



2017 NSW Board Riding Championships Entry proudly supported by ClubsNSW

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Secretaries/CEOs and Branch Presidents

Actioned by: Persons responsible for competitor entries

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Summary:	This circular outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2017 NSW Board Riding Championships.
Key Strategic Goals:	To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement.
Key Strategies:	<p>8.1 Increase participation in our sport and recreational activities at a grassroots level through structures and appropriately tiered programs.</p> <p>8.2 Bolster developmental pathways and opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and administrators through the stages of their sporting life.</p> <p>8.3 Establish best practice event management for the delivery of surf sports events.</p> <p>8.5 Deliver surf sports events to our members which appeal to a broad participation base.</p> <p>8.6 Strengthen development and high performance activities in surf sport events and activities.</p>
Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clubs to advise and circulate this information to Board Riding Competitors.2. Entries close 11pm 27 August 2017 (enter through the SLS Carnival Manager System).3. Late entries close 11pm 3 September 2017 (entered through the SLS Carnival Manager System).4. Competitors will also need to register a mobile and email address by 3 September.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

After the continued success as a standalone event, the NSW Board Riding Championships will once again see the State's best board riders represent their respective Surf Life Saving clubs. The major change in the 2017 event is the removal of the pre-qualification system which was conducted traditionally at Branch carnivals.

The SLSNSW Board Riding Championships will be held from Friday 8 September to Sunday 10 September 2017 at Birubi Point SLSC in the Hunter Branch.

Reference is made to:

- The Current 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM):
[SLSA Members Portal](#) (log in and password required)
- The 2016/17 Proficiency Competition Requirements which includes Policy 5.4:
<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/surfsports/sport-documents>
- The Surfing Australia Rulebook – 2017:
[Surfing Australia - 2017 Rule Book](#)

Entries are to be completed online:

- Entries close **11pm Sunday 27 August 2017**. After this time late entry fees will apply.
- Entries close 2 weeks from the event to allow for the draw to be determined and for competitor compliance checks.
- There will be strictly no exemptions for late entry fees.
- Competitors will also need to register a mobile and email address using an online form by **Sunday 3 September** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017BoardRidingContactInformation>

Timeline:

Event	Dates / Deadlines
SLSNSW Entry Circular released	16 June 2017
Normal entries close	27 August 2017
Late entries close	3 September 2017
Competitors register contact details	3 September 2017
Entry payments due	4 September 2017
Date of event	8 – 10 September 2017
SLSNSW populates the draw	5 September 2017

2. 2017 NSW BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

The 2017 NSW Board Riding Championships Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may, subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual (35th edition) and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this Circular, postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each CC meeting:

- a. Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area
- b. Injury management statistics
- c. Current weather predictions
- d. Competition statistics

The CC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The CC may appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the Championships.

The CC are responsible for enacting the contingency plan for the Championships. The Safety Operations Manual developed for this event is to be applied by the Championship Referee when considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.

Championship Referee:	Terry Aldridge
Sport Manager:	Rob Pidgeon
Safety & Emergency Services Coordinator:	TBC
Club Organising Committee Representative:	Rob Duff
Sport Events Coordinator:	Luke Stigter

3. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2016/17 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued (Policy 5.4).

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/surfsports/sport-documents>

As the competition season is 2016/17, the age group of the competitor is the same as they have been in for the entire season e.g. Country or State Championships.

4. QUALIFICATION PROCESS:

The 2017 SLSNSW Board Riding Championships has seen the qualification process removed from the event thus meaning competitors no longer require to qualify through their Branch. The waitlist and wildcard entry process has also been removed.

5. DIVISIONS:

180	Open Male Long Board
280	Open Female Long Board
1320	30 – 39 Yrs. Male Long Board
2320	30 – 39 Yrs. Female Long Board
1321	40 – 49 Yrs. Male Long Board
2321	40 – 49 Yrs. Female Long Board
1386	50 – 59 Yrs. Male Long Board
2386	50 – 59 Yrs. Female Long Board
1388	60 – 69 Yrs. Male Long Board
2388	60 – 69 Yrs. Female Long Board
1389	70+ Yrs. Male Long Board
2389	70+ Yrs. Female Long Board
175	Open Male Short Board
275	Open Female Short Board
176	Under 19 Male Short Board
276	Under 19 Female Short Board
177	Under 17 Male Short Board
277	Under 17 Female Short Board
167	Under 15 Male Short Board
267	Under 15 Female Short Board
168	Under 14 Male Short Board
268	Under 14 Female Short Board
172	Under 13 Male Short Board
272	Under 13 Female Short Board
1322	30 – 39 Yrs. Male Short Board
2322	30 – 39 Yrs. Female Short Board
1323	40 – 49 Yrs. Male Short Board
2323	40 – 49 Yrs. Female Short Board
1387	50 – 59 Yrs. Male Short Board
2387	50 – 59 Yrs. Female Short Board
1390	60 – 69 Yrs. Male Short Board
2390	60 – 69 Yrs. Female Short Board
1391	70+ Yrs. Male Short Board
2391	70+ Yrs. Female Short Board

6. DOUBLE DIPPING:

Double dipping is permitted in certain age groups as per Section 2.3.4 of the SSM. Masters competitors can only compete in one master's age division but can compete in the Opens category.

