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Title: Senior State Championships – information and entries
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Audience: Presidents, Secretaries, Club Captains, Surf Sports/Competition Officers
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Summary:	The 2024 Senior State Championships (excl contributing events already conducted) will be held as per days/components listed below. Event details & entry process are detailed in this document
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate the championships information to relevant members • Complete competitor entries via SEMS by 10am – Monday 18 March • Complete the relevant Officials & Volunteer Roster by 12noon - Wednesday 20 March

EVENTS & PROGRAM

Day	Date	Location	Events	Notes
1	Friday 22 March 2024 2km Run 8:30am (Marshalling 8:15am)	Christies Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2km Run (Final) • Board rescue (Finals) • Surf Teams - U15 (Heats/Finals) • Surf Belt (Heats/Finals) • Rescue Tube -Rescue (Heats/Finals) • Senior Double Ski (Heats/Finals) • Beach Sprints (Heats/Finals) • Beach Relays (Heats/Finals) 	
2	Saturday 23rd March 2x 1km 8:00am (Marshalling 7:45am) Lifesaver Relay 9:00am (Marshalling 8:45am)	Christies Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x 1km Run Relays (Final) • Open Lifesaver Relay (Final) • Iron (Heats/Semis) • Single Ski (Heats/Semis) • Board (Heat/Semi) • Surf Race (Heats) • Surf Teams – U17-Open (Heats/Finals) • Board Relay (Heats/Finals) • Ski Relay (Heats/Finals) • Cameron Relay (Heats/Finals) • Open Taplin (Heats if required) • U17 & 19 Taplin Relay (Heats/Finals) • Open Mixed Taplin (Heats/Finals) 	
3	Sunday 24th March March Past 8:30am (Marshalling 8:15am) Water/Surf Boats 9:00 am (Marshalling 8:45am)	Christies Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Past (Final) • Surf Boats (Finals) • Surf Race (Finals) • Single Ski (Finals) • Board (Finals) • Iron (Finals) • Taplin (Finals) • Surf Boat Relay (Finals) • Beach Flags (Finals) 	Surf Boats Sunday

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES

Entries Close:

Day 1-3: 10am – Monday 18th March 2024

Final carnival information will be sent out in the week leading to the event.

Queries?

If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact the Surf Sports team at SLSSA surf.sports@surf lifesavingsa.com.au or call (08) 8354 6900.

EVENTS

	U14	U15	U17	U19	U23	Open	Reserve grade
Surf Race	M/F	M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Board Race	M/F	M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Single Ski Race			M/F	M/F		M/F	
Iron	M/F	M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Beach Sprint	M/F	M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Beach Flags	M/F	M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
2km Run	M/F	M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Belt Race			M/F	M/F		M/F	
Cameron Relay		M/F/Mixed					
Taplin Relay			3 person M/F	3 Person M/F		Male = 6 person Female = 3person Mixed = 6 person	
Double Ski				M/F/Mixed		M/F/Mixed	
Board Rescue		M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Rescue Tube Rescue				M/F		M/F	
Surf Teams		M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Board Relay		M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Single Ski Relay			M/F	M/F		M/F	
Lifesaver Relay						Mixed	
Beach Relay		M/F/Mixed	M/F/Mixed	M/F/Mixed		M/F/Mixed	
2 x 1km run relay		M/F	M/F	M/F		M/F	
Surf Boat (normal course)				M/F	M/F	M/F	M/F
March Past					NGS	NGS	

PROGRAM

Programs for each day have been uploaded to the SLSSA Calendar page, accessible via the following link:

<https://teamup.com/event/show/id/2FCrp9wsDCYmvVdbrbLMdvYXj7Znzi/add-to-calendar>

CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORE

Championship points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st – 5 points
- 2nd – 3 points
- 3rd – 1 point

The overall Senior State Champion Club will be awarded to the club with the highest cumulative point score from the following events, and the pennant will be awarded at the conclusion of events on Day 3 of Senior State Championships:

1. Senior Board Riding State Championships
2. Senior Lifesaving Events
 - a. First Aid (held on 16 Feb)
 - b. Champ LS & Patrol (held on 18 Feb)
3. Senior R&R events (held on 17 Feb)
4. Short Course Surf Boat Championships (held on 17 Mar)
5. All events contested on Day 1-3 of Senior State Championships

OVERALL CHAMPION CLUB

This season, the 2023-24 Overall Champion Club pennant will be awarded at the conclusion of events on Day 3 of Senior State Championships, based on a cumulative point score from the following 2023-24 championship events:

1. Masters State Championships
2. Junior State Championships
3. Senior State Championships

Note: The 2023 Pool Rescue Championships (2023 IRB Championships were cancelled) contributed to the 2022-23 Overall Champion Club (awarded to Grange SLSC). The 2024-25 Overall Champion Club will include ALL State Championships including 2024 Pool Rescue, 2024 IRB, 2025 Masters, 2025 Juniors and 2025 Seniors.

