

Bulletin

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Summary:	This bulletin outlines event and general competition conditions for affiliated clubs for the 2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships – Masters events.
Action:	Clubs are to note Entry Conditions and Restrictions (Part B3).

EVENT	EVENT DATE & VENUE	ENTRIES CLOSE	TEAM MAKEUP CLOSE
Masters Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (excludes Masters Surf Boats) 	Mon 4 Mar – Sorrento Beach	Thu 22 Feb, 11.59pm	Mon 26 Feb, 11.59pm
Youth/Open Championships (Surf) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masters Surf Boats 	16 Mar – Scarborough Beach	Thu 7 Mar, 11.59pm	Mon 11 Mar, 11.59pm

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.

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



GENERAL

These championships will be guided by the most recent version of the Rules and Regulations of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual, Rescue and Resuscitation Competition Manual, related SLSA Circulars and subsequent amendments and the SLSWA Championships Bulletins. These can be accessed via the SLSWA website at this [link](#). Additionally, any amendments that may be advised as per the Event Committee on the day.

CHECKLIST

The following checklist has been designed to assist Club Surf Sports Management to complete the necessary entry requirements for members wishing to compete at the 2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships.

1. INFORMATION

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

2. ENTRIES

Entries for 2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships – Masters are available on entries.surftec.com.au. Take note of close of entry dates relevant to the event as listed on page 1 of this Bulletin.

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; and
- Clubs will be invoiced for team change fees after the Championships if incurred.

3. READ CAREFULLY

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Part A – EVENTS

For any event to be contested at the 2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, a minimum of three (3) individuals or three (3) teams from (2) different clubs is required.

A1 – LIST OF EVENTS

SURF RACE/TEAMS

30–34 Male Surf Race
30–34 Female Surf Race
35–39 Male Surf Race
35–39 Female Surf Race
40–44 Male Surf Race
40–44 Female Surf Race
45–49 Male Surf Race
45–49 Female Surf Race
50–54 Male Surf Race
50–54 Female Surf Race
55–59 Male Surf Race
55–59 Female Surf Race
60–64 Male Surf Race
60–64 Female Surf Race
65–69 Male Surf Race
65–69 Female Surf Race
70 + Male Surf Race
70 + Female Surf Race

110 Male Surf Teams
110 Female Surf Teams
130 Male Surf Teams
130 Female Surf Teams
150 Male Surf Teams
150 Female Surf Teams
170 Male Surf Teams
170 Female Surf Teams

MULTI DISCIPLINE

30–34 Ironman Race
30–34 Ironwoman Race
35–39 Ironman Race
35–39 Ironwoman Race
40–44 Ironman Race
40–44 Ironwoman Race
45–49 Ironman Race
45–49 Ironwoman Race
50–54 Ironman Race
50–54 Ironwoman Race
55–59 Ironman Race
55–59 Ironwoman Race
60–64 Ironman Race
60–64 Ironwoman Race
65–69 Ironman Race
65–69 Ironwoman Race
70 + Ironman Race
70 + Ironwoman Race

110 Male Taplin Relay
110 Female Taplin Relay
130 Male Taplin Relay
130 Female Taplin Relay
150 Male Taplin Relay
150 Female Taplin Relay
170 Male Taplin Relay

170 Female Taplin Relay

BOARD RACE/RELAY

30–34 Male Board Race
30–34 Female Board Race
35–39 Male Board Race
35–39 Female Board Race
40–44 Male Board Race
40–44 Female Board Race
45–49 Male Board Race
45–49 Female Board Race
50–54 Male Board Race
50–54 Female Board Race
55–59 Male Board Race
55–59 Female Board Race
60–64 Male Board Race
60–64 Female Board Race
65–69 Male Board Race
65–69 Female Board Race
70 + Male Board Race
70 + Female Board Race

110 Male Board Relay
110 Female Board Relay
130 Male Board Relay
130 Female Board Relay
150 Male Board Relay
150 Female Board Relay
170 Male Board Relay
170 Female Board Relay

SURF SKI

30–34 Male Single Ski Race
30–34 Female Single Ski Race
35–39 Male Single Ski Race
35–39 Female Single Ski Race
40–44 Male Single Ski Race
40–44 Female Single Ski Race
45–49 Male Single Ski Race
45–49 Female Single Ski Race
50–54 Male Single Ski Race
50–54 Female Single Ski Race
55–59 Male Single Ski Race
55–59 Female Single Ski Race
60–64 Male Single Ski Race
60–64 Female Single Ski Race
65–69 Male Single Ski Race
65–69 Female Single Ski Race
70 + Male Single Ski Race
70 + Female Single Ski Race

