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| Summary: This document contains important information about the 2018 Australian Youth, Master's & Opens Surf Life Saving Championships to be held at Scarborough Beach from Saturday 14 th April – Sunday 22 nd April 2018 |

DISTRIBUTION OF THIS CIRCULAR

It is most important that the information in this Circular be brought to the attention of carnival officials, team managers, coaches and competitors. Non-receipt of this circular will not be taken as an excuse if a club, team or individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other circulars which refer to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018.

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE AUSSIES 2018

The following two pages are a check list to help ensure all applicable documents have been reviewed by all relevant participants for The Aussies 2018.

AUSSIES CIRCULARS – Please ensure you have are up to date with all The Aussies 2018 The Aussies > [Event Info webpage](#) and Team App

TIMETABLE - The event timetables are available on The Aussies > [Event Info webpage](#) and Team App – Official Aussies 2018. Please note the timetables are subject to change.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – Ensure you have read through the Conditions of Entry section and your club has met all these requirements before arriving to Scarborough Beach. Any breaches of these conditions will deem a club ineligible to compete.

TEAM MANAGER MEMOS – If you are a Team Manager be sure to have read the Team Manager memo on The Aussies > [Event Info webpage](#) and Team App – Official Aussies 2018

OFFICIAL MEMOS – If you are a Team Manager be sure to have read the Team Manager memo on The Aussies > [Event Info webpage](#) and Team App – Official Aussies 2018

POWERCRAFT REQUIREMENTS – If you are a Team Manager be sure to have read the Team Manager memo on The Aussies > [Event Info webpage](#) and Team App – Official Aussies 2018

TEAM MANAGER DECLARATION & LYCRA FORM – Team Managers must complete the [Team Manager Declaration and Lycra Form](#) before their club will be eligible to compete in addition to the Team Manager Declaration on the following page.

TRANSPORT – The complimentary shuttle bus will be running from Scarborough Beach to Trigg on the 4 days of beach sprint competition (Saturday 14th, Monday 16th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April. Further information regarding all shuttle times will be posted on team app and the SLSA official website shortly.

EVENT MAP – The new event map of Scarborough Beach and Trigg is available on The Aussies > [Event Info webpage](#) and Team App – Official Aussies 2018 Please note the site map is in draft format and subject to change.

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IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES

Please see below a summary of important dates related to the Australian Youth, Masters and Opens Surf Life Saving Championships 2018.

| Mar-18 | | |
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| Mon, 19 Mar | 7:00am AWST | Site Build Commences |
| Wed, 21 Mar | 5:00pm AEDT | Normal Entries Close |
| | 5:00pm AEDT | Limited Entries Entered (by States) |
| Fri, 23 Mar | 5:00pm AEDT | Normal entry invoices sent to clubs |
| Apr-18 | | |
| Wed, 4 Apr | 5.00pm AEDT | Online Late entries close |
| Fri, 6 Apr | 5.00pm AEDT | Late entry invoices sent to clubs |
| Mon, 9 Apr | 9:00am-5:00pm AWST | First day for container deliveries (ANY CONTAINER DELIVERED BEFORE THIS DATE WILL BE TURNED AWAY) |
| Thu, 12 Apr | 5.00pm AEDT | Invoices due (All entry payments in full due) |
| Fri, 13 Apr | 5:00am AWST | First day for club tents to be erected – All Beaches |
| | 9:00am-3:00pm AWST | Scrutineering begins: Trailer Compound – Location southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Café. Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre. (Youth Competitors Only) |
| | 2.00pm AWST | Powercraft personnel Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre. |
| | 3.00pm AWST | Youth and Ocean Swim Team Manager Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre. |
| | 4.30pm AWST | Youth and Ocean Swim Officials Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre. |
| | 5.00pm AWST | Last day for container delivers |
| Sat, 14 Apr | All Day | Competition Day 1: Youth Championships |
| | 7:00am-3:00pm AWST | Scrutineering continues: Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Surf Boats will take place on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). |
| Sun, 15 Apr | All Day | Competition Day 2: Youth Championships |
| | 7:00am-3:00pm AWST | Scrutineering continues: Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Surf Boats will take place on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). |
| | 8:00am-12:00pm AWST | The AUSSIE Ocean Swim – Scarborough Beach |
| | 2:30pm AWST | Board Riding Competitor briefing & day 1 board riding marshalling: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre. |
| | 4.30pm AWST | Masters & Opens Team Manager Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre. |

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| | 6.30pm AWST | Masters & Opens Officials Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre. |
| Mon, 16 Apr | All Day AWST | Competition Day 3: Masters Championships |
| | All Day | Scrutineering continues: Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Surf Boats will take place on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). |
| Tue, 17 Apr | All Day | Competition Day 4: Masters Championships |
| | All Day | Scrutineering continues: Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Surf Boats will take place on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). |
| | 4.30pm AWST | Open Team Manager Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre. |
| | 6.00pm AWST | Open Officials Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre. |
| Wed, 18 Apr | All Day | Competition Day 5: Open Championships |
| Thurs, 19 Apr | All Day | Competition Day 6: Open Championships |
| Fri, 20 Apr | Half Day | Competition Day 7: Open Championships |
| Sat, 21 Apr | All Day | Competition Day 8: Open Championships |
| Sun, 22 Apr | All Day | Competition Day 9: Open Championships |
| Mon, 23 Apr | 9:00am-5:00pm AWST | First day for container pickup |
| Wed, 25 Apr | 9:00am-5:00pm AWST | Final day for container pickup |
| Fri, 27 Apr | 5:00pm AWST | Bump Out Complete |

All above dates and times are subject to change

** Team Managers who are managing for more than one of Youth, Opens and Masters Championships need only attend one of the briefings*

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEES & OFFICIALS

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEES

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018 are managed by four committees.

The committees include:

- Australian Event Organising Committee (AEOC)
- Australian Championships Competition Committee (ACCC)
- Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC)
- Event Operations Committee (EOC)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All competitors entered in the Australian Youth, Australian Master's and Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2018 must be financial members of an affiliated club.

RANDOM DRAWS

First round random draws will be produced for each Youth, Masters and Opens Championships races. First round draws will be posted prior to the commencement of the days competition via Team App. All competitors are to know their random draw number for each race before they enter the marshalling areas.

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 5.4 – Competition Eligibility and the SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility document (both available online at [Member's Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.4) SLSA reserves the right to conduct a random and/or deliberate audit of entries and under such circumstances, the selected clubs will be required to submit appropriate documentation to substantiate the eligibility of those members entered.

