



## CARNIVAL BULLETIN

# SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

CARNIVAL	BEACH	DATE
Beach Runs 500m, 1km, 2km and Distance Relay Runs for Age, Opens, Masters and Inclusive	North Cronulla	Friday 7 February 2025
March Past Events - Opens, Age	North Cronulla	Friday 7 February 2025
Champion Lifesaver Championships (Theory Exams & Resus)	Elouera	Friday 7 February 2025
Open Championships (U15's to Opens) [Including: R&R (U10 to Opens) Boat Championships Champion Lifesaver Championships (Physical Events)	Wanda	Saturday 8 February 2025
Age Championships U9's to U10's and Inclusive Championships	Cronulla	Sunday 9 February 2025
Age Championships U11s to U14s Junior Lifesaver of the Year Presentation	Wanda	Sunday 9 February 2025
Masters Championships	Wanda	Sunday 9 February 2025

*Note:* The Board Riding Championships will take place as an independent series this season. Additional information will be provided in November.

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## 1. EVENT DETAILS

### IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2024		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00am	Official, Team Manager, Water Safety and First Aid nominations open
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00am	SLSS Branch Champs 2025 entries open in SEMS
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	6:30pm	Online briefing session held with all club surf sport/competition directors
DECEMBER 2024		
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00pm	Last chance to submit any questions to Branch Office regards Championships
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00pm	First Aid Team Leader nomination to Director of Member Services
JANUARY 2025		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	11:00pm	All entries close in SEMS
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	11:00pm	Officials and Team Manager nominations close
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	11:00pm	Lycra singlet order close
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	11:00pm	First Aid nominations close
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	11:00pm	IRB nominations close
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	12:00pm	Wildcard submissions close
FEBRUARY 2025		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	11:00pm	Water Safety nominations close
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	6:30pm	Team Managers and Officials online briefing
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	5:00pm	<b>Championships Day 1:</b> Opening Ceremony, March Past, Distance Runs and Champion Lifesaver (Theory/Resus)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	7:30am	<b>Championships Day 2:</b> Open (including all R&R and Champion Lifesaver physical events)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	7:30am	<b>Championships Day 3:</b> Age, Masters and Inclusive (including JLOTY Presentation)

## 2. EVENT ENTRIES

All entries must be submitted via the online Sports Event Management System (SEMS) at the following link: [SEMS](#).

**Entries will open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and will close for:** All Championship events at 11:00pm on Tuesday, 14 January 2025. Late entries will not be permitted.

For any questions related to the Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Championships, please submit them by 5:00pm on Wednesday 18 December, 2024.

**FEES:** All fees include GST

**Inclusive entry fee per competitor:** Nil

**Age (U9 to U14) entry fee per Beach Competitor:** \$16.50

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<b>Age (U9 to U14) entry fee per Water Competitor:</b>	<b>\$16.50</b>
<b>Open and Masters entry fee per Beach Competitor:</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
<b>Open and Masters entry fee per Water Competitor:</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
<b>Lifesaving entry fee per Competitor:</b>	<b>\$27.50</b>
<b>Entry fee per team:</b>	
<b>March Past, R&amp;R 2-, 5- and 6-person, Surf Boat</b>	<b>\$66.00</b>

Surf Life Saving Sydney will send invoices to all Clubs following the closure of online entries.

Entry fees are non-refundable if events or the entire Championships are cancelled within 72 hours prior to the start date of the Championships. However, if events or the entire Championships are cancelled more than 72 hours before the start date, 50% of the entry fees for each club will be refunded.

### 1.1 Opening Ceremony

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February the Opening Ceremony for the 2025 Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Championships will be held in conjunction with the March Past event. As part of this, any club without at least one (1) March Past team competing will need to provide a “Colour Party” to be part of the Opening Ceremony.

The “Colour Party” is to comprise of at least 2 club members, one male and one female, in club shirt and club competition cap carrying their club flag. These teams will march on in front of the March Past teams as per rule [10.3.2](#) of the Surf Sports Manual 37<sup>th</sup> Edition. This event will start at 7pm so “Colour Party” pairs will need to marshal on the beachfront at North Cronulla SLSC at 6:45pm.

**Note 1:** Clubs that don’t provide a “Colour Party” or March Past team on the Friday will not be able to compete in any other event that make up the 2025 SLSS Branch Championships.

