



Coolangatta Gold 2018 Entry Conditions

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Summary: This Circular contains the relevant details for competitors entering the Coolangatta Gold 2018.

KEY INFORMATION FOR COOLANGATTA GOLD 2018

- Entries for the Coolangatta Gold 2018 open Wednesday July 4th, 2018. All entries can be completed at <https://sls.com.au/coolangattagold/>
- Once the initial entry form is completed, competitors will be emailed a confirmation of entry along with a medical form to complete. This medical form must be completed before Friday September 28th 2018 5:00pm EST.
- On Monday 10th September all individual competitors and teams will be emailed a handler information form and a board paddler information form to complete prior to the close of late entries on Friday 28th September 2018.
- Competitors **will not** be allowed to start unless medical and handler information is completed.
- The start for both the long and short course will be a dry or traditional ski start
- Please refer to page 2 for a list of important dates leading up to the Coolangatta Gold 2018.
- All athletes must complete the online briefing and all athletes and at least one handler must attend the compulsory face to face race briefing.
- The Coolangatta Gold 2018 offers the below event categories:

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS		
Age Categories	Short Course	Long Course
Elite Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	●
Elite Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	●
U19 Male	●	●
U19 Female	●	●
19-34 Male	●	●
19-34 Female	●	●
35-49 Male	●	●
35-49 Female	●	●
50+ Male	●	●
50+ Female	●	●
"Mates Wave"	●	●

TEAM EVENTS		
Age Categories	Short Course	Long Course
U19 Male	●	●
U19 Female	●	●
U19 Mixed	●	●
Open Male	●	●
Open Female	●	●
Open Mixed	●	●
140+ Masters Male	●	●
140+ Masters Female	●	●
140+ Masters Mixed	●	●
190+ Masters Male	●	●
190+ Masters Female	●	●
190+ Masters Mixed	●	●
"Mates Wave"	●	●

FURTHER INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please see below a summary of important dates related to the Coolangatta Gold 2018.

JULY 2018		
Wednesday, 4 July	4:00pm	Coolangatta Gold Early Bird & Youth Challenge Entries Open
Friday, 29 July	9.00am	Officials Nominations Open
AUGUST 2018		
Friday, 3 August	5.00pm	Officials Nominations Close
		Early Bird Entries Close
SEPTEMBER 2018		
Monday, 10 September	9:00am	Handler Forms sent to competitors to complete
Friday, 7 September	5.00pm	Normal Entries Close
Wednesday, 26 September	5:00pm	Late Entries Close
Friday 28 September	5:00pm	All Handler Forms Completed
		All Medical Forms Completed
OCTOBER 2018		
Thursday, 4 October	5:00pm	Online briefing completed
Friday, 5 October	9:00am	First day for gear and craft trailer drop off
	3:00pm	Short Course Competitor Briefing
	4:00pm	Long Course Competitor Briefing
	5:00pm	Officials, First Aid, ARROs & Powercraft Briefing
Saturday, 6 October	6:30am	Marshalling and Numbering Begins – Short Course
	7:30am	Race Start – First Wave Departs
	11:00am approx.	Short Course Presentations
Sunday, 7 October	6:30am	Youth Challenge Entries Close
		Marshalling and Numbering Begins – Long Course
	7:30am	Race Start – First Wave Departs
	12:00pm approx.	Long Course Presentations
Monday 8 October	5:00pm	All gear and trailers picked up and removed from site

All above dates and times are subject to change



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ATHLETE ENTRY CONDITIONS

AGE ELIGIBILITY

- Competitors can be either current members of SLSA or members of the general public. If team competitors are members of SLSA they are **NOT** required to be from the same Surf Life Saving Club.
- Competitors must be a minimum of **16 years of age** on the event day to be eligible to compete in individual events.
- Competitors must be a minimum of **14 years of age on the event day to be eligible to compete in the beach run legs of a team event, 15 years of age** to be eligible to compete in swim or board legs and **16 years of age** to be eligible to compete in the ski leg.
- All competitors who are entering in any category enter of their own accord, however must follow SLSA Competition Conditions outlined in the current edition of the [Surf Sports Manual](#).
- All competitors who are members of a Surf Life Saving Club must be entered in the event with their respective Clubs listed, must be financial members and be eligible for competition under the current [Surf Sports Manual](#).
- The age that competitors are on race day (as at 12:01am Saturday 6 October 2018 or 12:01am Sunday 7 October 2018 for the short and long courses respectively) determines the category they are eligible to compete in.

