

2026 SLSSNB BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPOSITE TEAMS

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| Summary: | Information covering formation and eligibility of Composite Teams for 2025 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Championships. |
| Action Required: | All SLSSNB members competing in the 2026 SLSSNB Branch Championships are to adhere to the event rules and criteria for this year's Championships as set out by this circular |

BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

This document outlines the rules and guidelines to be followed in respect to Composite Teams being permitted to compete at the 2026 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Junior, Open and Masters' Branch Championships.

Note that the guidelines stipulated within this circular may be overruled by specific event circulars.

BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY

Competitors enter the Branch Championships as normal via the Sports Events Management System (SEMS). There is no special entry required.

TEAM INFORMATION

Teams will be permitted to be formed/changed on the day, provided the competitors of each team have been entered into the carnival.

All changes/additions must be made in LiveHeats before the competitors are called for marshaling, no changes will be permitted at marshaling.

COMPETITION CAPS

Composite team members are to wear the club caps of their own clubs. Different caps may be provided at the event by officials. The members should also have a C marked on their arms to help identify them as a Composite Team.

ELIGIBLE EVENTS

- At this time no event that is a qualification for State or National championships will be eligible to be run with composite teams at Branch Championship events
- Any mixed team event (e.g. Mixed Beach Relay) will not be eligible to run with composite teams at Branch Championship events.
- No Surf Boat events will be eligible to run with composite teams.
- A competitor is only allowed to form a composite team in the actual age group they are registered for, they are not allowed to compete up an age group in order to form a

composite team e.g. an U11 competitor is not eligible to compete up to form an U12 composite team regardless if he/she has or has not competed in the respective U11 team event

Note: Normal competition participation rules apply as per the 38th Edition Surf Sports Manual.

- Specific events that Composite Teams **are not allowed**
 - a) All Age Beach Relay
 - b) All Age Board Relay
 - c) Life Saver Relay
 - d) Mixed Beach Relay
 - e) Mixed Cameron Relay
 - f) Board Rescue
 - g) Rescue Tube Rescue
 - h) Double Ski
 - i) R&R
 - j) March Past
 - k) Surf Boat Races
 - l) Surf Teams
 - m) First Aid & Patrol Competition
- Example Events that composite teams **are allowed**
 - n) Board Relay (including Masters)
 - o) Ski Relay (including Masters)
 - p) 3 person Taplin Relay (including Masters)
 - q) 6 person Taplin Relay
 - r) 3 person Cameron Relay
 - s) Beach Sprint Relay (including Masters, excluding All Age and Mixed events)

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

- Points **will not** be allocated to composite teams.
- Points will be allocated to non-composite teams as though the composite team/s did not exist. e.g. Composite Team comes 2nd and a non-composite team 3rd. The 3rd placed non-composite team is awarded points as if they came second.
- In the case that there are insufficient non-composite teams to fill the placing's allocated for that event, there will be no count back to semi-finals and points will only be allocated in order for the non-composite teams.

POSITION RECOGNITION AND MEDALS

- Recorders will record places for both composite and non-composite teams in order to allocate points and positions correctly.
- Non-composite teams are recorded in their placing as though the composite team did not exist. e.g. Composite team places 2nd and a non-composite team place 3rd, the 3rd placed non-composite team is awarded 2nd place along with the composite team.
- In the case that there are insufficient non-composite teams to fill the positions allocated for that event, there will be no count back to semi-finals, medals will only be allocated in order for the non-composite teams
- Medals are awarded to both composite and non-composite teams according to their recognised position.
- LiveHeats will be configured to accommodate the allocation of points and medals as per the above parameters

Below is an example of positions recognised, medals and points awarded -

| Place | Team Type | Place Recognised | Medal Awarded | Points Awarded |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Non-Composite | 1 st | Gold | 6 |
| 2 nd | Composite | 2 nd | Silver | 0 |
| 3 rd | Non-Composite | 2 nd | Silver | 5 |
| 4 th | Composite | 3 rd | Bronze | 0 |
| 5 th | Non-Composite | 3 rd | Bronze | 4 |
| 6 th | Non-Composite | 4 th | - | 3 |
| 7 th | Non-Composite | 5 th | - | 2 |
| 8 th | Non-Composite | 6 th | - | 1 |
| 9 th | Non-Composite | 7 th | - | 0 |