TEAM MANAGER REQUIREMENTS

Each club must have a Team Manager complete the online [Team Manager Declaration & Lycra Singlet Form](#) before their club is eligible to compete at the Australian Youth, Australian Masters and Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2018. The online form requires Team Managers to provide the following details:

- Correct club Team Manager contact details
- List each club Assistant Team Manager names
- Location of club accommodation & approximate numbers staying there
- Club Lycra singlet requirements and sizes
- Agree to all terms outlined the Team Manager declaration

TEAM MANAGER BRIEFINGS

- Youth and Ocean Swim Manager Briefing: 3:00pm, Friday 13 April 2018 (AWST) compulsory for all Youth Team Managers
- Masters & Open Team Manager Briefing Option 1: 4.30pm, Sunday 15 April 2018 (AWST) compulsory for all Master's Team Manager and option 1 for Opens Team Managers
- Open Team Manager briefing Option 2: 4.30pm, Tuesday 17 April 2018 (AWST) compulsory for all Opens Team Managers who did not attend Option 1

All Team Manager Briefings will occur at VIP marquee at Scarborough Beach. Team Managers managing club members in the Youth Aussies are required to attend the Youth Aussies briefing and managers of teams in the Master's and Opens Championships are required to attend one of the briefings. As part of

the Australian Championships safety procedures, the safety and contingency plans will be communicated in detail at this briefing. Failure to attend the relevant briefing/s may result in the Club's entries being refused and/or the Club referred to the Australian Championships Competition Committee for further action. As part of SLSA's administration processes, the briefings will be recorded.

Club competition Lycra singlets and Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager accreditations will be distributed after the briefings.

WATER SAFETY AND FIRST AID REQUIREMENTS

SLSA is also looking for water safety personnel, Area Risk Response Officers and first aid officers to assist during the Masters and Open Championships. If clubs are interested in fulfilling these roles please email events@slsa.asn.au with names, availability and phone numbers. Required qualifications include current Bronze Medallion and First Aid awards. Briefings for these positions will be provided to all appointed personnel.

RESTRICTIONS ON EVENTS AND PROVISIONS

The following restrictions shall apply regarding 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

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

- No Under 15 competitor is eligible to contest Under 17 or older team or individual events.
- No Under 14 competitor is eligible to contest U15 individual events.
- No Under 13 competitor is eligible to enter the Youth Championships.

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

- Uncapped for all individual events (except for Ironman/Ironwoman).
- Four competitors per age group and gender in Ironman and Ironwoman events. However, should a club have members qualify for a state Ironman/Ironwoman final in the Under 14 or Under 15 age category, all those competitors will be eligible to enter their respective event at Australian Youth Championships in addition to the club quota of 4 competitors per club, per gender, per event.

Note: State results of the Ironman and Ironwoman events may be reviewed as part of an audit of club Ironman/Ironwoman entries.

2 teams per team event, per gender.

(All Team events in the Youth Championships are Under 15, allowing Under 14s and Under 15s to make up these teams).

Note: Teams must be made up of members from the same club.

Entry Restrictions for the 2019 Australian Youth Championships will be reviewed following the conduct of the 2018 Championships.

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

Only accredited Sweeps will be eligible to sweep surf boats in these Championships. Please refer to the Sweep Accreditation tool kit on the Members portal via the following tabs: Library>>Sport>>Coach Education>>SLSA

To be an unrestricted (S3) sweep oarsman and to be eligible to compete in these Championships, a sweep must hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion/Cert II, a minimum current Development Coach Award or equivalent as well as having attended a sweep practical assessment or sat with a panel of sweeps in a formal process of learning and to have been deemed competent to sweep by this panel.

A restricted (S2) sweep may participate in these championships under the guidance of a sweep mentor in surf conditions rated up to and including 13 under the Mc-deM Surf Hazard Rating (SHR) system provided that they have formally commenced the SLSA online Development Coaching Module and sat with a panel of sweeps as part of their skill development.

A (S1) pre-competition sweep is not permitted to participate in any competition.

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

The following supplementary boat rule is to apply to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018 and replaces parts of [Surf Sports Manual](#) Section 5.1(c). This rule is circulated as a supplementary rule for the inclusion in the Entry Circular and other Australian Championship Circulars.

"Double dipping" (i.e. competing in more than one division or age category of rowing) by crews will not be permitted at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018. Exceptions to this condition are as follows:

Sweep Oarsmen may continue to compete in multiple divisions and gender and age categories but, as per existing SLSA rules, shall only compete in a particular division or category once irrespective of whether they are sweeping or rowing;

Individual rowers from an age crew who are also competing with another crew (i.e. not the same four rowers) in an older age category are permitted to row in a second category at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships provided that the other crew members are not also doubling up to form separate crews;

Should a member of any crew become indisposed they may be replaced subject to approval of the Carnival Referee provided they comply with the requirements contained in Section 2.18 of the Surf Sports Manual and this event condition;

If an U19 or U23 competitor is rowing in an older age category made up of mixed age groups they can continue to row in that older age category even if their own individual age division is suspended or cancelled. However, a crew made up entirely of rowers from suspended or cancelled age or gender group(s) shall not be permitted to compete."

BOAT AREA COMPETITION FORMAT

The Surf Boat Referee will make the final decision on the racing format (round robin, elimination or combination of both) based on the entries for all events and discussions with sectional referees and the appointed boat panel.

BEACH EVENTS

MARCH PAST – All March Past events (Open, U23 and U17) will occur as a final (no qualifying rounds) on Sunday, 22nd April 2018.

LIMITED ENTRY EVENTS

State Centres shall be responsible for nominating and entering individuals/teams (by Wednesday 21st March 2018) as well as reserves, to contest the Limited Entry Events for Youth, Masters and Opens Championships in accordance with the 'quotas' allocated in each State/Territory (see final pages of this Circular for quotas).

PATIENT REQUIREMENTS

All clubs entered in limited entry events such as Champion Lifesaver, First Aid competition and Patrol Competition will be required to provide patients according to club/team entries. Please see ratios below:

- Champion Lifesaver: 1 patient per club entry
- First Aid Competition: 1 patient per team entry
- Patrol Competition: 1 patient per club entry who must hold at least a proficient SRC and the patient must be prepared to go into the water.