RACE REQUIREMENTS

- All individuals in any individual category will compete on the short course unless they can prove to SLSA's comfortable satisfaction that they have:
 - a) previously successfully completed the Coolangatta Gold long course; or
 - b) successfully completed the Coolangatta Gold short course in 2016 or 2017; or
 - c) can demonstrate proven capability to complete the long course.
- It is compulsory for each competitor to have a board paddler (minimum proficient Surf Rescue Certificate award holder) with them in the swim leg and the paddler must wear a fluoro shirt/rash vest of their own. The competitor's board paddler must also visibly wear their competitor's number, and dependent on conditions, must be tagged by their competitor as they enter the water. The board paddler's details are to be provided in the handler section of the entry form.
- It is compulsory for each competitor to wear a fluoro pink coloured swim cap during the swim leg which will be provided in their competitor pack.

LIFEJACKETS

- It is compulsory for all competitors to wear a minimum certified AS4758 Level 50 or Type 2 lifejacket whilst completing the ski leg.
- Please note that the Type 3 or Level 50S lifejacket will **not** be accepted unless they meet the conspicuous colour requirements. There are many styles and stockists of the Level 50 lifejacket and we recommend you choose a paddle vest that has a lower cut under your arms to maximise paddling comfort.
- If competitors wish, they are permitted to wear certified AS4758 Level 100, Level 150 or Level 275 Lifejackets in a conspicuous colour, which are of a higher safety standard however are known to be bulkier and limit paddling performance.
- All skis and boards must have the competitor's number placed on them as a sticker to help identify their craft. Stickers will be provided in competitor packs and should be applied to clean, dry craft in the locations identified in the Personal Sponsorship Policy. Competitors will receive sufficient stickers for 2x on the ski, 1x on the board and 1x on the board paddler's



board for the swim leg.

- On the Ski leg of the course there will be buoy gates which will be approximately 4km apart and maximum 350m offshore. It is compulsory for every competitor to pass through every gate; failure to do so may result in penalty or disqualification.
- Ski competitors in both short and long course must either have a water storage device securely attached to their surf ski or have another similar water carrying device on their person. Long course competitors must have a **minimum of two litres of water or other suitable liquid**
- Every competitor **MUST** listen and adhere to the SLSA Referee/Officials in regards to the course and any changes that may occur on the day due to conditions.

ENTRY FEES

The Coolangatta Gold 2018 entry fees are as follows:

Price Level	Dates	Competitor Category	Price (incl GST)*
Early Bird Entry	3 July –3 August 2018, 5:00pm AEST	Individual Short Course	\$253.00
		Individual Long Course	\$281.00
		Teams Short Course	\$529.00
		Teams Long Course	\$587.00
		Youth Challenge	\$40.00
Normal Entry	3 August –7 September 2018, 5:00pm AEST	Individual Short Course	\$322.00
		Individual Long Course	\$357.00
		Teams Short Course	\$598.00
		Teams Long Course	\$663.00
		Youth Challenge	\$50.00
Late Entry	7 September – 26 September 2018, 5.00pm AEST	Individual Short Course	\$496.00
		Individual Long Course	\$551.00
		Teams Short Course	\$1,055.00
		Teams Long Course	\$1,173.00
		Youth Challenge	\$60.00

Entry fees include the following:

- Entry into the relevant event that the participant has registered for at the Coolangatta Gold 2018
- Competitor lycra vest
- Competitor swim cap
- 2x handler bibs
- Finisher medallion for each competitor who successfully completes the course in the required time frame
- Competitor gift
- Access to the **Athlete Only** recovery zone