### 1.2 Age Championships Entries (including R&R and March Past Junior Events)

#### SEMS Event Name:

**2025 SLSS Age Branch Beach Championships**

**2025 SLSS Age Branch Water Championships**

**2025 R&R, March Past and Boat Championships**

- Competitors can participate in both water and beach events, but no events will be delayed
- The Age Groups for these Championships are as follows:
  - March Past
    - U9-U14 Mixed
  - R&R
    - 2 Person = U10/U11, U12, U13/U14 and U14/U15
    - 5 Person = U13-U15
- Competitors must register for every event they wish to enter.
- Team entries per club are limited (see 2.1)
- SLSS may ask clubs to lower their entries if the maximum number of participants is exceeded.
- March Past is scheduled for Friday, 7 February 2025, at North Cronulla Beach.
  - **Report Time: 6:30 PM**
- All 1km & 2km Runs will take place on Friday, 7 February 2025, at North Cronulla Beach.
  - **Report Time: 5:00 PM**



- R&R Events are set for Saturday, 8 February 2025, at Wanda Beach.
- U9/U10 Beach and Water Events will occur on Sunday, 9 February 2025, at Cronulla Beach.
- U11/U14 Beach and Water Events will be held on Sunday, 9 February 2025, at Wanda Beach.
- All Age Board and Beach Relays will take place on Sunday at Wanda Beach.
  - Clubs are allowed to submit only one team each.
- Junior Lifesaver of the Year (JLOTY) finalists and winners will be announced and presented on the beach after the completion of the All-Age Beach Relay.
- U9/U10 events will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Board and Beach All Age Relays at Cronulla.

**Note 1:** All Competitors intending to compete in the U11-U14 Ironperson events at the 2024/2025 Age Branch Championships must have previously competed in an Ironperson events at three (3) of the following competitions between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025: Manly Nipper Nats, Wanda One, Cronulla Short Course Carnival, Sydney Water Series, North Cronulla Australia Day Ironperson Classic, Local District Carnivals such as Waverley Shield and Bate Bay 4 Way and the 2024 Branch, State and Australian Championships.

### 1.3 Inclusive Championships Entries SEMS

#### Event Name: 2025 SLSS Inclusive Branch Championships

Surf Life Saving Sydney is dedicated to promoting inclusivity for individuals with developmental disabilities.

The 2025 Inclusive Championships will feature events for U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, and Opens categories, encompassing wade, swim, board, sprints, flags, and a 500m run. These events are open to all members involved in surf lifesaving, particularly those who have not previously had the chance to compete at the State Championships.

- Competitors will only need to enter 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].
- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Participants are required to be members of the financial SLS;
  - Children must be at least 8 years old;
  - They should have a physical, intellectual, or sensory disability; and
  - For those competing in aquatic events, it is mandatory to provide their own Water Safety personnel.
  - Clubs, members, and families currently engaged in an inclusion program and willing to assist in organising these events are encouraged to submit their nominations for support to the Branch Office.
  - The Inclusive Beach and Water Events are scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2025, at Cronulla Beach. All 500m Runs will take place on Friday, February 7, 2025, at North Cronulla Beach.
    - **Report Time: 5:00 PM**

### 1.4 Open Championship Entries

#### SEMS Event Name:

**2025 SLSS Open Branch Beach Championships**

**2025 SLSS Open Branch Water Championships**

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- The age categories for these championships include U15, U17, U19, and Open.
- Competitors may participate in both water and beach events; however, no events will be delayed.
- It is essential for competitors to register for each event they wish to enter.
- In team events, competitors are allowed to register for only two age categories (as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual).
- There are limitations on the number of team events per club (see section 2.1).
- Surf Life Saving Sydney reserves the right to ask clubs to limit their entries if the maximum number of participants is surpassed.
- All water and beach events are scheduled for Saturday, 8 February 2025, at Wanda Beach.
- The March Past will take place on Friday, 7 February 2025, at North Cronulla Beach.
  - **Report Time: 6:30 PM**
- All 1km and 2km runs are also set for Friday, 7 February 2025, at North Cronulla Beach.
  - **Report Time: 5:00 PM**

### 1.5 R&R and March Past (Senior) Championship Entries

#### SEMS Event Name:

#### 2025 SLSS R&R Championships

#### 2025 SLSS March Past Championships

- Age Groups for these Championships will be:
  - March Past
    - U17, U23 and Open
  - R&R
    - 2 Person = U15, U17 and Open
    - 5 Person = U17, U19, U23 and Open
    - 6 Person = Open
- Competitors are allowed to compete in both water and beach events; however, no events will be delayed.
- All competitors must register for each event they wish to participate in.
- In team events, competitors may enter only two age categories per team, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.
- There are limitations on the number of team events per club (see section 2.1).
- Surf Life Saving Sydney reserves the right to ask clubs to limit their entries if the maximum number of participants is surpassed.
- The March Past is scheduled for Friday, 7 February 2025, at North Cronulla Beach.
  - **Report Time: 6:30 PM**
- The R&R event will take place on Saturday, 8 February 2025, at Wanda Beach.
  - **Report Time: 8:00 AM**

### 1.6 Masters Championship Entries

#### SEMS Event Name:

#### 2025 SLSS Masters Branch Beach Championships

#### 2025 SLSS Masters Branch Water Championships

- The age categories for these Championships will be organized by decades across all categories, specifically 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+
- Participants are allowed to compete in both water and beach events; however, no events will be delayed.

