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**2025 NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships**  
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**Entry Circular**

- Attention:** Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.
- Actioned by:** Persons responsible for inclusive state championship entries.
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<b>Summary:</b>	Outlines the requirements and procedures to enter the 2025 NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships to be held on <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b> .
<b>Action:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete and submit entries via SEMS by <b>11.00pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>.</li> <li>○ Online late entries close <b>11.00pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b></li> <li>○ Complete the <a href="#">Team Manager Declaration Form</a> by <b>11.00pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>.</li> </ul> <p><i>No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships. There is no cost associated with Inclusive Championship entries.</i></p>



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The 2025 NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships attracts competitors from the Under 8's to Masters, providing opportunity for members to unite as part of one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

SLSNSW is committed to the inclusion of people of all abilities and following the success of previous competitions, this year's Inclusion Championships will be held on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at North Steyne SLSC in Sydney Northern Beaches Council area.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2025 NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships. Please note that SLSNSW may issue subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in this Circular.

## 2. GENERAL CONTENT

Entries are to be completed online using the [Sports Events Management System \(SEMS\)](#).

- Entries open on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**.
- Entries close **11.00pm Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.
- Online late entries close **11.00pm Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.
- **No late entries will be accepted after this date including at the Championships.**
- There is no cost associated with Inclusive Championship entries.
- Clubs are reminded to complete the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#) by **11.00pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. This Team Manager Registration Form includes Clubs logging their team manager contact details. This is to ensure all event communications such as changes to timetables, re-locations etc. can be sent via SMS and Email.

## 3. 2025 NSW INCLUSIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2025 NSW Age Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may (subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual [37th edition] and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins, and this Circular) postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

Competition Committee Chairperson	Darren Moore
SLSNSW Director of Surf Sports	Donald van Keimpema OAM
Inclusive Carnival Referee	Michael Wasley
Local Organising Committee Representative	Craig Susans
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC)	Darren Galea
SLSNSW Chief Operating Officer	Phil Ayres
SLSNSW Sport Manager	Jim Pinnington

#### 4. 2025 NSW AGE/INCLUSIVE SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 2025 NSW Age/Inclusive Safety Emergency Committee (SEC) will direct all matters relating to the safety of the competition. This includes the arena where the Inclusion events take place.

A review of the following will be conducted at each SEC meeting:

- a) Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach, environmental risks and back of beach area.
- b) Injury management statistics.
- c) Current weather predictions.
- d) Competition statistics.

The SEC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The SEC will then advise the CC.

The SEC is responsible for enacting the contingency plan for this event. The Safety Operations Manual developed for this event is to be applied by the Referee when considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.

Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair)	Mick Motley
Council Representative/Lifeguard	Steve Dowman
Deputy Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator	Darren Galea
Deputy Age Carnival Referee	Michael Day & Louis Tassone
Powercraft Coordinator	Adrian Hill
First Aid Coordinator	AESS
Water Safety Coordinator	TBC
SLSNSW Competitions & Event Staging Coordinator	Belinda Cooper

#### 5. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

To support the inclusion events at the NSW Championships, clubs are required to provide Water Safety for competitors taking part. Please work with your club to ensure that you bring sufficient water safety to support members in these events.

#### 6. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

The 2025 NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships welcome all members who participate in surf lifesaving, but who may not be able to meet the requirements to compete at the Age, Open or Masters Championships e.g., preliminary skills, competition skills evaluation, Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion. Note: these events are not to assist competitors who have suffered an injury but intended to provide members with a medical condition or injury causing permanent physical, sensory, or cognitive impairment which impacts their execution of the skills and requirements of Surf Sports the ability to compete.

To participate, members must be:

- Financial members of a SLS Club.
- Aged 7 and above.
- Have a physical, intellectual, or sensory disability; and
- If competing in water events; participants must bring their own Water Safety.
- If competing in board events; participants must bring their own board.

## 7. ENTRIES – SEMS

Club entries to the 2025 NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships must be submitted online **DIRECTLY** into [SEMS](#)

**Online entries will close 11pm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Please refer to the [SEMS User Guide](#) and [SEMS Club Entry Webinar](#), before and during the entry process.

## 8. LIVEHEATS

SLSNSW will be using LiveHeats for on-beach carnival management. 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 LiveHeats, and all event racing will be marshalled and recorded using LiveHeats.

Athletes must bring their allocated LiveHeats wristband. Replacement wristbands can be purchased from the Event Administration Centre at North Steyne SLSC for \$5.00 per band. Bands will not be available on the beach prior to the start of racing.

## 9. EVENTS

The following events shall be conducted in their respective age group areas. Please note that age groups and genders may be joined across events, and there are no restrictions on entry numbers from clubs.

Please note all competitors are required to bring their own boards. If you require any assistance with boards, please contact our membership team at [memberservices@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:memberservices@surflifesaving.com.au).