SUBSTITUTION OF LIMITED ENTRY EVENT COMPETITORS

All States/Territories are requested to nominate up to 5 reserves (in order of priority) for all above limited entry events.

“Substitution of Competitors” – State/Territory Centres are able to replace an individual, team member or team who has already been nominated as a reserve for the event. If a State is unable to substitute from the reserve list, the nominating State may substitute a replacement from that State/Territory irrespective of whether they are on the reserves list. Where a State/Territory is unable to fill a vacancy then the vacancy will be filled by the next available reserve on the list.

If States/Territories do not fill their quota, positions will be filled from the reserves offered by other States/Territory

Note: SLSA also reserves the right to select competitors to compete from the reserve list.

MASTERS EVENTS - CLARIFICATION

Clubs are responsible to ensure that they comply with directions set out in this Entry Circular and SLSA Policy 5.9 - Masters Competition (available online at [Member's Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.9). The following items should be noted when nominating to participate in these Masters 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 does not need to be a Master age competitor and is not included in the team's aggregate age.

Note: Where limited starters are entered the sectional referee may combine age groups in events to ensure the program is completed in reasonable time.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

Conditions of entry for international competitors:

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.

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.

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.

International club teams must be a genuine club team (not composite teams) and must compete in club colours to be eligible to compete.

International individual competitors may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their country, compete in their national colours.

All international competitors and club teams must gain international clearance from their governing body and must be submitted to SLSA prior to competition to compete at the Australian Youth, Masters, Ocean Swim and Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2018.

HANDLERS

Ironman/Ironwoman/Boat Race events/Belt Races (reel handlers) handlers should be members of the same club as the competitor. Exemptions may be given by the Referee for a member of another club to be a handler as long as the handler is entered at the competition and meets all proficiency requirements. Handlers must be listed and identified in the events in which they are to participate. All handlers must wear the supplied hi-vis vests when handling.

NAMES OF TEAMS IN TEAM EVENTS

Where the club has one or more teams entered in an event, then that particular 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.

DRESS OF COMPETITORS

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the current edition [Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual) and any subsequent Bulletins or Circulars. To promote competitor safety and assist with competitor identification, competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth are required to wear the provided yellow lycra singlet as the top layer of clothing. Refusal to comply renders the clothing, competition apparel or equipment ineligible for the competition and the competitor and/or team would be ineligible for further participation in the Championships.

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 Competition Sponsorship Policy 5.8 (refer [Member's Portal](#)). This approval is subject to colour and visibility of the club/competitor singlets being fluoro yellow ONLY. This must be presented for approval at the Team Managers' briefings. 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, the 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 Competition Sponsorship Policy.

LYCRA SINGLET SIZING & DISTRIBUTION

To collect lycra singlets at the Team Managers' briefings, Team Managers are required to fill the [Team Manager Declaration & Lycra Singlet Form](#) with numbers and sizes of lycra singlets required for that club. Lycra singlet sizing chart is below. Team Managers are responsible for distributing lycra singlets to all competing club members.

Please note, if a club is competing in Youth, Master's & Opens Championships, the club's entire lycra allocation will be provided at the first Team Managers briefing attended.

TEAM MANAGER BRIEFINGS

- Youth and Ocean Swim Manager Briefing: 3:00pm, Friday 13 April 2018 (AWST) compulsory for all Youth Team Managers
- Masters & Open Team Manager Briefing Option 1: 4.30pm, Sunday 15 April 2018 (AWST) compulsory for all Master's Team Manager and option 1 for Opens Team Managers
- Open Team Manager briefing Option 2: 4.30pm, Tuesday 17 April 2018 (AWST) compulsory for all Opens Team Managers who did not attend Option 1

All Team Manager Briefings will be held in the VIP Marquee. Team Managers managing club members in the Youth Aussies are required to attend the Youth Aussies briefing and managers of teams in the Master's and Opens Championships are required to attend **one** of the briefings. As part of the Australian Championships safety procedures, the safety and contingency plans will be communicated in detail at this briefing. Failure to attend the relevant briefing/s may result in the Club's entries being refused and/or the Club referred to the Australian Championships Competition Committee for further action. As part of SLSA's administration processes, the briefings will be recorded.

As part of Surf Life Saving Australia's administrative processes, the briefings will be audio and/or videotaped and these recordings may be submitted for evidentiary purposes.

OFFICIALS BRIEFINGS

Similar to 2017, officials will only need to attend one of the main briefing sessions listed below. All briefings will be held in the VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre at Scarborough Beach.

- Officials Briefing 1: Friday 13th April 2018 at 4:30pm (AWST)
- Officials Briefing 2: Sunday 15th April 2018 at 6:30pm (AWST)
- Officials Briefing 3: Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 6:00pm (AWST)

If you are officiating at more than one carnival you will only need to attend one briefing e.g. Youth and Opens Team Manager only attends Friday's briefing. If you are officiating only at one carnival, you must attend the briefing immediately before.

SCRUTINEERING

Team Managers and competitors are strongly advised to ensure that their skis and boards, reels and surf belts, surf lines, swim fins, rescue tubes and surf boats, etc. strictly comply with the SLSA Policy Statements as applicable, before departure for these Championships.

Team Managers must read and understand the instructions in the scrutineering circular and ensure that their sectional captains and competitors do likewise. Having no knowledge of the procedures and requirements of Scrutineering Circular xx/16-17 will not be an excuse if the directions contained therein are not followed.

POWERCRAFT

As per the [powercraft circular](#) any IRB personnel (driver or crew) not considered to be at a competent level for water safety purposes, the club will be responsible to find replacement personnel. The relevant club may be referred to the ACCC for further action. Insurance coverage is provided for IRB equipment supplied by clubs while in use for the duration of the Championships.

Please ensure all clubs have looked at the **Powercraft Roster** and are aware of their requirements. This can be found on Deputy and Team App.

DRESS OF COMPETITORS/OFFICIALS

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the following:

In the latest Bulletin 1/13-14 Surf Sports Manual Update – Dress of Competitors (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Bulletins, Circulars and Publications > Bulletin > SLSA > 2013-14 > Bulletin 1)

Circular 56/12-13 High Visibility Safety Garments – SLSA Sport and Sanctioned Events (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Bulletins, Circulars and Publications > SLSA > 2012-13 > Circular 56)

And in addition to Section 2 – General Competitor Conditions of the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (available on [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual).

