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EVENT DATES

Date	Event
Saturday, 13 April – Sunday, 14 April 2024	Australian Youth Surf Life Saving Championships
Sunday, 14 April 2024	Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Ocean Swim
Monday, 15 April – Tuesday, 16 April 2024	Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships (Ocean, Beach & Surf Boats)
Wednesday, 17 April – Sunday, 21 April 2024	Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships (Ocean, Beach & Surf Boats)
Saturday, 20 April 2024	Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Adaptive Events
Saturday 13 April – Tuesday 16 April 2024	Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Lifesaving Events
Sunday 14 April – Thursday 18 April 2024	Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Board Riding Events

DISCIPLINE LOCATIONS

Discipline	Location
Beach Events & Adaptive Events	Mooloolaba SLSC
Ocean Events & Youth R&R	Maroochydore SLSC
Surf Boat, Lifesaving & Open R&R Events	Alexandra Headland SLSC
Board Riding	Coolum SLSC

Note 1: All event locations are subject to changed based on weather and surf conditions.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see below a summary of important dates related to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2024.

November 2023	
Monday 13 November 2023	Officials nominations open Powercraft nominations open Safety and medical team nominations open
Friday 24 November 2023	First Round of Officials Nominations close
Monday 27 November 2023	Aussies 2024 – Early Bird Entries open
December 2023	
Monday 4 December 2023	Aussies Timetable Release
Friday 15 December 2023	Second Round of Officials Nominations close
February 2024	
Sunday 11 February 11:59pm AEDT	Early Bird Entries Close
Monday 12 February 12:00am AEDT	Normal Entries Open
Friday 16 February 2024	Early Bird Entries Invoices sent to clubs
March 2024	
Friday 15 March 2024	Officials nominations close Powercraft nominations close Safety and medical close
Friday 15 March 2024	Limited Entries Entered (provided by States)
Friday 22 March 2024	Limited Entry Events Published
Sunday 31 March 11:59pm AEDT	Normal Entries Close
April 2024	
Wednesday 3 April 2024	Normal entry invoices sent to clubs
Monday 8 April 2024	Entries in LiveHeats – Team Manager access for Team changes
	Youth Team Manager Briefing (Online) – time to be confirmed
	First day for club container deliveries
Tuesday 9 April 2024	Last day for container deliveries



Wednesday 10 April 2024	Masters & Opens Team Manager Briefing (Online) – time to be confirmed
	First day for trailer deliveries
Friday 12 April 2024	Board Riding Marshalling
	Ocean Swim Entries Close 4pm
Saturday 13 April 2024	Youth Championships Opening Ceremony
	Competition Day 1: Youth Championships
	Open & Masters Championships – Lifesaving commences
Sunday 14 April 2024	Competition Day 2: Youth Championships
	The Aussies Ocean Swim
Monday 15 April 2024	Competition Day 3: Masters Championships
	Golf Day
Tuesday 16 April 2024	Competition Day 4: Masters Championships
	Women in Lifesaving Dinner
Wednesday 17 April 2024	Competition Day 5: Open Championships
	Opening Ceremony - Masters & Opens
	Officials Dinner
Thursday 18 April 2024	Competition Day 6: Open Championships
	Life Members Function
Friday 19 April 2024	Competition Day 7: Open Championships
Saturday 20 April 2024	Competition Day 8: Open Championships
	Adaptive Events
Sunday 21 April 2024	Ecumenical Service
	Welcome to Finals Day Ceremony
	March Past
	Competition Day 9: Open Championships
Monday 22 April 9am-5pm AEST	First day for container pickup
Wednesday 24 April 9am-5pm AEST	Final day for container & trailer pickup

****All above dates and times are subject to change**

ENTRY PROCESS

Club entries to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships must be submitted via the SLSA Sports Event Management System (SEMS). Instructions for entries can be found via the following [SEMS Guide](#). For all SEMS enquires please email SEMS sems@slsa.asn.au

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

To be eligible to compete at the Masters & Open Championships, competitors must comply with Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility and the Guidelines for Competition Eligibility document (available on the SLSA Members Area).

ENTRY FEES

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2024 entry fees are as follows:

Price Level	Dates	Competitor Category	Price (incl. GST)*
Early Bird Entry Fee	Monday 27 November – Sunday 11 February 2024 (11:59pm AEST)	Youth Championships	\$130
		Open Championships	\$130
		Masters Championships	\$130
		Ocean Swim	\$60
		Reel Team Only (Surf Belt Race)	\$10
		March Past Only	
Normal Entry Fee	Monday 12 February – Sunday 31 March 2024 (11:59pm AEST)	Youth Championships	\$180
		Open Championships	\$180
		Masters Championships	\$180
		Ocean Swim	\$70
		Reel Team Only (Surf Belt Race)	\$20
		March Past Only	



Ocean Swim Late Entry Fee	Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April (4:00pm AEST)	Ocean Swim (no late entries on event day)	\$80
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Note 1: Prices are per competitor, irrespective of the number of events entered, unless otherwise stated above.

