



# Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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## **2009 Interstate Championships**

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### **1. TEAM TRAVEL, EQUIPMENT & DRESS**

States will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams and making arrangements for travel and accommodation.

States are also responsible to make the appropriate arrangements regarding equipment, outfitting, etc, for the teams. A shirt, shorts, head wear, costume and competition cap is the recommended uniform for each team.



SLSA will provide an athlete Lycra's for each athlete. It is compulsory that these Lycras be worn in each event.

Insurance is the responsibility of the individual competitors or State Team Management. Surf Life Saving Australia will not accept the responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

## 2. TEAM COMPOSITION / SIZE

Each State team will consist of a maximum of 75 competitive members, consisting of 43 open and U/19 age athletes 32 and U/17, U/15 and U/14 athletes.

States may select their teams in any way but the above are the maximum athlete numbers allowable in each of the two age groupings.

All competitors must have their appropriate age group (e.g. U14, U15, U17, U19, and Open) and competitor number (e.g. 1- 75) group clearly marked on their arms and must compete for the whole competition in the age/gender category nominated.

Competitors may compete in an older age group for the Interstate Championships provided the competitor is properly qualified and proficient as per the SLSA Surf Sports Manual for the age group they compete in.

Team managers are to nominate each team member's gender/age category prior to the competition commencing on the team configuration forms attached.

## 3. EVENTS TO BE CONDUCTED

Each state shall be represented by one competitor (or team in the team events) per event in all individual and team events. The events to be conducted are as follows:

### a) Open and U/19 Age Groups

Event	Open Male	Open Female	U19 Male	U19 Female
Ski Race	1	1	1	1
Board Race	1	1	1	1
Surf Race	1	1	1	1
Belt Race	1	1	1	1
Beach Sprint	1	1	1	1
Beach Flags	1	1	1	1
Ironman/Ironwoman	1	1	1	1
Boat Race (Note 1)	2 Rounds	2 Rounds	2 Rounds	N/A
Taplin Relay	1 combined mixed team (Note 5)			
Lifesaver Relay (Note 2)	Open and U/19 team members (refer Note 1)			
All age beach relay (Notes 3 & 4)	Made up from existing team members			



**Note 1:** Each Boat Race division shall be conducted over two rounds. The cumulative result of the two rounds shall determine the winner of each Boat Race division. Refer Point Score section for further detail.

**Note 2:** The Lifesaver Relay shall consist of a boat crew, one open male competitor, one open female, one U19 Male and one U/19 female. States shall select which of their athletes will compete in the swim, board, ski and run legs of the event.

**Note 3:** The All Age Beach Relay shall consist of one male and one female competitor from each of the U/14 – Open age categories (10 athletes in total). Teams shall participate from youngest to the oldest age category commencing with the female athlete running first in each age group.

**Note 4:** The result of the All Age Beach Relay shall only be added to the Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield for the overall point score. The result shall not be added to either the Junior or Senior Interstate Championship Shields.

**Note 5:** The Taplin Relay shall consist of one open male competitor, one open female, one U19 Male and one U/19 female. States shall select which of their athletes will compete in the swim, board, ski and run legs of the event.

b) U/17, U/15 and U/14 Age Groups.

Event	U17 Male	U17 Female	U15 Male	U15 Female	U14 Male	U14 Female
Surf Race	1	1	1	1	1	1
Board Race	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ironman	1	0	1	0	1	0
Ironwoman	0	1	0	1	0	1
Beach Sprint	1	1	1	1	1	1
Beach Flags	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ski Race	1	1	0	0	0	0
Taplin Relay (Note 1)	1 mixed team		N/A			
Cameron Relay (Note 2)	N/A		1 combined mixed team			

**Note 1:** The U/17 Taplin Relay is a four person event and shall consist of two male competitors and two female competitors. States shall select which of their athletes will compete in the swim, board, ski and run legs of the event.

**Note 2:** The U/14-U/15 Cameron Relay is a four person event and shall consist of one U/14 male competitor, one U/14 female, one U/15 male and one U/15 female. States shall select which of their athletes will compete in the swim, board and (two) run legs of the event.

#### 4. TEAM MANAGEMENT

States may select their team management structures dependent on their identified needs. For event management purposes SLSA will recognise up to ten (10) team management personnel including Head Coach (minimum level 1), Assistant Coaches, Team Manager, Assistant Managers, Medical/First Aid and Chaperones



**Note:** The team management composition must contain both male and female appointees. In this regard it is recommended that state appoint males and females proportionate to the team management size.