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- It is essential for competitors to register for each event they wish to participate in.
- For water team events, the age categories will be 90+ and 150+, encompassing only two classifications.
- In beach events, team relays will be categorized as 120+ and 200+, also limited to two age groups.
- Masters competitors may enter both the Open and Masters carnivals, but they will be required to pay an entry fee for each event.
- Surf Life Saving Sydney reserves the right to ask clubs to limit their entries if the maximum number of participants is surpassed.
- All 1km and 2km Run Events are scheduled for Friday, 7 February 2025, at North Cronulla Beach.
- All Water and Beach Events will take place on Sunday, 9 February 2025, at Wanda Beach.
- Masters events will run in parallel to the Age Championships and thus will not be held up whilst the All Age events are running.

### 1.7 Boat Championship Entries

#### **SEMS Event Name:**

#### **2025 SLSS Boat Championships**

- The age categories for these Championships will include U19s, U23s, Opens, and Masters 160+ and 200+.
- Competitors are allowed to register for both open and master events; however, no events will be delayed.
- It is essential for competitors to register for each contest they plan to participate in.
- All events are scheduled to take place on Saturday, 8 February 2025, at Wanda Beach.

### 1.8 Lifesaving Championships Entries

#### **SEMS Event Name:**

#### **2025 SLSS Lifesaving Branch Championships**

- Competitors are allowed to compete in only one (1) age category.
- The age categories for these Championships include U14, U15, U17, U19, Open, 30-39, 40-49, and 50+.
- Clubs are permitted to enter an unlimited number of individuals in the Champion Lifesaver events.
- No participant is allowed to compete in a higher age category in the Champion Lifesaver events.
- All events will be conducted in accordance with the current 37th Edition of the Surf Sports Manual and the 35th Edition of the Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue Training Manual (For competition use only - Season 2024/25).
- All clubs and competitors are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the procedures for these events. Clubs must ensure that their attire complies with the requirements outlined in the Surf Sports Manual

#### **Equipment**

Competitors and clubs are required to supply their own rescue boards, tubes, manikins, swim fins, and any additional equipment as necessary (please refer to the Surf Sports Manual).

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Additionally, competitors and clubs must provide manikins, plastic bags, cleaning solutions, masks, and pens.

**Lifesaving Competitor Theory Paper and Resuscitation Components**

**Report Time: 5:00 PM**

Competitors are required to assemble at the Elouera Clubhouse (downstairs) on Friday evening at 5:00 PM for marshalling, with an expected start time of 5:30 PM.

**Note 1:** The Theory paper will be an online version, which is planned to be introduced at Aussies 2025, so each competitor will be required to bring a device of some form (preferably a laptop or tablet) with them to complete this component of their event.

**Note 2:** Competitors will need to make sure they have their login ID and password for the SLSA members area with them as the theory will be accessed via the eLearning platform that same as Skills Maintenance.

**Lifesaving on the Beach Report Time: 7:30 AM**

Lifesaving competitors must report to the Wanda Clubhouse (downstairs) on Saturday morning at 7:45 AM for marshalling, with an anticipated commencement at 8:00 AM with Beach sprint first.

The sequence of events for the beach and water activities will align with the standard carnival schedule in the respective areas and will be communicated to the Lifesaving Championship competitors by the Lifesaving Area Referee on the day of the event.

**1.9 LiveHeats:**

**Surf Life Saving Sydney will utilise LiveHeats for managing on-beach carnivals. All competitors must have a LiveHeats Race wristband, which will be used during the event.**

Participants will be registered for the event through LiveHeats, and all racing activities will be organized and recorded on this platform. Athletes must bring their assigned LiveHeats wristband.

**Note 1:** The only exceptions to this are Boat, March Past and R&R Competitors. LiveHeats will still be used for these events for marshalling and overall results but no bands are needed.

New wristbands can be purchased for \$5.00, while replacement wristbands are available for \$10.00 at the Event Administration Centre located at North Cronulla, Wanda, and Cronulla. These prices include GST.

Team managers will handle any changes to their teams via LiveHeats throughout the competition.

