

Bulletin

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

EVENT	EVENT DATE & VENUE	ENTRIES CLOSE	TEAM MAKEUP CLOSE
Country Championships • (All events except Surf Boats)	Sun 3 Mar – Sorrento Beach	Thu 22 Feb, 11.59pm	Mon 26 Feb, 11.59pm
Youth/Open Championships (Surf) • Surf Boats (Country)	Sat 16 Mar – Scarborough Beach	Thu 7 Mar, 11.59pm	Mon 11 Mar, 11.59pm

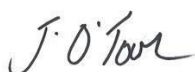
All events (except Surf Boats) will be contested on Sunday 3 March 2024.

Country Championship Surf Boats events will be contested on Day 1 (Saturday 16 March 2024) of the SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships.

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 Rules and Regulations of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition 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 Officers complete the necessary entry requirements formembers wishing to compete at the 2024 SunSmart WA Country Championships.

1. INFORMATION

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

2. ENTRIES

Entries for 2024 SunSmart WA Country Championships are available on <https://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 Country Championships, a minimum of three (3) individuals or three (3) teams from (2) different clubs are required.

A1 – LIST OF EVENTS

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

MULTI-DISCIPLINE

Open Ironman
Open Ironwoman
U19 Ironman
U19 Ironwoman
U17 Ironman
U17 Ironwoman
U15 Ironman
U15 Ironwoman
U14 Ironman
U14 Ironwoman
U13 Ironman
U13 Ironwoman
U12 Ironman
U12 Ironwoman
U11 Ironman
U11 Ironwoman
U10 Ironman
U10 Ironwoman

Open Mixed Taplin Relay (3)
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

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

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
U11 Female 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 – PROGRAM OF EVENTS

A program of events will be available on the on the mybeach.com.au website in the related event Calendar Listing at <https://www.mybeach.com.au/event/sunsmart-wa-country-championships/>

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).

Note: U14 age competitors do not need to fulfil patrol hour/service obligations to be eligible to compete in the Championships in U14 individual events and U15 Team events but must meet all other requirements of Policy 5.04.

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) All Youth team events will be run as per the rules for the older age group for that event (course lengths and equipment).
- (c) Surf Boats
 - As detailed in Note 1 of Section 5.1(a) of the 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.
- (d) U15 aged competitors who turn fifteen during the season, and gain a SLSA Bronze Medallion, may participate in the older age surf sports event divisions, as noted below:
 - All U17 Team events apart from competing on a surf ski.
 - U17, U19 and Open age Surf Belt Race events as a Handler (only).
- (e) Competitors U17 aged and up are limited to compete in two team events per discipline i.e. No triple dipping. Example: U17 Competitor may compete in their age group (U17) plus one more (U19 or Opens) for discipline-specific team events. Alternatively, an U17 competitor may compete in the U19 and Open category for a discipline specific team event, but not the U17's.
- (f) No under 14 competitor is eligible to contest U15 individual events.
- (g) No under 13 competitor is eligible to contest U14 or U15 individual events.
- (h) Taplin Relay is 3-person.
- (i) All Board Relays are 2-person.
- (j) All Mixed Teams require a minimum of one female competitor. An all-female team is permitted.
- (k) Nipper division can be made up of Nippers from one age group or a combination of two, three or four age groups.
- (l) Youth Cameron Relays are 2 person – one person swim/run and other person board/run.
- (m) 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.

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 SunSmart WA 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 to be photographed for any reason, please communicate this to SLSWA via media@sllwa.com.au 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.

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 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

- (a) The cost per competitor entered in these Championships is **\$35 each**, irrespective of the number of events entered – *this excludes Surf Boat entries (see below)*.
- (b) Surf Boat entries are \$5 per competitor regardless of division as a rower/sweep.
- (c) 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.
- (d) All prices outlined in this Bulletin include GST.

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 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 – EVENT COMMITTEE

The Event Committee, under whose directions shall be placed all matters relating to the actual conduct of the 2024 SunSmart WA Country Championships, 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 Country Championships, 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. Medals will be presented to the athletes at the completion of each final at the dais within each arena.

The presentations for the Championships Banners may take place at the conclusion of the last event if results can be finalised in time. 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 City of Stirling 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. Gear trailer information will be released closer to the event 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 E – WA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS BANNERS

2024 SunSmart WA Country Championships Champion Club Banner

Presented to the Club with the highest total (aggregate) point score overall at the 2024 SunSmart WA Country Championships.

2024 SunSmart WA Country Championships Handicap winner Banner

Presented to the Club with the highest total handicap point score overall at the 2024 SunSmart WA Country Championships.



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.
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