

Bulletin

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Summary:	This bulletin outlines event and general competitive conditions for affiliated clubs for the 2022 SunSmart WA Championships, Country events.
Action:	Clubs are to note modifications to Entry Conditions (Part B).

Events	Event dates	Entries close
Country Championships (excluding Surf Boats)	6 March 2022 – Trigg Beach	Sunday 27 February 2022, 11.59pm <i>(Team compositions close Tuesday 1 March 2022, 11.59pm)</i>
Country Championships – Surf Boats	12 March 2022 – Scarborough Beach	Sun 6 Mar 2022, 11.59pm <i>(Team compositions close Tuesday 8 March 2022, 11.59pm)</i>
All events (except Surf Boats) will be contested on Sunday 6 March 2022. Country Championship Surf Boats events will be contested on Day 1 (Saturday 12 March 2022) 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, Rescue and Resuscitation Competition Manual 28th Edition 1988 7th Revised Edition – November 2021, 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 for members wishing to compete at the 2022 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 2022 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

These championships will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition](#). For any event to be contested at the 2022 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

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

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
- 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

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 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 2022 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.

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 C5.

A3 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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

Part B - ENTRY CONDITIONS

B1 PROOF OF VACCINATION

In accordance with the WA Government’s recent announcements regarding its intention to exclude community sport from Proof of Vaccination requirements, SLSWA will not be requiring Volunteers, Competitors or Spectators at 2022 SunSmart WA Country Championships to provide proof of vaccination.

B2 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 37th Edition, section 2.2.1 Competition Qualifications.

B3 PATROL AND SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS 5.04 policy

SLSWA has removed the patrol hour requirement from the entry conditions of the 2021/22 Country Championship. This change only applies to the 2021/22 Country Championships. This does not waiver any requirements as set out for athletes from their respective clubs.

B4 ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

- a) Under 15 competitors are eligible to contest under 17 team events, excluding ski and surfboats. An under 15 cannot contest an under 17, under 19 or open individual event nor an under 19 or open team event.
- b) The Open Mixed Beach Relay can be contested by U14 through to open with a mix of 2 x male and 2 x female.
- c) No Under 14 competitor is eligible to contest U15 individual events, except for Champion Lifesaver.
- d) No Under 13 competitor is eligible to enter any U14 or above individual or team events.



PART C: ENTRIES

C1 ENTRIES

Entries must be registered with SLSWA by 11.59pm, on the respective dates, see C2 – listing all events.

C2 ENTRY CLOSURE

- (a) Entries will close for the relevant events as listed in the table below.

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- (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 Composition closing date as listed above. 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 dates for each event.

C3 ENTRY FEES

- (a) \$30 per entry (inclusive of first event) and \$5 per individual event thereafter – **this excludes Surf Boat entries** (see below).
- (b) An option called TEAM EVENTS ONLY will also be available for athletes only wanting to participate in team events.
- (c) No capped pricing.
- (d) **Surf Boat entries** are \$30 per competitor regardless of division as a rower/sweep and will be submitted via a separate online form which will be emailed to Clubs and available on the [mybeach website](#). This will be invoiced to your Club post event.
- (e) Team Event Charges: Clubs will be charged the following for team events:
\$20: Per Team Change Form submitted (up to 5 changes permitted per change form)
- (f) 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.
- (g) All prices outlined in this Bulletin include GST.

C4 TEAM ENTRIES AND CHANGES

The composition of teams will be taken as they are entered in SurfTec. To ensure the most accurate team information, SurfTec will remain open to team managers to update team changes until the respective time which will be listed on the event program. Following this, all Team Managers will need to make all team changes on the attached Team Change Notification Form at the Administration van. Please note there will be a fee for this as per C3.

C5 SUBSTITUTION OF COMPETITORS

As per 37th Edition Surf Sport Manual section 2.18.

C6 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 2022 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 via media@slswa.com.au at SLSWA prior to the close of entries of the Championships.

C7 COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- (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 to conditions will be advised to team managers prior to the start of competition each day.

C8 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 2022 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 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 nipper 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 Event Committee, under whose directions shall be placed all matters relating to the actual conduct of the 2022 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

Clubs wishing to enter the 2022 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 2022 SunSmart WA Country Championships can be downloaded from the SLSWA Website in early February 2022. 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 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.

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 37th 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 CLUB TENTS AND SPECTATOR VIEWING

Club 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.

D12 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.

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 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.

D14 CLUB TEAM MANAGER AND COMPETITION OFFICIALS BRIEFING

An on-site briefing for Team Managers and Competition Officials will be held at 6.30am on Sunday 6 March 2022 in front of the Administration Van.

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.

PART E: 2022 SUNSMART WA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS BANNERS

Championships Banner – Total Aggregate Points

Presented to the Club with the highest total point score overall at the 2022 SunSmart WA Country Championships.

Championships Handicap Banner

Presented to the Club with the highest total handicap point score overall at the 2022 SunSmart WA Country Championships, based on a handicap derived from an aggregate of the past three years overall point scores.



TEAM CHANGES NOTIFICATION FORM

Club Name:				
Event No	Name of Event (Include Age/Sex eg U17F; Open M)	Team Name	Competitor Out	Competitor In

*FEE \$20 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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