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| Title: Australian Interstate Surf Life Saving Championships (Ocean/Beach) - Entry Circular |
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| Department: Sport |
| Audience: State/Territory Surf Sport Managers, Directors, Club Secretaries, Branches, State/Territory CEO's Sport Standing Committee |
| Summary: This Circular contains the relevant details for entering the Australian Interstate Surf Life Saving Championships, Monday 16 January 2023. |

All those who attend the Interstate Championships (including athletes, Coaches and Team Management) are reminded of the need to monitor for symptoms of COVID19. In the event you do exhibit symptoms, as per Government Health Guidelines, please undertake a COVID19 test and if the result is positive, you will be required to comply with the relevant NSW Government Health Guidelines.

SUMMARY

This Circular should be used as reference information by all State/Territory centres and Championship Officials appointed to the event.

Only the bottom three (3) ranked States/Territories (from the 2020 overall results) are permitted to draft non-state of origin interstate competitors to their teams.

The Alan Whelpton AO Shield for the overall SLSA Interstate Championships point score in 2021 will also be presented at the opening ceremony.

All medal & trophy presentations for the 2023 Australian Interstate Championships will occur at the conclusion of racing on Monday 16th January 2023, once the point score is checked and confirmed.

Gear and equipment insurance are the responsibility of the individual competitor or State team management. Surf Life Saving Australia will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

Key Information contained in this circular includes.

- Team size and composition
- Event list
- Drafting process
- Point scoring
- Power play
- Key entry timelines and process

EVENT COMMUNICATION

The 2023 Interstate Championships will be using the 'Team App' smart phone application to send out updates and notifications to Team Managers and competitors. Please see the instructions below to understand what 'Team App' is and how to use it. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/faqs>.

HOW DO I USE TEAM APP?

Download 'Team App' from the App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for '**Interstate Championships**' in the search bar at the top of the screen



and click on the event to join. From here you will be able to access news feeds, event timings and where to find all the latest and up to date information on the event. By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive an immediate text and email update as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information!

'Team App' is applicable for all Apple iPhones, iPads and iPods, plus most Android mobile devices.

Please note it is imperative that Team Managers, and preferably also competitors once teams are selected, sign up for this application to receive important race information. Whilst Facebook and other channels will post periodic updates, the 'Team App' will be the main point of communication between the events team, Team Managers and competitors. This will be replacing the SMS text messaging service used previously at Surf life Saving Australia events.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at:

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KEY INFORMATION

This Circular provides information and instructions relating to the conduct of the 2023 Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Australian Interstate Championships, together with details of the conditions governing each event in the program.

1. TEAM TRAVEL, EQUIPMENT & DRESS

- States will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams and making arrangements for travel and accommodation.
- States are also responsible for making the appropriate arrangements regarding equipment, outfitting and so on for their teams.
- A shirt, shorts, headwear, costume and competition cap are the recommended uniform for each team.
- SLSA will provide an athlete 'Hi-Vis' lycra singlet for each athlete. It is compulsory that these singlets be worn in each event.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION / SIZE

- The 2023 SLSA Australian Interstate Championships will hold Open, Youth and Pathway divisions of competition.
- The overall Interstate champions will be the team with highest cumulative points for the Open, Youth and Pathway divisions combined.
- Each Open Team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitors, Each Youth Team will consist of 5 male and 5 female competitors while each Pathway Team will consist of 8 male and 8 female competitors: Total Team size: 36
- Competitors must compete for the whole of the Championships in either the Open or Youth or Pathway Competition. They are **not permitted to compete outside of their chosen division**.
- All competitors must have their appropriate division (Open (O) or Youth (Y)) or Pathway (P) and competitor number (e.g. 1- 12) clearly marked on their arms in black waterproof marker.
- Team managers are to nominate their team, category and configuration, via the Sports Event Management System (SEMS), to Surf Life Saving Australia by Friday the 16th of December 2022.

Note 1: To be eligible for an Open State team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2022 (i.e. Under 17 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety. Each Open State team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitive members from either the U17, U19 or Open age categories. (a total of 10 team members).

Note 2: To be eligible for a Youth State team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before the 30 September 2022 (i.e. Under 17 age group and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety) Each Youth State team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitive members from the U17 age category **only** (a total of 10 team members).