To promote competitor safety and assist with competitor identification, competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth are required to wear the provided pink Lycra vest as the top layer of clothing. Refusal to comply renders the clothing, competition apparel or equipment ineligible for the competition and the competitor and/or team would be ineligible for further participation in the Championships.

The general exceptions shall be March Past, First Aid Competition, Reelman in Belt races (linesman are not exempt), optional for Beach events and events where sponsor or colored tops are provided by SLSA to aid the judging or identification process (e.g. beach sprint/relay events and for 2017 Ski finals). In regard to R&R please note the entire team will be required to wear pink Lycra vests.

Approval may be granted by the Championship Referee for a club or competitor to wear a vest different to the supplied vests if the vests meet current SLSA sponsorship and safety requirements. This approval is subject to colour and visibility of the club/competitor vests being fluoro pink ONLY. These must be presented for approval at the Team Managers' briefings. The approved lycras may only then be worn during the heats. For the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals the SLSA branded event lycras must be worn **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Competitors will be checked at the start line and no competitor will be allowed to compete unless they comply.

Where a club has multiple teams in an event, competitors must have distinguishing numbers or letters marked on their caps or on their upper arms (as required in the current edition Surf Sports Manual and any clarifying Bulletins or Circulars).

SLSA Staff, Championship Referee, Area Referee and Sectional Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID or logos in conflict with the championship sponsors, in this case the SLSA branded event yellow Lycra vests shall be worn.

For any yellow Lycra vests that are lost, competitors must pay a \$20 replacement fee. Lycra vests are available from the administration centre. For any damaged pink Lycra vests, upon the discretion of the administration centre team, will be replaced free of charge.

LYCRA VEST SIZING & DISTRIBUTION

To collect Lycra vests at the Team Managers' briefings, Team Managers are required to complete the [Team Manager Declaration & Lycra Form](#) with numbers and sizes of Lycra vests required for that club.

Lycra vest sizing chart is below. Team Managers are responsible for distributing Lycra vests to all competing club members. SLSA makes every effort to provide the clubs with the requested allocation of Lycra vests.

Please note, if a club is competing in Youth, Master's & Opens Championships, the club's entire Lycra vest allocation will be provided at the Youth Team Managers briefing.

| LADIES | XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL |
|--|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SIZE | L8 | L10 | L12 | L14 | L16 | L18 | L20 | L22 |
| Bust | 83cm | 87cm | 91cm | 95cm | 99cm | 103cm | 107cm | 111cm |
| Waist | 65cm | 69cm | 73cm | 77cm | 81cm | 85cm | 89cm | 93cm |
| Hips | 88cm | 92cm | 96cm | 100cm | 104cm | 108cm | 112cm | 116cm |
| MENS | XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL |
| SIZE | | M14 | M16 | M18 | M20 | M22 | M24 | |
| Chest | 86cm | 90cm | 94cm | 99cm | 104cm | 109cm | 114cm | 119cm |
| Waist (low waist 4cm below natural waist) | 76cm | 80cm | 84cm | 88cm | 92cm | 96cm | 100cm | 105cm |

Officials will be issued with items of clothing relevant to their position, including:

- Long sleeve event officials shirt (quantity dependent on time officiating)
- 1 x SLS Spray jacket (dependent on 2+ days officiating)
- 1 x SLS Back pack
- 1 x SLS Cap
- 1 x SLS Sun cream
- 1 x SLS Lunch pack
- 1 x Contact lanyard

SLSA would like to request that all officials bring along any Aussies branded officials shirts if you have any from 2016 or 2017 Aussies (only those with no dates or locations). All appointed officials will be able to collect their packs from the uniform distribution donga located next to the Officials Marquee at Scarborough Beach in the back of beach park area. This area will act as the Officials Hub and will be the location for breakfast each morning and the Officials Dinner among other collection points.

Uniform collection times:

- Friday 13th April 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Saturday 14th April 8.00am - 4.00pm
- Sunday 15th April 8.00am - 4.00pm
- Monday 16th April 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Tuesday 17th April 8.00am - 4.00pm
- Wednesday 18th April 8.00am - 4.00pm
- Thursday 19th April 8.00am - 12.00pm

NOTE: Clothing distribution will be as per size stated on nomination forms. Every effort will be made to accommodate correct sizes for late nominees, however no guarantees can be given.

SPONSORED EVENTS/COMMERCIAL IDENTIFICATION

It is a condition of entry to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018 that competitors may be required to carry sponsor logos/identification on craft, boats, and equipment. However, if this occurs every effort will be made not to cover other signage, provided it does not conflict with sponsors of the Championships. For further details regarding sponsorship, refer to **Policy 5.8 – Competition Sponsorship** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.8). It should be noted that the Championships have major partner and event partner sponsors. The following details clarify the requirements of all sponsored competitors/clubs participating in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018.

- Semi-finalists and finalists in the sponsored events may be required to carry event sponsor signage affixed on craft or equipment.
- Finalists in all ski craft events will be required to affix BRP sponsor sticker on the front of the craft, as outlined in figure A. This sticker will be given to competitors when marshalling for these events.
- Club/individual's sponsor signage on craft and equipment will not be covered unless, when fitting the event sponsor signage, it is unavoidable. All competitors in these sponsored Championship events will also be required to wear lycras provided by SLSA.
- No competitor, handler and/or club is permitted to have any signwriting, logos or corporate ID on either clothing, competition apparel, gear, equipment or on the person in the competition area (including marshalling areas) which is deemed not in "good taste".
- It may be possible that TV interviews will be undertaken with prominent competitors, and in such cases, they may be asked to wear one of the official sponsor T-shirts and/or caps.



Please note the following sponsors related to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018:

- **Strategic Partner:** Tourism Western Australia
- **Event Partners:** BRP, City of Stirling and FINZ
- **Event Supporters:** Coates Hire, Sold Out and Stay Oz
- **Major National Partners:** DHL, Holden and Westpac
- **Partners:** Dulux and Nutri-Grain

Authority

All SLSA Staff, Sectional Referees, Area Referees and the Championship Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID or logos in conflict with carnival sponsors.

Refusal to comply with any of the above will render the clothing, competition apparel, or equipment ineligible for the competition, and the competitor (and/or team) may be ineligible for further participation in the Championships.

If such breaches are found after the event or in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) may forfeit titles and awards. The refusal to fulfil the conditions of entry may see the competitor disqualified from further participation in the championships.