**1.10 Events:**

The following events shall be conducted in their respective age group areas in accordance with the requirements of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual (37th Edition), which you can see current copy via <https://sls.com.au/ssm> and amending Bulletins and Circulars

Surf Race	Board Race	Ironperson	Board Relay
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Ski Race	Ski Relay	Cameron Relay	Taplin Relay
Beach Run	Beach Relay	Beach Sprint	Beach Flags
Belt Race	R&R	Boats	Champion Lifesaver
March Past			

### 1.11 Carnival Program and Layout:

**The full carnival programs for Age, Inclusive, Opens, Masters and Lifesaving are attached.**

**Note 1:** Once entries have closed and full competitor/teams numbers are finalised the carnival program the carnival organising committee has the right to amend these to accommodate the final numbers.

**Note 2:** Maps of the carnival layout will be provided as part of the team managers pack at the briefing to held in the week prior to the Championships.

### 1.12 State Qualifying Events:

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

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## 2. TEAM EVENTS

### 2.1 Team Numbers

#### MAXIMUM 1 PER CLUB FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

ALL AGE BEACH RELAY – U9 TO U14 (Ref 2.6)

ALL AGE BOARD RELAY – U9 TO U14 (Ref 2.6)

LIFESAVER RELAY (Ref 2.7)

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

SURF TEAM

BEACH RELAY

BOARD RELAY

BOARD RESCUE

CAMERON RELAY (Ref 2.4)

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"

#### MAXIMUM 3 PER CLUB FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS (MASTERS ONLY)

SURF TEAM

BEACH RELAY

BOARD RELAY

SKI RELAY

BOARD RESCUE

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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

Age (U9 to U14s), U17s, U23s and Open March Past events will be held as part of the Open Championships to be held on Friday 7 February 2025.

### 2.3 R&R

All R&R events will be held as part of the Open Championships to be held on Saturday 8 February 2025

#### 2 Person

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

#### 5 & 6 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 and 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.

**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 either the U13/U14 **or** U14/U15 R&R team age category but not both.

**Note 7:** Competitors U17 aged and up are limited to compete in two team events per discipline i.e. No triple dipping. - Example: U17 Competitor may compete in their age group (U17) plus one more (U19 or Opens) for discipline-specific team events. Alternatively, an U17 competitor may compete in the U19 and Open category for a discipline specific team event, but not the U17's.

### 2.4 Cameron Relay

Will be a "4-person" event [1 x swimmer, 1 board paddler, 2 x runners].

- The runner can run twice
- U11's to U12's will be mixed: 2 male 2 female per team.

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- U13's to U14's Male and Female teams

**Note 1:** If the competitor/s who comprise the run leg of the Cameron Relay are only entered in the Beach Championships ONLY they will not be charged an additional fee to be part of the Water entries. An email will be sent to all Age Team Managers in January to list all of these competitors.

## 2.5 Mixed Beach Relay

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

## 2.6 All Age Board & Beach Relays

The All-Age Beach and Board Relays will be held as part of the Age Championships to be held on Sunday 9 February 2025. 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 Lifesaver Relay

The Lifesaver Relay Teams shall comprise of nine competitors all of whom must be SLSA Bronze Medallion holders. The event shall be conducted over a course which shall include boat leg, a Swim leg, Board leg, a surf ski leg, and a beach sprint leg in that order.

Excluding the Surf Boat sweep within each team there must be four female competitors and four male competitors. Also included in the team from this gender mix must be at least one U/19 competitor and at least one U/17 competitor (as determined by their age for participation in individual events). The nominated boat sweep must be an accredited open age competitor and may be either male or female gender.

**Note 1:** Under no circumstances shall a team compete unless they have at least one competitor from the U17 and U19 age categories.

**Note 2:** A member is permitted to compete in a surf boat leg of the Lifesaver Relay when they are in the U17 age category (i.e. upon reaching 15 years of age as of 30 September in a competition year).

## 2.8 Boat Competition

- As detailed in Note 1 of Section 5.1(a) of the Surf Sports Manual only accredited S4, S3 and S2 Sweeps will be eligible to sweep surf boats in these Championships. For further information please refer to the SLSA Sweep Accreditation Document.
- Please note Section 5.1 (f) of the Surf Sports Manual re the mandatory wearing of helmets in Surf Boats unless an acceptably low-level risk is assessed.
- Surf Boat Competitors are reminded to refer to the Surf Sports Manual Section 5.1(c) Note 7 that details particular 'double dipping' rules that apply to the Surf Life Saving Sydney Championships
  - "Double dipping" (i.e., competing in more than one division or age category of rowing) by crews will not be permitted at the 2025 SLSS Branch Surf Boat Championships. Exceptions to this condition are as follows:
  - Sweep Oarsmen may continue to compete in multiple divisions and age categories but, as per existing SLSA rules, shall only compete in a particular division or category once irrespective of whether they are sweeping or rowing.
    - Individual rowers from an age crew who are also competing with another crew (i.e., not the same four (4) rowers) in an older age category are permitted to row in a second category at the Championships provided that the other crew members are not also doubling up to form separate crews.

