



# Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

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This event guide contains information in reference to the conduct of the 2024 Super Surf Teams League (SSTL) to be over 3 rounds:

Round	Location	Date
Round 1	Maroubra, NSW	12:30pm 12 January 2024
Round 2	Maroubra, NSW	8am 13 January 2024
Round 3	Maroubra, NSW	8am 14 January 2024

## EVENT INFORMATION

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 the 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.

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

**Note:** Each team must include 4 males and 4 females. Once a competitor represents one team, they are not able to transfer to another for the remainder of the series.

## COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

A briefing for Team Managers and key Officials will be conducted by the Event Referee prior to the commencement of each round. Teams should have a minimum of one and maximum of two personnel attend the briefing. The Officials to be in attendance include the Event Referee, Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator, and key Officials/SLSA personnel.

## EVENT COMMUNICATION

The SSTL 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 applicable for all Apple iPhones, iPads, and iPods, plus most Android mobile devices.

### **COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS**

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 may occur during the 3 Rounds of the SSTL.

### **EVENT CONDITIONS**

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 these rules.

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 will field only one (1) competitor or team per event.

#### **The primary amendments are:**

##### **a) Water Courses:**

Water events will be conducted as traditional course around the buoy courses set for the Nutri Grain Ironman and Ironwoman Series.as follows

##### **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 M 8 person Team 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. The event will be conducted over an M Shape Course however if conditions dictate the event may revert to a traditional course. The Referee will confirm details at the Team Manager meeting.

##### **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 2023/24 season (i.e., U17, U19 or Open).
- Competitors competing in the U15 age group for the 2023/24 Season are not permitted to compete.
- A team's composition may vary from round to round however the team can nominate no more than 12 athletes as part of their squad. These 12 athletes must be included in the team configurations provided to SLSA.

### Handlers

Each Team is permitted one Handler to assist with craft. Handlers must wear a Team Competition cap and will be provided one high visibility yellow SLSA Handler bib.

## TEAM SHEETS

- Team managers are required to complete the team entries via the Sports Event Management System (SEMS) summary, team management and event configuration in the attached electronic template (excel spreadsheet) and send to SLSA ([events@slsa.asn.au](mailto:events@slsa.asn.au)) no later than close of business, **Friday, 15 December 2023**

**Note 1:** Changes after this date will only be permitted subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances. No changes to any team entries shall be permitted once the first event has commenced although teams may substitute within the team as required. Evidence **MUST** be provided in the form of a medical certificate or relevant documentation.

**Note 2:** In the event of an athlete withdrawing from a team. Team Management must

- a) Gain approval from the Competition Committee to replace the withdrawn team member (contact SLSA who will send to Competition Committee Chair)
- b) Ensure the new team member complies with the rules set out above under Team Selection

## DRAWS AND BALLOTS

- SLSA will be utilising LiveHeats wristbands for the marshalling and recording process. All competitors who have an existing LiveHeats wristband are to bring these wristbands.
- All results and draws will be posted on [liveheats.com/slsa/](https://liveheats.com/slsa/)
- All draws will be random and drawn through LiveHeats
- One draw for the order of the legs for the Ironman, Ironwoman and Taplin Relay events will be undertaken at the Team Manager's briefing.
- The referee will undertake any other ballots required on the beach on the day of the competition.



## KEY TIMES

<b>Round 1 – Friday (12 January 2024)</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
11.30am	Officials Briefing
11.45am	Team Managers Meeting
12.15pm	Marshalling Commences
12.30pm	Start of competition
4pm	Estimated finish time

# Further details are outlined in Schedule 1 – Event Timetables

<b>Rounds 2 and 3 – Saturday and Sunday (13 &amp; 14 January 2024)</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
7am	Officials Briefing
7.30am	Team Managers Meeting
7.45am	Marshalling Commences
8am	Start of competition
11.30am	Estimated finish time

# Further details are outlined in Schedule 1 – Event Timetables

## EVENTS

<b>Beach Events- Individual- 1 entry per team</b>
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Flags Final
Female Flags Final
<b>Water Events- Individual- 1 entry per team</b>
Male Swim Final
Female Swim Final
Male Board Final
Female Board Final
Male Ski Final
Female Ski Final
<b>Team Events- 1 entry per team</b>
Mixed Gender 2 Person Beach Relay (1 x Male & 1 x Female)
Mixed Gender 2 Person Swim Relay (1 x Male & 1 x Female)
Mixed Gender 2 Person Board Relay (1 x Male & 1 x Female)
Mixed Gender 2 Person Ski Relay (1 x Male & 1 x Female)
Mixed Gender 8 Person Ocean M Relay (4 x Male & 4 x Female)

## POINTSCORE

Within each Round all races will be allocated maximum points with each subsequent place getter receiving 1 point less. 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 ranked from highest to lowest based on the aggregate point score for that Round. The Team with the highest ranking will then be awarded maximum points with each subsequent Team being awarded 1 point less.



### **Overall Point Score**

The Team with the highest point score at the conclusion of Round 3 shall be declared the winner. 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**

Teams will be competing for the Super Surf Teams League Trophy. Medals will also be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall final point score.