Chaperones can be provided by arrangement with the host state should they be required.

## **5. TEAM SELECTION**

States are responsible for the selection of their teams. All team selections and individual event allocations will need to be received by SLSA no later than COB Tuesday, 3 March 2009. Forms are attached to assist this process.

Team managers will be required to submit their final entry list for their team following the event draw being conducted at the Manager's briefing and prior to the conclusion of this meeting.

## **6. DRAFTING**

Only Tasmania and Northern Territory are permitted to draft competitors into their team. The draft process is as follows:

- If drafts are required the states must inform SLSA of all their requirements (e.g., discipline, age, category, event(s) etc.) by Tuesday, 3 March 2009.
- SLSA may advertise or seek out individuals or teams to apply directly to SLSA.
- The drafts will be selected by SLSA selectors and States and individuals notified by COB Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009.
- Once an individual or team has been advised of their draft they will not be able to be selected for their own State unless injury or illness occurs to a selected team member. In such circumstances the State is to advise SLSA in writing of the need to reclaim a competitor. A replacement competitor shall then be identified and allocated to the drafting State.
- It is permitted for the drafting process to continue up until the commencement of the Interstate Championships.
- Once the first Interstate Championship event has commenced there shall be no further drafting or replacement of competitors permitted.

## **7. EVENT CONDITIONS**

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

All events except for boat races shall be, conditions permitting, conducted as finals.

Boat races shall be conducted as a round Robin over two rounds (refer Point Score Section for details).



## 8. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT & SPECIFICATIONS

Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their own equipment including boards, skis, paddles, surf boats and oars.

All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications.

Random scrutineering of equipment may occur during the Interstate Championships.

## 9. PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based. Protest Forms will be available from the administration centre.

An appeals fee of \$110.00 must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for Adjudication.

## 10. ARENA

The arena layout for the Interstate Championships is as follows:

- Water Arena 1 (to be conducted in the U19 Men's area) – Open and U/19 competitors
- Water Arena 2 (to be conducted in the Open Men's area 1) – U/17, U/15 and U/14s
- Beach Arena (to be conducted in conjunction with Masters events) – All ages
- Surf Boat Arena (to be conducted in conjunction with Masters events) – All Boat races and Lifesaver Relay Boat Leg.

## 11. TIMETABLE

A timetable has been determined by the Championship Referee and is as follows:

### Water Arena 1

**Referee** - Paul Kenny

Open Male/Female & U19 Male/Female

9.00am	Lifesaver Relay	
9.30am	Open Ski	Male
9.40am	Open Ski	Female
9.50am	U19 Ski	Male
10.00am	U19 Ski	Female
10.10am	Surf Race	Open Male
10.20am	Surf Race	Open Female
10.30am	Surf Race	U19 Male
10.40am	Surf Race	U19 Female
10.50am	Board Race	Open Male

### Water Arena 2

**Referee** - Carol Gibbs

U17, U15, U14 Male/Female

9.30am	Board Race	U17 Male
9.40am	Board Race	U17 Female
9.50am	Board Race	U15 Male
10.00am	Board Race	U15 Female
10.10am	Board Race	U14 Male
10.20am	Board Race	U14 Female
10.30am	Surf Race	U17 Male
10.40am	Surf Race	U17 Female
10.50am	Surf Race	U15 Male



11.00am	Board Race	Open Female	11.00am	Surf Race	U15 Female
11.10am	Board Race	U19 Male	11.10am	Surf Race	U14 Male
11.20am	Board Race	U19 Female	11.20am	Surf Race	U14 Female
11.30am	Belt Race	Open Male	11.30am	Ski Race	U17 Male
11.40am	Belt Race	Open Female	11.40am	Ski Race	U17 Female
11.50am	Belt Race	U19 Male	11.50am	Ironman	U17 Male
12.00pm	Belt Race	U19 Female	12.10pm	Ironwoman	U17 Female
12.10pm	Ironman	Open Male	12.30pm	Ironman	U15 Male
12.30pm	Ironwoman	Open Female	12.50pm	Ironwoman	U15 Female
12.50pm	Ironman	U19 Male	1.10pm	Ironman	U14 Male
1.10pm	Ironwoman	U19 Female	1.30pm	Ironwoman	U14 Female
1.30pm	U17 Mixed Taplin Relay		1.50pm	Mixed Cameron Relay	U14 & U15
1.50pm	U19/Open Mixed Taplin Relay				

Approx Finish Time 2.15pm

**Beach Sprints Area**

(run in conjunction with the Masters Events)

