

JUNIOR CARNIVAL – Division Allocations & Information

2023 State Championship

Divisional racing provides greater opportunity for competition and the ability of each participant. This contributes to fairer, equitable and inclusive surf sports for our nippers.

Event Divisions

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

The following INDIVIDUAL events (*separate girls & boys events per age group*) will be conducted in Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 provided there are a MINIMUM of 80 COMPETITORS ENTERED for that age/gender/discipline as at close of entries for the championship:

- Wade races (U8-10)
 - Surf races/swims (U8-13)
 - Board races (U8-13)
 - Beach sprints (U8-13)
 - Beach flags (U8-13)
 - Distance runs (U8-13)
- The IRON event (U11-13) will be conducted in Division 1 and Division 2 only
- The Champion Lifesaver event (U13 only) will be conducted in ONE DIVISION only.

Clubs will be notified following close of entries if the minimum number of competitors has NOT been met & subsequent re-allocation of division will be required for divisions 1 & 2 only

TEAM EVENTS

The following TEAM events (*non-gender specific, NGS, per age group*) will be conducted in Division 1 and Division 2:

- Wade relays (U8-11)
- Surf teams (U9-13)
- Board relays (U9-13)
- Board rescues (U12-13)
- Beach relays (U8-13)
- Cameron relays (U8-13)

The following TEAM events will be conducted in ONE DIVISION only:

- Junior March Past (1 NGS event, U8-13)
- Junior Taplin Relay (1 Mixed event, set roles)
- All Age Beach Relays (2 events – boys & girls)
- 2 person RnR (U10/11 + U12/13)
- 5 person RnR (U12/13 NGS)

General Divisional Allocations

These tables show the GENERAL divisional allocations that should be used as a guide for each event.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (with 3 divisions)

Total # competitors per age/gender/event	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
1	0	1	0
2	1	0	1
3	1	1	1
4	1	2	1
5	2	1	2
6	2	2	2
7	2	3	2
8	3	2	3
9	3	3	3
10	3	4	3
11	4	3	4
12	4	4	4
13	4	5	4
14	5	4	5
15	5	5	5

TEAM EVENTS + IRON (with 2 divisions)

Total # competitors per age/gender/event	Division 1	Division 2
1	0	1
2	1	1
3	2	1
4	2	2
5	2	3
6	3	3
7	4	3
8	4	4
9	4	5
10	5	5
11	6	5
12	6	6
13	6	7
14	7	7
15	8	7

How to allocate competitors into Divisions

Whilst the tables above are a guide, Clubs/Age Group Managers should follow these STEPS to allocate their competitors into the APPROPRIATE divisions that reflect their level of competition.

- 1. Assess each child on their current level of ability for EACH specific event**
 - Make list for EACH event compared with others in the group to create a list from fastest down
 - Take into account RESULTS from previous 3 carnivals, **there have been some results which show the competitor clearly should be in the higher division**
- 2. Calculate the numbers for each DIVISION. Does it match the table above?**
 - Make a judgement call about where the cut off for each division would be in YOUR group for each event (this may not be an even split). **This should be easier now with 3 carnivals completed for you can see where they are finishing**
 - Count the number of competitors in each divisional band & compare your numbers with the relevant table above
- 3. Club enters the children in the divisions for each event that YOU/AGM have determined**
 - Enter each child into ONE DIVISION ONLY per event (even though their name will show up in all divisions)
 - Type in the numbers for your Club for each age/gender/event in the **JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS SUMMARY SHEET** (everyone can edit so please do this carefully & do not remove other Clubs' entries)
 - **Complete this process by Close of Entries**
- 4. Explain deviations of more than 1-2 from the general allocations in the above tables**
 - Use the NOTES column in the **SUMMARY SHEET** to explain where your numbers across each division are not very balanced (*ie based on results from carnivals, child/ren normally allocated to a div are not competing; best ability competitor is div 2 level; greater % of age group are div 1 level*)
 - Competition Committee will review the Summary Sheet in conjunction with previous carnival results
 - Club will be contacted PRIOR to state championship if any issues &/or divisional change required
- 5. Report any anomalies/errors ASAP**
 - If there has been any errors, anomalies or omissions with the SEMS entries regarding correct divisional allocations, please report ASAP so that they can be amended prior to competition

Key points to remember

- **22-23 Carnival results MUST be used in determining state championship divisional allocations** (results where competitors won a div 2 or 3 event comfortably over the majority of others warrants that child being moved up into the next division for that event)
- **Children may well be in DIFFERENT divisions for different events** (ie div 1 for sprints, div 3 for swim)
- **Only enter children/team in ONE division per event**

Please ensure entries are accurate and report any wrong division allocations in SEMS ASAP so these can be amended prior to competition.