



Bulletin

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Summary:	This bulletin outlines event and general competitive conditions for affiliated clubs for the 2021 SunSmart WA Championships, Country events.
Action:	Clubs are to note the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event dates and competitive conditions for the season’s championships events. - No Under 14 competitor is eligible to contest U15 individual events. - Under 14 and Under 15s will compete in combined youth team events. - No Under 13 competitor is eligible to contest U14 or U15 individual or team events. - Also note the qualification process for country competitors wishing to compete at the 2021 SunSmart WA Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships. Refer to page 4 for more information.

Events	Event dates	Entries close (note no late entries)
Country Championships	27 – 28 February 2021	11pm, Tuesday 23 February 2021
Please note: Beach Flags, Sprints and Beach Relay events will be contested on the afternoon (after 2:45pm) of Saturday 27 February 2021. 1km and 2km will run on Sunday 28 February 2021. All water events (except Surf Boats) will be contested on Sunday 28 February 2021. Country Championship Surf Boats events will be contested on Day 1 (Saturday 27 March 2021) of the SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships. Entries to Surf Boats events will be under the 2021 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships on the Event Management System.		

Bulletins Binding on Members

Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to SLSWA regulations shall be advised to Members of the Association by means of Bulletins approved by the Chief Executive Officer. Affiliated Clubs shall take reasonable steps to distribute information in the Bulletins to Individual Members. Such inclusions in the Bulletins are binding upon all Members.

These championships will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36th Edition which can be downloaded via www.mybeach.com.au.

It is most important that the information in this Bulletin is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors. Non-receipt of this Bulletin will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or Individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.

James O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer



CHECKLIST

The following checklist has been designed to assist Club Surf Sports Officers complete the necessary entry requirements for members wishing to compete at the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships.

1. INFORMATION

Ensure all the information contained in this document has been read thoroughly and the conditions for entries have been adhered to.

2. ENTRIES

On-line Entries

Entries for 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships are available on the [Event Management System](#). Entries close Tuesday 23 February 2021, 11pm.

Upon completion of the above, the following is to be undertaken:

- It is the responsibility of the club to ensure the eligibility of members. Random eligibility checks will be undertaken by SLSWA.
- Clubs will be invoiced for entry fees.

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Part A: EVENTS

These championships will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36th Edition](#). For any event to be contested at the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships a minimum of three (3) individuals or three (3) teams from (2) different clubs is required.

As such, for all events, medals will be awarded as follows:

- (a) Three (3) or more competitors – Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals may be awarded.

A1 LIST OF EVENTS - # Denotes qualification event for the 2021 SunSmart WA Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships

WATER

Open Male Surf Race
Open Female Surf Race
U19 Male Surf Race
U19 Female Surf Race
U17 Male Surf Race
U17 Female Surf Race
U15 Male Surf Race
U15 Female Surf Race
U14 Male Surf Race
U14 Female Surf Race
U13 Male Surf Race
U13 Female Surf Race
U12 Male Surf Race
U12 Female Surf Race
U11 Male Surf Race
U11 Female Surf Race
U10 Male Surf Race
U10 Female Surf Race

Youth Male Cameron Relay (2)
Youth Female Cameron Relay (2)
Nipper Male Cameron Relay (4)
Nipper Female Cameron Relay (4)

#U13 Male Board Rescue
#U13 Female Board Rescue
#U12 Male Board Rescue
#U12 Female Board Rescue
#U11 Male Board Rescue
#U11 Female Board Rescue

SURF SKI

Open Male Single Ski
Open Female Single Ski
U19 Male Single Ski
U19 Female Single Ski
U17 Male Single Ski
U17 Female Single Ski
Open Male Double Ski
Open Female Double Ski
Open Mixed Double Ski

SURF BOATS

Open Male Surf Boat
Open Female Surf Boat
Reserve Male Surf Boat
Reserve Female Surf Boat

SURF BOARD

Open Male Board Race
Open Female Board Race
U19 Male Board Race
U19 Female Board Race
U17 Male Board Race
U17 Female Board Race
U15 Male Board Race
U15 Female Board Race

U14 Male Board Race
U14 Female Board Race
#U13 Male Board Race
#U13 Female Board Race
#U12 Male Board Race
#U12 Female Board Race
#U11 Male Board Race
#U11 Female Board Race
#U10 Male Board Race
#U10 Female Board Race