Note 3: To be eligible for a Pathway State team a member must be a minimum age of 13 years as at 30 September 2022 (i.e. Under 14 age group and hold a proficient SRC or SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety) or a minimum age of 14 years as at 30 September 2022 (i.e. Under 15 age group and hold a proficient SRC or SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety).

Note 4: Each Pathway State team will consist of a maximum of 8 male and 8 female competitive members from the U14 and U15 age categories only. Each Team must have a minimum of 4 x U14 Males and 4 x U14 Females. (a total of 16 team members).



3. TIMETABLE OF EVENTS:

This is a proposed timetable of events that is subject to change if weather, surf or other unforeseen circumstances arise. All attempts will be made to advise Team Management ASAP in the event of any amendments.

OCEAN TIMETABLE

| Open/Youth/Pathway Ocean | Open/Youth/Pathway Beach | Details | Timing |
|--|--|---|---------|
| Pathway Surf Race Male | | 4 competitors per state/territory | 8am |
| Pathway Surf Race Female | | 4 competitors per state/territory | |
| Youth Surf Race Male | | 2 competitors per state/territory | 8.15am |
| Youth Surf Race Female | | 2 competitors per state/territory | |
| Open Surf Race Male | | 2 competitors per state/territory | 8.30am |
| Open Surf Race Female | | 2 competitors per state/territory | |
| Pathway Board Race Male | | 3 competitors per state/territory | 8.45am |
| Pathway Board Race Female | | 3 competitors per state/territory | |
| Youth Board Race Male | | 2 competitors per state/territory | 9am |
| Youth Board Race Female | | 2 competitors per state/territory | |
| Open Board Race Male | | 2 competitors per state/territory | 9.15am |
| Open Board Race Female | | 2 competitors per state/territory | |
| Youth Surf Ski Race Male | | 2 competitors per state/territory | 9.30am |
| Youth Surf Ski Race Female | | 2 competitors per state/territory | |
| Open Surf Ski Race Male | | 2 competitors per state/territory | 9.45am |
| Open Surf Ski Race Female | | 2 competitors per state/territory | |
| Pathway Ironman | | 3 competitors per state/territory | 10am |
| Pathway Ironwoman | | 3 competitors per state/territory | |
| Youth Ironman | | 2 competitors per state/territory | 10.20am |
| Youth Ironwoman | | 2 competitors per state/territory | |
| Open Ironman | | 2 competitors per state/territory | 10.40am |
| Open Ironwoman | | 2 competitors per state/territory | |
| Pathway Mixed Surf Teams Race | | 1 team per state/territory (4 competitors, 2 male & 2 female) | 11.15am |
| Youth Mixed Surf Teams Race | | As above | 11.30am |
| Open Mixed Surf Teams Race | | As above | 11.45am |
| Pathway Mixed 4 Person Board Relay | | As above | 12pm |
| Youth Mixed 4 Person Board Relay | | As above | 12.15pm |
| Open Mixed 4 Person Board Relay | | As above | 12.30pm |
| Youth Mixed 4 Person Surf Ski Relay | | As above | 12.45pm |
| Open Mixed 4 Person Surf Ski Relay | | As above | 1pm |
| | Pathway Beach Flags Male | 1 competitor per state/territory | 1.15pm |
| | Pathway Beach Flags Female | 1 competitor per state/territory | |
| | Youth Beach Flags Male | 1 competitor per state/territory | 1.45pm |
| | Youth Beach Flags Female | 1 competitor per state/territory | |
| | Open Beach Flags Male | 1 competitor per state/territory | 2.15pm |
| | Open Beach Flags Female | 1 competitor per state/territory | |
| Pathway M Shape 6 person Mixed Cameron Relay | Run, Swim, Swim, Board, Board, Run | 1 team per state/territory (6 competitors, 3 male & 3 female) | 2.45pm |
| Youth M Shape 8 person Mixed Team Relay | Run, Swim, Swim, Board, Board, Ski, Ski, Run | 1 team per state/territory (8 competitors, 4 male & 4 female) | 3pm |



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| Open M Shape 8 person Mixed Team Relay | Run, Swim, Swim, Board, Board, Ski, Ski, Run | As above | 3.15pm |
| Presentation and Medal Ceremony | | | 4pm |

