



Surf Life Saving Australia – Entry Circular

Title:	Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Downwind Paddle – Entry Information
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Subject:	Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold Downwind Paddle 2023 – Entry Circular
Summary:	Entry Information for the Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Downwind Paddle to be held at Coolangatta, QLD on Saturday 14 October 2023.

KEY INFORMATION FOR SHAW AND PARTNERS FINANCIAL SERVICES COOLANGATTA GOLD 2023 DOWNWIND PADDLE

- **The Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Downwind Paddle** is the second-year downwind paddle associated with the Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold weekend running in association with the Ocean Paddler Australian Ocean Paddling Series.
- Set over a 15km course, the event is open to all members of the public and surf lifesaving members alike. All entries can be completed online [here](#).
- Eligible craft disciplines for the event include ocean ski, SLSA spec skis and double skis.
- The Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Downwind Paddle will commence at 2:00pm on Saturday 14th October following the Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Youth Challenge.
- Dependent on prevailing winds on race day there will be 3 course options under consideration.

Wind Direction:	Distance:	Course:
Course 1: (W, NW, N, NE, E Winds)	15km	North Burleigh to Coolangatta Beach
Course 2: (SW, S, SE Winds)	15km	Kingscliff Beach to Coolangatta Beach
Course 3: (Minimal Wind)	12km	Triangle Course at Coolangatta Beach

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMINGS		
Sunday 4 th September 2023	11:59pm ADST	Early Bird Entries close
Sunday 9 th October 2023	11:59pm AEST	Normal Entries close
Friday 13 th October 2023	6:00pm AEST	Downwind Paddle Online Briefing - Online
Saturday 14 th October 2023	12:00pm AEST	Event Registration Begins (Event start point)
	1:00pm AEST	Event Day Entries Close
	1:40pm AEST	Compulsory Race Safety Briefing
	1:50pm AEST	Marshalling Begins
	2:00pm AEST	Downwind Paddle Begins – Wave 1
	4:00pm AEST	Expected Presentation Time

*Event times are subject to change



Entry Fee Period:	Period Closing Date:	Cost:
Early Bird	11:59pm AEDT - Sun 4 th September	\$60
Normal	11:59pm AEST – Sun 9 th October	\$75
On Day Entries	1:00pm AEST – Sat 14 th October	\$100

EVENT CATEGORIES

- The Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Downwind Paddle will encompass three (3) different craft categories;
 - Ocean Ski
 - Surf Ski
 - Double Ski
- As the Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Downwind Paddle is a part of the Australian Ocean Racing Series, the Age Categories will align with the series, which follow the International Canoe Federation racing categories for single skis.

DOWNWIND PADDLE EVENT AND AGE CATEGORIES			
Ocean Ski			
Age Categories	Male	Female	Mixed
Junior Ski (15-18)	●	●	N/A
U23 Ski (19-23)	●	●	N/A
Open Ski (24-29)	●	●	N/A
40-49	●	●	N/A
50-59	●	●	N/A
60-69	●	●	N/A
70+	●	●	N/A
Double Ski			
Opens	●	●	●
Surf Ski			
Opens	●	●	N/A

ENTRY REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

- Refunds will be considered subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances.
- All entry cancellations are to be sent in writing to events@slsa.asn.au
- Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- There are no refunds for competitors that do not start or do not complete the course.
- There are no refunds available for athletes that do not provide a written letter of notice within 48 hrs of race day

PRIZE MONEY

Open Male/Female Ocean Ski Placing	Prize Money
1 st	\$3,000
2 nd	\$2,000
3 rd	\$1,000
4 th	\$500
5 th	\$250



Only Open Male and Open Female Ocean Ski category is eligible for prize money at this event. Prize packs and medals will be on offer for winners of other event and age categories.

COMPETITOR ENTRY CONDITIONS

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- Age groups for the event will be determined by the age that competitors are on race day
 - i.e., as of 2:00pm, Saturday 14 October 2023
- Entrants to the event can be SLSA members or the members of the public.
- Competitors must be a minimum of 16 years of age on the event day to be eligible to compete in individual events.

RACE REQUIREMENTS

- All competitors must adhere to decisions and direction provided by the Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Competition Committee, Event Referee and all other Officials.
- All competitors must abide by the safety standards set by SLSA or face disqualification from the event.
- All competitors must start within their designated wave, follow mandatory course requirements, and must finish through the finish arch in a run finish.

MANDATORY GEAR & EQUIPMENT

As a requirement of the Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Downwind Paddle all competitors are to meet the following minimum standard safety criteria listed below.

At marshalling all competitors will be required to present the following gear and equipment in addition to their craft to officials to begin the race. Failure to comply with compulsory gear and equipment requirements will lead to automatic disqualification from the event.

