



AUGUST 19, 2023

# PRE-SEASON CONFERENCE

SURF SPORTS



# AGENDA

1. Introduction of the Surf Sports Committee
2. 2023/24 Carnival Calendar
3. Carnival Preparation Processes
4. Live Heats
5. Officials Function & Courses
6. Development Clinics & Coaching Courses
7. Branch Championships and Representation Opportunities
8. General Business and Q&A



# 1. Surf Sports Committee 2023/24

Brooke Thatcher – Director of Surf Sports

Michelle Cole – Deputy Director of Surf Sports

Donna Hargreaves – Secretary Surf Sports

Peter Burst – Senior Competition Manager & Equipment Coordinator

George Benhayon – Junior Competition Manager & Coaching Coordinator

Andrew Bloxsom – Assistant Surf Sports Manager and R&R Coordinator

Peter Carney – Officials Coordinator

Natasha Hargreaves – Live Heats & Interbranch Team Manager

Owen Skjeime – Safety & Risk Coordinator

Sharon Deans – Technical Advisor

Frank Schrueder – Surf Boat Coordinator

Farrah Messina – March Past Coordinator

Ethan Garland – Pool Advisor

Greg McKee – Board Riding Coordinator

Water Craft & IRB Coordinator - VACANT



# 2. 2023/24 Season Calendar

## August 2023

Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLSNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Saturday 19th August	Pre-Season Conference						

## SEPTEMBER 2023

Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLSNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Saturday 16th September						Port Macquaire Beachie (NRL x Nipper Beach Activation) WBH Enduro	
Sunday 17th September							
Saturday 23rd September							WBSP Sweeps Program (New & S1) Shellharbour
Sunday 24th September							
Saturday 30th September						Weekend of Surf - Forster	Burley Griffin Gift Canberra
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Monday 2nd October							



**OCTOBER 2023**

Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Saturday 7th October	Sydney Branch Junior Board Bash (11-13s) Cronulla Beach						
Sunday 8th October	Sydney Branch Junior Development Clinic						
Saturday 14th October		U14+ Triple Challenge / Fast Five Rd 1 TBC				Coolangatta Gold	Syd Branch Series - Skins Round 1 - Yarra Bay
Sunday 15th October							WBSP Sweeps Program (New & S1) Batemans Bay/Long Beach
Saturday 21st October					Sydney Water 1	Beach Stormers Rd1 Nth Steyne	WBSP R1 & R2 Broulee
Sunday 22nd October							NCSBS R1 & R2 Macksville-Scotts Head
Saturday 28th October		Wanda Carnival U9 to Masters + R&R EVENTS					
Sunday 29th October							

**NOVEMBER 2023**

Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Saturday 4th November					Sydney Water 2	Beach Stormers Rd 2 Coogee	Syd Branch Series Round 2 Wanda
Sunday 5th November	Randwick Shield						CCHBS Round 1 Ocean Beach
Saturday 11th November	Coogee La Pa Gold Frenches Bay Yarra Bay Special Event	U8s Sth Maroubra	Fast Fives Rd 2 Nth Curl Curl			KNG Trials	WBSP Round 3
Sunday 12th November							
Saturday 18th November	Cronulla Carnival U8s to Opens				Sydney Water 3 SOS	Beach Stormers Rd 3 TBC	Ocean Thunder Rd 1 Dee Why
Sunday 19th November	Waverley Shield North Bondi						CCHBS Round 2 Caves
Saturday 25th November		Bate Bay Interclub			Sydney Water 4 SOS		37th Coffs Craft Carnvial Interstate Selection Rd 1 Coffs Harbour
Sunday 26th November	Bate Bay 4 Way	Coogee Island Challenge					



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DECEMBER 2023									
Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats		
Friday 1st December									
Saturday 2nd December			Fast Fives Rd 3 at TBC			Summer of Surf Rd 1 Alex Headlands	NSW Interbranch Champs	WBSP Round 4	CCHBS R3 & R4 NCSBS R5 & R6 Woolgoolga
Sunday 3rd December	Bondi to Bronte Junior Ocean Swim	Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim						Ocean Thunder Rd 2 Elouera	
Friday 8th December								National Selection Carnival	
Saturday 9th December				Avoca Carnival		Beach Stormers Rd 4 TBC		SLSA National Short Course Championships Swansea Belmont	
Sunday 10th December									
Saturday 16th December			Fast Fives Rd 4 NCC			KNG Series Rds 1 & 2	Nth Cronulla Christmas Carnival Interstate Selection Rd 2 Syd Rd 3		
Sunday 17th December		R&R Maroubra							
Saturday 23rd December		Triple Challenge Rd 2 TBC							
Sunday 24th December									
Saturday 30th December									
Sunday 31st December									