Note 2: SLSA Members entering the Ocean Swim will be done via SEMS. A separate entry fee is required to enter the Ocean Swim. All public members entering the Ocean Swim will complete an online entry form via the SLSA website.

PAYMENT

Clubs will be sent an invoice after each entry period. Clubs must include club name and invoice number when paying total amounts. **CLUBS WITH UNPAID ENTRY FEES WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE.**

REFUND OF FEES / CANCELLATION FEES

Once an invoice has been generated, entry fees are non-refundable.

COMPETITIVE TRANSFERS

Competitors, Team Managers, and club administrators should familiarise themselves with Section 2.2.4 – Competitive Transfers rules of the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

TEAM CHANGES

Changes to already existing team entries can occur up until Normal Entries close at 11:59pm (AEDT) Sunday 31 March via SEMS. Once entries close, there will be a one week waiting period before all team changes will be managed through LiveHeats. Each surf club is to nominate a Team Manager who will be assigned to the portal and made eligible to make team changes. Please note, there will be no team changes in Admin at the Championships.

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Changes to already existing individual entries can occur up until Normal Entries close at 11:59pm (AEDT) 31 March via SEMS. After this date, an admin fee of \$10 per change to an already existing individual competitor can occur up until 4:00pm (AEST) the day before the race, through visiting the Administration Centre only. This is for individual entries.

Note 1: Changes will not be permitted for Surfboard riding events after the close of entries date.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All competitors entered in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2024 must be financial members of an affiliated club or ILS affiliate.

MEMBERSHIP, AWARD PROFICIENCIES AND PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMPETITORS

Each competitor must hold the award relevant to their entry and have completed a proficiency test for the award.

The details of these requirements are detailed in SLSA's [Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility](#) and the SLSA [Guidelines for Competition Eligibility](#) document via the SLSA Member's Area. As noted under Eligibility to Compete see above for further details.

RESTRICTIONS ON EVENTS AND PROVISOS

The following restrictions shall apply to nominations and competition in the various events:

AGE/GENDER CATEGORIES - SAFETY RESTRICTIONS

Where a particular age/gender category area and/or section (including specific events) is postponed, cancelled, or relocated due to safety and/or weather/sea conditions, competitors from that particular age/gender grouping are not permitted to compete in any older age category event/s.

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS – ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

1. 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.
- 2. Entry Restrictions – Each Club is permitted to enter a maximum of:
 - Uncapped for all individual events (except for Ironman/Ironwoman).
 - In Ironman/Ironwoman, four competitors per age group and gender. However, should a club have more than 4 members qualify for a state Ironman/Ironwoman final in the Under 13, 14 or 15 age categories, those competitors will be eligible to enter their respective event at the Australian Youth Championship, increasing the club's quota for that event. **To clarify: the athletes that qualify for their state final will fill their club's quota first before any additional athletes. If a club has more than 4 members qualify at state level those competitors can compete, but no additional entries will be accepted. These results will be provided by State centres and will be managed by SLSA.**
 - 2 teams per team event, per gender.
 - The Mixed Beach Relay Race is restricted to 1 team from each club. The Relay team must include 2 x male and 2 x female competitors.
 - An Under 14 aged competitor is permitted to participate in the U13/U14 or U14/U15 age category in a particular team event but not both age groups.
 - 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.
 - **Note 1:** 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.
 - **Note 2:** An U13 aged competitor may contest the U15 First Aid Competition provided that they hold a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate.

Note 1: 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.

Note 2: All Youth team events will be run as per the rules for the older age group for that event (course lengths and equipment)

MASTERS EVENTS - ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

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 does not need to be a Master age competitor and is not included in the team's aggregate age.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS – ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

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 years of age (15) 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 U17s.



Entry Restrictions – Each Club is permitted to enter a maximum of:

- The Open Mixed Taplin Relay is restricted to 1 team from each club. The Relay team must include 3 x male and 3 x female competitors.

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

1. 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.
2. 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, 13 April 2024.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

Conditions of entry for international competitors:

1. SLSA reserves the right to invite and/or accept entries from international competitors and club teams to compete in any event at the Australian Championships.
2. Limited Entry Events – only one entry from each country may be accepted into an event. If more than one individual or club team nominates, only the national champion or highest ranked individual/club team from that country (as advised by the governing body to SLSA) will be allowed to compete.
3. Youth Championships entry restrictions apply to any international club entries. All other events (unrestricted) in Masters and Opens have no limits on international competitors or club teams entering.
4. International club teams must be a genuine club team (not composite teams) and must compete in club colours to be eligible to compete.
5. International individual competitors may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their country, compete in their national colours.
6. All international competitors and club teams must gain international clearance from their governing body which must be submitted to SLSA prior to competition.

Note 1: All international competitors will be ineligible for championship medals and club points.

LIMITED ENTRIES

Nominations of individuals and teams Limited Entry Events will be the responsibility of State Centres and will be required to be provided by **Friday, 15 March 2024**.

Please see Circular 37/23-24 – Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Limited Entry Events for further information.

LIST OF EVENTS

A list of Championships events can be found in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2024 – List of Events document.