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- Should a member of any crew become indisposed they may be replaced subject to approval of the Carnival Referee provided they comply with the requirements for the event.
- If an U19 or U23 competitor is rowing in an older age category made up of mixed age groups, they can continue to row in that older age category even if their own individual age division is suspended or cancelled. However, a crew made up entirely of rowers from suspended or cancelled age or gender group(s) shall not be permitted to compete.
- Surf boat handlers (when allowed due to surf conditions) must be competitors who are already entered in the carnival. They are to wear full competition gear – high visibility lycra vest, competition cap and helmet (if this has been mandated due to conditions).

## 2.9 Clashing of Events

While every effort will be made to avoid clashes in the timetable, athletes will have to decide to contest one or the other.

## 2.10 State Qualifying Events

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

## 2.11 Competitor Warm Up Times

The warmup for both the morning sessions at Wanda will be swim only from 7:00am till 7:15am, then craft only from 7:15am to 7:30am.

**Note 1:** No competitors (Age) will be allowed in the water on Sunday between the start of All Age Board Relay and completion of the JLOTY presentation.

**Note 2:** No competitors (Open) will be allowed in the water on Saturday whilst the Lifesaver Relay in racing.

The warmup for the morning session at Cronulla will be swim only from 7:00am till 7:15am, then craft only from 7:15am to 7:30am.

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## 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 2024 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 \(Competition Eligibility\)](#) and [SLSNSW Regulations 5. Competition Eligibility and Exemption](#) for more information

### 3.2 Club Representatives

Clubs are reminded to complete the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#) by 11.00pm Friday 17 January 2025 for Age, Masters, Lifesaving and Opens. Each club is allowed a maximum of one (1) for Lifesaving, two (2) each for Opens and Masters and three (3) for Age.

This Team Manager Declaration Form includes Clubs logging their team manager contact details. This is to ensure all event communications such as changes to timetables, re-locations etc. can be sent via SMS and Email. This will also allow Team Managers to make changes to Team on LiveHeats.

**Note 1:** Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the closing of entries 11:00pm Tuesday 14 January 2025 for any omissions and errors.

- Note: Surf Life Saving Sydney will only respond to emails from Team Managers/Club Registrars regarding entries prior to the closing date.
- Surf Life Saving Sydney will be reverting all emails from individual members back to clubs

### 3.3 Lycra Singlet Sizing and Distribution

This season Surf Life Saving Sydney, through its principal sponsor Betty's Burgers, are providing all competitors with a pink hi-vis lycra singlet to be worn at the Branch Championships.

Team Manager are required to fill out the [Betty's Burgers Pink Rash Vest Order Form](#) with numbers and sizes of lycra singlets required for that club broken down for the four (4) areas – Age, Open, Masters and Lifesaving by 11:00pm Tuesday 21 January 2025.

**Note 1:** All R&R competitor numbers are to be included with your Open numbers.

Team managers are responsible for the collection of the singlets for their club and distribution of lycra singlets to all competing club members. A club will NOT be able to collect the lycra singlets for their whole club on Friday or Saturday of the championships.

The Branch Office will be validating your number of singlets ordered against the number of competitors entered so no extra singlets will be made available.

### 3.4 Handler

In water events that require handlers it is essential that each handler:

- Be a member of a surf club (non-members will not be covered under SLSNSW Insurance Policy)
- Handlers are required to wear their club competition cap and a high visibility vest, (or at the discretion of the referee; may wear a high visibility bib/jacket type garment).



## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 Officials Quota

Clubs entering in excess of 4 competitors will be required to supply **1 official per 10 competitors thereof**. Clubs need to be mindful that if they are sending large numbers that they include this in determining their official nomination numbers.

Officials who wish to share a role with someone else **MUST** communicate this to Surf Life Saving Sydney Officials Coordinator by COB Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Two (2) officials sharing one (1) role fulfils one (1) official in the quota.

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1 to 4	—
5 to 10	1 Official
11 to 20	2 Officials
21 to 30	3 Officials
31 to 40	4 Officials
41 to 50	5 Officials
51 to 60	6 Officials
61 to 70	7 Officials
71 to 100	8 Officials
101 to 150	9 Officials
151+	10 Officials

**If sufficient officials are not provided by clubs according to the provided quotas, Surf Life Saving Sydney will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required qualified officials are present.**

Surf Life Saving Sydney is looking for accredited Officials **ONLY** who meet the following requirements:

- Be a current financial member of a Sydney Branch club for 2024/2025 season
- Hold a minimum of a current Core Official accreditation or higher for Age Championships
- Hold a minimum of a current Technical Official accreditation or higher for all other Championships
- Officiated in at least one (1) carnival prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The only exception to this is where will allow an official in the Champion Lifesaver event to be someone who is a Bronze and/or ART assessor that doesn't have their officials accreditation.