(Board relay will be 2 person)

Open Male Board Relay
Open Female Board Relay
U17 Male Board Relay
U17 Female Board Relay
Youth Male Board Relay
Youth Female Board Relay

BEACH

Open Male 2km Beach Run
Open Female 2km Beach Run
U19 Male 2km Beach Run
U19 Female 2km Beach Run
U17 Male 2km Beach Run
U17 Female 2km Beach Run
U15 Male 2km Beach Run
U15 Female 2km Beach Run
U14 Male 2km Beach Run
U14 Female 2km Beach Run
U13 Male 1km Beach Run
U13 Female 1km Beach Run
U12 Male 1km Beach Run
U12 Female 1km Beach Run
U11 Male 1km Beach Run
U10 Male 1km Beach Run
U10 Female 1km Beach Run

Open Male Beach Sprint
Open Female Beach Sprint
U19 Male Beach Sprint

U19 Female Beach Sprint
U17 Male Beach Sprint
U17 Female Beach Sprint
U15 Male Beach Sprint
U15 Female Beach Sprint
U14 Male Beach Sprint
U14 Female Beach Sprint
#U13 Male Beach Sprint
#U13 Female Beach Sprint
#U12 Male Beach Sprint
#U12 Female Beach Sprint
#U11 Male Beach Sprint
#U11 Female Beach Sprint
#U10 Male Beach Sprint
#U10 Female Beach Sprint

Open Male Beach Flags
Open Female Beach Flags
U19 Male Beach Flags
U19 Female Beach Flags
U17 Male Beach Flags
U17 Female Beach Flags
U15 Male Beach Flags
U15 Female Beach Flags
U14 Male Beach Flags
U14 Female Beach Flags
#U13 Male Beach Flags
#U13 Female Beach Flags
#U12 Male Beach Flags
#U12 Female Beach Flags
#U11 Male Beach Flags
#U11 Female Beach Flags
#U10 Male Beach Flags
#U10 Female Beach Flags

Open Mixed Beach Relay
Youth Mixed Beach Relay
Nipper Male Beach Relay
Nipper Female Beach Relay

A2 RESTRICTED ENTRY & QUALIFICATION EVENTS

Restricted Entry Events at the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships

- a) Taplin Relay is 3-person.
- b) All Board Relays are 2-person.
- c) All Mixed Teams require a minimum of one female competitor. An all-female team is permitted.
- d) Nipper division can be made up of Nippers from one age group or a combination of two, three or four age groups.
- e) Youth Cameron Relays are 2 person – one person swim/run and other person board/run.

Country Club Qualification Process

- The 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships is the sole avenue for country club members to qualify to compete in individual events at the 2021 SunSmart WA Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships (Nipper Championships). Country club competitors cannot attempt to qualify through the SunSmart Metro Nipper Qualifier.
- The number of positions per event offered to country club members at the Nipper Championships through qualification at the Country Championships are:

Discipline	Nipper Championship Country Qualification Process (per gender age group)
Beach Sprint	Top 4 qualify for Nipper Championships
Beach Flags	Top 4 qualify for Nipper Championships
Board Rescue	Top 4 teams qualify for Nipper Championships
Board Race	Top 8 qualify for Nipper Championships
Ironman	Top 8 qualify for Nipper Championships

Please note: There are no reserve positions available. Only the numbers of positions outlined in the above table qualify through to the Nipper Championships.

Team Events at the 2021 SunSmart WA Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships

- There is no entry cap for the team events.

Nipper Board Rescue Event Participation

Nipper competitors can only compete in Board Rescue in their own age group or in the age group directly above them and only fill 50% of that team i.e. U11 can compete in U11 and U12 but not U13. For the Board Rescue event, it is the Club that will qualify a Team through to the State Championships. The members of that team may change via substitution. See Section D8.

A3 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

A program of events will be available on [mybeach](http://mybeach.com.au) by early February.

Part B - ENTRY CONDITIONS

B1 PROFICIENCY OF COMPETITORS

All Award holding members must be proficient to participate in competition events and to undertake lifesaving duties. For further information please view the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36th Edition](#), section 2.2.1 Competition Qualifications.

B2 PATROL AND SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS

Due to COVID-19 SLSWA have decided that there will be no patrol hour requirement to compete in the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships.