HANDLERS

- Each competitor or team in the Event must have a minimum of two (2) handlers, whose duties will be to assist in the management of the competitor/s equipment. The handlers do not need to be members of a club or hold a Bronze Medallion but must be wearing the yellow bib provided. Each competitor and team will be provided with two (2) handler bibs and these must be shared if more than two (2) handlers are assisting.
- At no time during the progress of the Event, may a handler, coach or other person in a competitor's team or club, cause an advantage, or appear to cause an advantage, to or for, a competitor by any means. Such "advantage" may not be limited to, but will include:



- pacing;
- travelling alongside of; and/ or
- push starting.
- Handlers are not permitted to:
 - enter the water except to retrieve craft, or to take part in a rescue;
 - leave the competition area in the immediate preceding 'change over' area, or the next 'change over' area, except to travel directly between such areas.
 - Pace/travel alongside a competitor for longer than 30 seconds or 50m except when providing water or food. Please note that on each run leg the handler may approach their competitor no more than twice for the above time periods/distances.

Note: Penalties incurred by persons in this rule will be applied to the competitor/s as if the competitor/s had committed the infringement.

- It is compulsory for long course competitors to have a board paddler accompany them throughout the swim leg.
 - The board paddler must remain 5 metres in front of or to the side of the swimmer at all times.
 - The board paddler must be a proficient, financial member of a Surf Life Saving Club, and hold, at minimum, a current SRC.
 - Competitors and team captains will be required to provide the names and contact numbers of their handlers, and club details of their board paddler.

EVENT RULES

The Coolangatta Gold ("Event") is conducted under the authority and regulations of Surf Life Saving Australia Limited ("SLSA"). These rules for the Event ("Event rules") must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, SLSA's Constitution and Regulations, the current Edition of the SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) (Downloads > Sport > Surf Sports Manuals) (SSM) and any Bulletins, Circulars or other publications as issued by SLSA from time to time.

Further regulations for the Event will be sent to competitors who have been accepted for entry. Those regulations will be supplementary to these Event Rules but will have the same effect and obligation as these Event Rules.

1. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The Competition Committee as referred to in these regulations will include: Competition Committee Chair, SLSA Chair (Sport), SLSA Sports Manager, SLSA Event Manager, Referee, Area Referees Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator, Powercraft Coordinator, Coolangatta SLSC Representative and Independent Risk Manager.
- 1.2 The Event will be under the control of the Competition Committee which will have absolute authority on all aspects of the Event.
- 1.3 The Competition Committee reserves the authority to amend the course and/or postpone and/or cancel Event and/or category start times as deemed necessary in the interests of safety or for any other reason.
- 1.4 The Competition Committee reserves the authority to postpone the announcement of official Event places, and distribution of prizes, until after all protests, Carnival Disciplinary reports, or other matters of competing unfairly have been determined and finalized.



2. SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Safety and Emergency Committee, as referred to in these regulations, will be: Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator, Deputy Referee, Emergency Services Officer – Area 1, Emergency Services Officer – Area 2, Emergency Services Officer – Area 3, Emergency Services Officer – Area 4, First Aid/ Medical Coordinator, Powercraft Coordinator, Coolangatta SLSC Representative.

3. EVENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The Event Organising Committee, as referred to in these Regulations, will be: SLSA Sport Manager (Chair), Event Manager, Venue Manager, Referee, Deputy Referee, Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator, Powercraft Coordinator, Business Development and Communications Representative, Coolangatta SLSC Representative, SLSA Chair of Sport, SLSA Technical Adviser, SLSA Official Advisor, and SLSA Event Advisor.

4. GENDER

- 4.1 Any reference to male, or female gender ('his' / 'her' etc.) in this document shall be deemed to simply refer to a competitor, irrespective of gender.

5. ENTRY CRITERIA

- 5.1 All competitors who are members of a Surf Life Saving Club must be entered in the Event with their respective Clubs listed, must be Bronze Medallion Holders who are current proficient members of good standing, and must not be in patrol default or in breach of any other SLSA or Club obligation. They must be eligible for competition under SLSA conditions outlined in the SLSA Current Edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any Bulletins, Circulars or other publications as issued by SLSA from time to time.
- 5.2 Members of the public who are entering in any category enter of their own accord however must follow SLSA competition conditions.
- 5.3 All competitors, while competing in the ski leg, must be 16 years of age on the date of the event.
- 5.4 Members of kindred associations affiliated with the International Lifesaving Federation (ILS) should be in good standing with their own association and must have the endorsement and an opinion of their capacity to complete the event from their national association to be eligible to enter the Event.