BEACH SPRINT TIMETABLE

| Open/Youth/Pathway Beach | Details | Timing |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Pathway Beach Sprint Male | 1 competitor per state/territory | 9am |
| Pathway Beach Sprint Female | 1 competitor per state/territory | |
| Youth Beach Sprint Male | 1 competitor per state/territory | 9.15am |
| Youth Beach Sprint Female | 1 competitor per state/territory | |
| Open Beach Sprint Male | 1 competitor per state/territory | 9.30am |
| Open Beach Sprint Female | 1 competitor per state/territory | |
| Pathway Mixed Beach Relay | 1 team per state/territory (4 competitors, 2 male & 2 female) | 10am |
| Youth Mixed Beach Relay | As above | 10.20am |
| Open Mixed Beach Relay | As above | 10.40am |

Further Rules for Pathway Events only

Surf Race (male and female) – 4 competitors per State/Territory. 2 x U14 and 2 x U15

Board Race (male and female) – 3 competitors per State/Territory 1 x U14, 1 x U15 – 3rd competitor either U14 or U15 at the discretion of the State

Ironman and Ironwoman - 3 competitors per State/Territory 1 x U14, 1 x U15 – 3rd competitor either U14 or U15 at the discretion of the State

Mixed Surf Teams – 1x U14 male, 1 x U15 male, 1 x U14 female & 1 x U15 female.

Mixed 4 Person Board Relay - 1x U14 male, 1 x U15 male, 1 x U14 female & 1 x U15 female. (Order at the discretion of the State).

Mixed 4 Beach Relay - 1x U14 male, 1 x U15 male, 1 x U14 female & 1 x U15 female. (Order at the discretion of the State).

M Shape Mixed 6 Person Cameron Relay – 3 x male, 3 x female comprised of 3 x U14 and 3 x U15.

With below discipline specifics:

1 x U14 Runner & 1 x U15 Runner

1 x U14 Swimmer & 1 x U15 Swimmer

1 x U14 Board & 1 x U15 Board

4. TEAM MANAGEMENT

For event management purposes, SLSA will recognise three (3) team management officials for each Open, Youth and Pathway Division team. The positions to be recognised are:

- Manager (1)
- Coach (1)
- Chaperone (1)

5. TEAM SELECTION

- Only athletes eligible to compete for Australia can be selected as part of these Championships.
- States/Territories are responsible for the selection of their teams.
- States/Territories are permitted to select “State of Bronze Medallion Origin” athletes based on where the member first gained their Bronze Medallion Award OR select for the State/Territory on the basis of where the member’s current club is (if the member wishes to be selected). SLSA will complete an audit of each team to ensure all teams comply with these rules.



- All team selections and individual event allocations will need to be received by SLSA no later than close of business (AEDT) Friday, 16th December 2022. Entries must be complete via SEMS

Note 1: “Current club and State” - this means the club and State in which the member currently has his/her competitive rights.

Note 2: It is the member’s choice whether they wish to be considered for selection by their “State of Bronze Medallion Origin” or their “Current State of Membership”.

6. DRAFTING

SLSA will facilitate an athlete draft for the bottom three (3) ranked States/Territories:

- a) Each affiliated State/Territory has a full team roster (where possible).
- b) That non-selected (from primary nomination) athletic talent is spread across teams requiring draft athletes.
- c) That over time State/Territory teams can become less reliant on drafting to fill teams.

Draft Process:

- Athletes may elect to nominate to the draft should their primary nomination for a State Team be unsuccessful. All those who are not selected in their State squad must contact their State Sport Manager to confirm their place in the draft. It is strongly recommended that eligible NSW athletes enter the draft in case teams need emergency replacements close to the competition date.
- Each State/Territory centre will be required to select its team by **Friday, 16th December 2022**.
- Each State/Territory centre shall forward all athlete nominations for the draft to SLSA by **Friday, 16th December 2022** (both Open and Youth).
- Each State/Territory centre shall confirm any draft requirements to SLSA by **Friday, 16th December 2022**.
- Any drafted athletes shall be the financial responsibility of the drafting State/Territory.
- SLSA will release a list of draft athletes to each Manager of the State/Territory team eligible to pick from the draft by **Monday, 19th December 2022**
- If required there will be a draft teleconference facilitated by SLSA and State teams on **Wednesday, 28th December 2022** to complete the draft picks.
- The lowest ranked state team from 2020 will have first pick, followed by 6th, 5th and 4th until the first rotation is complete.
- The rotation shall continue until all teams have completed their roster or have exhausted their allowable number of draftees.
- SLSA will issue a release of all team lists **Friday, 30th December 2022**.
- No team changes are permitted unless an injury occurs prior to the start of the first race and a medical certificate **MUST** be provided, or evidence of an exceptional circumstance is provided.
- There shall be no penalties for drafting.
- Only the bottom three (3) ranked States/Territories (on overall results) shall be permitted drafts for each team.