REMINDERS:

- **Surf Sports Manual update Aug 2019 limits the number of team events for a competitor to a maximum of two (2) for any given event** (ie U17, or U15 with Bronze, cannot 'triple dip' in any one event)
- **SLSSA policy allows for Under 15 competitors WITH a proficient Bronze Medallion to compete up in U17/U19 &/or Open TEAM EVENTS only (excluding single/double ski events/legs) whilst still adhering to maximum of two age groups for any one team event** (events may not be held up waiting for competitors for this purpose)
- **Please follow the link below for more details:**

[2.3.4 Participation in Individual and Team Events - Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition - Jan 2024 \(manula.com\)](#)

COMPOSITE TEAMS

Composite teams will be formed in the event area, at the conclusion of marshalling, with any extra competitors that don't have a full club team. Composite teams that podium, will be awarded a "duplicate" medal (along with the full club team), but no championship points will be awarded to the clubs represented in that composite team (points will be awarded to the full club team in that position).

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

Belt Race events

- Reels (including line and belts) and rescue tubes will be subject to random safety checks, however, formal scrutineering is not required.
- All belt swimmers should be familiar with how to release the belt & may be required to demonstrate this process prior to competing.
- Clubs are to consider the number of reels they have available & enter competitors/teams accordingly &/or source additional equipment from other clubs.
- Reel teams do not need to be members of the same club as the swimmer, but need to be financial, competition qualified members of a SLSA club.

TEAM CHANGES

Team changes are to be made via **LIVEHEATS**. Changes can be made as soon as the event becomes available on LiveHeats up to the event being marshalled. **Team Changes WILL NOT be accepted by the Marshal in the competition areas**. Team Managers/Age Group Managers are responsible for their competitors knowing which team they are in. Any team found to have incorrect names during or after the event may be disqualified. Only Composite teams will be managed by the Marshal.

WATER SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT

The Safety & Emergency Committee will meet prior to the start of the carnival to determine any final procedures regarding water safety and risk management.

Should, at any stage prior to or during competition, there is a credible basis for concluding there is an unreasonable risk of serious injury occurring, the Safety & Emergency Committee and/or appropriate officials shall suspend all or parts of the competition. The Safety & Emergency Committee shall then decide whether to postpone, cancel or relocate all or parts of the competition. Should a risk assessment indicate that part, or all of the competition, not be conducted because of adverse weather or surf conditions, or another threat, the Competition and Safety and Emergency Committees will again decide whether to postpone or cancel all or parts of the competition.

LYCRA HI-VIS

The wearing of hi-visibility vests is compulsory for all competitors in water events including run leg of Cameron/Lifesaver relays. These can be either fluorescent pink or fluorescent yellow or fluorescent green. This requirement extends to craft handlers who must also wear Club competition cap. A recent change to policy now allows hi-vis vest/shirts to extend over the shoulder for all events, provided they are Lycra only, and do not provide a competitive advantage (eg. Compression garments).

CLUB REQUIREMENTS

Pre-event BRIEFING will occur on the Wednesday 20 March at 6.30pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82349315118>

To be attended by all Team Managers, Coaches & Officials

1. Team Manager

- a. Attend any team manager briefing during the event
- b. Model & promote good sporting behaviour
- c. Are to attend the **Pre-Carnival BRIEFING**

2. Officials

Thank you to those officials who have already volunteered for these events. Role allocations have been/will be made accordingly which can be found via the rosters (link on Calendar event when available). Remaining allocations to be filled by club officials as per rostered allocation (please insert names as appropriate on the roster)

- a. Officials should wear either an officials shirt (if already have one from previous season) or alternatively sun smart plain clothing (no club branding). Coloured vests will be available in the designated area for officials to put on over their clothing to denote they are officiating in that particular area
- b. BYO sun smart hat, water bottle (water will be available in the area to FILL your own drink bottle), sunscreen, clipboard + lanyard (as supplied)
- c. Catering will be provided as relevant to times of day
- d. Officials are to attend the relevant pre-event briefing/s where possible
- e. Water Starts/Finishes – officials ensure you bring appropriate wet weather/water attire for entering the water.