110 Male Single Ski Relay
110 Female Single Ski Relay
130 Male Single Ski Relay
130 Female Single Ski Relay
150 Male Single Ski Relay

150 Female Single Ski Relay
170 Male Single Ski Relay
170 Female Single Ski Relay

DOUBLE SKI

30–39 Male Double Ski
30–39 Female Double Ski
40–49 Male Double Ski
40–49 Female Double Ski
50–59 Male Double Ski
50–59 Female Double Ski
60–69 Male Double Ski
60–69 Female Double Ski
70 + Male Double Ski
70 + Female Double Ski
30–39 Mixed Double Ski
40–49 Mixed Double Ski
50 + Mixed Double Ski

BOARD RESCUE

30–39 Male Board Rescue
30–39 Female Board Rescue
40–49 Male Board Rescue
40–49 Female Board Rescue
50–59 Male Board Rescue
50–59 Female Board Rescue
60–69 Male Board Rescue
60–69 Female Board Rescue
70 + Male Board Rescue
70 + Female Board Rescue

BEACH

30–34 Male Beach Sprint
30–34 Female Beach Sprint
35–39 Male Beach Sprint
35–39 Female Beach Sprint
40–44 Male Beach Sprint
40–44 Female Beach Sprint
45–49 Male Beach Sprint
45–49 Female Beach Sprint
50–54 Male Beach Sprint
50–54 Female Beach Sprint
55–59 Male Beach Sprint
55–59 Female Beach Sprint
60–64 Male Beach Sprint
60–64 Female Beach Sprint
65–69 Male Beach Sprint
65–69 Female Beach Sprint
70 + Male Beach Sprint
70 + Female Beach Sprint

140 Male Beach Relay
140 Female Beach Relay
170 Male Beach Relay
170 Female Beach Relay

200 Male Beach Relay
200 Female Beach Relay
230 Male Beach Relay
230 Female Beach Relay

30–34 Male Beach Flags
30–34 Female Beach Flags
35–39 Male Beach Flags
35–39 Female Beach Flags
40–44 Male Beach Flags
40–44 Female Beach Flags
45–49 Male Beach Flags
45–49 Female Beach Flags
50–54 Male Beach Flags
50–54 Female Beach Flags
55–59 Male Beach Flags
55–59 Female Beach Flags
60–64 Male Beach Flags
60–64 Female Beach Flags
65–69 Male Beach Flags
65–69 Female Beach Flags
70 + Male Beach Flags
70 + Female Beach Flags

1KM & 2KM BEACH RUN

30–34 Male 2 km Beach Run
30–34 Female 2 km Beach Run
35–39 Male 2 km Beach Run
35–39 Female 2 km Beach Run
40–44 Male 2 km Beach Run
40–44 Female 2 km Beach Run
45–49 Male 2 km Beach Run
45–49 Female 2 km Beach Run
50–54 Male 2 km Beach Run
50–54 Female 2 km Beach Run
55–59 Male 2 km Beach Run
55–59 Female 2 km Beach Run
60–64 Male 1 km Beach Run
60–64 Female 1 km Beach Run
65–69 Male 1 km Beach Run
65–69 Female 1 km Beach Run
70 + Male 1 km Beach Run
70 + Female 1 km Beach Run

SURF BOAT

160 Male Surf Boat Race
160 Female Surf Boat Race
180 Male Surf Boat Race
180 Female Surf Boat Race
200 Male Surf Boat Race
200 Female Surf Boat Race
220 Male Surf Boat Race
220 Female Surf Boat Race
240+ Male Surf Boat Race
240+ Female Surf Boat Race

A2 – LIMITED ENTRIES FOR AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries for Limited Events at the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships are selected by the SLSWA Sport Department. Note, consultation with the related Championships Referee/Sectional may be sought and decisions may not solely be determined by Championships performance alone.

SLSA Circular 37/23-24 – 2024 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships – Limited Entry Events Circular, found on the SLSA Members Portal, contains limited entry numbers and information for all States.

Note:

- (a) SLSA reserves the right to invite selected overseas competitors to compete in any event.
- (b) ONLY State Centre's may submit entries to the Limited Entry events.