Under 8 Events
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags

Under 9 Events
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags

<b>Under 10 Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
<b>Under 12 Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
<b>Under 14 Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
<b>Under 17 Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
<b>Open Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race

<b>Under 11 Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
<b>Under 13 Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
<b>Under 15 Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
<b>Under 19 Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race
Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags
<b>Masters Events</b>
Male Wade Race
Female Wade Race

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Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags

Male Surf Race
Female Surf Race
Male Board
Female Board
Male Beach Sprint
Female Beach Sprint
Male Beach Flags
Female Beach Flags

**New Events**

This year the following new events will be introduced in combined age categories:

- Junior Run-Wade-Run – U11 – U13 age groups
- Youth Run-Wade-Run – U14 – U15 age groups
- Senior Run-Swim-Run – U17 – Masters

**10. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**10.1 Inclusive Championship Medals Point Scores**

Medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetters in each event. Participation medals will not be awarded. Inclusive events will not contribute to Age, Open or Masters Championships Club Point Score.

**10.2 Results**

In the case of a dead heat for positions 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> each competitor will receive a respective medal and the following medal allocations will apply:

- Dead heat for 1<sup>st</sup> place: Two (2) gold and one (1) bronze will be awarded (no silver will be awarded).
- One competitor in 1<sup>st</sup> place, dead heat for 2<sup>nd</sup> place: One (1) gold and two (2) silver will be awarded (no bronze will be awarded).
- One competitor in 1<sup>st</sup> place, one competitor in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, dead heat for 3<sup>rd</sup> place: One (1) gold, one (1) silver and two (2) bronze will be awarded.
- Dead heat for 1<sup>st</sup> place and dead heat for 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Two (2) gold and two (2) bronze will be awarded (no silver will be awarded).

**10.3 Clashing of Events**

While every effort will be made to avoid clashes in the timetable, athletes will have to decide to contest one or the other.

**11. SPONSOR RASH VESTS**

All competitors entered into the 2025 NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships will be issued an official high visibility pink competition lycra vest. Vests will be available for collection within the competition area at the start of the Inclusive Championships.



Clubs must encourage competitors wear the approved lycra vest in competition, no other branded vests may be worn. SLSNSW encourages each competitor have their age clearly numbered on the upper arm.

## 12. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

### 12.1 Drones

For the safety of competitors, officials, and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public. SLSNSW and its telecast production contractors will be operating UAVs for both surveillance and capturing of event footage.

### 12.2 Photography

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW.

SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or Clubs. Professional photographers will be in attendance and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Clubs 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.

### 12.3 Media Statements

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the State Championships, 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 the State Championships will be made by authorised spokespeople.

## 13. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors is of paramount importance and athletes or their parent / guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

Any competitor or official who suffers illness or injury prior to or at the 2025 NSW Inclusive Championships **MUST** seek medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

In addition, SLSNSW may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate in the competition. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of the athlete concerned and fellow competitors while also ensuring all parties and Surf Life Saving NSW are not placed at risk.

## 14. ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete both the [Sport Integrity Australia](#) Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. Both courses are free of charge and provide an



opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport. Moving forward, SLNSW strongly believe this is a great addition to the structure of any touring team and/or squad and is vital for elite competition and athlete development.

SLNSW fully supports the new SLSA Anti-Doping and Match Fixing policies (SLSA Members Area > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.1 1 & 5.02). Following the completion of each course, a completion certificate/email must be forwarded to Surf Sports [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au). SLNSW have organised with SLSA to have these courses uploaded on to SurfGuard as an award. Once completed, the courses do not have to be completed again, unless there is an update in information from the organisations. If anyone has previously completed either course, proof must be sent through to Surf Sports in order to be recognised.

*For further information regarding the courses please contact Surf Sports, on (02) 9471 8000 or [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au)*

### **15. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT**

Any misconduct while at the Championships will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the Championship. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves, and their Clubs.

Parents or supporters, particularly those appointed as Officials, are not allowed to assist competitors during the competition. Any breach of this policy may result in the disqualification of an athlete from the remainder of the competition and is at the discretion of the Referee.

Parents or supporters must also understand that they are role models for young athletes. Clubs should make sure that parents and supporters understand that abuse of officials, other competitors or clubs will not be tolerated. Team Managers and Club Presidents should ensure that their parents and supporters understand their role at this competition and that expected standards of behaviour are clearly explained.

Please refer to 37<sup>th</sup> Edition Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.05 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.05).

### **16. PROTESTS**

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the SLSA 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 are available from the Liaison Officer. An “Appeals Fee” of \$110.00 must accompany all documentation when the process is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

### **17. STACK TEAM APP**

Important Information and updates related to the 2025 NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships will be communicated by Stack Team App. This will be in addition to the overarching Championship STeamApp communication.

Stack Team App will be used in the lead up to and throughout the NSW Surf Life Saving Inclusive Championships as a platform to communicate information, documentation and updates including timetable changes to Team Managers and Competitors.

It is highly recommended that everyone planning to attend any NSW Surf Life Saving Championships event download Stack Team App when Entry Nominations are submitted. If you cannot download the App onto a phone or tablet, you may also access Stack Team App in a web browser on any computer.