Officials' positions are required in both the water and beach areas. Clubs must ensure that they have adequate Official representation in each area (example: 20 x U9 competitor's competing in the beach area will require: 2 x Officials allocated to that area for the duration of the carnival)

**Note 1:** No new officials will be allowed to signed off at the Branch Champs.

**Note 2:** The only exception to this rule is for Champion Lifesaver competitors. On the Friday clubs will need to match a 1 official to 3 competitors' ratio on the Friday for the Theory and Resus component. This will revert to the normal 1 to 10 ratio for the physical components on the Saturday.

**Note 3:** Once the entries have closed Sydney Branch will revalidated the number of officials required to run a safe and efficient Branch Championships and relevant club's Team Manger will be notified of any changes by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

**Note 4:** Officials are to wear only the Betty's Burger official's shirt for SLSS. If you don't have one, please contact the Branch Office.



Officials to complete the [Officials Nomination Form](#) to nominate for the Branch Championships.

**The quota system is determined by the number of competitors registered for the event, rather than those who actually start.** Prior to entering their competitors into the registration system, clubs are reminded to ensure they can comply with the officials' quota requirements.

Officials who are tasked with fulfilling the clubs' quotas and have not yet been assigned will be asked to report to the Officials Coordinator at either North Cronulla SLSC on Friday night by 5pm or Wanda SLSC on Saturday or Sunday by 6:45am each competition morning.

It is crucial for clubs to collaborate with their officials to ensure they are aware of the implications for the Championships if they fail to notify Sydney Branch about any non-attendance or changes to the Official's Appointments.

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#### 4.2 First Aid

Clubs will be rostered on to provide a First Aid Team and equipment,

**All Clubs: Please read the details below and Appendix 2, and complete the [Club First Aid Form](#) 11:00pm on Friday 24 January 2025 their First Aid teams for the Carnival as per the rostered event and are required.**

**Note 1:** Contact details for each Team Leader need to be into Doug Hawkins (Director of Member Services) at [director\\_memberservices@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:director_memberservices@surflifesavingsydney.com.au) by 20th December 2024.

**Note 2:** Morning Shift Team Leaders need to be at the Daily Event Safety Briefing.

**Note 3:** If clubs do not provide rostered First Aid as per the below table, Surf Life Saving Sydney will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required First Aid are present.

#### North Cronulla Beach:

<b>4:30pm report</b>	
<b>FRIDAY 7 February</b>	
<b>5PM</b>	North Cronulla

#### Wanda Beach:

<b>7am report (AM shift)</b>			
<b>11:30am report (PM shift)</b>			
<b>SATURDAY 8 February</b>			
<b>7:30am</b>	South Maroubra	Elouera	Wanda
<b>12PM</b>	<b>Coogee</b>	Maroubra	Bondi
<b>SUNDAY 9 February</b>			
<b>7:30am</b>	Bronte	Clovelly	
<b>12PM</b>	North Bondi	National Parks/Tamarama	

#### Cronulla Beach:

<b>8am report (AM shift)</b>	
<b>11am report (PM shift)</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 9 February</b>	
<b>8:30AM</b>	Cronulla
<b>11:30AM</b>	Cronulla

#### 4.3 IRB Requirements

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

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IRB Driver & Crews are required to be in place for the carnival from 5:30am until carnival finishes each day.

Host Club will supply IRBs whilst other clubs rostered need to supply their own PFD, sunscreen & any other items they wish to bring along. IRB crews will be rotated between areas during the carnival.

All Breakfast, morning tea, lunch will be supplied by Sydney branch.

**It is essential all crews report on time as outlined below.**

Report Time	Saturday, 8 February – Wanda			
5:30am (Shift 1)	Wanda	Elouera	North Cronulla	Era
9:30am (Shift 2)	Coogee	Maroubra	South Maroubra	Clovelly
1:30pm (Shift 3)	South Maroubra	Coogee	Bondi	North Bondi
Report Time	Sunday, 9 February – Wanda			
5:30am (Shift 1)	Wanda	North Cronulla	Elouera	Burning Palms
9:30am (Shift 2)	Tamarama	North Bondi	Bondi	Bronte
1:30pm (Shift 3)	Coogee	Wanda	North Cronulla	North Bondi
Report Time	Sunday, 9 February – Cronulla			
7:00am (Shift 1)	Cronulla	Cronulla		
11:00am (Shift 2)	South Maroubra	Bondi		

**Note 1:** If clubs do not provide rostered IRB Driver and Crew as per the above table, Surf Life Saving Sydney will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required IRB Driver and Crew are present.

