



Circular 3853

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2024/25 NSW BEACH STORMERS SERIES ENTRY CIRCULAR

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Presidents, and Branch CEO/Secretaries.

Actioned by: Persons responsible for club entries.

Date: 11 September 2024

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Summary	This circular provides information for clubs regarding entries and competition format for the 2024 NSW Beach Stormers Series.
Action	<p>Complete and submit event competitor entries via SEMS by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 1 – North Steyne: 11pm Tuesday 8 October 2024 • Round 2 – Merewether: 11pm Tuesday 5 November 2024 • Round 3 – North Cronulla: 11pm Tuesday 19 November 2024 • Round 4 – Manly: 11pm Tuesday 14 January 2025

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1 ABOUT

The Beach Stormers Series is an exciting beach competition series which aims to provide current and prospective beach athletes with more opportunities to compete.

The 2024 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on the following:

Round	Date	Start Time	Location
Round 1	Saturday 12 October 2024	7.30am	North Steyne
Round 2	Saturday 9 November 2024	7.30am	Merewether
Round 3	Saturday 23 November 2024	7:30am	North Cronulla
Round 4	Friday 17 January 2025	4:30pm	Manly
Round 4	Saturday 18 January 2025	8:00am	Manly

Reference is made to the current edition of the [Surf Sports Manual \(37th Edition\)](#), Revised July 2024.

2 LIVEHEATS

All competitors are required to have a Live Heats Race Tag with them which will be used throughout the event. All competitors will be signed into the event using Live Heats, and all event racing will be marshalled and recorded using Live Heats.

Non-members will be required to loan a Live Heats tag for the competition, and return at the end of competition, from the administration desk.

3 ENTRIES

3.1 Member Entries

Entries via the Sports Events Management System (SEMS) <https://sems.sls.com.au>

Entry fees for SLSC members is **\$28.00** (incl. GST) per competitor per round. Entry fees are **NOT** refundable if competitors withdraw or do not take part in these events due to illness or injury.

SLNSW will forward an invoice to each club after each round of competition. **Please do not pay until the invoice is received.**

3.2 Non-Member Entries

Competitors who are not members of a Surf Life Saving Club will need to email surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au with the following information:

- Full Name
- Email
- Mobile Number
- Events to be entered (i.e., Sprints, Flags, Distance Runs)
- Proof of payment of entry fee

Entry fees for non-members is **\$40.00** (incl. GST) per competitor per round. Entry fees are **NOT** refundable if competitors withdraw or do not take part in these events due to illness or injury.

Entry Fees for non-members will need to be paid via EFT transfer to the following account:

Westpac
Surf Life Saving NSW
BSB: 032-123
Account Number: 353638

Description/Reference: Name and 2024 Beach Stormers Series Rd #
(e.g., John Smith 2024 Beach Stormers Series Rd 1)

4 INSURANCE

The Beach Stormers Series carries prize money or prizes of a material value and as such negates member's access to the iCare (WorkCover insurance) scheme as indicated in the legislation.

For clarity, SLSC Members competing will not have access to the iCare (WorkCover insurance) scheme. Any claim for personal accident injury resultant from the event may only be made under the [SLS Group Personal Accident Policy](#). Please note the provisions under the Policy may not be as beneficial as those available under iCare. Members should note all claims will be assessed by the insurer in accordance with the relevant terms of the policy including the insurer reserving the right to decline the claim.

With respect to event liability and liability coverage, as the event is owned and operated by a SLS entity, coverage for members such as officials, organisers and participants is covered via the SLS Group policy which all clubs and members are covered under. Non – Members will incur a \$0.80 levy per entry, with their entry fee to ensure liability coverage.

For more information regarding insurance coverage for surf sports events, please refer to [Memo: Insurance Coverage – Participation in Surf Sports Events/Special Events](#)

5 EVENT COMMUNICATION

Primary event communication will be via the SLNSW Website Event Page and the 2024/25 NSW Beach Stormers Series TeamApp.

Website Event Page: [2024/25 NSW Beach Stormers Series](#)

Please download Stack Team App, search for '2024 Beach Stormers' and request to join.

iOS: <https://www.teamapp.com/ios-app>

Android: <https://www.teamapp.com/android-app>

If you'd prefer the website version, please click here: [2024/25 NSW Beach Stormers](#)

6 POINT SCORE

An overall point score will be accumulated over the first three (3) rounds of the series for the U13 and Masters events, and over all four (4) rounds for the Youth and Opens competition, with participants receiving points for each of the respective rounds. Prizes will be awarded to overall series point score winners.

7 PRIZES

There will be prizes awarded at the conclusion of the series. A detailed announcement regarding prizes will be made in the near future.