6. EVENT CATEGORIES

- 6.1 All individual short and long course categories are age-based categories (e.g.: 35-49 Female) with the exception of Elite Male, Elite Female and the Mates Wave which are 'open' categories, meaning any eligible competitor may enter. Competitors cannot compete for both Elite or Mates Wave and their own age group (e.g.: Elite Male and 19-34 Male).
- 6.2 All team short and long course categories are age-based categories (e.g.: Masters Teams – Male 140+) with the exception of Open Teams – Male/Female/Mixed – in which each team member can be of any eligible age.
- 6.3 Mates Wave category is participation based only and is designed for competitors who wish to participate with a craft that does not comply with SLSA craft specifications i.e. Ocean Kayak. **Mates Wave will be the last group to leave the start and will not be awarded place medals only.**



6.3 Athletes who wish to compete in both the short and long courses can apply to do so if they compete only in the following combination of events (separate entry fees apply to all combinations):

- Individual Short Course & Team Long Course
- Team Short Course & Team Long Course
- Team Short Course & Individual Long Course

Note: competing in any combination of the above is subject to approval by SLSA and will be assessed on a case by case basis. To seek approval, email events@slsa.asn.au. SLSA retains the right to refuse approval at its sole discretion and is not required to provide any reasons for any refusal.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS			TEAM EVENTS		
Age Categories	Short Course	Long Course	Age Categories	Short Course	Long Course
Elite Male	☐	●	U19 Male	●	●
Elite Female	☐	●	U19 Female	●	●
U19 Male	●	●	U19 Mixed	●	●
U19 Female	●	●	Open Male	●	●
19-34 Male	●	●	Open Female	●	●
19-34 Female	●	●	Open Mixed	●	●
35-49 Male	●	●	140+ Masters Male	●	●
35-49 Female	●	●	140+ Masters Female	●	●
50+ Male	●	●	140+ Masters Mixed	●	●
50+ Female	●	●	190+ Masters Male	●	●
"Mates Wave"	●	●	190+ Masters Female	●	●
			190+ Masters Mixed	●	●
			"Mates Wave"	●	●

7. DEFINITION OF A TEAM

- 7.1 A team entered into the Event will consist of any competitor combination with a minimum 2, maximum 4 people. Each leg must be completed by one individual only e.g. the swim leg must be completed by one competitor only. In teams that are made up of 2 or 3 individuals, the same person can complete more than one leg, for example, person 1 does the ski and the run leg, person 2 the board and the swim leg.
- 7.2 Teams must also have a minimum of 2 handlers, however only 2 handler shirts will be provided per team.
- 7.3 Teams can either be:
- Female teams – 2 to 4 females;
 - Male teams – 2 to 4 males; or
 - Mixed teams – any combination of 2 to 4 competitors with a minimum of 1 male and 1 female
- 7.4 Team members can be either current members of SLSA or members of the general public. If team competitors are members of SLSA they are **NOT** required to be from the same Surf Life Saving Club.
- 7.5 Individual competitors who, due to unforeseen circumstances after entering the event, are unable to compete the entire course on their own, (e.g. need a runner due to ankle injury) are eligible to transfer their entry to a team category prior to the close of late entries (5pm Wednesday 26 September 2018). The competitor will be required to pay the difference in entry fee between the individual and team categories for the period in which their initial entry was submitted.



- 7.6 Team changes and withdrawals are permitted at any time up until 5pm (AEST) Wednesday 26 September 2018. Please contact the events team at SLSA at events@slsa.asn.au or 02 9215 8000 to discuss the changes. All new team members have to fill in the entry form and accept the consent form.

Note: No guarantee for correct lycra vest sizes can be given for team changes.

8. RACE START

- 8.1 Unless otherwise advised by SLSA, the race start time for the first wave is 7.30am, starting from Coolangatta on both Saturday and Sunday.
- 8.2 The start for both the long and short courses will be a dry or traditional ski start
- 8.3 Notwithstanding, the Competition Committee reserves the authority to amend the course and/or postpone and/or cancel Event and/or category start times as deemed necessary in the interests of safety or for any other reason.

