

# 2025 Sydney WATER Surf Series



## Event Partners



Round 1: Saturday 15 November 2025

Round 2: Sunday 16 November 2025

@ Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC

Round 3: Saturday 6 December 2025

@ Wollongong City SLSC

Round 4: Saturday 13 December 2025 @ Bulli SLSC

**Please note: As SLS NSW Beachstormers Round 3 is on 13 December, we will run two rounds of Beach Events for u13 to Masters at SWSS Round 3, Wollongong City on Saturday 6 December – program to reflect this will be published closer to the date.**

### SUMMARY:

- Entries open Friday 10 October 2025 through [LIVEHEATS](#) and will close midnight Tuesday 11 November 2025. Late entries will be taken at each Round.
- Managers Declaration to be completed by Tuesday 11 November 2025.  
Go to [2025 SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES DECLARATION AND TEAM MANAGERS DETAILS](#)
- Expression of Interest for Officials roles, please go to [2025 SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES OFFICIALS](#)  
Please complete by Tuesday evening, prior to each round.  
Junior carnival (U8 to U13) commences at 8:30am  
Senior & Masters (U14 to Masters) commence 12:30pm

**Note: Under 14s will be competing with the Seniors and Masters.**

## 1. ENTRIES:

1.2 All competitors must meet SLSNSW or respective state, award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per 2025/26 proficiency competition requirements including Policy 5.04 and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

1.3 **2025-2026 Junior proficiencies for competitors must be entered into Surfguard prior to entries being submitted into LIVEHEATS.** ANY COMPETITORS THAT DO NOT MEET CRITERIA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.

1.4 Entries will close at midnight, Tuesday 11 November 2025.

## 2. ENTRY FEES:

2.1 \$90.00 (which includes GST + Liveheats Fee + Stripe Fees + SLS NSW Levy)) per competitor. Entry fees must be paid by way of credit card at the time of entry (or Clubs will have option of bank deposit when Liveheats enables the process). Entry into an event is only confirmed once the payment has been completed.

2.2 Entry fees are NOT refundable if competitors withdraw or do not take part in these events due to illness or injury or if round/s are cancelled due to surf/weather conditions.

2.3 The entry fee includes an official race singlet and covers entry to **any or all rounds** of the series.

2.4 Please bring your liveheats wristband to each carnival. If you require a new one, they will be available to purchase.

2.5 All Under 8 competitors will receive a sample/gift bag at the end of the series. Under 8s will not require liveheats wristband but do need to be entered.

## 3. LATE ENTRIES

3.1 Late entries will be taken on the day of each carnival but will attract an additional fee of \$20 per competitor. If a member is unable to be entered into LIVEHEATS on the day of entry, their entry may not be accepted. Please bring evidence of awards that may have been completed or proficiencies finalised if not accessible in Surfguard.

## 4. RASH VESTS

4.1 Sponsored rash vests will be given to each competitor as part of their entry fee. **This rash vest must be worn during competition by all competitors (surf and beach).**

4.2 During the entry process, you will be asked for Rash Vest size, please fill this in for each competitor.

## 5. SERIES FORMAT:

5.1 The Sydney Water Surf Series will be conducted over 4 rounds and open to any SLSA financial and proficient member.

5.2 Under 8 events will be held but we will not be conducting a pointscore in this age group. All under 8 competitors will receive a sample/gift bag at the last round.

5.3 Under 14s will compete in the afternoon program.

5.4 Individual point score championships will be conducted for age categories from Under 9 to Masters.

5.5 The categories for Under 9's through to Under 17's shall be:

a) Male Water Championship – points accrued from their individual age group water events

b) Female Water Championship – points accrued from their individual age group water events

c) Male Beach Championship – points accrued from their individual age group beach events

d) Female Beach Championship – points accrued from their individual age group beach events

5.6 Under 19's and Opens will compete jointly in open events. Cash/prizes will be awarded to winners in each round and overall series winners.

5.7 Masters categories will be 30yrs to 49yrs and 50yrs and over.

- a) Male Water Championship – points accrued from their individual Masters age group water events.
- b) Female Water Championship – points accrued from their individual Masters age group water events.
- c) Male Beach Championship – points accrued from their individual Masters age group water events.
- d) Female Beach Championship – points accrued from their individual Masters age group water events

5.8 **Prize Pool** for 2025 will be over \$60,000.

6. **INSURANCE:** As Sydney Water Surf Series offers prizes/prizemoney to individual competitors, please note that means that the competitor is only covered under typical personal accident/injury. They are not covered under iCare (workers compensation). For more information regarding insurance coverage for surf sports events, please refer to [Memo: Insurance Coverage – Participation in Surf Sports Events/Special Events](#)

7. **POINTSCORE:**

7.1 Points to be given in each race in each round:

Placing	Points @ Round
1 <sup>st</sup>	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7
4 <sup>th</sup>	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	4
7 <sup>th</sup>	3
8 <sup>th</sup>	2

7.2 **Count back** - In the circumstance of two or more competitors finishing on equal points in the overall pointscore, a countback will occur to determine which competitor receives the higher placing in the overall pointscore. The countback will be awarded to the competitor who has the highest individual event placing or number of placings in all rounds. If both competitors have the same number of highest placings (e.g. three 1<sup>st</sup> places in individual round events) then the next highest position (e.g. number of 2<sup>nd</sup> placings) will be used to separate the competitors.