8 ROUND 1 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 1 of the 2024/25 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Saturday 12 October 2024 at North Steyne SLSC. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition, providing any changes to the following information.

8.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
	6:45 AM	North Steyne SLSC Work Parties report to Referee to set up course
7:15 AM	7:30 AM	Distance Runs
	8:30 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Sprints / Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags

8.2 Competition Details

Round 1 Distance Runs

Age Categories	Round 1
U13	2km
Masters (10-year age groups)	2km
Youth (U14/U15)	4km
U17 & Opens	4km

For this round there is a single distance event as per the distances listed above for each age category. Competitors can only compete in a single age group.

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Note: Order of events may change on the day of the event at the discretion of the Referee.

Distance Run Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in this round down to 8th place as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

Round 1 Beach Sprint Events

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	40m	50m	50m	60m
Masters (10-year age groups)	40m	50m	50m	60m
Youth (U14/U15s), U17s & Opens	50m	60m	60m	70m

There are four (4) rounds of sprints available for competitors to take part in. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats will be drawn for each round. A distributed “random” draw” for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

For Rounds one (1) to three (3), competitors take part in just one heat per round, regardless of the number of heats.

In Round four (4), if more than one (1) heat is required per age group, competitors will run in heats with the top four (4) progressing and continue until a final of eight (8) is reached, and then a final will be run.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Note: Order of events may change on the day of the event at the discretion of the Referee.

Sprint Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in each heat of each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in order to accumulate points.

Points will be awarded to the top eight (8) place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

Round 1 Beach Flags

All heats and finals will be run over standard flag pit dimensions as relates to the specific age group, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Flags will be run as per normal carnival format, in specific age and gender categories. If heats are required, all run down until a final of either eight (8) or nine (9) is reached.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 1 metre handicap (as opposed to elimination) for all age groups except for U17 and Opens (subject to Referee's discretion on day of event).

Event Order

The Beach Flags will be run in the following order:

- Masters Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Open Females and Males.

Beach Flags Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

9 ROUND 2 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 2 of the 2024/25 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Saturday 9 November 2024 at Merewether SLSC. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition, providing any changes to the following information.

9.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
	6:45 AM	Merewether SLSC Work Parties report to Referee to set up course
7:15 AM	7:30 AM	Distance Runs
	8:30 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Sprints / Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags

9.2 Competition Details

Round 2 Distance Runs

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	1km	700m	500m	-
Youth (U14/U15)	1km	700m	500m	-
Masters (10-year age groups)	1km	700m	500m	-
U17 & Opens	1km	700m	500m	500m

There are three (3) rounds of distance runs available for U13, U14/U15 and Masters competitors to take part in, and four (4) rounds for the U17 & Open competitors. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in. Competitors can only compete in a single age group.

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- Open Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Distance Run Point Score Allocation

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in order to accumulate points.

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

Round 2 Beach Sprint Events

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	50m	50m	50m	50m
Masters (10-year age groups)	50m	50m	50m	50m
Youth (U14/U15), U17 & Opens	70m	70m	70m	70m

There are four (4) rounds of sprints available for competitors to take part in. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats will be drawn for each round. A distributed “random” draw” for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

For Rounds one (1) to three (3), competitors take part in just one heat per round, regardless of the number of heats.

In Round four (4), if more than 1 heat is required per age group, competitors will run in heats with the top four (4) progressing and continue until a final of eight (8) is reached, and then a final will be run.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Note: Order of events may change on the day of the event at the discretion of the Referee.

Sprint Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in each heat of each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in order to accumulate points.

Points will be awarded to the top eight (8) place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

Round 2 Beach Flags

All heats and finals will be run over standard flag pit dimensions as relates to the specific age group, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Flags will be run as per normal carnival format, in specific age and gender categories. If heats are required, all run down until a final of either eight (8) or nine (9) is reached.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 1 metre handicap (as opposed to elimination) for all age groups except for U17 and Opens (subject to Referee’s discretion on day of event).

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Event Order

The Beach Flags will be run in the following order:

- Masters Females and Males
- U13 Females and Male
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Beach Flags Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded to the top eight (8) place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

10 ROUND 3 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 3 of the 2024/25 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Saturday 23 November 2024 at North Cronulla SLSC. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition, providing any changes to the following information.

10.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
	6:45 AM	North Cronulla SLSC Work Parties report to Referee to set up course
7:15 AM	7:30 AM	Distance Runs
	8:30 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Sprints / Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags

10.2 Competition Details

Round 3 Distance Runs

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	1km	500m	250m	-
Youth (U14/U15)	1km	500m	250m	-
Masters (10-year age groups)	1km	500m	250m	-
U17 & Open	1km	700m	500m	250m

There are three (3) rounds of distance runs available for U13, U14/U15 and Masters competitors to take part in, and four (4) rounds for the U17 & Open competitors. There is no minimum number of

rounds that a competitor is required to take part in. Competitors can only compete in a single age group.

