

2026 SLSSNB OPEN BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY CIRCULAR

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Audience:	Club Surf Sports contacts, Club Secretaries, Junior Activities Coordinators, Competitors
Summary:	Entry circular for 2026 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Open Championships.
Action Required:	All SLSSNB members competing in the 2026 SLSSNB Opens Branch Championships are to adhere to the event rules and criteria for this year's Championships as set out by this circular

BRANCH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2026 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Open Championship Beach events will be conducted on **Saturday February 7th, 2026**, at Queenscliff Beach, and the Water events will also be conducted on **Saturday February 7th, 2026**, at Queenscliff Beach.

WATER SAFETY

The Clubs who have been chosen due to large competitor numbers in open water competition will be required to provide an IRB with drivers and crew for the entire day of competition. These Clubs will be notified of their obligation separately.

HI VIZ SINGLETs

All water competitors must wear Hi-Viz Pink singlets. Any competitor wearing colors other than pink or faded pink singlets may be removed from the starting line.

OFFICIALS

All Clubs are to provide Officials as per SNB quota of 1 official for every 8 competitors as a guide. Clubs that do not adhere to this requirement may have their competitors suspended from the Branch Championships.

COMPOSITE TEAMS

Composite Teams will be permitted and can participate under the guidelines outlined in a **Circular 202601-08 - SLSSNB Branch Championships Composite Teams** which is to be read in conjunction with this Entry Circular.

TEAM CHANGES

Any changes to the composition of a team must be made prior to the first call of marshalling for the respective team event. There will be designated resources made available for all team changes on the day if absolutely required. These changes should be made as early as possible to avoid teams missing events. Event marshals will not be available to make team changes.

U14 PARTICIPATION IN TEAM EVENTS

SRC Proficient U14 competitors are permitted to compete in U15 team events at the Open Branch Championships, but there must be a **minimum of one** U15 competitor in the team.

U14 competitors will need to enter the Open Branch Championships as a separate event. Entry into the Junior Branch Championships does not carry into the Open Branch Championships for Water & Beach events.

U15 PARTICIPATION IN U17 TEAM EVENTS

Bronze Proficient U15 competitors are permitted to compete in U17 team events at the Open Branch Championships, as per the guidelines outlined in [SSM 38th Edition](#), but there must be a **minimum of one** U17 competitor in the team.

CRAFT SCRUTINEERING

The onus of ensuring that all personal or club craft and equipment meet safety and scrutineering specifications remains with the owner / user of the craft and equipment. Spot checks may be carried out during the Branch Championships, and action taken as required which could include the craft/equipment not being permitted to be used until the issues are addressed.

LIFESAVER RELAY

The Lifesaver Relay will not be held at the 2026 Branch Championships.

Any Club wishing to be considered for entry nomination to NSW State Championships must supply details of all team members, including gender, age category and leg they are competing in to Branch by **Monday 2nd February 2026** to be verified.

COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

All members entered **MUST** be Proficient and Financial members by 31 December 2025. SLSSNB reserves the right to conduct a random or detailed audit of any Club Entries.

EVENTS COMPLETION

If time does not permit the completion of these events, the events will not be postponed to a future date. There is a 4:00 PM curfew for all SLSSNB Branch Championship Events with water components.

MARCH PAST

The Open March Past competition will be conducted as part of the Open and Masters Beach events on **Saturday February 7th, 2026**.

R&R

R&R events will be conducted as part of the Open and Masters Beach events on **Saturday February 7th, 2026**. Refer to **Circular 202601-06 - SLSSNB R&R Branch Championships** for event details.

EVENTS

The following Championship Events shall be conducted in their respective areas and as per the current Surf Sports Manual, 37th Revised Edition and any subsequent SLSA and SLSSNB Bulletin updates and circulars.