Presentations

At the conclusion of the events, place getters may be asked to wear items of apparel (T-shirt, hat etc.) identified with the specific event sponsors during the presentations. It is noted that **Policy 5.8 – Competition Sponsorship** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.8) will apply in respect of presentations. In addition, competitors being presented must comply with Policy 5.8 in regards to dress whilst on the presentation dais.

Co-operation is requested in this regard and members should keep in mind that the involvement of sponsors helps to curtail significant expenses that would otherwise need to be passed onto competitors and clubs.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS, TROPHIES AND POINTSCORE

SLSA Championship medallions will be awarded to individuals and team members gaining 1st (Gold), 2nd (Silver) or 3rd (Bronze) in all Championship events contested. A minimum of one starter is required for any event to be contested. For all events, medals will be awarded as follows:

Three (3) or more competitors – Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals may be awarded.

Two (2) competitors – Gold and Silver medals may be awarded.

One (1) competitor (providing the competitor/team correctly completes the course) – Gold medal

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations of medals will occur at each area presentation dais generally at the conclusion of the final of each event. All finals place-getters are requested to go to the presentation area as soon as possible after the race. Go to Team App for updates.

TROPHIES/POINTSORES

The following Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018 overall pointscore categories and memorial trophies will be awarded at the end of the Open competition:

| | |
|--|---|
| Overall Pointscore ‘Surf Life Saving Australia Perpetual Trophy’ | Open Champion R&R Team ‘R&R Premier’s Flag’ |
| Handicap Pointscore | Under 19 Surf Boats ‘Robert Gatenby Shield’ |
| Under 17 years Champion Club | Under 19 Ironman ‘Saxon Bird Trophy’ |
| Under 19 years Champion Club | Surf Board Riding Overall Masters Champion Club Competition |
| Open Age Champion Club | Surf Board Riding Overall Open Champion Club Competition |
| Male Champion Athlete | |
| Female Champion Athlete | |
| Open First Aid Competition ‘Tess Cramond AO, OBE Shield’ | |

The following memorial trophy will be awarded at the conclusion of the Youth competition.

Under 15 Ironman 'Matthew Barclay Memorial Trophy'

The pointscore for each Champion Club within each event's age category, 6 points will be awarded for 1st place, down to 1 point for 6th place. If, when the Championships have concluded there is a tied pointscore, the Club with the most 1st placings will be declared the winner. Failing this, the Club with the most 2nd places to 6th places respectively will be taken into account to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the pointscore will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

Note: International clubs (and/or non SLSA affiliated clubs) are not eligible to earn points towards Australian Champion Club. Hence, any placing's achieved by non SLSA clubs will not be counted towards the overall pointscore and the points will be allocated in finals to the first 6 Australian Club place getters.

DEAD HEATS

Where a dead heat (as defined in the current edition Surf Sports Manual (available on [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual) occurs in the final of an event the clubs of individuals/teams will share the placing points and medal relative to the finish placing.

The club of the next individuals/teams to finish will receive the relative placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals/teams finish equal 1st, both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each and the gold medal.

The next placing individual/team shall be awarded the 4 points and the bronze medal for coming 3rd.

OVERALL SLSA CHAMPION CLUB

For the overall Championship pointscore winner (Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 only) the winning club will be awarded at the closing ceremony. Also awarded at this ceremony will be the Male Competitor of the Championships and Female Competitor of the Championships.

HANDICAP CHAMPION CLUB

The Handicap point score will be on a handicap system based on the Champion Club from the previous year's Australian Championships. The calculation of the winning club would be the Champion Club from the previous year's championships starting on zero points and the club that scored zero points in the previous year commencing on maximum points.

SURF BOATS

All Surf Boat presentations will be conducted in the Surf Boat area.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

Please see Team App and the SLSA website for the presentation schedule. This will be posted on Friday 13th April 2018.

Presentation and collection of medals for the will be undertaken at each presentation area throughout the Championships. During this time competitors who wish to use the main presentation dais to have a picture taken are welcome to do so. An official photographer may not be in attendance.

To avoid congestion at the end of competition each day, all medal winners in a particular event are requested to attend the presentation dais in their area together as soon as possible after the conclusion of their final for presentation or collection of medals. The presentation areas will conclude 30 minutes after the completion of competition each day.

Medals not collected during the days of competition may still be collected from the main presentation area until Sunday, April 22nd 2018. Medals not collected after this time will be boxed up and distributed to a Club representative for future presentation.

MODEL AIRCRAFT & UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

SLSA, under agreement with the local government authority, has control and management of the event site and the water abeam the site. The use of Model Aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) within the controlled boundaries of the Championships is strictly prohibited as they have serious safety implications for search & rescue and television helicopters that will operate in the area from time to time.

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their club. In particular please refer to Section 2.26 SLSA Code of Behaviour of Surf Sports Manual and Section 2.27 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > Section 2.26 & 2.27) and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

Competitors and/or members found tampering with signs, fences or PA system cabling and equipment also risk disciplinary action against themselves. For safety reasons, any oars or other equipment found on fences may be removed.

A Carnival Disciplinary Committee has been appointed with powers to "cite" or take any action as necessary as a result of misconduct and will be readily available to convene as required up to and including Monday 23rd April 2018.

In addition, the behaviour of each club will be monitored at various times and functions, airline flights arriving and departing from Perth Airport and the commercial areas in Scarborough Beach, Trigg and around the Perth. Note that misbehaviour at any official or unofficial functions will be under the jurisdiction of the Carnival Disciplinary Committee.

It is expected that all matters affecting participants, supporters and spectators will normally be communicated to team management, for their transmission to members and implementation.

It should be noted by Team Managers that WA Police have a zero-tolerance policy to anti-social, disorderly or alcohol related behaviour. Team Manager names and contact numbers will be provided to WA Police for emergencies. Likewise, WA Police details will be provided to Team Managers.

DRUG USE

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published a Policy 5.2 - Anti-Doping Policy (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.2) which condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sport.

Any event conducted by SLSA is subject to random drug testing, without prior notice. The very strict procedures laid down for the testing for drugs will be observed, and competitors refusing to submit to a drug test will be subject to prescribed penalties. Should Team Managers require further information, please refer to Policy 5.2 (as linked via [Members Portal](#) above) and, as appropriate, contact the "Drugs in Sport" hotline on 1300 027 232.

The Policy 6.23 – Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 6.23) addresses the out-of-competition use of illicit drugs, concentrating primarily on education, awareness and prevention initiatives. This policy is designed to help prevent the uptake of illicit drug use and reduce the drug-related harm to individuals, families and stakeholders of SLSA and the broader community.

