



AUGUST 17, 2024

PRE-SEASON BRIEFING

SURFSPORTS



AGENDA

1. Welcome
 - 1.1 Housekeeping
 - 1.2 Safety Overview
2. Introduction of the Surf Sports Committee
3. Surf Sports Strategic Items
4. 2024/2025 Carnival Calendar
5. Carnival Preparation Processes
6. Live Heats
7. Officials Update
8. Branch Championships and Representation Opportunities
9. General Business and Q&A



1. WELCOME

1.1 House Keeping

- Questions via chat and Q & A after each section of the presentation
- Meeting will be recorded and provided along with this presentation next week
- The other pre-season sessions today are also being recorded and presentations will be available next week



1.2 SAFETY OVERVIEW – Culture of Safety and Child Safety

- **At our core we are a Safety Organisation.**
- Creating a culture of safety with our members helps us to keep in front of our minds, that safety of the public and our members is our priority.
- **Online SLS Child Safe Awareness Training** has been mandated for Club and Branch Officers, MPIOs and complaint handlers, Age Managers, Coaches and Officials, Patrol Captains, Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators, **and is being recommended to cover ALL remaining patrolling members this season and to become mandatory next season.**
- We also recommend that **ALL Watersafety Personnel, that aren't necessarily Patrolling Members, should also undertake this.**
- Child Safety pertains to **ALL members under 18 years of age, not just Nippers.**

SLSA Child Safety Policy – Signage

- SLSNSW have advised they are preparing a set of various posters for use by clubs in different scenarios (including change rooms), with some simple messages. .
- They are scheduling these to be available during Child Protection Week in early September.



2. Surf Sports Committee 2024/2025

Brooke Thatcher – Director of Surf Sports

Michele Cole – Deputy Director of Surf Sports

Donna Hargreaves – Surf Sports Administration
Manager

Andrew Bloxsom – Senior Competition Manager

George Benhayon – Junior Competition Manager &
Coaching Coordinator

Natasha Hargreaves – Youth Competition Manager &
Liveheats Coordinator

District Junior Surf Sports Coordinators (Report via the
Youth & Junior Development Committee):

Waverley - Vacant

Randwick – Miah Georgas

Cronulla/Sutherland - Ebony Springall

Royal National Park – Will McLean

Jamie Vueti – Officials Coordinator / Technical Advisor

Harrison Maddern – R&R Coordinator

Owen Skjeime – Safety & Risk Coordinator / Water
Craft & IRB Coordinator

Frank Schreuder – Surf Boat Coordinator

Farrah Messina – March Past Coordinator

Ethan Garland – Pool Advisor

Vacant – Board Riding Coordinator

Vacant - Equipment Coordinator

Interbranch Team Management

Donna Hargreaves – Team Manager

Tom Rampoldi – Head Coach

Michele Cole & Natasha Hargreaves – Team
Coordinator/s

Competition Selection Committee Selectors: *Donna
Hargreaves, Michele Cole, George Benhayon, Tom
Rampoldi, Brooke Thatcher(DOSS)*



3. Surf Sports Strategic Initiatives 2024/25 Season

- Youth Development Pathway – Interbranch & Representative development
 - Youth development clinics to further enhance the skills of youth members and provide them support into elite athlete pathways
- Adaptive Athlete Development Clinics
 - Providing a pathway for the further development of our adaptive athletes
- Sydney Branch Surfboard Riding Series & Championships
 - Delivering an innovative surfboard riding series to promote board riding within our Branch
 - Adaptive inclusion in these events
- Sydney Branch Pool Rescue clinics & Championships
 - Continue and extend beyond our pool rescue clinics and organize a Pool Rescue Championship event to encourage further engagement in the pool rescue events at a local level.



4. 2024/25 Season Calendar



5. 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)
- **Safety & Risk** for carnivals and requirements



6. Live Heats

- Training planned for upcoming season
- Processes for 2024/2025 season
 - Officials
 - Wristbands
- Equipment for use at carnivals
- Live Heats will be used for all Water/Beach and RnR events this season
 - Check-in
 - Marshalling
 - Final Results



7. Officials Updates

Quota

- To assist the operation of carnivals in a safe and efficient manner, to align with State Championships and assist Clubs fulfil obligations, Sydney Branch will be implementing a quota system this season based on the number of entries and discipline type. Like with State Champs, failure to fulfil will result in the immediate suspension of said Club and possible further action, including monetary and/or points.

Accreditation

- Branch is committed to assisting Clubs readily attain their quota of accredited officials.
- There will be two Official Intro sessions planned, one in the East and the other Bate Bay.
- Recognising each club and its coordination of Officials varies, we are happy to work on an individual basis with a Club, or even a sub-section of a Club. Please do reach out, pre or early season so we are able to plan.

Re-Accreditation

- We will be reaching out to those officials whose accreditation is expiring this year and guide them through the process.

F2F Courses

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



8. Branch Championships & Representation

Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Championships

- Open, Surf Boats, Lifesaving and R&R 7th & 8th February 2025
- Age and Masters Championships 7th & 9th February 2025

Interbranch Championships

30th November to 1 December 2025, U12 – U17's at Cape Hawke (Forster NSW)

Selection Carnivals – Sydney Water Round 1 Bulli 19 October 2024 & Wanda One
Carnival Wanda 26 October 2024

SLSNSW Metro Championships and SLSNSW Interseries Boat Championships

1st & 2nd February 2025 Location TBC



9. General Business and Q&A

- Question from Max Gonzalez regarding Lifesaving clinics and timetable to ensure improvement on last season Branch Championships
 - Thankyou Max, Andrew Bloxsom is working on the program and ensuring we will not have a repeat of last season Branch Championships for the Lifesaving events
 - I will have Andrew reach out to you to discuss potential clinics for the season and also discuss the plans for the programming at the Sydney Branch Championships for lifesaving event.
- Safety & Risk –
 - Zero tolerance for officials abuse this season, clubs will be potentially removed from the carnival if there are incidents at carnivals
 - Quota enforcement and potential removal from carnival with non-supply of quotas for carnival from clubs. Such as water safety, IRB, Officials etc.
- Interbranch Trial at Sydney Water will there be a discounted entry fee for one carnival?
 - Yes I will reach out to Sydney Water organisers for a special rate for the Sydney Branch athletes for Round 1 at a discounted rate for one round. I will communicate details once confirmed with Sydney Water organisers. This will also be included in the circular.