7. TEAM SHEETS

- Team managers are required to complete the team entries via the Sports Event Management System (SEMS) summary, team management and event configuration in the attached electronic template (excel spreadsheet) and send to SLSA (events@slsa.asn.au) no later than close of business (AEDT), **Friday, 16th December 2022**



Note 1: Changes after this date (other than draft athletes being added) will only be permitted subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances. No changes to any team entries shall be permitted once the first event has commenced although teams may substitute within the team as required. Evidence **MUST** be provided in the form of a medical certificate or relevant documentation.

Note 2: In the event of an athlete withdrawing from a team. Team Management must

- a) Gain approval from the Competition Committee to replace the withdrawn team member (contact SLSA who will send to Competition Committee Chair)
- b) Ensure the new team member complies with the rules set out above under Team Selection
- c) If the withdrawn athlete is a drafted athlete, they **MUST** be replaced by an athlete on the draft list only. Athletes not on the draft list will not be accepted.

8. EVENT CONDITIONS

- The general competitive conditions, as detailed in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Members Area > Document Library > Sports > Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition) and any subsequent Bulletins, shall apply to the conduct of all events except where amended by these Championship rules.
- The primary amendments are:
 - Water Courses:
All individual and team water events will be conducted around the buoy courses set for the individual legs of the Ironman/Ironwoman events. The buoy courses are as per the Nutri Grain Ironman and Ironwoman Series.
 - Water Event Starts:
Unless otherwise advised, all water events shall be started on the beach approximately 15 metres from the water's edge (run start). Craft will be placed in front of the start line and as close as practicable to the water's edge. Handlers are not required for the start of events except for the Ski events where at the Competition Committee's discretion, Handlers may be utilised to hold the craft in the water to avoid the dragging/carrying of skis into the water.
 - Water Event Finishes:
Unless otherwise advised, all water events shall finish as per the Ironman/woman races (run finish). Craft and paddles may be abandoned after rounding the last turning buoy of the swim course. Handlers are to remove craft and paddles from the course.

Change Over Area and Tagging for Relay Style Events:

In all relay style events the Referee will designate a Changeover Area that will commence 5 metres before the finish arch (southern side) and finish at the arch. The incoming athlete will run from the water's edge around the southern turning flag towards the finish arch. In the Changeover Area a tag must take place between the incoming competitor and the outgoing competitor. The tag can take place on any part of the body. Any breach of the Changeover Rule may result in disqualification.

M Shape 8 person Mixed Team Relay:

Fixed order of run, swim, swim, board, board, ski, ski, run. To be run as per the rules outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual. The event will be conducted over an M Shape Course with each water competitor to complete ½ of the M shape course. However, if conditions dictate the event may revert to a traditional course. The Referee will confirm details at the Team Manager meeting.

M Shape 6 person Mixed Cameron Relay:

Fixed order of run, swim, swim, board, board, run. To be run as per the rules outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual. The event will be conducted over an M Shape Course with each



water competitor to complete ½ of the M shape course. However, if conditions dictate the event may revert to a traditional course. The Referee will confirm details at the Team Manager meeting

Note 2: All Beach events shall be the standard courses and distances.

Note 3: The rules for the conduct of the Mixed Board Relay and Mixed Ski Relay events (note that both events shall commence with a dry start unless otherwise advised) are contained in Appendix 1.

9. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT & SPECIFICATIONS

- Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their own equipment including boards, skis, paddles, rescue tubes and fins.
- All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications.
- Random scrutineering of equipment may occur during the 2023 SLSA Interstate Championships.