9. COURSE

- 9.1 Every competitor must negotiate the course in the manner determined and presented by the Competition Committee and in accordance with Event rules.
- 9.2 Competitors must follow the directions and instructions of all suitably identified race officials. A failure to do so may result in disqualification. It is the competitor's responsibility, however, to have a complete understanding of the course.
- 9.3 Drinks stations will be provided along the Event course. Competitors must either have a water storage device securely attached to their surf ski or have another similar water carrying device on their person. Long Course competitors must have a **minimum of two litres of water or other suitable liquid**
- 9.4 No competitor, handler, or other person whether associated with a competitor or a competitor's team or club or not, shall (if judged by an official) impede the performance of other competitor/s.
- Note: Competitors will be deemed to be responsible for the actions of their handlers, or other persons in their team, and the competitor shall be penalised for any actions of such handlers and other persons as if the offence was committed by the competitor.*
- 9.5 It is the competitor's responsibility to follow the event referee's exact instructions given at the athlete briefing of how to wear the timing chip so that a time will be recorded when going through the transition points.

10. REFUND POLICY

- 10.1 Entry fees are non-refundable. Changes will be considered subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances. If the Championships are cancelled for whatever reason, there will be no refund.
- 10.2 All entry cancellations are to be submitted in writing by contacting the SLSA events team on events@slsa.asn.au.
- 10.3 Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- 10.4 There are **NO** refunds for non-starters or non-finishers.
- 10.5 Those teams who have not entered all competitors in the entry system prior to the close of entries will not be eligible for a refund (regardless of the number of competitors nominated for the team), and only those entered will be eligible to compete. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that all members are entered correctly.



11. RETIREMENT FROM THE EVENT

- 11.1 Competitors may retire from the Event at any point if they so choose. In some instances, the Referee, Officials or Medical Officers will determine that a competitor cannot continue and they will be advised to retire. This will be communicated to the competitor and/or the competitor's handler/s who shall **immediately** remove or cause the removal of the competitor's equipment from the competition area.
- 11.2 **Medical Officials have full authority** to prevent and/or restrain a competitor from continuing in the Event if, in their opinion, a competitor is physically incapable of continuing the race without the danger of severe physical damage, loss of life, adversely affecting other competitors or adversely affecting the safety conditions of the Event.
- 11.3 Further to paragraph 11.2, competitors who fail to finish legs within a period of time stipulated by the Competition Committee, **must** retire from the Event. SLSA accepts no responsibility for those competitors who fail to meet the cut off times and refuse to leave the course. The competitors will be automatically disqualified from the Event (**'Disqualification'**) and their timing chip will be removed by officials. If after Disqualification the competitor continues to participate in the Event, they do so at their own risk and SLSA (and its members and officials) take no responsibility for the safety and welfare of that competitor. Cut of times will be communicated closer to the event date.
- 11.4 Any competitor who does not adhere to the directions of the Medical Officers, Event Referee or designated Officials in regards to retirement from the race will be automatically disqualified from the Coolangatta Gold 2018 and may have their matter referred to the Competition Committee for disciplinary action or a penalty. Where a Competitor and or a Team choose to ignore the directions from the Medical Officers, Event Referee or designated Officials and continue to compete they do so at their own risk.

12. ANTI-DOPING

- 12.1 The Event shall be conducted under the SLSA Anti-Doping Policy. (A copy of this Policy can be found [here](#).) Drug testing may be conducted at any competition that is conducted under the authority of SLSA and all competitors are reminded to Check Your Substances at checksubstances.asada.gov.au.

