

Circular

Title: Super Surf Teams League (SSTL) - Entry Circular
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Summary: This Circular contains the relevant details for the Super Surf Teams League.

EVENT INFORMATION:

Following its inaugural season in 2019-20, Super Surf Teams League (SSTL) returns for the 2021/22 Season to provide states with high level competition across varying disciplines.

Super Surf Teams League 2022 will be held at North Bondi SLSC, across 3 rounds from January 14-16, 2022.

Each team must consist of 4 male and 4 female athletes to be eligible to compete in each round of SSTL. Once a competitor represents one team, they are not able to transfer to another team during the 2022 series.

The following events will be conducted each round of the 2022 SSTL Competition:

Beach Events- Individual- 1 entry per team
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Flags Final
Female Flags Final
Water Events- Individual- 1 entry per team
Male Swim Final
Female Swim Final
Male Board Final
Female Board Final
Male Ski Final
Female Ski Final
Team Events- 1 entry per team
Mixed 2 Person Beach Relay (1 x Male & 1 x Female)
Mixed 2 Person Swim Relay (1 x Male & 1 x Female)
Mixed 2 Person Board Relay (1 x Male & 1 x Female)
Mixed 2 Person Ski Relay (1 x Male & 1 x Female)
Mixed 4 Person Relay- Team B (2 x Male & 2 x Female)
Mixed 4 Person Relay- Team A (2 x Male & 2 x Female)

States will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams and make their own arrangements regarding equipment, transportation of teams and outfitting. SLSA will supply competition lycras.

Insurance for all competition equipment including tents, trailers and surf craft is the responsibility of the States. SLSA will not accept the responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

EVENT CONDITIONS

All events where possible and, conditions permitting, shall be conducted as finals – except Beach Sprint and Flags which will be conducted with heats and finals.

Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their own surf craft. All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications. Random scrutineering of equipment will occur during the 3 Rounds of the SSTL.

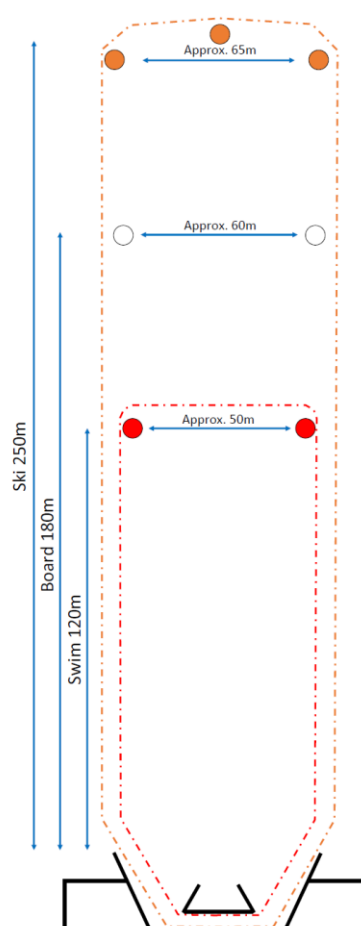
The general competitive conditions as detailed in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins shall apply to the conduct of these events except where amended by the following amendments & rules;

The primary amendments are:

a) Water Courses:

Water events will be conducted as traditional course around the buoy courses set as follows

SUPER SURF TEAMS LEAGUE TRADITIONAL IRON COURSE					
	DISTANCE TO BUOY	BUOY COLOUR	BUOY SHAPE	BUOY SIZE	BUOY QTY
SKI	250m	Black	Inflatable Cone	Extra Large	2
BOARD	180m	White	Hard Cylinder	Large	2
SWIM	120m	Red	Hard Cylinder	Large	2



b) Water Event Starts:

Unless otherwise advised, all water events shall be started on the beach approximately 15 metres from the water's edge (run start). Craft will be placed in front of the start line and as close as practicable to the water's edge. Handlers are not required for the start of events except for the Ski events where at the Competition Committee's discretion, Handlers may be utilised to hold the craft in the water to avoid the dragging/carrying of skis into the water.

c) Water Event Finishes:

Unless otherwise advised, all water events shall finish as per the Ironperson races (run finish). Craft and paddles may be abandoned after rounding the last turning buoy of the swim course. Handlers are to be used to remove craft and paddles from the course.

d) Change Over Area and Tagging for Relay Style Events:

In all relay style events the Referee will designate a Changeover Area that will commence 5 metres before the finish arch (southern side) and finish at the arch. The incoming athlete will run from the water's edge around the southern turning flag towards the finish arch. In the Changeover Area a tag must take place between the incoming competitor and the outgoing competitor. The tag can take place on any part of the body. Any breach of the Changeover Rule may result in disqualification.

e) Mixed Ocean Life Saver Relay:

Fixed order of run, swim, board ski. To be run as per the rules outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual. Will be conducted over a traditional course.

f) Entry Condition:

If a Member has been injured & their claim processed through iCare (WorkCover Authority New South Wales) and wishes to compete in an SLSA competition or returning to SLSA Surf Patrol Duties, then they MUST complete & submit a Return to Surf Duties Form BEFORE returning to ensure full medical clearance.

Note 1: Refer to SLSA Policy 5.04 "Competition Eligibility". All selected competitors must be proficient to the relative SLSA Award for their age group and, as appropriate, have satisfied the patrol requirements as specified by their Clubs. Competitors and Team Management must also be current financial members of their respective surf club.

TEAMS

SSTL Team composition:

A SSTL Team (8) will consist of the following:

- 4 x male competitors
- 4 x female competitors
- All competitors must be proficient and eligible to compete in the Open category for the 2021/22 season (i.e., U17, U19 or Open).
- Competitors competing in the U15 age group for the 2021/22 Season are not permitted to compete.
- Team composition may vary from round to round, however;
- Once a competitor represents one team, they are not able to transfer to another team during the 2022 series.