3. Workparty

Clubs are rostered to undertake work party duties across the season's events with allocations based on participation numbers.

The Senior State Championships [Officials & Volunteer Roster](#) is to be completed by Clubs by 12noon - Wednesday 20 March.

4. Shallow Water Rescue personnel

- a. Competent, skilled surf swimmers (BM proficient) who would be called upon to assist should a shallow water rescue occur.
- b. List name/s of competent member/s who will be present at the carnival on the volunteer roster (as below)

5. IRB Water Cover

As per [Carnival IRB Water Safety Roster](#), the following Clubs are required to provide 1 x IRB, fully equipped (including fuel and radio), fully operational & competent crew (1 x driver and 1 x crew) who are capable to handle the conditions on the day.

It is strongly encouraged that crews are interchanged during the day - this is the responsibility of the club.

6. Photographer/s

- a. Must sign on and off at the admin tent.
- b. Must have meet the requirements completed the [Accreditation Request Form](#) (once per photographer for the season) as per **C23060 – Carnival Club Photographers 23-24**
- c. The number of photographers per Club is limited to a maximum of 3 at any one time.
- d. A maximum of 1 x photographer per Club in any competition area also applies.

Logistics & other information will be available via the Calendar event for each weekend as it becomes available.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

How to enter competitors

Entries must be submitted via [SEMS](#) (find 2024 SA Senior State Championships – note that each component is a separate event in SEMS)

- A guide to entering entries via this new system can be found [here on our website](#)
- If you require SEMS access for another Club officer/s tasked with entering competitors for this event; please request this via email to ithelp@slsa.asn.au (it can take up to 3-5 days so please do this early on)

Entry Fees

The event entry fee is set at **\$60 (+ GST) per entered competitor**. Please note that the entry fee covers ALL of the state championship events for Under 14 – Open competitors.

Late entry fees are charged for any entries made after the closing date & up until 6pm the Thursday prior to the component (such late entries should be emailed to surf.sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au). This fee is set at the entry fee + 100% of entry fee (ie total \$120 + GST).

Clubs will be invoiced for all entered competitors (including any late entries) following the championships. Clubs can advise of any entered members who are unable to participate as a result of COVID impacts to remove their entry from the invoicing list.

Eligibility

	Continuing Members <i>Gained the required award/s in 2022/23 season or earlier & was proficient in 2022/23</i>	New Members <i>Gained or is gaining the required award/s in 2023/24</i>	Returning Members <i>Gained the required award/s in 2021/22 or earlier AND was not proficient in 2022/23</i>
SLSC Membership	Registered in Surfguard for 2023-24. Members are only eligible to compete for the Club with which their Competitive Rights are held		
Award/s	U14 & U15 competitors = Be the holder of a proficient ¹ Surf Rescue Certificate (or Bronze Medallion) U17/U19/Open competitors = Be the holder of a proficient ¹ Bronze Medallion		
Patrol Hours	Minimum 16* personal patrol hours completed from 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2023	Minimum patrol hours required is based on the date that the Bronze Medallion ¹ is attained: Award attained in Oct = minimum 6.66 patrol hours by 31/12/23 Award attained in Nov = minimum 5.33 hrs by 31/12/23 Award attained in Dec = minimum 4 patrol hours by 31/12/23 Award attained in Jan/Feb = minimum 4 patrol hours by close of entries	Minimum patrol hours required is based on the date that the Bronze Medallion ¹ proficiency completed: Proficiency completion date in Oct = minimum 6.66 patrol hours by 31/12/23 Proficiency completion date in Nov = minimum 5.33 patrol hours by 31/12/23 Proficiency completion date in Dec = minimum 4 patrol hours by 31/12/23 Proficiency completion date in Jan/Feb = minimum 4 patrol hours by close of entries
Other	Must not be in default with their Club or SLSSA in relation to their service, financial or discipline obligations		

¹ Proficient is defined as the award expiry date being later than the date of close of entries for the relevant event

*Reserve active members = 8 hours; Clubs may recognise alternative voluntary service hours & if so, maximum 50% of the minimum required hours can be endorsed as service hours (requires formal endorsement by SLSC Club Board and subsequent advice to SLSSA)