GAMBLING

Gambling by SLSA members on events in which they are participating as a competitor, official, manager or organiser is strictly prohibited. Members proven to have gambled on an SLSA Event whilst a competitor coach, official, manager or organiser of that competition will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with SLSA Regulations. Please refer to Policy 5.1 – Sports Betting, Result Fixing and Corruption (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.1).

ALCOHOL FREE ZONE

In 2018, The Aussies will be a dry event. The entire event footprint, including Scarborough Beach, Trigg and surrounding back of beach areas including all container and gear storage areas are alcohol free zones. The only exception to this are licensed premises.

WA Police will be monitoring this closely, so please ensure your teams and supporters are aware and follow this guideline.

POST EVENT ACTIVITIES

Misconduct before during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their club. WA Police will be closely monitoring behavior during and after competition each day.

CONTINGENCY PLANS/SITES

BEACH RELOCATION

After extensive consultation with leading beach athletes, coaches and local council it has been decided in the best interest of the event and to provide a fair and even beach track to all competitors the location of the Beach Sprint Track will now be Trigg Island Beach.

Trigg is approx. 1.8km north of Scarborough beach and has been the location for numerous state-based beach events in the past.

SLSA will provide a shuttle bus service to Trigg from Scarborough for anyone who needs transportation to the Beach Sprint Track.

This change in location will mean the following events will now be held at Trigg Island Beach:

Youth Championships

- Beach Sprints – Saturday 14 April
- Beach Relays – Saturday 14 April

Masters Championships

- Beach Sprint Monday 16 April
- Beach Relays Monday 16 April

Open Championships

- Beach Sprints (Heats & Quarters) Thursday 19 April
- Beach Sprints (Semis and Finals) Friday 20 April
- Beach Relays Friday 20 April

Further details (including start times) can be found online at <https://sls.com.au/aussies/> under Event Timetable.

TIMETABLES

The 2018 Event Timetable has undertaken a significant review and sort feedback from a variety of event stakeholders. The consultation process took feedback from male and female elite and non-elite competitors, past athletes, present coaches and team managers, carnival officials and administrators.

Out of that feedback 5 broad themes emerged:

1. More block style racing - at least 2 or 3 rounds of an event especially in the early rounds over the first two days. This also includes blocking the Board Rescue event (like we already do for the belts) later in the program from heats all the way through to finals.
2. Less course changes - when you set a transition style course run as many events as possible around that style of course before you change it. i.e. Iron person, Board/ski/Taplin relays etc. The more we reduce course changes the more efficient the program.
3. Delay the bulk of the ski events including the single ski event till later in the week to allow for many of the older ski paddlers, who only specialise in these events, to reduce their travel time, accommodation costs and time off work.
4. A 'Teams events finals package' on one afternoon (early in the program) to create more atmosphere for the team's events finals.
5. Swim finals back to being held on Sunday and no Iron person semi-final on Sunday morning.

Due to the relocation of the beach track to Trigg and further feedback received from variety of event stakeholders.

The following minor amendments have been made to the timetable since the release in December 2017.

- Beach Sprints on Thursday 19 April will now start at 1pm. This earlier start will reduce the pressure on Officials and Athletes to run through the timetable of events and be able to conclude racing at a reasonable finish time.
- Beach Sprints on Friday 20 April will now start at 2pm. With Relays to commence at 4.15pm. This earlier start will reduce the pressure on Officials and Athletes to run through the timetable of events and be able to conclude racing at a reasonable finish time. Further it will allow all Officials to attend the Officials Function that evening.
- Belt Races to be scheduled on Friday 20 April morning (8am start) thus reducing the chances of sun glare, mixed with the Freemantle Doctor, in the afternoon. Making it far fairer for the competitors and easier to judge.
- Later start (11am) on Friday 20 April Lifesaver Relay and Iron events. Allowing further recovery time and reducing the chances of fatigue for many competitors, Officials IRB crews etc.
- Board Rescue to am Saturday 21 April from am Friday 20 April

CONTINGENCY LOCATIONS

For Aussies 2018 the SLSA Events Team and Aussies Organising Committee have focused a considerable amount of time researching and inspecting suitable contingency locations in the event that the Aussies should be relocated.

We have widely consulted with local authorities and key event stakeholders and have determined the following possible contingency options:

Option 1 – Reschedule Program

This is the preferred option in most instances once the Championships are underway and allows the responsible Committee to change the program to suit the available resources or environmental conditions that may be experienced during competition. This may require rescheduling of one or all of the competition arenas, including changes to courses, starts and finishes. The program allows for flexibility of rescheduling.

Rationalisation of the program may require deletion of events with priority given in the following order;

Youth Championship Events

Given the limited time frame for the conduct of the Youth Championships once underway priority will be given to concluding any events that have commenced and then to the conduct of events that can be completed in the allotted time. The carnival committee will however have total discretion in what events are conducted.

Masters Championship Events

The carnival committee will however have total discretion in what events are conducted should there be a need to rationalise the events conducted. The age and number of competitors in each event will be a consideration the priority given to which events may or may not be included in a reduced program for the Masters Championships although once underway priority will be given to concluding any events that have commenced and then to the conduct of events that can be completed in the allotted time.

Open Championship Events

In the case of a contingency, open events will be given priority over age events then decreasing in age

| Priority | Event | Rationale |
|-------------|---|---|
| A | Surf Race Board Race Ski Race Ironperson Beach Sprint Taplin Relay Surf Boats Beach Relay Patrol Team | Core individual events High media interest Allows competitors from smaller clubs without teams to compete Generally easy to marshal and simple to run Premier Teams' event. Showcases the strength of a club across a broad range of disciplines |
| B(1) | Board Relay Ski Relay Surf Teams | Core Teams events |
| B(2) | Double Ski Mixed Double | Core Team events Craft that can result in heightened risk management issues in larger surf conditions. |
| C | Board Rescue Rescue Tube Rescue Belt Races Champion Lifesaver Beach Flags | All Rescue style of events Length of time to complete events from heats through to finals is large. Achieving a fair course, at times, can be difficult i.e. 50m off bank is required Setting the course, at times, at a distance longer than the SSM is required. |
| D | Restricted Surf Race Lifesaver Relay 2Km Swim | Low competitor numbers Both events could be regarded as a duplication (i.e. similar in nature) of the Open Surf Race and Taplin Relay. |

Where events are relocated to alternative sites then the program must be amended to ensure the safe completion of the competition.