7. JUDGING CRITERIA:

Judging will be as per Surfing Australia rules as set out in the Surf Sports Manual. Please see 'Section 7' starting from page 43 from this link: [Surfing Australia - 2017 Rule Book](#)

8. BOARD RIDING CRAFT CRITERIA:

Please see 'Section 7' starting from page 45 from this link: [Surfing Australia - 2017 Rule Book](#)

As per Surf Australia Competition the longboard specifications are:

- The board length is a minimum of 9 feet measured from the nose to the tail on the deck of the surfboard.
- The width dimensions are to be a total minimum 51 inches in aggregate this is the total of the widest point, plus the width 12 inches up from the tail and 12 inches back from the nose.
- The shape of the long board is to be traditional and may include multiple fins and channels, but cannot include add on tail or nose blocks.

9. ENTRIES – CARNIVAL MANAGER:

Please ensure your Club notes the following points in addition to the Carnival Manager Guide before and during the entry process:

- Before you start your club entries, ensure you action a 'forced SurfGuard update' to make sure all club athlete information in Carnival Manager is up-to-date.
- Usernames and passwords have been issued to clubs. If you require these please contact SLNSW.
- Competitors must be entered into Carnival Manager by their Club **by Sunday 27 August**.

10. ENTRY FEES:

The entry fee per competitor at the 2016 NSW Board Riding Championships is **\$37.60** (incl. GST).

Please note; Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if the event is cancelled.

Entry fees can be bank deposit and must be paid by no later than **Monday 4 September 2017**.

Bank Account Details:

Account Name: Surf Life Saving New South Wales
BSB: 032123
Account Number: 353638
Reference: 717 'Club Name'

Late Entries

All entries received after the closing date will incur a Late Fee of \$87.40 **plus** the original entry of \$37.60 (i.e. \$87.40 + \$37.60 = \$125.00 incl. GST).

11. TIMETABLE:

DAY	DIVISION	FORMAT (Male and Female on separate banks)
Friday 8 September	Masters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 – 39 • 40 – 49 • 50 – 59 • 60 – 69 • 70+ Opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Longboards 	70+ M/F Long Board 60 - 69 M/F Long Board 50 - 59 M/F Long Board 40 - 49 M/F Long Board 30 - 39 M/F Long Board 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70+ Long Board Semi Finals 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70+ Long Board Finals Open M/F Long Board Heats Open Long Board Semis Open Long Board Finals 70+ M/F Short Board 60 - 69 M/F Short Board 50 - 59 M/F Short Board 40 - 49 M/F Short Board 30 - 39 M/F Short Board 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70+ Short Board Semi Finals 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70+ Short Board Finals
Saturday 9 September	Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U13 • U14 • U15 	U13 M/F Heats U14 M/F Heats U15 M/F Heats U13, u14, u15 2nd Round U13, u14, u15 Semi Finals
Sunday 10 September	Opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U17 • U19 • Opens 	U17 M/F Short Board Heats U19 M/F Short Board Heats Open M/F Short Board Heats U13, U14, and U15 Finals U17, U19 & Open 2nd Round U17, U19 & Open Semis U17, U19 & Open Finals

- NOTE: Depending on competitor numbers, timetable may be adjusted. Draws will be issued at a later stage.
- REPORT TIME: 0700 for 0730 start
- Event / category times will be communicated closer to the event.

Tag Team Event:

Due to the success at the Aussies Board Riding Championships a Tag Team event may be trialed on the Sunday morning of competition (if time allows). This will be a non-championship event. The event will be an 8 team competition (2 Semi Finals of 4 teams, followed by a Final of 4 teams). The configuration of the team will be any Male or Female Shortboard surfers from U13 to Masters. Preferably teams will be made up from the same Club however composite teams will also be permitted within a Branch. In saying this Club teams will still be given preference over composite teams. Each team shall consist of five members. However, we may change this to four if there are not 8 clubs that can fill a team of five.

12. DAY OF COMPETITION:

This event will be staged at Birubi Point SLSC. The specific location will be advised in the final event memo with contingency locations identified. Competitors will be communicated via SMS if any changes are to occur (regarding location, start time etc.). All competitors are to complete the [online contact form](#) by **3 September**.

13. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at Board Riding competition by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements.

SLSNSW will not be issuing any media/photography accreditation to Team members or Team Management.

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the Board Riding Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and will be dealt with accordingly. Statements to the media about the Series will be made only by approved SLSNSW personnel.

14. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT:

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their Clubs.

Parents or supporters deemed to be assisting competitors during the competition either stationary on the beach or in the water near the competition area will result in immediate disqualification from the competition (at the discretion of the carnival referee).

Please refer to 35th (Revised) Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Portal > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

15. PORT STEPHENS:

Port Stephens Council proudly welcomes the 2017 NSW Board Riding Championships!

There are plenty of accommodation options on offer for competitors and guests from caravan parks, hotels/motels and self-contained homes.

Why not extend your stay and further explore this unique and scenic coastal region of NSW?

Further information visit www.portstephens.org.au.

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