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JANUARY 2024									
Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS		Boats	
Saturday 6th January								Ocean Thunder Rd 3 Dee Why	CCHBS Round 5 Nobbys
Sunday 7th January				Race One Junior Iron Person					
Thursday 11th January						Interstate			
Friday 12th January						Super Surf Teams & KNG Series Rds 3 & 4		Interstate Selection Rd 3 North Steyne	
Saturday 13th January									
Sunday 14th January			Nipper Nats Manly						
Friday 19th January									
Saturday 20th January			Manly Carnival						
Sunday 21st January			Freshwater Carnival						
Friday 26th January	Nth Cronulla Australia Day Ironperson Classic	Australia Day 1K & 2K Wanda							
Saturday 27th January						NSW Country Champs Warilla	Summer of Surf Murphy Builders Maroochy	Opens/ Reserves - Collaroy	CCHBS Round 6 Umina
Sunday 28th January								Young GUNS Collaroy	WBSP Round 4 Warilla



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FEBRUARY 2024											
Date	Sydney Junior		Sydney		Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS		Boats	
Thursday/Friday 1st/2nd February					NB Branch Lifesaver & Patrol Comp Theory						
Saturday 3rd February	Sydney Branch AGE U9-U11 Championships				NB Branch Opens Water			KNG Series Rds 5 & 6 Next Gen Series	Ocean Thunder Rd 4 TBC - QLD		
Sunday 4th February	Sydney Branch AGE U12-U14 Championships				NB Branch Nippers Water						
Friday 9th February								Summer of Surf Rd 3 North Bondi			
Saturday 10th February			Wanda Beach Carnival Details TBC		NB Branch Open & Masters Beach R&R MP					SNB Round 5 North Culry	
Sunday 11th February					NB Branch Nipper Beach Champion Lifesaver						
Friday 16th February									Interstate ASRL Open Champs Trans Tasman Challenge		
Saturday 17th February			Triple Crown Rd 3 TBC		NB Branch First Aid (17 & 19)						
Sunday 18th February					NB Branch First Aid (14/15 & Open)						
Saturday 24th February			Sydney Branch Open Water, R&R, Open Beach Events Championships						WBSB Premiership Round 5 Shellharbour		
Sunday 25th February			Sydney Branch Boats, Masters Water Masters Beach & Lifesaving Championships						Sydney Branch Boats, Masters Water Masters Beach & Lifesaving Championships		





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MARCH 2024											
Date	Sydney Junior		Sydney		Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS		Boats	
Saturday 2nd March					NB Branch Boats			NSW Lifesaving Champs Freshwater	Summer of Surf Rd 3 Northcliffe	CCHBS Round 7 Swansea Belmont	NCSBS Round 8 Evans Head
Sunday 3rd March											
Thursday 7th March								NSW State Age Championships Queenscliff			
Friday 8th March											
Saturday 9th March											
Sunday 10th March											
Wednesday 13th March								NSW State Masters Championships Queenscliff			
Thursday 14th March											
Friday 15th March								NSW State Open (U15 to Open) Championships Queenscliff	NSW State Masters & Open Boat Championships North Steyne		
Saturday 16th March											
Sunday 17th March											
										Syd Branch Series Round 5 South Maroubra	
Saturday 23rd March										CCHBS Round 8 Terrigal	NCSBS Round 9 Wauchope Bonny Hills
Sunday 24th March											
Saturday 30th March			R&R Carnival - Coogee								
Sunday 31st March											



APRIL 2024							
Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Saturday 6th April							City Championships Hunter/CC/SNB/Syd/Illawarra Ocean Beach
Sunday 7th April							Interseries Championships Ocean Beach
Sat & Sun 13th/14th April						Aussies Youth	
Mon & Tues 15th/16th April						Aussies Masters	
Wed to Sun 17th Apr-21st Apr						Aussies Opens	

MAY 2024							
Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Sat 4th May						NSW Board Riding Championships TBC	
Sun 5th May							
Sat 11th May						NSW IRB Series TBC	
Sun 12th May							
Sat 25th May						NSW IRB Series TBC	
Sun 26th May							