The Championship Referee has autonomy to make minor changes to the program but must advise the Chairman of the ACCC at the earliest opportunity.

Option 2 – Use of an Alternative Competition Arena at Scarborough Beach

The responsible Committee may see fit to change the competition arenas allocated to the various Age Groups or Events. The Committees may consider these options in conjunction with Option 1 or independently due to hazardous conditions requiring a safer location for less experienced competitors.

Option 3 – Move to Carnival Arenas North or South along the beach

This option is for the movement of the competition arenas north or south along Scarborough Beach. This option may be considered due to environmental issues being identified, e.g. lack of beach. This option may require the movement of one arena or all of the arenas.

Option 4 – Partial Relocation away from Scarborough Beach

This option allows the majority of the Championships support infrastructure, TV, sponsors' signage and other Championships infrastructure to remain at Scarborough Beach. Such items are not considered essential to the conduct of the competition. Following a risk assessment, if conditions are deemed unsafe for particular events, those events will then be relocated to an alternative venue where conditions are more suitable. **Primary and secondary alternative locations may be considered for this option where appropriate.**

Option 5 – Complete Relocation of Championships

Complete relocation of the Championships including sponsors' signage and TV, etc. The entire carnival infrastructure will be duplicated, where practical, at the alternate site except for the TV commentary stand. Primary and secondary contingency sites have been identified as follows:

Primary Alternatives

These locations have been identified as suitable for relocation of all or a large component of the Championships. This does not preclude individual events being relocated to these sites if appropriate. Infrastructure will be installed at these sites prior to the commencement of the Championships and comprehensive plans developed to facilitate any move.

Outlines of the site plans for this location are Annexed to this document and include the overall layout, location of different events, key administrative areas, traffic routes into respective competition areas, emergency services (including entry/exit points for ambulance and helicopter pads) and car parking.

There are no locations approved for complete relocation of any of the 2018 Championships

Secondary Alternatives

These locations have been identified as suitable for only partial relocations and for use by individual aspects of the Championships if required. Community impact is to be kept at a minimum and no infrastructure will be installed at these sites prior to the commencement of the Championships. Any infrastructure requirements at these sites will depend on the type of event and duration of use required and should be installed prior to the commencement of competition at that site.

Surf Location –

- Trigg Island
 - Beach
 - Boats (One Area only available)

- Leighton Beach
 - All events can be conducted at this venue

Protected Water Locations –

- Coogee Beach

SLSA have also investigated other beaches along the WA coast line as potential contingency venues and have ruled them out due to unavailability, not suitable for Aussies, unable to gain permission from local authorities to hold our event, distance, etc.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first round draws for youth Ironman and Ironwoman will be available at the youth team manager briefing to assist with marshalling before and during the Opening Ceremony. Please ensure a flag bearer for each club youth team is in attendance for the opening ceremony.

All Youth Team Events will be run over the Under 15 Course for respective events. All Youth Events will be run under the ‘no break’ rule.

FIRST AID EVENTS

Clubs will be required to provide their own oxygen cylinders for all Patrol Competition and Under 17’s to Opens First Aid Competition.

BOARD RIDING

COMPETITION LOCATION

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018 – Board Riding competition is fully MOBILE with the daily contest location chosen subject to prevailing conditions. Daily contest location will be confirmed through Team App to all team managers by 6.45am.

Secret Harbour and Trigg Island are the first choice beaches to conduct the event, however they are by no means confirmed. All competitors need to be aware that they are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the venue. Please note that Trigg Island is about 5 minutes drive north of Scarborough and Secret Harbour is approximately 1 hour drive south of Perth.

BOARD RIDING PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The program of events will be as follows:

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| 2.30pm, Sunday 15 th April 2018 | Board Riding Competitor Briefing Marshalling – VIP Marquee, Scarborough Beach |
| Monday 16 th April – Tuesday 17 th April 2018 | Commence Open Men, Open Women, U19, U17, U15, U14 – Short Board & Long Board (not necessarily in that order) |
| Wednesday 18 th April 2018 | Complete any Open Men, Open Women, U19, U17, U15, and U14 – Short Board & Long Board events from Monday & Tuesday – if required. Commence Masters – Short board & Long board Teams Event |
| Thursday 19 th April 2018 | Continue Masters events. |
| Friday 20 th April 2018 | Completion of any Masters events if required. |

MARSHALLING

Please be advised that a briefing & marshalling of all competitors for ALL (Open & Masters) board riding events will be held on Sunday 15th April 2018 at 2.30pm at the VIP Marquee, Scarborough Beach. All Competitors or their Team Managers must marshal in person. It is important that only the competitors that will be competing marshal. This is requested to ensure accurate heats are drawn up, and to eliminate a number of “walkthroughs”, which adds time to the running of events.

LOGISTICS

UNLOADING OF SURF BOATS

The Boat storage area will be on Scarborough Beach in the respective competition areas. Boats to be unloaded and scrutineered at Scarborough Beach and trailers may be stored on the back of beach.

BOAT SCRUTINEERING

As per the Scrutineering Circular all boats are required to be scrutineered before they are permitted to be used in competition.

It is intended to conduct all boat competitions in the two boat areas. Clubs without boat trailers or towing vehicles should advise the boat scrutineers accordingly, in order that assistance in this regard can be arranged in the event of a change of venue due to adverse conditions.

BOARD & SKI EVENTS (Youth, Opens & Master's Championships)

For multi discipline events random draws will occur at Team Managers briefings. Draws for youth events will take place at Youth Team Manager Briefing while Master's and Opens draws will take place at Masters Team Manager Briefing. All events will be run under no break rule.

MARSHALLING AREA

Boards and skis will be marshalled in a common marshalling/storage area at the rear of the competition area. Craft will then be called to a pre-race assembly area before proceeding to the starting line. At the completion of each race, all craft must be returned to the craft compound as soon as possible.

EVENT DELAYS

Events will not be delayed due to competitors not having their craft ready to compete or lack of equipment when marshalled.

MARCH PAST

The Open, U23 & U17 March Past will be conducted at 8.00am on Sunday, 22nd April 2018.

It is intended that a suitable band will provide the music for the competition. It is anticipated that the first call for Open, U23 and U17 March Past standard bearers to marshal on Sunday 22nd April will be 7:15am. Marshalling will occur at the northern end of the beach area. Participating clubs must ensure that their standard bearer abides by this direction.

