**Aussies Information - All you need to know to enter!**

The Aussie’s are coming to Perth! If you are interested in competing at The Aussies please read all information below. Once you have determined that you are eligible to enter please send your expression of interest and payment outlining

1. Your name
2. Age
3. Age Group
4. Eligibility statement
5. List of entries you would like to enter
6. Payment

All entries and payment must be received by 9am Wednesday 11th January 2022

**EVENTS:**

See Events List attached

**EVENT DATES:**

Australian Youth Surf Life Saving Championships

Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 March 2023

Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Ocean Swim

Sunday 26 March 2023

Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 March 2023

Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships
Wednesday 29 March – Sunday 2 April 2023

**COSTS:**

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| Early Bird Entry Fee | Wednesday 23 November 2022 – Sunday 15 January 2023 | Youth Championships Competitor | $130  |
| Opens Championships Competitor  | $130  |
| Masters Championships Competitor  | $130  |
| Ocean Swim – All Competitors  | $60 |
| Reel Team only (Surf Belt Race)  | $10 per event up to $20 max |
| March Past only |
| Normal Entry Fee  | Monday 16 January 2023 – Wednesday 15 March 2023  | Youth Championships Competitor  | $180  |
| Opens Championships Competitor  | $180  |
| Masters Championships Competitor  | $180  |
| Ocean Swim – All Competitors  | $70  |
| Reel Team only (Surf Belt Race)  | $10 per event up to $20 max |
| March Past only |
| *Ocean Swim Late Entry Fee*  | Thursday 16 March 2023 – Saturday 25 March 2023 (4pm)  | Ocean Swim – All Competitors (No late entries on the day)  | $80  |

**ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE / CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:**

All competitors entered in the Australian Youth, Australian Masters and Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2023 must be financial members of an affiliated club or ILS affiliate.

**Entries are not capped for individual events but there are some entry restrictions for Iron events and relays. Please give expression of interest for all events and coaches will organise teams and communicate final entries.**

**YOUTH**

Double Dipping – in accordance with SLSA rules for the event:

* + -  No Under 14 competitor is eligible to contest U15 individual events.
	+ -  No Under 13 competitor is eligible to contest U14 or U15 individual events.
	+ -  No Under 12 competitor is eligible to enter the Youth Championships.

An Under 14 aged competitor is permitted to participate in the U13/U14 or U14/U15 age category in a particular event but not both.

Apart from the U13 - U15 5 Person R&R and U15 First Aid, an Under 13 aged competitor is permitted to participate only in the U13/U14 age category.

The U13 - U15 R&R may be contested by any combination of male and female U13, U14 and U15 aged competitors. An U13 aged competitor only requires their age award to participate in the event.

An U13 aged competitor may contest the U15 First Aid Competition provided that they hold a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate.

*U13/14 age competitors do not need to fulfil patrol hour/service obligations to be eligible to compete in the Youth Championships in U14 individual events and U15 Team events but must meet all other requirements of Policy 5.04.*

*All Youth team events will be run as per the rules for the older age group for that event (course lengths and equipment)*

**MASTERS & OPENS**

To be eligible to compete at Masters & Opens Championships, competitors must comply with Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility and the Guidelines for Competition Eligibility document (See Attached)

Note that due to the impact of COVID-19 on the ability of some members to fulfill their patrol and service hour requirements, Policy 5.04 has again been amended for these championships only as follows.

1. That due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the ability of some members to fulfil all of their patrol and service hour requirements for the 12 months ended 31st December 2022, that Policy 5.04 (Competition Eligibility Policy) Section 3 c Table 1 ‘Minimum active service hour requirements for Active, Active Reserve and U15 Members’ be amended for the 2022/23 National Championships as per individual State recommendation.
2. That the reduction (if any) in patrol and service hours be for the 2022/23 Branch, State and National Championships only (Open/Masters/Youth (U15s)/IRB/Pool)
3. That for the 2022/23 Branch, State and National Championships only, any combination of patrol and service hours will satisfy the requirements of competition eligibility.
4. That resolutions 1 to 3 above only apply to the 2022/23 championships.

**MASTERS AGE GROUPS**

Individual competitors can only compete in their own age group and team competitors can only compete in one combined age category in each team event. Further, teams are only permitted to compete in their eligible age group. This includes where individual/team events are cancelled/postponed/relocated.

* Board Rescue & Double Ski – Team age category is determined by youngest competitor in the team.
* All other Team Events – The aggregate ages of the team members will determine the age category.
* Surf Boats – The aggregate ages of the four rowers will determine the age category. The sweep doesnot need to be a Master age competitor and is not included in the team’s aggregate age.

**OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - U15, U17, U19**

Following member representations that gaining the SLSA Bronze Medallion is the base award that qualifies a person to be a fully trained patrolling member, and after careful consideration and recommendation by the Sport Advisory Committee, the SLSA Board has agreed that 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).

A separate Australian Championships entry fee is applicable for all U15 competitors entering U17 team events.

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.

**SWIMMING AREA**

For Surf Belt Race events, reel handlers are permitted to double up in teams competing in different heats, quarter finals and semi-finals of the same event provided that no shuffling of rounds are required to accommodate handlers (i.e., the draw process is not hindered).

**BOAT AREA**

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. For further information please refer to the SLSA Sweep Accreditation Document. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS FOR SURF BOATS AT AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Surf Boat Competitors are reminded to refer to the Surf Sports Manual Section 5.1(c) Note 7 that details particular ‘double dipping” rules that apply to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

**BEACH EVENTS**

All March Past events (Open and U23) will occur as a final (no qualifying rounds) on Sunday, 2 April 2023.

The official Aussies webpage is

<https://sls.com.au/aussies/>