JUNE 2024							
Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Sat 8th June						NSW IRB Series TBC	
Sun 9th June							
Sat 22nd June						NSW IRB Series TBC	
Sun 23rd June							

JULY 2024							
Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Fri 5th July						NSW IRB Championships TBC	
Sat 6th July							
Sun 7th July							
Thru 18th July						Aussies IRB Championships TBC	
Fri 19th July							
Sat 20th July							
Sun 21st July							

August - September 2024							
Date	Sydney Junior	Sydney	Northern Beaches	Central Coast	Illawarra	SLNSW, SLSA, SOS	Boats
Fri 2nd August						Aussies Pool Rescue Championships TBC	
Sat 3rd August							
Sun 4th August							
Sat 10th August - 8th September							LWC 2024



### **3. Carnival Preparations & Processes**

#### **Forms and Notifications Required:**

- Notify SSC of intentions to run any event/carnival/training day
- Safety Forms to be completed and provided to Sydney Branch
- Council Application Forms & Beach Bookings to be completed and provided to Sydney Branch & Relevant Council
- Special Event Request Forms to be completed and provided to Sydney Branch for endorsement.
- Sydney Branch will forward relevant forms after endorsement through to NSW SLS as relevant and required. Any forms sent to SLS NSW without the proper endorsement from Sydney Branch will not be approved.
- Gear Trailer requirements & hire requests (as required)



## 4. Live Heats

- Training planned for upcoming season
- New processes for 2023/24 season
  - Officials
  - Wristbands
- Equipment for use at carnivals
- Live Heats will be trialed with R&R in Sydney Branch this season
  - Check-in
  - Marshalling
  - Final Results



## **5. Officials Function**

### **Sydney Branch Officials Season Opening Function**

- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September
- Sydney Branch Office
- 3pm – 5pm
- Presentation, Networking and Refreshments provided

### **Officials Courses:**

- Any clubs wanting to run F2F Officials courses within their district / club please notify Peter Carney



## 6. Development Clinics 2023/24 Season

### Junior and Youth Dates and Venues

- Beach and Water 8th October Venue TBA
- Ski Date and Venue TBA
- Lifesaving Date and Venue TBA
- R&R Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November Venue TBA
- Pool Rescue Date and Venue TBA

### Coaching Accreditations :

- Aust Sports Commission
- Course : ASC Community Coaching General Principles

### Sports Integrity Aust:

- Development Coach Lev 1
- Performance Coach Lev 1 and Lev 2  
Course : Asada Lev 1 Anti Doping  
Course : Asada Lev 2 annually

### SLSA:

- Course: Child Safe Awareness

### SLSA Coaching Levels

- Course : Foundation- Development
- Course: Performance by invitation
- Course: High Performance selected by SLSA

### SLSA

- Course: Boat Sweep S1
- Under Guidance from Accredited Sweep
- Development Coaching Accreditations Not Required
- Course: S2 Restricted and S3 Unrestricted
- Development Coaching Accreditations Required



# 7. Branch Championships & Representation

## Sydney Branch Championships

- Age Championships 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Open, Surf Boats, Masters, Lifesaving and R&R 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Interbranch Championships 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December, U12 – U17's at Fingal Bay

- Development training & selection carnivals

Intercities Boat Championships



## 8. General Business and Q&A

- Clubs wanting to hold F2F Officials courses for their members – Reach out to Peter Carney
- Senior Officials pathway and development throughout the season even if not able to go into the course this season as limited numbers and lots of EOI's submitted.
- Interbranch – Age groups discussion and comments/feedback around dropping the 19 & Opens even if they are not the elite athlete and are the second tier athletes – these athletes still require development and should be in this format.
  - I agree and this was my sentiments into the interbranch meetings/discussions, unfortunately 1 branch Vs 11 other branches voting the other way.
  - Utilise our athletes as mentors, assistant coaches and chaperones to engage our athletes
  - Next season plans for Interbranch 12-17's in morning and Super Surf Team Leagues in the afternoon for the 19 & Open competitors. Two events different structures moving forward.
- Interbranch removal of the 2km runs feedback and disappointment from our branch perspective, why? Where is the development for these athletes now?
  - Agree and also my sentiments to the other branches, unfortunately the other branches are not as strong in this area and was a battle I did not win.
  - I agree we are the strongest branch and perhaps we can think about how we develop athletes across other branches so they join our voice for inclusion again, and I will definitely be taking it on for next season interbranch program.