- Lifejacket:
 - All Ocean Ski, Surf Ski and Double Ski competitors must wear a minimum certified AS4758 Level 50 or Type 2 life jacket whilst competing in the ski leg of the course.
 - AS4758 Level 100, Level 150, Level 275, Level 50S or Type 3 are permitted to be worn if they meet the conspicuous colour requirements.
- All competitors must wear a safety leg leash.
- All competitors must download and use event specific 'SafeTrx' app to assist with the GPS tracking of all competitors. This app can be found under 'Coast Guard SafeTrx' on the App Store and Google Play Store. SLSA will provide relevant code and information how to track competitors as part of the event.
- All competitors must wear provided electronic timing chip provided at registration for the duration of the event.

CLOTHING RESTRICTIONS

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



RETIREMENT FROM THE EVENT

- Competitors may retire from the event at any point during the course. In some instances, the Referee, Officials or Medical officers will determine whether a competitor can or cannot continue and they will be instructed to retire. This will be communicated to the competitor and/or the competitor's handler/s who shall immediately remove the competitors' equipment from the competition area.
- Medical Officers have full authority to prevent or restrain a competitor from continuing in the event if they deem it unsafe for the competitor to continue.
- If an athlete retires from the event by reaching shore away from the race finish area, they must notify race officials to avoid safety concerns.

EVENT SPONSORS & CATEGORIES

The companies and matching categories listed in the table below have exclusive rights at the Coolangatta Gold 2023 Downwind Paddle.

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

COMPANY	EXCLUSIVITY CATEGORY
Shaw and Partners	Wealth Management
DHL	Logistics
Isuzu	Automotive
Ampol	Fuel
Westpac	Financial Services
FINZ	Swimwear
BRP	Sea Doo watercraft & Can-Am /Powercraft

EVENT DETAILS

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 Competition Committee oversee all matters relating to the conduct of the event. The Competition Committee may postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all events, and alter the venue of the competition.

A review of the following matters will be included for discussion at each Competition Committee meeting:

- Risk assessment of the current conditions of the beach and back of beach area
- Injury management statistics
- Current weather predictions
- Competition statistics.

The Competition Committee may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues, when required.

The Competition Committee shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the competition (e.g., Disciplinary Committee).

Please Note: The Competition Committee reserve the right to amend the course and/or postpone and/or cancel a category or the event if deemed necessary in the interest of safety for competitors.

SLSA ANTI DOPING POLICY

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) 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 could take place during any of the Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2023 suite of events.
- It is highly recommended all competitors and club member (including coaches, handlers, and support personnel) complete the SIA 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: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.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 all competitors and club member (including coaches, handlers, and support personnel) utilise the SIA Check Your Substances reference site, or phone 1300 027 232.

MEDIA

- States/Territories & Clubs shall be permitted to promote the event and or their Club team within their own State (subject to SLSA approval). However, no Competitor, Team Manager, Official or spokesperson for a State shall make media statements that could bring the event, 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 event, 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.

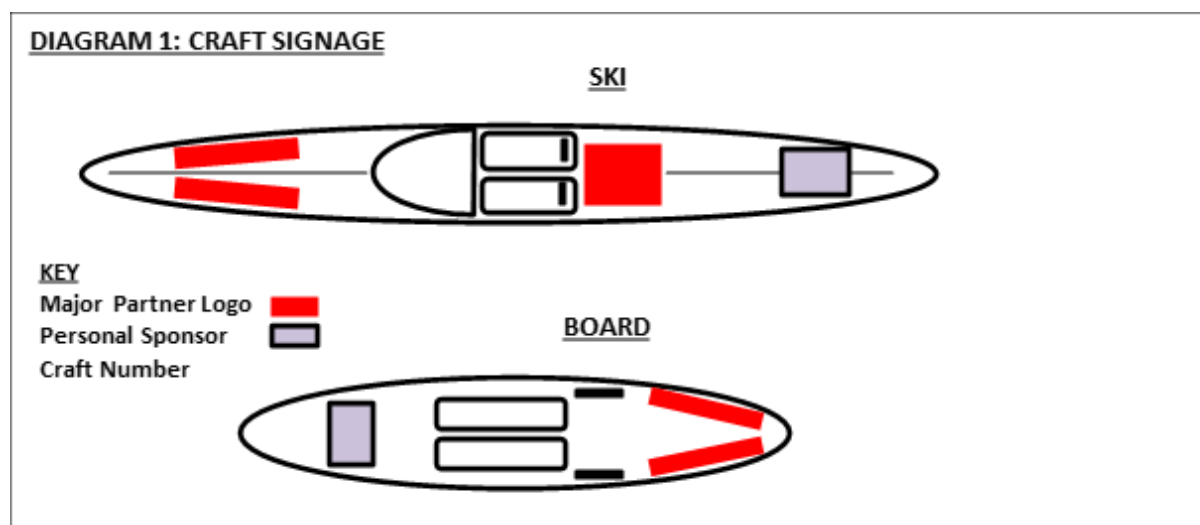
PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP

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 that such an attachment would hinder their performance.

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

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.

Personal Sponsor Dimensions:

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

NOTE: *Signage cannot cover mandatory compliance stickers*

Any personal sponsor branded gear must not conflict with Event sponsors as previously listed.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact Surf Life Saving Australia at events@slsa.asn.au.