9.30am	Beach Sprint	Open Male
9.35am	Beach Sprint	Open Female
9.40am	Beach Sprint	U19 Male
9.45am	Beach Sprint	U19 Female
10.30am	Beach Sprint	U17 Male
10.35am	Beach Sprint	U17 Female
10.40am	Beach Sprint	U15 Male
10.45am	Beach Sprint	U15 Female
10.50am	Beach Sprint	U14 Male
10.55am	Beach Sprint	U14 Female
11.05am	All Age Beach Relay	Open to U14 (10 people)

Approx Finish Time 2.10pm

**Beach Flags Area**

10.00am	Beach Flags	Open Male
10.15 am	Beach Flags	Open Female
10.30am	Beach Flags	U19 Male
10.45am	Beach Flags	U19 Female
11.00am	Beach Flags	U17 Male
11.15am	Beach Flags	U17 Female
11.30am	Beach Flags	U15 Male
11.45am	Beach Flags	U15 Female
12.00pm	Beach Flags	U14 Male
12.15pm	Beach Flags	U14 Female

**Boat Area**

9.00am	Lifesaver Relay	
10.00am	Boat Race	Open Male
10.0 5am	Boat Race	Open Female
10.10 am	Boat Race	U19 Male
11.00am	Boat Race	Open Male
11.0 5am	Boat Race	Open Female
11.10 am	Boat Race	U19 Male

**Note:** SLSA as the event organiser, reserves the right to add or delete any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant.

**12. DRAWS AND BALLOTS**

Prior to the event SLSA will undertake a draw positioning for each event.

Initial draws for beach positions will be undertaken for the first event conducted in the water/craft areas, beach and boat sections of competition. Subsequent draws will be of the 'rolling draw' format where, with the exception of boat events, all states will move sideways one beach position in each event conducted in the area. The Boat event draw



shall rotate by three beach positions. Copies of the first draws will be available at the team manager's briefing.

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.

A draw for order of the legs for the Ironman, Ironwoman, Cameron, Taplin and Lifesaver Relay events will be undertaken at the team managers meeting.

Team managers will be required to submit their entry list for their team prior to the conclusion of the Team Managers meeting.

The referee will undertake any other ballots required on the beach on the day of the competition.

### **13. COMPETITION BRIEFINGS**

A briefing for State Team Managers and key officials will be conducted by the Event Referee on Tuesday, 17 March 2009 at 2.00pm in the VIP marquee.

The officials to be in attendance include the Event Referee, Sectional Referees, Safety and Rescue Coordinator, Appeals Committee Convener, Chief Steward and key SLSA personnel.

States should have a maximum of three personnel to attend the briefing.

A briefing for officials will be conducted by the Event Referee on Wednesday, 18 March 2009 at 7.45am at Scarboro Surf Life Saving Club.

Officials will need to be on the beach at 8.15am, marshalling of teams begins at 8.20am on the Southern side of Water Arena 1.

The team BBQ will be held at 3.30 pm in the VIP marquee on Wednesday 18 March 2009.

### **14. POINTSCORE**

All events conducted shall be of equal points and the state with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the competition shall be declared the winner in each of the point score categories.

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Point score points shall be allocated on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> for each event contested. Nil points will be earned in the case of disqualification.

Dead heats in events shall be declared as such with teams sharing the points for the placing attained, e.g. equal 3<sup>rd</sup> receives 4.5 points each with 5<sup>th</sup> placing receiving 3 points.



**Note:** Each Surf Boat event shall be conducted over two (2) rounds to determine the event winner and the final allocation of points (7 – 1) as detailed above. To achieve this, a separate point score shall be conducted for each of the three Surf Boat divisions with crews to gain 7 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place down to 1 point for 7<sup>th</sup> for each of the rounds. If a Boat crew does not finish or is disqualified in either round zero (0) points will be allotted to the result for that particular round only. Based on the cumulative point score of both rounds placing points shall then be allocated to the state teams as detailed in the second and third paragraphs of this section (i.e. 7 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and so on). Equal points in all events shall be regarded as a dead heat.

**Note:** It is confirmed that both “genuine” and “drafted” Competitors of each State may earn points for the placings gained in both individual and team events.

## 15. TROPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

Team managers will be notified on the day of the presentation format

Teams will be competing for:

- The Junior Interstate Championship Shield (for U/14 to U/17 events).
- The Senior Interstate Championship Shield (for U/19 to Open Events).
- The Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield (for the overall point score).