PART C: ENTRIES

C1 ENTRIES

- (a) Entries must be registered with SLSWA by 11pm, Tuesday 23 February 2021 listing all competitors.

C2 ENTRY FEES

- (a) The cost per competitor entered in these Championships is \$40.00, irrespective of the number of events entered.
- (b) There is no cost for Equipment Handlers, Photographers or Officials entered in these Championships, unless they are competing in other events themselves.
- (d) Clubs will be invoiced accordingly for entry fees after the event.
- (e) Entry fees are non-refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if events are subsequently cancelled after commencement of the Championships.
- (f) All prices outlined in this Bulletin include GST.

C3 DECLARATION

- (a) It is a condition of entry that by using the online entry system, clubs declare that the competitors entered are financial, proficient and satisfy the patrol requirements as detailed in this bulletin, and the entries are in all other ways in accordance with Association and Club regulations.
- (b) As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have any photography taken during the 2021 SunSmart Country Championships, which is used for promotional material by SLSWA. This is in accordance with the SLSWA Surf Sports Media Policy. If a member wishes not be photographed for any reason, please communicate this to Andrew Mosel at SLSWA prior to the close of entries of the Championships.

C4 COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- (a) Competition conditions for all events not expressed in this Bulletin are set out in the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36th Edition](#), section 2.

C5 PENALTIES – BREACH OF ENTRY REGULATIONS

It is mandatory that ALL competitors are listed in the Club's entries.

Entry of competitors who are ineligible due to non-qualification or proficiency, default of personal patrol hour obligations, or other breach of association or club entry regulations have penalties provided for as follows:

THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF ENTRY REGULATIONS FOR THE 2021 SUNSMART WA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE THE AUTOMATIC REJECTION OF ENTRIES FOR THOSE PERSONS FOUND TO BE IN BREACH OF REGULATIONS AND THE FORFEITURE OF THEIR ENTRY FEES.

APPLICATION OF THE AUTOMATIC PENALTY WILL NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE ASSOCIATION AGAINST CLUBS OR OTHER PERSONS IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN THE CASE OF SERIOUS ATTEMPTS TO DEFEAT ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS.

PART D: EVENT INFORMATION

D1 SAFETY AND EMERGENCY TEAM (SET)

The provision of a safe environment at all SLSWA competitions is paramount.

SLSWA endeavours to ensure that the appropriate safety standards as set by SLSA are met at all junior and senior surf sports carnivals/championships, including the provision of qualified personnel, rescue craft and communications. Should an emergency situation arise during competition, correct control and discipline shall be maintained under the direction of the Competition Referee and the Emergency Services Officer.

The SET, under whose directions shall be placed all matters relating to the actual conduct of the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships, will fulfil safety related operational, coordination and advisory roles at the event. The SET consists of the Event Manager from SLSWA plus volunteers appointed to the following positions:

Championship Referee – TBC
 Emergency Services Officer – TBC

The team will consult with Sectional Referees as appropriate and will seek advice from other relevant parties on safety issues as required.

D2 CARNIVAL SAFETY

Clubs wishing to enter the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships must supply power craft, first aid and water safety personnel on a 'pro-rata' scale based upon club participation from the previous season. The roster for the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships can be downloaded from the SLSWA Website in early February 2021. If an IRB, water safety and/or First Aid volunteer does not attend as required, the Club risks being ineligible to participate further in the competition until the matter is resolved.

D3 HIGH VISIBILITY LYCRA VESTS

All competitors in water-based surf lifesaving events will be required to wear a high visibility yellow lycra vest. Nippers will be required to wear their Woodside Nipper high visibility vest. Except where otherwise specified, vests must be worn by all competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth. All participants wanting to enter the water, including but not limited to, competitors, Team Managers, coaches, officials and staff are recommended to bring old Lycra singlets from previous competitions for this purpose as additional Lycra singlets will not be distributed.

D4 HELMETS FOR SURF BOAT COMPETITORS

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.

D5 DISCIPLINES/PROTESTS

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships, including tampering with signs, fences or PA system equipment will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action. All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36th Edition](#), section 14 – PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual upon which the protest is based.

D6 MARSHALLING

SLSWA will be using the RFID bands and associated software to manage the championships. All athletes will be required to have a band. Bands will be allocated at carnivals throughout the season. Bands will be available at the championship in the administration van. Location of the administration van will be advised in the final event circular which includes all site maps. Please note, surf boat events will not be using the RFID bands for marshalling.