Competing teams will be required to provide their own first aid equipment for this event. First aid equipment is as per the current Surf Sports Manual and any amending Bulletins and Circulars.

Clubs will be required to provide their own oxygen cylinders for all Patrol Competition and Under 17's to Opens First Aid Competition.

EVENT OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The main Championships Administration Centre will be located at Scarborough Beach, at the end of the main board walk. There will be a noticeboard at the administration centre with general information, event draws, timetables, shuttle services etc.

The administration centre will be open from 7:00am – 5:00pm, Thursday 12th April – Sunday 22nd April .

TRANSPORT

PARKING - restricted parking only available at all beaches. Competitors and officials are encouraged to use the public transport and shuttle options.

A free shuttle bus service will operate from the below location at Abbett Park daily for the duration of the Championships. The service will commence at 7am and finishing at about 5.30pm, depending on demand and competition finish times. It is anticipated the buses will run every 15 minutes or so. This shuttle service will only run throughout event areas, it will not run throughout the City of Perth.

A shuttle bus will also be running from Scarborough Beach to Trigg on the 4 days of beach sprint competition (Saturday 14th, Monday 16th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April).



Further information regarding all specific shuttle times will be posted on Team App and the SLSA official website when a timetable is available.

ACCESS TO GEAR AND EQUIPMENT COMPOUNDS

CRAFT COMPOUND

Provision has been made for Board/Ski trailer parking in the craft compound located along Scarborough Beach on the grass area. Under no circumstances are vehicles or trucks permitted to park or be left unattended in these areas.

ACCREDITATION PASSES

Team Manager wristbands will be allocated to each club for the Youth, Masters and Open Championships.

These will be distributed at the conclusion of each briefing and will be the responsibility of the club to ensure this gets passed on from Youth to Masters to Open Championships.

Please ensure that the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#) has been completed to ensure you receive the appropriate number of Assistant Team Manager passes for your club. Without a wristband, Team Managers will not have access into the competition area. Wristbands must be worn at all times, to allow Team Managers and to access competition areas, make team changes and enter new competitors.

KEY OPERATIONAL TIMINGS FOR THE AUSSIES 2018

For the 2018 Australian Championships, all officials need to report to their Area Referees on the morning of competition 45 minutes before the scheduled time of the first event in their respective areas.

As part of the Australian Championships safety procedures, the safety and contingency plans will be communicated in detail. Therefore, the Officials briefing is mandatory and failure to do so may result in your appointment being terminated and or referred to the ACCC for further action.

Likewise with Team Managers, as a condition of entry, the Team Managers briefing is mandatory and failure to attend may result in the Club's Entries being refused and or the Club to be referred to the ACCC for further action.

SECURITY OF EQUIPMENT

Reports of missing vehicles, craft and equipment and personal belongings, are not uncommon at major events and all club Team Managers and competitors are reminded of their responsibility towards the security of their own equipment at these Championships.

Whilst allocated areas for the storage of surf craft, reels, tubes, etc. and general security surveillance personnel will be provided, the security of this equipment remains strictly under the control of the clubs and competitors and no responsibility will be accepted by Surf Life Saving Australia.

CLUB TENTS

Club tents shall only be erected in designated areas after 5.00am, Friday 21st April 2017.

Tent restricted zones are clearly marked on the site map.

Tents found in position (erected or otherwise) before this time and/or in non-designated areas, will be removed from the area. Tents will then be made available for collection at the gear compound area after Sunday 2nd April 2017.

SPECTATOR VIEWING

Club supporters and spectators will have excellent viewing of the competition areas from the rear of these areas where provision has been made for the erection of club tents.

ACCESS TO COMPETITION AREA

Under no circumstances will unauthorised personnel be allowed into any competition area. The same instruction applies to competitors who loiter around the area after competing. Many people will have travelled quite some distance to witness this major event and the area at all times must project an area befitting an Australian Championships carnival. A dedicated squad under the control of the Championship Referee will ensure this direction will be adhered to. The cooperation of all competitors and visitors is sincerely sought in this regard. Failure to follow this instruction may result in judicial action. Coaches, club officials and supporters are not permitted in the competition area; however, they may accompany their competitors into the marshalling areas.

PEER SUPPORT/COUNSELLING

The Peer Support Manager or nominee is responsible for the contact and provision of peer support and/or counselling support. Both peer support and counselling services will be available to

competitors, SLSA members, officials, family members or any other person. Access to these services will be made available through the Administration Centre.

CHAPLAINCY AND ECUMENICAL SERVICE

A Chaplaincy service is available throughout the Championships on Scarborough Beach. An Ecumenical Service will be conducted at 7.00am on Sunday 22nd April at the main presentations stage. Please also see team App for a key events and ceremonies listing.

CATERING, SOUVENIRS & PHOTOGRAPHS

General catering will be provided by way of food stalls, and retail food outlets with a wide range of food items being available at retail prices. Retail food outlets will be located in the back of beach areas at Scarborough Beach, along with all merchandise, manufacturers displays and sponsor stalls. Due to limited supplies, officials and clubs are advised to make early purchases of souvenirs and clothing.

PHOTOGRAPHY

No club/branch photographer passes will be issued for The Aussies – this is in line with SLSA’s Photography Policy - Policy 6.21 (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 6.21 – refer to “*Section 3 – Photography at official SLSA events*”).

SLSA has appointed an Official Host Photographer to cover The Aussies 2018 – Harvpix will be on site throughout the Championships, with photographs including presentations of trophies where possible will be made available on www.harvpix.com.

MODEL AIRCRAFT & UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs)

As mentioned the use of Drones, Model Aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for photo/video recordings within the controlled boundaries of the Championships is strictly prohibited due to serious safety implications.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

Only accredited media will be granted access to the competition area (in accordance with the above policy) and The Aussies 2018 Media Centre.

All media enquiries should be directed to: Surf Life Saving Australia Media Team – 0425 202 600

TELEVISION BROADCAST

Television broadcast of the event will be aired on Foxtel following the event. Keep an eye on SLSA’s [Facebook/Twitter](#) and your local guide for exact date and time.

THE AUSSIES FESTIVAL ZONE

The Aussies 2018 Festival Zone is the place to experience the sponsor activations, competitions and giveaways, get your Aussies 2017 official merchandise and enjoy a selection of the race action live on the Big Screen.