**Note 2:** Branch will work to supply parking for the IRB Crews. Clubs will be asked the week prior to the Champs to provide name and registration plate per shift.

**Note 3:** Names of the driver and crew need to be provided to Owen Skjeime (SLSS Surf Sports Safety Coordinator) at [ssc\\_safetycoordinator@sls.sydney](mailto:ssc_safetycoordinator@sls.sydney) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

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#### 4.4 Water Safety Requirements

2025 Sydney Branch Age Championships Water Safety Roster						
WANDA BEACH						
Shift	1. 06:45-10:00	Est.	2. 09:45-13:00	Est.	3. 12:45-16:00	Est.
Day & Date	Club	No.	Club	No.	Club	No.
	Wanda	8	Wanda	8	South Maroubra	10
Sun	North Cronulla	6	North Cronulla	6	Bondi	9
9-Feb-25	Elouera	7	Coogee	8	North Bondi	12
	Coogee	7	South Maroubra	6	Bronte	6
	North Bondi	4	Clovelly	3		
	Bronte	4	Bondi	6		
<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>37</b>		<b>37</b>
CRONULLA BEACH						
Shift	1. 07:45-11:00	Est.	2. 10:45-14:00	Est.		
Day & Date	Club	No.	Club	No.		
	Cronulla	6	Cronulla	6		
Sun	Maroubra	5	Maroubra	6		
9-Feb-25	Elouera	5	Era	1		
			Tamarama	1		
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>14</b>		

**Note 1: If clubs do not provide rostered Water Safety as per the above table, Surf Life Saving Sydney will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required WS are present.**

- Clubs are to register all water safety personnel by 11:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 to the event using the [Water Safety Form - Age Champs – Sun 9 Feb 2025](#)
- We are requiring quotas as per above for Water Safety per club for Junior events i.e., U9 through to U14 with tubes, boards, rashies and caps
- First shift: Water Safety Teams there for a 6.45am briefing
- Second shift: Water Safety Teams be there for a 9.45am briefing
- Third shift: Water Safety Teams be there for a 12:45pm briefing
- Inclusion Events: Water Safety Teams be there for a 10.45am briefing
- Water Safety for first session ready to go at 7am
- SRC Teams are welcome, but more than 75% of your club's requirement need to have a Bronze at minimum
- All Teams from a club per shift 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
  - Each water area will have a coordinator who will be on the beach managing their teams – water, food and fatigue.
  - 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 the water area referee signals for a competitor or competitors to be removed.
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 5.1 Scrutineering of Surf Craft

Whilst it is encouraged that Members and clubs have their craft and equipment inspected regularly by an accredited scrutineer/s, all surf craft carrying manufacturers compliance decals and/or a SLSA endorsed sticker should guarantee the craft meets SLSA standards and therefore, does not require a Scrutineering Sticker. Random scrutineering of craft and equipment will take place throughout the duration of the carnival. No craft or equipment is exempt from random scrutineering as deemed appropriate by scrutineers. Finalists may be required to have their craft scrutineered prior to racing in event finals. Scrutineering will be available for all members at no cost however members should expect to experience significant delays.

### 5.2 Medal Presentations & Point score

Events will only be conducted and medals/points gained with 4 or more competitors and/or teams entered in that event.

- The Opens point score will include Water, Beach, Lifesaving, Boats, U15 – Open R&R, U17, U23 and Open March Past 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, Junior R&R and Junior March Past 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 Point score 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. At the end of the day, if left with no other option, only events that will be run at an alternate time are the Age and Open Qualifying Events.

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.

### 5.4 Behaviour/Misconduct

Any misconduct while at the Championships will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the Championship. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves, and their Clubs.

Parents or supporters, particularly those appointed as Officials, are not allowed to assist competitors during the competition. Any breach of this policy may result in the disqualification of an athlete and/or club from the remainder of the competition and is at the discretion of the Referee.



Parents or supporters must also understand that they are role models for young athletes. Clubs should make sure that parents and supporters understand that abuse of officials, other competitors or clubs will not be tolerated. Team Managers and Club Presidents should ensure that their parents and supporters understand their role at this competition and that expected standards of behaviour are clearly explained.

Please refer to 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.05 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.05).