8. **PROGRAM:**

- 8.1 See attached program which is subject to change under the direction of the Carnival Referee.
- 8.2 Team events will be OPEN (meaning male and/or female) unless stated otherwise. Team Events will only be held if time permits.
- 8.3 Events will be conducted as per the current SLSA Surf Sports Manual Edition and any additional bulletins.
- 8.4 It will be up to the discretion of the Carnival Committee if events go ahead or be changed.

9. **LIVEHEATS/WRISTBANDS**

- 9.1 LiveHeats RFID technology will be utilised at Sydney Water Surf Series. All athletes from U9 to Masters must wear their wristband in all events.
- 9.2 Competitors (U9 to Masters) with Liveheats wristbands do not need to check in at Administration. Competitors (U9 to Masters) without Liveheats wristbands need to come to administration. For new competitors (ie those who have not previously registered in Live Heats), wristband is included in their entry fee. For those competitors requiring replacement wristband, they can be purchased from Administration for a fee of \$5.00.
- 9.3 Under 8s need to check in at administration to receive their wristband (not Liveheats).

**NO WRISTBAND, NO COMPETITION**

**Wristbands will not be given to Managers/Parents – Competitors must come to Administration for the wristband to be sized correctly and issued with their wristband.**

## 10. IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:

10.1 **ALL** competitors (surf and beach) **MUST** wear official Sydney Water Surf Series singlets during competition. The competitor must wear Hi-Vis rash vest during warm-up period in water as well.

10.2 All handlers must wear Hi-Vis rash vest, club competition cap and must be a financial member of their club.

10.3 There will be two designated warm up areas on the day before the carnival – one area for board warm-up & one area for swim warm-up. Competitors must wear Hi-Vis rash vest during warm-up.

10.4 Individual clubs will be responsible for the water safety of their own competitors during the warm-up period.

10.5 All competitors must have their age group written clearly on their arms.

**11. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION** will be via Stack Team App – Sydney Water Surf Series and emails. Please advise all your competitors to join Stack Team App. We will put updates on Facebook and Instagram.

## 12. OFFICIALS/WATER SAFETY:

12.1 Each club competing in the Sydney Water Surf Series must supply:

a) **OFFICIALS: 1 official per 7 competitors** Clubs are expected to supply officials in accordance with the split between their senior and junior entries.

b) **WATER SAFETY: 1 person per every 7 competitors – required for U8-U13 section of carnival and U14 events. (Water Safety personal is in addition to Officials)**

In calculating this rule, please note that the above quota for water safety is for the total number of competitors not the total number of water competitor's e.g. 1 official and 1 water safety personnel for 1 through to 7 competitors, 2 officials and 2 water safety personnel for 8 – 14 competitors;

So for example if a club has 30 competitors in total they require 5 officials and 5 water safety personal.

12.2 Sydney Water Surf Series Committee is calling for Expressions of Interest from members to fulfil official roles at each round. This is an ongoing strategy that will help develop more officials and have a pathway for them to take on leading roles at major championships. We will attempt to accommodate all requests but can not guarantee. A roster will be published before each round on Stack Team App.

**This form can be submitted at any time during the series but please try and have submitted by Tuesday before each round so rosters can be completed a timely manner.**

Expression of Interest for Officials roles, please go to [2025 SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES OFFICIALS](#)

12.3 Rosters for both officials and water safety will be done and placed in Stacks Team App and emailed to Team Managers and officials by Thursday prior to each round. It is club's responsibility to fulfill their obligations as per the Roster. These ratios will be strictly adhered to by the Carnival Referee.

12.4 All officials and water safety personnel will be required to "sign on and off" on the day.

**ALL OFFICIALS AND WATER SAFETY PERSONNEL MUST BE FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE SAVING**

**AND HAVE THE APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THEIR ROLE.**

## 13. HEALTH & WELLBEING:

13.1 Competitors and officials should realise the importance of fitness to undertake their respective activities and should seek expert advice on all aspects of their health before participating. Competitors and/or officials who suffer illness or injury should seek medical advice prior to participating or continuing with their activity.

13.2 In addition SLS Illawarra may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate to ensure that an unfit competitor and/or official and/or SLS Illawarra is not placed at risk.

#### **14. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT:**

14.1 Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated and offending member's risk disciplinary action against themselves and their Clubs.