TEAM SUBSTITUTION DUE TO INJURY/ILLNESS

Teams may replace an athlete in their nominated team up until the commencement of the first race of each Round. After competition commences each day, teams cannot make a replacement from outside of their nominated team for that round. This includes States that have multiple Teams – substitutions cannot be made between Teams. Once a competitor represents a team, they are ineligible to represent another team for the remainder of the 2022 series.

KEY TIMES

Rounds 1-3 – North Bondi 14-16 January 2022	
Time	Description
7:30am	Officials Briefing
7:45am	Team Managers Meeting
8:15am	Marshalling Commences
8:30am	Start of competition
11:00am	Estimated finish time

DRAWS AND BALLOTS

Prior to the event, the Competition Committee will undertake a draw positioning for each event. Initial draws will be undertaken for the first event conducted in each of the water area and beach areas of competition. Subsequent draws will be of the 'rolling draw' format where all Teams will move sideways one beach position in each event conducted in the area.

After the first run through of the beach flags event in each division, separate draws are to be undertaken in each age division for lane positions for all subsequent run throughs.

POINTS SCORE

All races within each round will be allocated points dependent on total number of team entries for the 2022 Series. If a total of 12 teams compete in SSTL a 12 to 1 pointscore will be allocated as per the following; 1st - 12 points, 2nd – 11 points down to 12th – 1 point. A separate and cumulative point score will be kept for each Round.

If a competitor or a team fails to start, fails to finish or is disqualified in a race – they will receive NIL points for that race.

At the conclusion of each Round all Teams will then be awarded points based on their finishing position from a cumulative point score for that round. For example, based on a 12-team competition the team with the highest cumulative pointscore from Round 1 will be awarded 12 points, 2nd – 11 points down to 12th – 1 point for the Round.

Overall Point Score










The Team with the highest point score at the conclusion of Round 3 shall be declared the winner of the 2022 SSTL. Further to this if there is a tied point score, the Team with the most 1st placings shall be declared the winner. Failing this, the Team with the most 2nd placings to the last placing points awarded respectively will be considered to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the point score will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

PRESENTATIONS

The team with the highest point score following Round 3 will be awarded the Super Surf Teams League Trophy. Medals will also be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the overall point score.

For event management purposes, SLSA will recognise a maximum of two (2) team management officials for each team.

TEAM COMPETITION CAPS AND COLOURS

State	Team Name	Team Logo	Hi Viz Colour 1 (70%)	Colour 2 (20%)	Colour 3 (10%)
SA	SA Reds		Red	Yellow	Navy
VIC	VIC Blues		Pink	Navy	Navy
WA	Margaret River Waves		Yellow	Sky Blue	White
	Broome Pearlers		Yellow	Black	White
	Scarborough Sunset		Yellow	Orange	Red
QLD	Queensland Country Canecutters		Orange	Maroon	Grey
	Sunshine Coast Marlins		Orange	Maroon	Black
	South Coast Makos		Orange	Maroon	Sky Blue
	Point Danger Seawolves		Orange	Maroon	Royal Blue
NSW	NSW Country Dolphins		Green	Sky Blue	White
	Northern Beaches Rays		Green	Sky Blue	Red
	Hunter Central Coast Orcas		Green	Sky Blue	Pink
	Sydney City Sharks		Green	Sky Blue	Yellow

PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the Referee or Deputy Referee in accordance with the procedures set down in the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based.

Protest Forms will be available from the administration centre. An “Appeals Fee” of \$150.00 (incl GST) must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication. If the appeal is upheld, then the Appeals Fee will be fully refunded.

Each team is allowed to lodge no more than three (3) unsuccessful appeals. Once all three unsuccessful appeals have been used, a Team can no longer lodge an appeal on a decision.

SLSA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

SLSA expects that all members involved in SSSL will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.

The SLSA Code of Conduct, Competing Unfairly and Abuse/Inappropriate clauses etc. are contained in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins.

Any incidents or behaviour likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of lifesaving competition will be managed as prescribed in the current edition of SLSA’s Rules, Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins.

MEDIA STATEMENTS

Teams shall be permitted to promote the event and or their State/Territory Team within their own state. However, no competitor, Team Manager, Official or spokesperson for a Team, shall make media statements that could bring the SSSL, its sponsor, or Officials, into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.

Complaints regarding the organisation of the SSSL, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

EVENT COMMUNICATION

The SSSL will be using the ‘Team App’ smartphone application to send out updates and notifications to Team Managers and competitors. Please see the instructions below to understand what ‘Team App’ is and how to use it. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/faqs>.

HOW DO I USE TEAM APP?

Download ‘Team App’ from the App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created your user login, search for ‘**Super Surf Teams League**’ in the search bar at the top of the screen and click on the event to join. From here you will be able to access news feeds, event timings and where to find all the latest and up to date information on the event. By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive an immediate text and email update as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information.

‘Team App’ is available for download on App Store and on Google Play.

SLSA ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, SportAus, the AOC, and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an Anti-doping Policy, which will be adhered to for this event.

Please be aware that random drug testing by ASADA could take place during the SSTL. It is highly recommended each State/Territory team member (including management and staff) complete the ASADA online e-learning program (Level 1) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping.

The link to access this e-learning program is <http://elearning.asada.gov.au/>. Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activity as a group.

It is recommended each State/Territory team member (including management and staff) utilise the ASADA [Check Your Substances](#) reference site, or phone 13000 ASADA (1300 027 232).

THEFT

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia, the hosting authority, states or another individual may be immediately reported to the police and that person/s be brought before a SLSA Disciplinary Committee.

Please note that automatic disqualification of the team from the SSTL may occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at:

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