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## VERSION CONTROL TABLE

Version 1 Published Tuesday 12 November 2024

Version	Section	Summary of change
Version 2	Section 1 – Important Dates	Added in nomination closing dates for First Aid Team Leader and IRB crews.
	Section 1.1 – Opening Ceremony	Added in Note to clarify that if a club doesn't have a March Past team they must provide a "Colour Party" as part of the opening ceremony otherwise that club will not be able to compete in any other event that makes up the 2025 SLSS Brach Champs.
	Section 1.2 – Age	Updated the requirements for the U11 – U14 Ironperson criteria to reflect the revised memo that was sent out by Branch on the 10/12/2024.
	Section 1.6 – Masters	Reduce the younger age group for both beach and water to allow for 3 (Water) or 4 (Beach) Thirty (30) year old competitors to be in a team. Also that Masters will not be held for the All Age events.
	Section 1.8 – Champion Lifesaver	Added in Notes flagging that the theory component of the event will be online as this is the process being adopted by SLSA this season for Aussies so that our competitors are used to it.
	Section 1.9 – LiveHeats	Added in Note providing those competitors who DO NOT require a LiveHeats wrist band. Live Heats will still be used for these events.
	Section 2.1 – Masters Team Limits	Increased number of team allowed from 2 to 3.
	Section 2.4 – Cameron Relay	Added in Note flagging that if a competitor/s are only competing in beach events but are in a Cameron Relay they will NOT be charged a Water entry fee. We will be asking in January for clubs to flag all of these competitors to Branch.
	Section 2.11 – Warm up times	Adjusted warm up times for Cronulla due to the Inclusive events starting earlier. Also Masters events will not be stopping during All Age events.
	Section 4.1 – Officials	Updated sentence regarding the use of Assessors as an official for Champion Lifesaver and Note 1 around no new officials will be signed off at the Branch Champs.
	Section 4.2 – First Aid	Added in Note 1 regarding who to send First Aid team leader details to and by when.
	Section 4.3 – IRB	Added in Note 3 regarding who to send IRB nominations to.



	Section 5.2 – Behaviour/Misconduct	Added in new section aligning to the Behaviour/Misconduct structure currently implemented at NSW State Championships.
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## APPENDIX 1

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

The 2025 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.
- **Lifesaver 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:**

- **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.
- **U11 to U14 Iron person** – The first eight competitors to finish in their respective finals and express their intention to compete at the 2025 State Age Championships per age per gender plus two wildcards per age per gender.

### **Wildcard Policy & Procedure:**

- 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 2025 Sydney Branch Age Championships.
- 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.
- 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 29 January 2025**.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- The successful ten qualifiers for each event will be published on the Sydney Branch Website.
- 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.
- There will not be a reserve list for these events.



## APPENDIX 2

### First Aid for Sydney Branch Championships 2025 - Outline and Requirements

#### For Each Event Details are below for supply of the First Aid Teams:

#### Each shift will cover the following roles and number of personnel:

- 1 x First Aid Team Leader - with the current FA and ART Award
- 2 x First Aiders - with the current FA and ART Award
- 2 x Assistants - with the current FA Award

#### Personnel Requirements:

- FA Team Leader must have at least 5+ years Patrol experience as a first aider, and or current professional medical background, and or first aid commercial trainer. Be confident in their FA Skills. They must have a current First Aid Certificate (not just FA in BM) and the current ART Award.
- FA Officers must have at least 3+ years' Patrol experience as a first aider, and or current. They must have a current First Aid Certificate (not just FA in BM) and the current ART Award.
- FA Assistants must have First Aid - ART not required with 2 years as FA on their Patrol.

#### First Aid Equipment:

##### From the Host Clubs x 2 days each

- Full Patrol First Aid Kit
- Bum Bags for everyone with mask, bandages, and Gloves
- Oxy kit
- Pulse Oximeter
- Defib
- Spinal Board x 2
- Severe bleeding Kit
- Extra space blankets x 15
- 3 x Esky's with lots of ice plus more to come
- 2 x tables - 6 - 8 chairs
- Logbook for incident write up

##### From Clubs per shift please bring:

- 1 x Full Patrol First Aid Kit
- 1 x Oxy kit
- 1 x Bum bag per member

##### From Sydney Branch

- 1 x Mobile FA Kit
- Event Radios on the day
- Tent for First Aid with FA Banner
- Sandwich bags for ice packs
- Energy Drinks for patients
- Snakes, Lollies x 4 packs for patients
- Cold Bottled water for patients

**Note 1:** For all equipment to be provided by the Host Clubs and support Clubs, please note there is a budget for the replacement of any FA equipment used.





**Note 2:** Should a Club decide to engage a 3rd party supplier to supply their First Aid team Branch needs to approve this supplier prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 by contacting Doug Hawkins (Director of Member Services) at [director\\_memberservices@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:director_memberservices@surflifesavingsydney.com.au)

**Note 3:** Should a Club not supply a First aid team on the day as per the required schedule, then those club members will be excluded from competition until the FA team is in place.

**Note 4:** Branch will work to supply parking for the FA teams. Branch will contact the Team Leader a week prior to the championship to liaise with for a name and registration plate of vehicle for parking if available.

**Note 5:** Morning Shift Team Leaders need to be at the Daily Event Safety Briefing.

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