Champion Lifesaver: SLSWA does not offer the Masters Specific Age Groups (30-39, 40-49, 50+) for the Champion Lifesaver event. Masters intending to be selected for the 2024 Aussies are to enter the Open Division conducted at the SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships – Lifesaving event on Sunday 4 February, at City Beach (See SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships Bulletin for entry details.)

A3 – PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The various programs of events will be available on the [mybeach.com.au](https://www.mybeach.com.au) website in the related event Calendar Listing at <https://www.mybeach.com.au/series/sunsmart-wa-surf-life-saving-championships-masters/>

Part B – ENTRY CONDITIONS

B1 – PROFICIENCY OF COMPETITORS

Each competitor must hold the award relevant to their entry and have completed a proficiency test for the award for the current season. For further information please view the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition, section 2.2.1 Competition Qualifications.

B2 – ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

To be eligible to compete at these Championships, competitors must comply with Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility and the Guidelines for Competition Eligibility documents (available on the SLSA Members Area).

B3 – CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- (a) Competition conditions for all events will be based off the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition, section 2. The Carnival Committee has the right to modify conditions. Any changes not listed in the various Bulletins or programs will be advised to team managers prior to the start of competition each day.
- (b) **Surf Boats**
 - As detailed in Note 1 of Section 5.1(a) of the of Surf Sports Manual only accredited S3 and S2 Sweeps will be eligible to sweep surf boats in these Championships.
 - 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.
- (c) Masters' competitors can only compete in their own age group in individual events and in only one age category in each of the team event categories including Surf Teams, Taplin, Board Rescue, Double Ski, Surf Boats, Ski Relay, Board Relay and Beach Relay.
- (d) Age groups will be combined in same discipline events where possible to create full fields and to ensure the carnival runs efficiently.

PART C – ENTRIES

C1 – 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 2024 Masters 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 via media@sllswa.com.au at SLSWA prior to the close of entries of the Championships.

C2 – ENTRIES

All entries to use the SurfTec entry system at entries.surftec.com.au. Entries must be registered with SLSWA by 11.59pm, on the respective dates, see page 1 of this Bulletin – listing all events. Note: Surf Boat entries will still be entered via the Masters Championships entry even though the event is on an alternate date.

C3 – ENTRY CLOSURE

- (a) Entries will close for the relevant events as listed in the table on page 1 of this Bulletin.
- (b) Once entries close, clubs will be responsible for creating teams from those entered. Teams must be entered in the online system by the Team Makeup closing date as listed in the table on page 1 of this Bulletin. Teams that are not full/complete will not be considered and will be deleted prior to creating draws.
- (c) Late entries will not be accepted after 11.59pm on the respective closing dates for each event.

C4 – ENTRY FEES

Masters Championships – \$40 per competitor (includes GST)

One entry fee per competitor irrespective of number of events entered.

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.

C5 – TEAM ENTRIES AND CHANGES

The composition of teams will be taken as they are entered in SurfTec. No *additional* team entries will be accepted after the closing date of entries. To ensure the most accurate team information – please note the team makeup closing dates. For team changes after this, all team changes will need to be submitted via the Team Changes Notification Form (attached to this Bulletin) at the Administration van. Note, Clubs will be charged \$15: Per Team Change Form submitted (up to 5 changes permitted per change form).

C6 – PENALTIES – BREACH OF ENTRY REGULATIONS

It is mandatory that ALL competitors are registered by the respective due date to be eligible to compete in these Championships.

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 which have penalties provided for as follows:

- The penalty for breach of entry regulations for the 2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships – Masters, 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 – EVENT COMMITTEE

The Event Committee, under whose directions shall be placed all matters relating to the actual conduct of the 2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships - Masters, will fulfil safety related operational, coordination and advisory roles at the event. The team consists of the Event Manager from SLSWA plus volunteers appointed to the following positions:

- Championship Referee
- Emergency Services Officer

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

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 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 Event Manager, Championship Referee and the Emergency Services Officer.

Water Safety and First Aid

Clubs wishing to enter the 2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships – Masters, may be required to supply water safety and first aid personnel. This roster for the 2024 Championships will be found on the bottom of the event program on www.mybeach.com.au once released. If a water safety and/or First Aid volunteer does not attend as required, the Club risks their competitors being ineligible to participate further in the competition until the matter is resolved.