13. RACE COSTUMES/NUMBERS

- 13.1 Each competitor and handler/s **must wear** their assigned number/s on both front/side upper arms and outer thighs and back of calves. The numbers will be applied using numbered tattoos provided by SLSA in competitor race kits. Numbers must remain visible at all times during the race and cannot at any stage during the race be covered with swimming costumes.
- 13.2 During the swim leg, a fluoro pink swimming cap must be worn by all competitors.
- 13.3 SLSA members' Surf Life Saving Club caps are optional for Ski, Board and Run legs only.
- 13.4 Costumes must be SLSA approved as designated in the Current Edition of the SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) (refer to sections 2.4 & 2.5). Any variance to SLSA's approved costumes may be approved for use by the Referee prior to the commencement of the Event.
- 13.5 Swimming costumes are to be worn at all times along with the Event lycra supplied by SLSA. Competitors are allowed to wear clothing that substitutes a swimming costume such as bike pants, or compression garments for comfort or for weather protection provided that such garments do not provide additional floatation assistance in the swim leg (refer also Section 13.10 for wetsuit usage). SLSA has sole discretion to determine the question of whether there is or could be additional floatation assistance in any particular



situation. The event lycra **MUST** remain the outer garment throughout the duration of the Event, except during the ski leg when the lifejacket will remain the outermost garment.

- 13.6 Costumes must not carry any commercial identification except garment manufacturer's identification of costumes and their Surf Life Saving Club. Further to this, appropriate personal sponsor identification on clothing and the athlete's body is outlined in the Coolangatta Gold Personal Sponsor Policy (A copy of this policy appears below).
- 13.7 **Under SLSA Regulations the Event Referee has the authority to require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes and/or other garments which the Referee considers to be offensive.**
- 13.8 Further, the SLSA Event Manager, Chair of Competition Committee, SLSA Chair, Sport, Sport Manager and/or the Referee may require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes and/or other garments which contain commercial identification not deemed to be in the interests of the official Event Sponsor (for more information please refer to the Coolangatta Gold 2018 Personal Sponsorship Policy).
- 13.9 Footwear is optional on the running legs of the Event. Swim goggles and/or face masks may be worn on the swim leg. Swim flippers or any other performance enhancing swimming aids or equipment are **not permitted**.
- 13.10 **Use of Wetsuits:** Approved wetsuits may be worn if at 30 minutes prior to the Event commencing the water temperature is below 18 degrees Celsius. If the water temperature is 18 degrees Celsius or above wetsuits will not be permitted.
- 13.10.1 Water temperature will be taken approximately 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Event. The temperature reading will be taken behind the broken wave line, or approximately 75 metres off shore, and 30 centimetres below the surface.
- 13.10.2 The Competition Committee reserves the right to examine wetsuits and refuse permission for a suit to be worn, if it is not deemed to be standard (i.e. Not Approved).
- 13.10.3 The only wetsuit as approved as standard must:
- a) Be a maximum thickness of 3.00mm at any location of the wetsuit, with a tolerance of 0.3mm.
 - b) Contain no additional flotation or buoyancy assistance.
- 13.10.4 Wetsuits **must not** carry any commercial or sponsorship identification other than that of the wetsuit manufacturer. This wetsuit manufacturer identification can only be the size which is standard to off-the-rack wetsuits of that company.

14. SPONSOR STICKERS

- 14.1 If supplied, compulsory sponsor stickers must be affixed to craft prior to, or during scrutineering and other stickers may be required to be removed or otherwise covered.
- 14.2 Competitors may be called upon to remove from craft all other identification, save for personal and/or official Club sponsor identification, which is considered to be of a conflicting nature to a potential Event sponsor.
- 14.3 The Competition Committee will nominate the approximate area on the craft for such numbers or identification.
- 14.4 For the Coolangatta Gold 2018 all athletes are required to affix their competitor number, and may be required to affix major sponsor's stickers, as provided, to their board and ski for the duration of the race. Please refer to the Personal Sponsorship Policy for details.



15. GEAR & EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS & SCRUTINEERING

- 15.1 Surfboards, surf skis and lifejackets must meet current specifications of SLSA. Copies of those specifications can be found [here](#).
- 15.2 All competitor craft and lifejackets are subject to scrutineering at any time prior to, during or after the Event. Competitors and/or handlers must comply with the directions of the Event scrutineer, and present their craft or lifejacket for scrutineering at requested times and places.