To register for these event updates please follow the below instructions:

- 1) Download the “Stack Team App” application from the App Store or Google Play.
- 2) Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications.
- 3) Once logged in search “**2025 NSW Inclusive Championships**”.
- 4) Click the “Become a member of this Stack Team App” icon at the top of the screen then select the appropriate group you wish to receive notifications from.

By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive notifications and email updates as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information.

PLEASE NOTE: It is an individual’s/Club’s obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a Stack Team App update is not an excuse for missing events.

## **18. NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL**

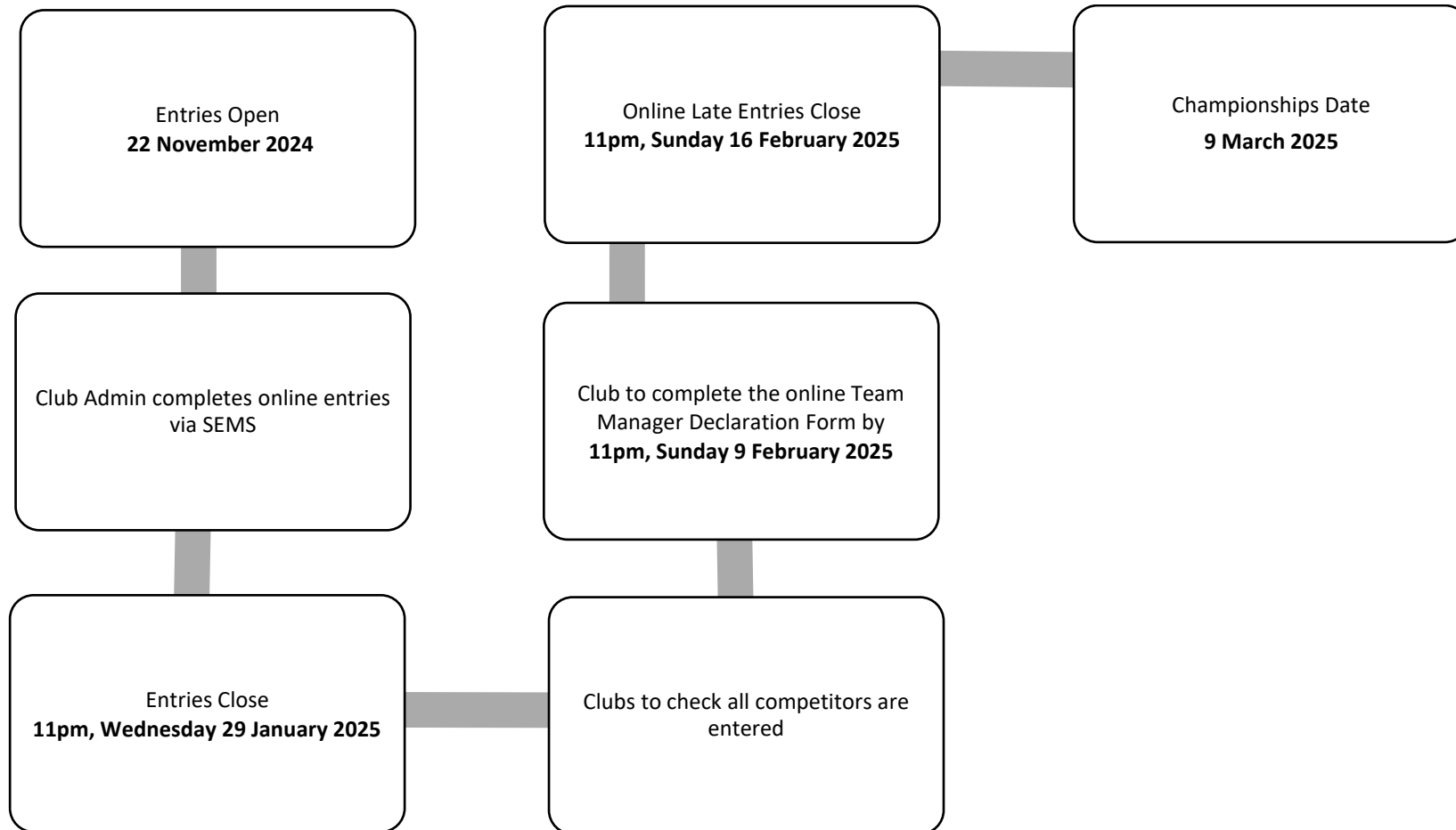
Northern Beaches Council is thrilled to welcome the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships to Queenscliff in 2025.

The Northern Beaches offers an array of ocean beaches, coastal rock pools, a 36km coastal walkway, five (5) aquatic reserves brimming with sea life, national surfing reserves at Manly-Freshwater and Narrabeen, and so much more.

With an unlimited list of things to see, do, eat, drink, and buy, you’re going to want to stay for a few days! Choose from 5-star hotels, holiday apartments, B&Bs or camping.

While you are here, enjoy delicious food and drinks and outdoor adventures. If you need a steer in the right direction, head to our online visitor information centre, Hello Manly at [hellomanly.com.au](http://hellomanly.com.au)

## 19. INCLUSIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY PROCESS



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