Note: Teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the overall pointscore shall receive medallions for all team members. Teams placing 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> will receive participation medallions for all team members

- The Handicap Point Score Trophy (for the overall handicap point score for all events conducted). The handicap allocated to each state reflects the previous three years overall results - refer attachment for details of calculation).

As detailed in the SLSA Sponsorship Policy teams may be asked to wear sponsors apparel during the presentation of medals and trophies. Apart from any SLSA sponsorship no items giving commercial identification shall be worn during the official presentation ceremony.

## 16. FUNCTIONS

A presentation and BBQ will be held at the conclusion of competition for all competitors and team management. This will be held in or adjacent to the VIP area.

Further details will be advised at the Team Manager’s Meeting.

## 17. SEEDING INTO AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

As recognition for participating in the 2009 Interstate Championships, SLSA will seed Interstate athletes participating in individual events directly into the second round of the



same event at the Australian Championships. E.g. an U/19 ski race competitor at the Interstate Championships will only be seeded into the second round of the U/19 ski race at the Australian Championships.

In the Beach Flags event, Interstate competitors will be seeded directly into the second round of heats at the Australian Championships.

Club Surf Boat crews competing at the Interstate Championships shall also be seeded into the second round at the Australian Championships in the same event in which they competed in at the Interstate Championships, i.e. crews will not need to compete in any round robin conducted to determine second round qualifiers at the Australian Championships.

It is advisable for competitors to liaise with their respective areas regarding their entry and timing into the second rounds.

## **18. SPONSORSHIP**

In the event of states/individuals having conflicting sponsorship with the event sponsor, the association sponsorship policy must be adhered to.

Teams when entering the marshalling arena and competing must be 'clean' in competition gear with no sponsor's identification unless the state has given naming rights to the event naming rights sponsor. Should the event naming rights sponsor provide Lycras or other competition apparel for the series, then teams will be required to wear the event naming rights sponsor's competition apparel or in the event of conflict with a state team sponsor, compete in SLSA branded apparel.

At the conclusion of events, placegetters may be offered items of apparel identified with the event sponsor. It may be possible that TV interviews will be undertaken with prominent competitors, and in such cases, they may be asked to wear one of the official sponsor T-shirts and/or caps. Further, competitors may be required to carry the event sponsor's logos on craft, boats and equipment. Where physically possible, no signage will be covered. Those craft with rival sponsors to the event sponsor will not be required to display the event sponsors signage and/or to cover the rival sponsor's signage.

## **19. CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

The SLSA code of conduct is contained in the current edition of SLSA 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.



## **20. MEDIA STATEMENTS**

States shall be permitted to promote the event and or their state 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 Interstate Championship, 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 championship, 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.

## **21. THEFT**

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia or the hosting authority may be immediately reported to police and that person/s be brought before the SLSA Judiciary.

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

## **22. SLSA DRUG POLICY**

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and the Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority 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.

SLSA has published an anti-doping policy and a list of prohibited drugs, and provide severe penalties for their use.

Please be aware that random drug testing could take place during the 2009 Interstate Championships.

## **23. TEAM SHEETS**

Managers are required to complete the team summary, team management and event configuration in the attached electronic template (excel spreadsheet) and send to Julia Loennendung at SLSA ([jloennendung@slsa.asn.au](mailto:jloennendung@slsa.asn.au), fax 02 9130 8312) no later than COB Tuesday, 3 March 2009.

Note: Changes will be permitted subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances

- **Team Management Details**
- **Team Configuration**
- **Team Configurations per event**



## HANDICAP POINTSCORE

### OVERALL HANDICAP POINTSCORE ( U/14 - Open)

Note: The U13 Age Category events (number) and points gained in those events in the previous 3 Interstate Championships have been removed from this table.

State	2006	2007	2008 *Dec 2007	Total Past Points	Handicap Quotients (Total past points divided by total past events)	Handicap Bonus (Winning state's handicap quotient minus the respective state's Handicap quotient)	Total Bonus Points (Handicap bonus multiplied by upcoming year's number of events)
NSW	501	646	653	1800	6.04	0	0.00
QLD	510	636	637.5	1783.5	6.03	0.01	0.68
WA	378	403.5	425.5	1207	4.05	1.99	135.32
VIC	329	467	403	1199	4.02	2.02	137.36
SA	292	390.5	404	1086.5	3.65	2.39	162.52
TAS	194.5	267	260.5	722	2.42	3.62	246.16
NT	105.33	139	262.5	506.83	1.70	4.34	295.12
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No of past events	83	106	109	298			
No of events in 2009					68		