16. MEDIA/PUBLICITY

- 16.1 No competitor, handler, coach, officer or spokesperson for a competitor's Club may make media statements which brings or may bring the Event, its Sponsors or SLSA into controversy, ridicule, contempt or disrepute.
- 16.2 Competitors will not participate in or undertake any commercial or publicity activity related to the Coolangatta Gold 2018 without the prior permission of SLSA.
- 16.3 Competitors will not undertake any commercial or publicity activity with companies in commercial rivalry with any of the Event sponsors.

17. PENALTIES

- 17.1 The Referee, Competition Committee and SLSA shall have the authority to apply penalties to competitors and/or their Clubs (when the competitor and/or members of a team are members of SLSA) for infringements of these rules. Non-members of SLSA will be subject to same penalties.

Note: Event rules regarding penalties will be outlined in the final carnival circular, along with event information surrounding protest and appeals.

PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP POLICY

The following outlines the sponsorship policy for the Coolangatta Gold 2018, which you must comply with whilst participating in the Competition.

EVENT SPONSORS & CATEGORIES

The categories listed in the table below have exclusive rights at the Coolangatta Gold 2018.

No personal sponsorship can be worn by a competitor that is of the same category as the companies listed below.

Company	Exclusivity category
DHL – Major Sponsor	Logistics
Holden – Major Sponsor	Automotive
Westpac – Major Sponsor	Financial Services
FINZ	Swimwear and Lycra supplier
BRP	SeaDoo water craft/Power craft and Evinrude Motors

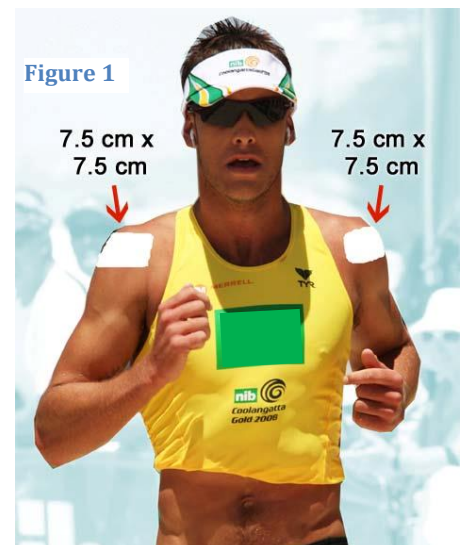
Current as of the 03/07/2018. SLSA has the right to update and change this at any time prior to the Event commencing.

PERSONAL

Competitors may be required to wear Event sponsor's branding whilst participating in the Event and during any pre or post event media attendances.

Upper arms of competitors must be uncovered for identification numbering.

Competitors are able to place 1 personal sponsor logo on each shoulder. They must be from the same sponsor and cannot be larger than 7.5cm x 7.5cm as per figure 1. Legs are to be free of any personal sponsor logos. Any personal sponsor logos must be pre-approved by SLSA prior to 21 September 2018 by emailing events@slsa.asn.au. SLSA retains sole discretion to withhold approval of any sponsor logos and is not required to provide any reasons for not giving approval.



During any presentations or media appearances competitors must wear the event lycra race singlet, branded cap, and/or a supplied Event shirt. Any personal sponsor branded gear must not be in conflict with Event sponsors (as listed above).

CLOTHING

SLSA will supply lycra race singlets which must be worn by competitors as outer garments on all of the legs of the Event, except the ski leg when a minimum of Level 50 lifejacket must be the outmost garment.

Handlers must wear mandatory Event handler bibs as outer garments for the whole duration of the Event.

Wetsuits, if permitted to be worn due to conditions, may not carry any commercial or sponsorship identification other than that of the wetsuit manufacturer. This wetsuit manufacturer identification



can only be the size which is standard to off-the-rack wetsuits of that company.

Swimming costumes must be SLSA approved as designated in the Current Edition of the SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#). Any variance to SLSA approved costumes may be approved for use by the Referee prior to the commencement of the Event.

Further, the SLSA Event Manager, Chair of Competition Committee, SLSA Chair, Sport and/or the Referee may require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes and/or other garments which contain commercial identification not deemed to be in the interests of the official Event Sponsors.

EYEWEAR

Competitors may wear sunglasses whilst competing in the competition providing that the brand of sunglasses does not conflict with any Event sponsors.