10. PROTESTS

- All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Members Area > Document Library > Sports > Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition) and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based. Protest Forms will be available from the administration centre.
- Each State team is allowed to make no more than four (4) unsuccessful appeals (2 Open and 2 Youth). Once all four unsuccessful appeals have been used a State can no longer lodge an appeal on a decision.
- An appeals fee of \$150 (Inc. GST) must accompany all appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

11. ARENAS

- The competition arena/s for the 2023 SLSA Australian Interstate Championships shall be compacted to maximise spectator viewing and shall consist of one water arena, one beach track and one beach flag pit.
- A site map of the competition venue will be provided by SLSA.

12. TIMETABLE

- Events shall be conducted in the order listed on the event schedule, however can be subject to change due to conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Team Management will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.
- It may be necessary to run Ocean and Beach events at the same time, if required.
- The first race will commence at 8:00am with a brief opening ceremony prior to that.

Note: The SLSA Interstate Championships Competition Committee reserves the right to add or delete any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or for other any other warranted conditions/reasons.

13. DRAWS AND BALLOTS

- Prior to the Championships SLSA will undertake one draw of team positions for the first event conducted in each of the water/craft and beach arenas for competition. Subsequent draws will be of the 'rolling draw' format where all States/Territories will move sideways and up one beach position (i.e. position 6 to 5 to 4 and so on then back to one) in each event conducted in the area. The same draw shall be used for the Open, Youth and Pathway divisions of the Championship.
- Copies of the first draws will be available at the Team Manager's briefing.



- After the first run through of the beach flags event in each division, separate draws are to be undertaken in each age/gender division for lane positions for all subsequent run throughs.
- One draw for the order of the legs for the Ironman, Ironwoman and Taplin Relay events will be undertaken at the Team Manager's briefing.
- Team managers will be required to submit their final entry list for their team prior to the conclusion of the Team Manager's briefing.
- The referee will undertake any other ballots required on the beach on the day of the competition.

14. COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

- A briefing for team managers and key officials will be conducted by the Event Referee the day prior to competition on Sunday 15th January 2022 at 4:00pm online
- The officials to be in attendance include the Event Referee, Deputy Referee, Sectional Referees, Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator, and key officials/SLSA personnel. Other officials may attend this event.
- An additional briefing will also occur on the morning of competition, Monday 16th January 2022 (approximately 6:45am), if required or requested. The location of the briefings shall be in the main competition area or as announced at the team managers briefing on Sunday afternoon.
- States/Territories should have a minimum of one and maximum of three personnel attend the briefing.

15. POINTSCORE

- All events conducted shall be worth equal points except when teams select their Power Play. The State/Territory with the highest aggregate points earned in the Open, Youth and Pathway divisions combined, will be the Australian Interstate Champions, 2023.
- All competing teams are eligible to earn placing points and trophies.
- Points shall be allocated on a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1st – 6th for each Open, Youth and Pathway event contested. Nil points will be earned in the case of a Did not Start (DNS), disqualification or Did not Finish (DNF) result.
- Drafted competitors are eligible to earn 100% of their placing points in both individual and team events for their adopted State/Territory point score.
- Open, Youth and Pathway Teams are also permitted one nominated Power Play that earns double points for their team (refer to the next Section for details.)
- Dead heats in events shall be declared as such with teams sharing the placing points for the placing attained, e.g. equal 3rd, each team receives third place points and the next team receives 5th place points.
- In team events (Surf Ski Relay, Surf Board Relay, Beach Relay, Surf Teams Race) points shall be allocated as specified above. In individual events the results of 1st competitor and 2nd competitor from each team are added to determine finishing position, effectively making all events 'team' events. To determine winners in each event the State/Territory with the highest aggregate points in an event shall be the winner and receive the first place points. If the total aggregate points result in a dead heat between States/Territory then the State/Territory that has both team members finish in front of the other team competitors (i.e. as per the surf teams races) will be declared the winner e.g. if team one finishes 1st and 6th and team two finishes 2nd and 5th, both receive the same placing points. Then team two would be awarded the higher placing because their second competitor finished in front of team one's second competitor.

Note 1: To determine the aggregate points the first State/Territory competitor to cross the line in an event will receive maximum points, the second competitor 1 point less than first and so on down to 1 point. The points are then aggregated, and the 6 to 1 points allocated to the point score.



Note 2: If a State/Territory only has one competitor in an event, or if a competitor is disqualified or does not complete the event, the State/Territory may still earn placing points based on the satisfactory completion of the race by one competitor e.g. 10+0=10 points. The aggregated placing points are then used to determine the points allocated to the team's point score.