### **PROTESTS**

In the event of a protest by a competitor or team there will be no right of appeal as the Referee's decision, in consultation with the Deputy Referee shall be final.

In dealing with the protest – the Referee has the discretion to **(but not obligated to)**:

- Speak to any further person he/she believes is appropriate and /or
- View any video or broadcast footage that may assist in his/her decision

All Placings are deemed final upon the Referee declaring the results as confirmed. No protest can be lodged after the confirmation of the results.

### **INJURY/ILLNESS/ TEAM SUBSTITUTION**

A Team may replace an athlete in their team up until the commencement of the first race of each Round. After competition commences in each Round a Team cannot make a replacement from outside of their Team. 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 for the remainder of the series.

### **SLSA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

SLSA expects that all members involved in SSTL 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 SSTL, 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 SSTL, 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.



### **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.

### **MATCH FIXING**

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

### **SLSA ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.2 Anti-Doping Policy and Policy 6.23 Illicit Drugs in Sport (both available online in the SLSA Members Portal).

It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module AND conduct at least one (1) anti-doping education activity with all competitors from the Club - <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/education>



## SCHEDULE 1 – EVENT TIMETABLES

PLEASE NOTE: The race order and allocated times are a guide only and are subject to change if weather and/or surf conditions and/or broadcast requirements dictate. In the event of any change SLSA will (in all best endeavors) consult with Team Managers in a timely and appropriate manner to provide as much advance notice as is reasonably possible.

### EVENT TIMETABLE Friday 12 January

	Time	Events
		<b>BEACH EVENTS – Commence 12.30pm (Marshall 12.15pm)</b>
1.	12.30pm	Female Beach Sprint Heats x 2
2.	12.40pm	Male Beach Sprint Heats x 2
3.	12.50pm	Female Beach Sprint B Final (Places 7 to 11)
4.	12.55pm	Male Beach Sprint B Final (Places 7 to 11)
5.	1pm	Female Beach Sprint A Final (Places 1 to 6)
6.	1.05pm	Male Beach Sprint A Final (Places 1 to 6)
7.	1.10pm	Female Beach Sprint Relay Heats x 2 ( 2 person)
8.	1.20pm	Male Beach Sprint Relay Heats x 2 (2 person)
9.	1.30pm	Female Beach Sprint Relay B Final (Places 7 to 11)
10.	1.35pm	Female Beach Sprint Relay A Final (Places 1 to 6)
11.	1.40pm	Male Beach Sprint Relay B Final (Places 7 to 11)
12.	1.45pm	Male Beach Sprint Relay A Final (Places 1 to 6)
13 & 14	2pm	Male & Female Flags (to be conducted concurrently with water events)
		<b>WATER EVENTS- Commence 2pm (Marshall 1.45pm)</b>
7.	2pm	Female Swim Final
8.		Male Swim Final
9.	2.15pm	Female Board Final
10.		Male Board Final
11.	2.30pm	Female Ski Final
12.		Male Ski Final
13.	2.45pm	Mixed Gender 2person Swim Relay (1 x male, 1x female)
14.	3pm	Mixed Gender 2person Board Relay (1 x male, 1x female)
15.	3.15pm	Mixed Gender 2person Ski Relay (1 x male, 1x female)
16.	3.30pm	Mixed Ocean M Team Relay 8 person (4 males and 4 females) M Shape Course
	3.50pm	Finish - Wrap up, point score etc



**EVENT TIMETABLE Saturday & Sunday (13 & 14 January)**

	Time	Events
		<b>BEACH EVENTS – Commence 8am (Marshall 7.45am)</b>
1.	8am	Female Beach Sprint Heats x 2
2.	8.10am	Male Beach Sprint Heats x 2
3.	8.20am	Female Beach Sprint B Final (Places 7 to 11)
4.	8.25am	Male Beach Sprint B Final (Places 7 to 11)
5.	8.30am	Female Beach Sprint A Final (Places 1 to 6)
6.	8.35am	Male Beach Sprint A Final (Places 1 to 6)
7.	8.40am	Female Beach Sprint Relay Heats x 2 ( 2 person)
8.	8.50am	Male Beach Sprint Relay Heats x 2 (2 person)
9.	9am	Female Beach Sprint Relay B Final (Places 7 to 11)
10.	9.05am	Female Beach Sprint Relay A Final (Places 1 to 6)
11.	9.10am	Male Beach Sprint Relay B Final (Places 7 to 11)
12.	9.15am	Male Beach Sprint Relay A Final (Places 1 to 6)
13 & 14	9.30am	Male & Female Flags (to be conducted concurrently with water events)
		<b>WATER EVENTS- Commence 9.30am (Marshall 9.15am)</b>
7.	9.30am	Female Swim Final
8.		Male Swim Final
9.	9.45am	Female Board Final
10.		Male Board Final
11.	10am	Female Ski Final
12.		Male Ski Final
13.	10.15am	Mixed Gender 2person Swim Relay (1 x male, 1x female)
14.	10.30am	Mixed Gender 2person Board Relay (1 x male, 1x female)
15.	10.45am	Mixed Gender 2person Ski Relay (1 x male, 1x female)
16.	11am	Mixed Ocean M Team Relay 8 person (4 males and 4 females) M Shape Course
	11.20am	Finish - Wrap up, point score etc