14.2 Please refer to current Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and SLSA Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy

#### **15. CLUB DECLARATION, TEAM MANAGER DETAILS and EOI FOR OFFICIALS:**

15.1 Each club to fill out the Club Declaration and Team Managers Details by **Tuesday 11 November 2024**.

Go to [2025 SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES DECLARATION AND TEAM MANAGERS DETAILS](#)

15.2 Expression of Interest for Officials roles, please go to [2025 SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES OFFICIALS](#)  
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#### **Any questions:**

##### **Logistics and carnival organisation**

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# JUNIOR PROGRAM - SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES

**Note: Under 14 events to be held in the afternoon with Seniors and Masters**

Time	Water 1	Water 2	Under 8s	Sprints	Flags
7am	Clubs to pick up race singlets and complete late entries Competitors to register and receive wristbands				
8am	Officials and Water Safety to report to Co-ordinator				
8.15am	Compulsory Team Managers Meeting				
8.30am	U10 Male Surf	U13 Male Surf	<b>Order of events will</b>	U8 Male Sprint	U10 Male
	U10 Female Surf	U13 Female Surf	<b>depend on conditions</b>	U8 Female Sprint	U10 Female
	U9 Male Surf	U12 Male Surf		U8 Relay	U12 Male
	U9 Female Surf	U12 Female Surf	U8 Male Wade	U9 Male	U12 Female
	U10 Male Board H/F	U11 Male Surf	U8 Female Wade	U9 Female	U9 Male
	U10 Female Board H/F	U11 Female Surf	Wade Relay	U9 Relay	U9 Female
	U9 Male Board H/F	U13 Male Board H/F	U8 Female Flags	U11 Male	U13 Male
	U9 Female Board H/F	U13 Female Board H/F	U8 Male Flags	U11 Female	U13 Female
	U9 Board Relay	U12 Male Board H/F	Under 8 Female Flags	U11 Relay	U11 Male
	U10 Board Relay	U12 Female Board H/F	Under 8 Male Flags	U10 Male	U11 Female
		U11 Male Board H/F		U10 Female	
		U11 Female Board H/F		U10 Relay	
		U13 Ironman		U12 Male	
		U13 Ironwoman		U12 Female	
		U12 Ironman		U12 Relay	
		U12 Ironwoman		U13 Male	
		U11 Ironman		U13 Female	
		U11 Ironwoman		U13 Relay	
	<b>U9/U10/U11/U12/U13</b> All rounds: Board Relay Round 3 – U11/U12/U13 Cameron Relay (3 person) (these events will be held if time/weather/surf conditions permit)		<b>Round 2:</b> 12noon 1km runs – U12/U13 2km runs – U14/U15/U17/Open/Masters (results not included in pointscore) (these events will be held if time/weather/surf conditions permit)		

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- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sydneywatersurfseries/>
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## SENIOR PROGRAM - SYDNEY WATER SURF SERIES

TIME	WATER 1	WATER 2	SPRINTS	FLAGS
From 10am	Clubs to pick up race singlets and complete late entries Competitors to register and receive wristbands			
12.00pm	Officials to report to Co-ordinator			
12.15pm	Compulsory Team Managers Meeting			
12.30pm	<b>MALE WATER AREA 1</b>	<b>FEMALE WATER AREA 2</b>	<b>BEACH SPRINTS</b>	<b>BEACH FLAGS</b>
	Open Ironman	Open Ironwoman	U14 Female	U17 Female
<b>***WATER</b>	U14 Ironman ***	U14 Ironwoman ***	U14 Male	U17 Male
<b>SAFETY</b>	U15 Ironman	U15 Ironwoman	U14 Relay	Open Female
<b>REQUIRED</b>	U17 Ironman	U17 Ironwoman	U15 Female	Open Male
<b>FOR ALL</b>	30-49yrs Ironman	30-49yrs Ironwoman	U15 Male	30-49yrs Female
<b>U14 EVENTS</b>	50yrs plus Ironman	50yrs plus Ironwoman	U15 Relay	50yrs + Female
	Open Male Surf	Open Female Surf	Open Female	30-49yrs Male
	U14 Male Surf ***	U14 Female Surf ***	Open Male	50yrs + Male
	U15 Male Surf	U15 Female Surf	30-49yrs Female	U14 Female
	U17 Male Surf	U17 Female Surf	50yrs + Female	U14 Male
	30-49yrs Male Surf	30-49yrs Female Surf	30-49yrs Male	U15 Female
	50yrs + Male Surf	50yrs + Female Surf	50yrs+ Male	U15 Male
	Open Male Board	Open Female Board	U17 Female	
	U14 Male Board***	U14 Female Board***	U17 Male	
	U15 Male Board	U15 Female Board	U17 Relay	
	U17 Male Board	U17 Female Board	Open Beach Relay – 4 person any combination	
	30-49yrs Male Board	30-49yrs Female Board		
	50yrs + Male Board	50yrs + Female Board		
	Open Male Ski	Open Female Ski		
	U17 Male Ski	U17 Female Ski		
	30-49yrs Male Ski	30-49yrs Female Ski		
	50yrs + Male Ski	50yrs + Female Ski		
	<b>Round 3:</b> U14/U15/U17/Open/Masters Taplin (4 person) (these events will be held if time/weather/surf conditions permit)		<b>Round 2 only:</b> 12noon 1km runs – U12/U13 2km runs – U14/U15/U17/Open/Masters (results not included in pointscore) (these events will be held if time/weather/surf conditions permit)	

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