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## 2018 NSW Midford Board Riding Championships September 7 - 9 | North Narrabeen SLSC | Sydney Northern Beaches Branch

**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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<b>Summary:</b>	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2018 NSW Midford Board Riding Championships.
<b>Action:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Clubs to advise and circulate this information to Board Riding Competitors.</li><li>2. Entries close <b>11pm Sunday 26 August 2018</b> (entered through the SLS Carnival Manager System).</li><li>3. No Late Entries.</li><li>4. Competitors will also need to register a mobile and email address using an online form by <b>Sunday 2 September</b> <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BoardRidingCompetitorDetails">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BoardRidingCompetitorDetails</a></li></ol>

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## 1. INTRODUCTION:

The 2018 NSW Midford Board Riding Championships will once again see the State's best board riders represent their respective Surf Life Saving clubs at one of the most iconic surfing locations in Australia. Similar to the 2017 event no pre-qualification is required via the Branch.

The SLSNSW Board Riding Championships will be held from Friday 7 September to Sunday 9 September 2018 at North Narrabeen SLSC in the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch.

Reference is made to:

- The Current 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM):  
[SLSA Members Portal](#) (log in and password required)
- The 2017/18 Proficiency Competition Requirements which includes Policy 5.4:  
<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/downloads/slsa-504-eligibility-compete-slsa-competition-october-2016>
- The Surfing Australia Rulebook:  
[Surfing Australia - Rule Book](#)

*Entries are to be completed online:*

- Entries close **11pm Sunday 26 August 2018**. 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 2 September** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BoardRidingCompetitorDetails>

**Timeline:**

Event	Dates / Deadlines
SLSNSW Entry Circular released	29 June 2018
Entries Close	26 August 2018
Competitors register contact details	2 September 2018
Entry payments due	3 September 2018
SLSNSW populates the draw	5 September 2018
Date of event	7 – 9 September 2018

## **2. 2018 NSW MIDFORD BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE:**

The 2018 NSW Midford 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.

<b>Championship Referee:</b>	Terry Aldridge
<b>Sport Manager / Events Coordinator:</b>	Rob Pidgeon / Luke Stigter
<b>Safety &amp; Emergency Services Coordinator:</b>	TBC
<b>Club Organising Committee Representative:</b>	Steve Maxwell

## **3. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:**

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2017/18 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued (Policy 5.4).

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/downloads/slsa-504-eligibility-compete-slsa-competition-october-2016>

As the competition season is 2017/18, the age group of the competitor is the same as they have been in for the entire season e.g. Branch, Country or State Championships.

## **4. QUALIFICATION PROCESS:**

The 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 - Rule Book](#)

## **8. BOARD RIDING CRAFT CRITERIA:**

Please see 'Section 7' starting from page 45 from this link: [Surfing Australia - 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 26 August**.

## **10. ENTRY FEES:**

The entry fee per competitor at the 2016 NSW Board Riding Championships is **\$38.50** (incl. GST).

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

Clubs will be directly invoiced for entries.

## 11. TIMETABLE:

DAY	DIVISION	FORMAT (Male and Female on separate banks)
Friday 7 September	<b>Masters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 – 39</li> <li>• 40 – 49</li> <li>• 50 – 59</li> <li>• 60 – 69</li> <li>• 70+</li> </ul> <b>Opens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Longboards</li> </ul>	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 8 September	<b>Youth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U13</li> <li>• U14</li> <li>• U15</li> </ul>	U13 M/F Heats U14 M/F Heats U15 M/F Heats U13, u14, u15 2nd Round U13, u14, u15 Semi Finals U13, u14, u15 Finals
Sunday 9 September	<b>Opens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U17</li> <li>• U19</li> <li>• Opens</li> </ul>	U17 M/F Short Board Heats U19 M/F Short Board Heats Open M/F Short Board Heats  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 North Narrabeen 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 using this link by **Sunday 2 September** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BoardRidingCompetitorDetails>

### **13. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY:**

#### **Photography:**

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Board Riding Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW. SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or team management. Professional photographers will be attending and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Club Team Management are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area. Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

#### **Media:**

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding about the Championships will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

#### **Drones:**

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships 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.

#### **Links for Results:**

Final Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/92/1>

All Results: <http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/results/report/public/92/0>

#### **Event Hashtag:**

The official hashtag for the event is #NSWBOARDRIDING



#### **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 35<sup>th</sup> (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).