Competitors are not to place sunglasses over any Event sponsor, i.e. on peak of cap.

Competitors may wear their own swim goggles in the appropriate legs.

PENALTIES

As indicated in Section 17 – Penalties, the following apply:

- Failure to carry required Sponsor identification, as stipulated: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory Lycra race singlets (competitor)/race T-Shirt (handlers) during event: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory cap and Lycra race singlets at the presentation (competitor): penalty or forfeiture of competitor's total share of prize money.

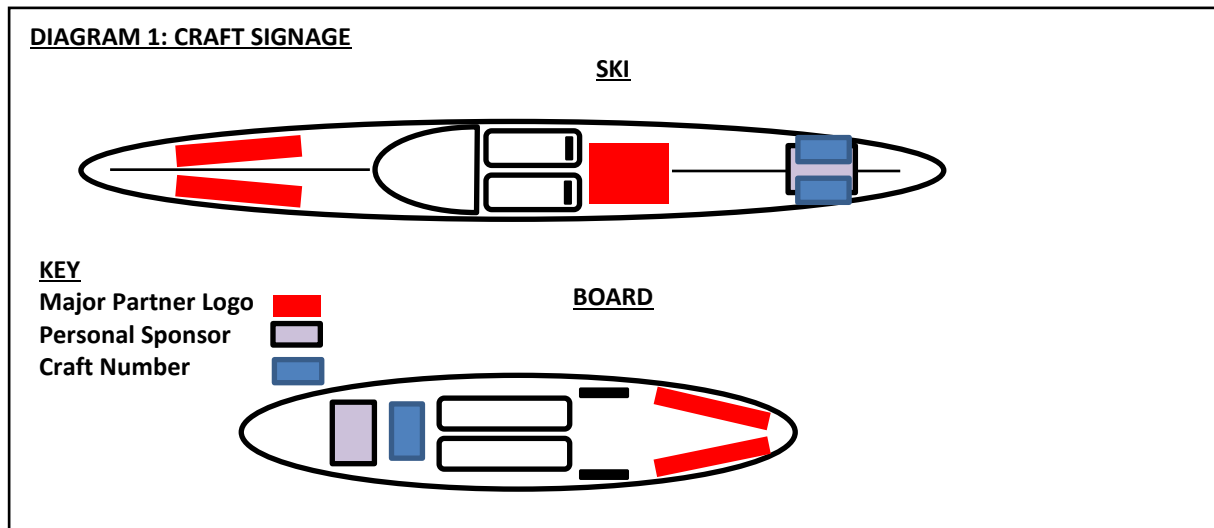
SURF CRAFT

Competitors may be required to compete with a Go Pro or similar device, within reason, attached to equipment for the purpose of obtaining the best possible footage to promote the sport, unless the competitor can prove to SLSA's comfortable satisfaction that such an attachment would hinder their performance.

If supplied, compulsory Event sponsor stickers must be affixed to craft prior to or during scrutineering and other stickers may be required to be removed or otherwise covered.

Competitors may be called upon to remove from craft all other identification, save for personal and/or official Club sponsor identification, which is considered to be of a conflicting nature to a potential Event sponsor.

Further, the Event Organising Committee and/or the Competition Committee will nominate the approximate area on the craft for such numbers or identification.



Surf craft may be required to carry branding of the Event sponsors in accordance with the attached diagram above. In addition to the branding set out in the attached document, competitors may also carry personal sponsors only if:

- The signage/branding is positioned in the locations reserved for branding of sponsors or personal sponsors as shown in the Diagram 1 above, and specifications below.
- The branding does not conflict with the interest of a sponsor of the Event.

If your surf craft carries branding of sponsors which conflict with the Event sponsors, these will need to be covered up or removed before attending the Event.

If your surf craft is carrying any branding which is inconsistent with this policy or if you wish to discuss any aspect of this policy please contact the Events Team at Surf Life Saving Australia on 02 9215 8000 before 21 September 2018.

Personal Sponsor Dimensions:

- Ski – 20cm x 20cm area located 70cm from the back of the seat
- Board – 20cm x 10cm area located on the back of the board.

NOTE: Signage cannot cover mandatory compliance stickers.