16. POWER PLAY

- A power play is a nominated event that both an Open, Youth and Pathway team can claim.
- Each Open, Youth and Pathway team can nominate **one** individual or team event to have a power play attached to it.
- Any points accumulated during the power play will be **doubled** for that team in the actual point score (i.e. 12 points for 1st, 2 points for 6th)
- The power play process is as follows:
 - Team managers will be required to submit a power play form to the Referee by no later than 7am on Monday 16 January 2023.
 - A team is not able to change their allocated power play during the competition.
 - Commentators will announce when a power play is being used in the preamble of that race and profile the competitors involved.

17. TROPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

- All presentations will occur at the conclusion of competition on Monday afternoon.
- Teams will be competing for the Ocean/Beach Events trophy (a cumulative point score for all events combined over the Open, Youth & Pathway Divisions).
- In addition, teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the (above mentioned) combined Open, Youth and Pathway point score shall receive Australian Interstate Championship medallions for all team members.
- Recognition by way of a team trophy will also be given to the team(s) who scores the highest points in each of the Open, Youth and Pathway divisions.

The Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield (for the overall point score of Ocean, Pool, Surf Boat and IRB Interstate Championships for the previous season) shall be awarded at the Interstate Championship Opening Ceremony prior to competition on Monday 16th January 2022.

The point score for this Shield shall be determined by the overall placing result recorded by States/Territories in each of the Interstate Championships. In this regard States/Territories shall be allocated points on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for their relative 1st – 7th placing in each Interstate Championship (Ocean, Boat, Pool, IRB). The State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points shall be declared winner of the Shield.)

In the event of tied points, a count back of best overall results in the four championships (Ocean, Boat, Pool, IRB) will determine the winning State/Territory (that is, number of 1st overall placings. If still equal, number of 2nd placings and so on until a winner is declared). If this method cannot separate States/Territories, joint winners will be declared.

18. SPONSORSHIP

- In the event of States/Territories/individuals having conflicting sponsorship with the event sponsor, the SLSA Sponsorship Policy 6.28 must be adhered to.
- SLSA will provide lycras for the event, which will be handed out at the Team Manager Briefing the day prior.

19. SLSA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- SLSA expects that all members involved in competition will co-operate to ensure a positive



public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.

- The SLSA Code of Conduct, Competing Unfairly and Abuse/Inappropriate clauses etc. are contained in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Members Area > Document Library > Sports > Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition) and any subsequent Bulletins.
- Any incidents or behaviour likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of lifesaving competition will be managed as prescribed in the current edition of SLSA's Rules, Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

20. MEDIA STATEMENTS

- States/Territories shall be permitted to promote the event and or their State/Territory team within their own state (subject to SLSA approval). However, no competitor, Team Manager, official or spokesperson for a State/Territory, shall make media statements that could bring the Interstate Championships, its sponsor, or officials, into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.
- Complaints regarding the organisation of the championship, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

21. THEFT

- Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia, the hosting authority, states or another individual may be immediately reported to police and that person/s be brought before a SLSA Disciplinary Committee.
- Please note that automatic disqualification of the team from the Championship may occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

22. Match Fixing and Anti-Doping

- **Match Fixing**
The SLSA National Policy on MatchFixing and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs including special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.
- **Anti- Doping**
Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.2 Anti-Doping Policy and Policy 6.23 Illicit Drugs in Sport (both available online in the SLSA Members Portal).
It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module AND conduct at least one (1) anti-doping education activity with all competitors from the Club - <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/education>



Appendix 1

Mixed Board Relay Race and Mixed Surf Ski Relay Race

General Conditions

- (a) The Mixed Surf Board and Surf Ski Relay events comprise of 4 competitors (2 male and 2 female). States/Territories may decide the order that their team members compete in.
- (b) Team members may use the same craft. No member of a team shall be permitted to complete more than one leg of a race.
- (c) A competitor not competing in a leg of the race can become a craft handler. Alternatively, another team member may be a handler.
- (d) Control of craft - A competitor can lose control or contact with their craft on the way out, provided they regain the craft, paddle around all buoys required and round the last course buoy in contact with the craft. A competitor must paddle their surf ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) around the last course buoy and shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy on the return journey.

Note: The beach positions are reversed for the first and second craft legs to assist with fairness of event conduct