SWIMMING EVENTS

Open Male Surf Race
Open Female Surf Race
Under 19 Male Surf Race
Under 19 Female Surf Race
Under 17 Male Surf Race
Under 17 Female Surf Race
Under 15 Male Surf Race
Under 15 Female Surf Race

Open Male Surf Teams Race
Open Female Surf Teams Race
Under 19 Male Surf Teams Race
Under 19 Female Surf Team Race
Under 17 Male Surf Teams Race
Under 17 Female Surf Teams Race
Under 15 Male Surf Teams
Under 15 Female Surf Teams

MULTI-DISCIPLINE EVENTS

Open Ironman
Open Ironwoman
Under 19 Ironman
Under 19 Ironwoman
Under 17 Ironman
Under 17 Ironwoman
Under 15 Ironman
Under 15 Ironwoman

Open Male Surf Board Rescue
Open Female Surf Board Rescue
Under 19 Male Surf Board Rescue
Under 19 Female Surf Board Rescue
Under 17 Male Surf Board Rescue
Under 17 Female Surf Board Rescue
Under 15 Male Board Rescue
Under 15 Female Board Rescue

Open Male Taplin (6) Relay
Open Female Taplin (3) Relay
Open Mixed Taplin (6) Relay
Under 19 Male Taplin (3) Relay
Under 19 Female Taplin (3) Relay
Under 17 Male Taplin Relay
Under 17 Female Taplin Relay
Under 15 Male Cameron Relay
Under 15 Female Cameron Relay

Open Lifesaver Relay Race¹

CRAFT EVENTS - SKI

Open Male Single Ski
Open Female Single Ski
Under 19 Male Single Ski
Under 19 Female Single Ski
Under 17 Male Single Ski
Under 17 Female Single Ski

Open Male Single Ski Relay
Open Women's Ski Relay
Under 19 Male Single Ski Relay
Under 19 Female Single Ski Relay
Under 17 Male Single Ski Relay
Under 17 Female Ski Relay

Open Male Double Ski
Open Female Double Ski
U19 Mixed Double Ski

Open Mixed Double Ski
Under 19 Male Double Ski
Under 19 Female Double Ski

CRAFT EVENTS – SURF BOARD

Open Male Surf Board Race
Open Female Surf Board Race
Under 19 Male's Surf Board Race
Under 19 Female Surf Board Race
Under 17 Male Surf Board Race
Under 17 Female Surf Board Race
Under 15 Male Surf Board Race
Under 15 Female Surf Board Race

Open Male Surf Board Relay
Open Female Surf Board Relay
Under 19 Male Surf Board Relay
Under 19 Female Surf Board Relay
Under 17 Male Surf Board Relay
Under 17 Female Surf Board Relay
Under 15 Male Surf Board Relay
Under 15 Female Surf Board Relay

BEACH EVENTS

Open Male Beach Sprint
Open Female Beach Sprint
Under 19 Male Beach Sprint
Under 19 Female Beach Sprint
Under 17 Male Beach Sprint
Under 17 Female Beach Sprint
Under 15 Male Beach Sprint
Under 15 Female Beach Sprint

Open Male Beach Flags
Open Women's Beach Flags
Under 19 Male Beach Flags
Under 19 Female Beach Flags
Under 17 Male Beach Flags
Under 17 Female Beach Flags
Under 15 Male Beach Flags
Under 15 Female Beach Flags

Open Male Beach Relay
Open Female Beach Relay
Under 19 Male Beach Relay
Under 19 Female Beach Relay
Under 17 Male Beach Relay
Under 17 Female Beach Relay
Under 15 Male Beach Relay
Under 15 Female Beach Relay

Open Male 2km Run
Open Female 2km Run
Under 19 Male 2km Run
Under 19 Female 2km Run
Under 17 Male 2km Run
Under 17 Female 2km Run
Under 15 Male 2km Run
Under 15 Female 2km Run

Open Mixed Beach Relay
U19 Mixed Beach Relay
U17 Mixed Beach Relay
U15 Mixed Beach Relay

Open Male 2 x 1km Run Relay
Open Female 2 x 1km Run Relay
Under 19 Male 2 x 1km Run Relay
Under 19 Female 2 x 1km Run Relay
Under 17 Male 2 x 1km Run Relay
Under 17 Female 2 x 1km Run Relay
Under 15 Male 2 x 1km Run Relay
Under 15 Female 2 x 1km Run Relay

Open March Past
Under 23 March Past

Note¹: The boat leg of the Lifesaver Relay race will be conducted at the 2025 SLSSNB Surf Boat Branch Championships on **Saturday March 1st, 2025**. Refer to **Circular 202501-07 - SLSSNB Surf Boats Branch Championships**.