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- Open Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Distance Run Point Score Allocation

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in order to accumulate points.

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

Round 3 Beach Sprint Events

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	50m	50m	60m	70m
Masters (10-year age groups)	50m	50m	60m	70m
Youth (U14/U15), U17 & Opens	70m	70m	80m	90m

There are four (4) rounds of sprints available for competitors to take part in. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats will be drawn for each round. A distributed “random” draw” for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

For Rounds one (1) to three (3), competitors take part in just one heat per round, regardless of the number of heats.

In Round four (4), if more than one (1) heat is required per age group, competitors will run in heats with the top four (4) progressing and continue until a final of eight (8) is reached, and then a final will be run.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Note: Order of events may change on the day of the event at the discretion of the Referee.

Sprint Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in each heat of each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in order to accumulate points.

Points will be awarded to the top eight (8) place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

Round 3 Beach Flags

All heats and finals will be run over standard flag pit dimensions as relates to the specific age group, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Flags will be run as per normal carnival format, in specific age and gender categories. If heats are required, all run down until a final of either eight (8) or nine (9) is reached.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 1 metre handicap (as opposed to elimination) for all age groups except for U17 and Opens (subject to Referee's discretion on day of event).

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Event Order

The Beach Flags will be run in the following order:

- Masters Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Beach Flags Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded to the top eight (8) place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

11 ROUND 4 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 4 of the 2024/25 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Friday 17 January and Saturday 18 January 2025, at Manly LSC. This event will form part of the Shaw and Partners Manly Open Carnival. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition, providing any amendments to the following information.

11.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
Friday January 17		
	4:15 PM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags
Saturday January 18		
	7:45 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
7:30 AM	8:00 AM	Sprints start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags
		Beach Relays will be held at the conclusion of the Sprints

11.2 Competition Details

Round 4 Beach Flags

All heats and finals will be run over standard flag pit dimensions as relates to the specific age group, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Flags will be run as per normal carnival format, in specific age and gender categories. If heats are required, all run down until a final of either eight (8) or nine (9) is reached.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 1 metre handicap (as opposed to elimination) for all age groups (subject to Referee's discretion on day of event).

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Event Order

The Beach Flags will be run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

All age groups will be run down to a final. All the finals shall be run together at the end of the heats, in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Beach Flags Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded to the top eight (8) place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

Round 4 Beach Sprint Events

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Youth (U14/U15), U17 & Opens	70m	80m	90m

There are three (3) rounds of sprints available for competitors to take part in. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats will be drawn for each round. A distributed “random” draw” for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

For Rounds one (1) and two (2), competitors take part in just one heat per round, regardless of the number of heats.

In Round three (3), if more than one (1) heat is required per age group, competitors will run in heats with the top four (4) progressing and continue until a final of eight (8) is reached, and then a final will be run.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- Youth Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males

- Open Females and Males

Note: Order of events may change on the day of the event at the discretion of the Referee.

Sprint Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in each heat of each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in order to accumulate points.

Points will be awarded to the top eight (8) place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	20
2 nd	17
3 rd	14
4 th	11
5 th	8
6 th	5
7 th	2
8 th	1

Round 4 Beach Sprint Relays

Age Categories
Youth (U14/U15) Male & Female
U17 Male & Female
Opens Male & Female
Youth (U14/U15) Mixed
U17 Mixed
Opens Mixed
All-Age Relay

The relays will be run as per normal over 90m, with heats through to finals in each category. There are no points allocated for the Beach Sprint Relays.

The teams in the All-Age Relay will have six (6) competitors, comprised of two (2) competitors from each age group, with a minimum of three (3) females per team (which can be from any age category).

Teams are permitted to run in any order.

Composite teams will be permitted in all Beach Sprint Relays.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- Youth Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

- Youth Mixed
- U17 Mixed
- Open Mixed
- All Age Relay

Note: Order of events may change on the day of the event at the discretion of the Referee.

12 BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Misconduct before, during and after the Event will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their Clubs.

Please refer to 37th (Revised) Surf Sports Manual sections [2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour](#) and [2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour](#) and [Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy](#).

13 MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the event to be used for promotional material by SLSNSW. SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or team management. Professional photographers may be attending and material available via social media and to Clubs on request. Club Team Management are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area. Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

Media:

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the event, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding about the event will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

Drones:

For the safety of competitors, officials, and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at the event by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW, seven (7) days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements.