB Requirements

The following Clubs have been rostered on to assist with IRB carnival water safety.

Clubs can arrange their crews by an AM and PM shift, or by an all-day shift. **Please note the report times below.** Peter Burst is the Watercraft Coordinator for the Championships, and all crews are to report to him. **It is essential all crews report on time.**

Note AM shifts will finish at 11.15am and PM shifts will finish at the close of the carnival.

Rostered crews (except for the Duty Boat) are required to supply a fully equipped IRB along with their driver and crew. The Duty Boat IRB will be supplied by Maroubra SLSC.

	6.00am report	6.15am report (AM shift) 9.15am report (PM shift)		
	Saturday, 5 February	Blue/White	Yellow	
6.15AM	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
9.15am	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Saturday, 28 January	Blue/White	Yellow	
6.15AM	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
9.15am	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Sunday, 29 January	Blue/White	Yellow	Pink
6.15AM	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
9.15am	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

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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

Saturday, 28 January	Blue/White	Yellow
6.15AM	TBC	TBC
9.15am	TBC	TBC
Sunday, 29 January	Blue/White	Yellow
6.15AM	TBC	TBC
9.15am	TBC	TBC

- **Clubs are to register all water safety personnel prior to the event using a jotform link which will be shared in early 2023**
- We are requiring a **1 to 10 ratio** for Water Safety per club for Junior events ie U9 through to U13 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 10.45am briefing
- Inclusion Events: Water Safety Teams be there for a 10.45am briefing
- Water Safety for first session ready to go at 7.45 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
- 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 Scrutineering of Surf Craft

Sydney Branch Scrutineers will be scrutineering surf craft at Maroubra SLSC from 6.30am till approximately 10am on both Saturday and Sunday 5-6 February 2022.

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

5.2 Medal Presentations & Pointscore

Events will only be conducted with 2 or more competitors entered in that event.

Medals will be handed out during the Championships.

N.B. 2 competitors will be medal only and 3 or more will gain points.

- The Opens point score will include Lifesaving events, Boats, R&R, March Past along with Water and Beach events.
- A Masters point score will include Water, Beach, and Boat events.
- Inclusive events will not contribute to championships club point score (per 1.6)
- Youth and Age point score will include Water and Beach events (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.)
- 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 Pointscore will be finalised at the conclusion of ALL Branch Championship Events.

5.3 Contingency Plan/Alternative Location

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 water events to the alternative location of Yarra Bay.

In the event the Championships are either cancelled, or the program amended, prior to the day of the event details will be emailed to Club Presidents and Secretaries and placed on the Surf Life Saving Sydney website and Facebook page.

End Document

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APPENDIX 1

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

The 2023 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 Iron person** – Sydney Branch has ten qualifying spots per age per gender.
- **U9 to U15 All Age Board Relay** – Sydney Branch has two qualifying spots.

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 Iron person** – The first eight competitors to finish in their respective finals and express their intention to compete at the 2022 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 Iron person events. The wildcard positions will only be available to those competitors who choose not to compete at the 2022 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, Wednesday 25 January 2023**. 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.
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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