D7 REPLACEMENT OF GEAR – BOAT AND CRAFT EVENTS

Sections 5.2.4(c), 6.1(f), 8.2.1(c), 8.4.1(g), 8.5.5 (b), 8.7.1(d) and 8.8.1(d) of the 36th Edition of SLSA Surf Sports Manual refers to the replacement of gear including boats, oars, skis, paddles, boards or other equipment during a race.

Competitors are reminded that if replacement gear is to be utilised, it is the responsibility of the competitor/ team/ crew to ensure that any damaged equipment left in the competition arena does not impede the progress of another competitor/ team/ crew involved in the race. Any equipment utilised as replacement gear is subject to scrutineering.

D8 PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS

Championship medallions in gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to the first three (3) individual/team place getters in each event. Medals will be presented to the athletes at the completion of each final. There will be a dais set up for photo opportunities.

D9 BEACH LAYOUT & ACCESS

Every effort will be made at these Championships to provide for a fair arena for all competitors and teams. If conditions are deemed unfair the Carnival Committee may relocate the arena. The Championships beach layout can be downloaded from the SLSWA Website by the early February.

ACCESS TO COMPETITION ARENA

The only people permitted in the competition arena are:

- (a) Active competition Officials
- (b) Active competitors/handlers (those in the marshalling area or in events)
- (c) Competitor stand-ins/proxies (these people must be wearing the competitors' club cap in the marshalling area and competition arena for identification)
- (d) Team manager (one per club)
- (e) SLSWA approved photographers

The Referee or Sectional Referee has the right to evict any person/s from the arena if the above access requirements are breached. Any person/s that breaches the above access requirement may be subject to disciplinary action.

D10 GEAR TRAILERS AND CRAFT STORAGE

General craft gear trailers are not permitted on the beach. One general craft gear trailer per club can be parked on the area marked out on the event map. No cars are permitted to park in this area. No surf craft is permitted to be left unattended on the beach. Note: No responsibility will be taken for craft left unattended.

D11 SECURITY

There will be limited security on Saturday evening observing the beach in the vicinity of the Mullaloo SLSC. No responsibility will be taken for theft/damage of gear that is left unattended.

D12 CLUB TENTS AND SPECTATOR VIEWING

Clubs tents are to be erected in the designated tent areas. There is no draw for tent positions. All spectators and competitors are also requested to utilise all rubbish bins made available to ensure the beach remains tidy at all times and is left in pristine condition. Take out what you bring in.

D13 SCRUTINEERING

Team Managers and competitors are strongly advised to ensure that their skis and boards, reels, surf lines and surf boats strictly comply with the SLSA Surf Craft/Surf Boat Compliance Program as applicable, before participating in any State Championship event. Officials may do random spot checks on the line at marshalling.

D14 EVENT TIME LIMITS

All water events will be subject to a time limit. Such a time limit shall be advised to competitors prior to the commencement of the event.

- In craft relay, taplin relay and board rescue events where the winning team is across the finish line, any other teams with members yet to enter the water may be withdrawn from the event.
- In board rescue heats, once the first three place getters have been confirmed, any teams still on the water may be directed to paddle to the side of the course and return to the beach.
- In ironperson races, once the winner is across the finish line, any other competitor yet to enter the water for the final leg may be withdrawn from the event.
- In surf races, a time limit will be announced on the day and any competitor exceeding that limit may be picked up by the duty boat and withdrawn from the event.

Where practicable, disqualifications due to the time limit being exceeded shall be advised to the competitor by the Referee, Sectional Referee or the Course Judge-in-Boat.

D15 ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The Administration Van will be the centre for officials, photography register, results announcements, lost property and other administrative duties. Please refer to the Championships event layout map for the location of the administration van.

D21 CLUB TEAM MANAGER AND COMPETITION OFFICIALS BRIEFING

An on-site briefing for Team Managers and Competition Officials will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 27 February 2021 and 6:30am Sunday 28 February 2021 in front of the Administration Van.

PART E: 2021 SUNSMART WA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS BANNERS

Championships Banner – Total Aggregate Points

Presented to the Club with the highest total point score overall at the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships.

Championships Handicap Banner

Presented to the Club with the highest total handicap point score overall at the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships, based on a handicap derived from an aggregate of the past three years overall point scores.