AUSSIES OCEAN SWIM

The Aussies Ocean Swim will be held at Mooloolaba on Sunday, 14 April. Please see Circular 35/23-24 – Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Ocean Swim Entry Circular for further information.



ADAPTIVE EVENTS

For the first time SLSA will be offering dedicated Adaptive Surf Sports events for competitors with a disability. The event program has been designed based on a process of consultation and feedback conducted by SLSA over the past 24 months. In this first year a selected program will be on offer as participation events. Events will feature adaptations and modifications to maximise participation and ensure an accessible and enjoyable opportunity for all competitors.

Please see Circular 36/23-24 – Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2024 Adaptive Surf Sport Events for further information.

SCRUTINEERING INFORMATION

All Surf Boats will be required to be weight and safety checked at the 2024 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. **All Single Surf Skis** will also be required to have full technical scrutineering to be eligible to race. All other craft and equipment will be subject to random scrutineering.

Further information will be released in the Scrutineering Circular.

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Clubs transporting containers to Sunshine Coast, must complete the following form by Friday, 15 March 2024 and provide the following information:

[Container Information Form](#)

- Club
- Container size
- Container arrival & pick up date
- Container organisers name, phone number & email
- Transporting company (e.g. Toll)
- Transport company email and phone number
- Container ID #

Once the form has been completed, an email will be sent from the SLSA events team with final delivery and loading details.

NAMES OF TEAMS IN TEAM EVENTS

Where the club has one or more teams entered in an event, then that event code number for each competitor in each team shall be subtitled “**A**” for the first team or “**B**” for the second team, etc., as applicable.

Note: SLSA reserves the right to change any team name deemed inappropriate.

POWERCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

The 2024 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships will see the Powercraft (IRB & RWC) rostering process continue as per last year's system. Individual clubs are no longer required to provide personnel to fill water safety shifts in IRBs and Jetskis. SLSA will be looking to engage active and enthusiastic Powercraft personnel across varying levels of experience and expertise to manage water safety processes across all Championships.

Further information regarding the nomination of personnel for Aussies 2024 water safety is provided in [Circular 31/23-24 - Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2024 Powercraft Circular](#).

Clubs will still be required to provide IRBs as per previous years. These clubs will be contacted directly after the close of entries.

U13 WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Individual clubs will be required to assist with specific water safety requirements for U13 competition. Further information regarding quotas and timetable for U13 water safety will be released on Tuesday, 2 April 2024.



DRESS OF COMPETITORS

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins or Circulars.

Approval may be granted by the Championship Referee for a club or competitor to wear a singlet or vest different to the supplied singlet provided it complies with the SLSA Sponsorship Policy 6.28 (available via the SLSA Member's Area). This approval is subject to colour and visibility of the club/competitor singlets being fluoro yellow ONLY. This must be presented for approval to the Carnival Referee or Deputy Referee. The approved lycra singlets may only then be worn during the heats. For the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals the SLSA branded event lycra singlets must be worn, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Competitors will be checked at the start line and no competitor will be allowed to compete unless they comply.

SLSA Staff, Championship Referee, Area Referee and/or Sectional Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID, or logos in conflict with the Championships sponsor and/or the SLSA Sponsorship Policy 6.28

TEAM MANAGERS

TEAM MANAGER ACCREDITATIONS

Each club will be provided with accreditation passes for the Team Manager and each Assistant Team Manager to gain access to each relevant competition area. Below is the recommended ratio of competitors/ accreditation passes):

- 1x overall Team Manager
- Number of areas club competitors are competing in = number of Assistant Team Manager accreditations,
 - o e.g.: 5 areas (3x water, 1x boat & 1x beach areas) = 5 Assistant Team Managers

Please note, if your club enters Masters and Opens competitors, the club's overall Team Manager is responsible to pass on all accreditation passes to Masters and Opens Assistant Team Managers.

TEAM MANAGER REQUIREMENTS

Each club must have a Team Manager complete the [online Team Manager Form](#) before their club is eligible to compete at the Australian Youth, Masters and Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2024. The online form requires Team Managers to provide the following details:

- Team Manager name contact details
- Assistant Team Managers names and contact details

TEAM MANAGER BRIEFINGS

Team Manager briefings will be held online on the following dates:

- Youth Championships - Monday, 8 April 2024
- Open & Masters Championships – Wednesday 10 April 2024

Team Managers who are managing for more than one of Youth, Opens and Masters Championships must attend both briefings.

TEAM APP

Aussies 2024 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 'The Aussies 2024' 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 event documentation, timetables and where to find all the latest and up to date information on the event. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/faqs>

MATCH FIXING AND ANTI-DOPING

MATCH-FIXING

The SLSA National Policy on MatchFixing and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs includes special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.



ANTI-DOPING

Members participating in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships have responsibilities under SLSA Policies, specifically [Policy 5.02 Australian National Anti-Doping Policy](#) and [Policy 6.23 Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine in Sport](#).

It is strongly recommended that all participants including competitors, team managers, handlers and coaches complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module and conduct at least one (1) Anti-Doping education course. (*Clean Sport 101 and Anti-Doping Fundamentals*).
<https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/education>.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at: events@slsa.asn.au