Officials 1:15 ratio

Officials play an important part within our organisation and are integral to the ongoing delivery of our sport. Officials ensure competitions are run in a safe and secure environment, while maintaining rules and regulations. For this reason, SLSWA have re-implemented the use of ratio of officials to entries per club. Please note for the 2023/24 season Championship events, clubs are requested to provide at least 1 official for every 15 competitors entered.

D3 – HIGH VISIBILITY LYCRA VESTS

All competitors in water-based surf lifesaving events will be required to wear a high visibility lycra vest as per [Circular 16 - 2023/24 High Visibility Lycra Vests for Nippers, Youth, Open and Masters Competitors](#). 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. It is also acceptable for handlers to wear hi-viz worker Velcro vests.

D4 – 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 sectional referee in accordance with the procedures set out in the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition, section 14 – PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual upon which the protest is based. Please note timeline and required document.

D5 – MARSHALLING

SLSWA will be using SurfTec (RFID) bands and associated software to manage the championships. All athletes will be required to have a **red wrist band** (RFID tag). Bands will be allocated at carnivals throughout the season. Clubs have also been provided the opportunity to allocate bands to their own members.

Bands will be available at the championship in the Event Administration Van. Note, there is a \$5 fee for a band if you lost or misplaced an already issued band. Location of the administration van will be advised in the program which includes all site maps. Please note, Surf Boat events will not be using the RFID bands for marshalling.

D6 – PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

Championship medals in gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to the first three (3) individual/team place getters in each event. Presentations will occur immediately after the event at the designated dais.

Team Managers must inform the arena marshal if a competitor is needed for a presentation but has another event, or the event will proceed without them. If an athlete must leave for another event, the club must send a proxy to marshalling, and the event may be delayed for the presentation. Competitors should ensure they are appropriately dressed with a Club Competition Cap and bathers; sun protection clothing is allowed.

If a medal winner is absent during the presentation, it will proceed, and the missing recipient can collect their medal later in the day. Note that there won't be a separate presentation for a single medallist.

Championship results will be available on the [SLSWA Competition Results](#) web page.

D7 – 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.

ACCESS TO BEACH

No unauthorised vehicles will be permitted on Beaches under the local council regulations.

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.

D8 – CLUB TENTS AND SPECTATOR VIEWING

Club tents are to be erected in the designated tent areas as outlined on the event map. Please ensure tents are securely fixed in the sand by use of pickets or similar. All spectators and competitors are 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.

D9 – PARKING

Parking is as per the local council's regulations. NOTE: The respective local council will be enforcing the parking restrictions throughout the Championships. Please abide by all regulations.

D10 – GEAR TRAILERS

Gear Trailers are not permitted on the beach with the exception of Surf Boat trailers. Details for the location and how the surf boat trailers will be transported onto the beach will be advised closer to the competition date.

D11 – ADMINISTRATION HUB

The SLSWA Administration Tech Van or Central Officials Area will be the primary administration hub for officials, photography, registration, lost property and other administrative duties. Please refer to the Championships events layout map.

D12 – COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

A Team Managers and Competition Officials On-Site Briefing will be scheduled for each of the championships and will be listed in the relevant program.

TEAM APP

Surf Life Saving WA will be using the 'Team App' smart phone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors. Download 'Team App' from your [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for 'SLSWA Sport' 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 information, key event documents as well as all the latest and up to date information on Surf Sports. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at www.teamapp.com/faqs.

D13 – EVENT TIME LIMITS

All water events may 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 qualifying or top six in finals teams cross 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 qualifying teams 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 iron races, once the qualifying or top six in finals are 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 may 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.

PART F – WA SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS BANNER

2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships Champion Masters Club Banner is presented to the Club with the highest total (aggregate) point score overall at the 2024 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships – Masters. Note the events used are as listed in A1 of this Bulletin.

The presentation for the Masters Champions Banner may take place at the conclusion of the last event (which will be at the Surf Boat events held on March 16). Championship results will be available on the [SLSWA Competition Results](#) web page.



TEAM CHANGES NOTIFICATION FORM

Club Name:				
Event No	Name of Event (Include Age/Gender e.g., U17F; Open M)	Team Name	Competitor Out	Competitor In

FEE \$15 per form completed. Each form can have up to and including five event team changes.

Please note, team changes made due to injuries will be considered on a case by case basis and the fee may be waived.



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