

## 2022 TASMANIAN JUNIOR SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

### COMMON QUESTIONS:

**Q: Can an individual compete in an individual event in another age category? i.e. an U10 compete in an individual U11 event.**

No – a competitor can only compete in their own age category in an individual event. Note: this includes U13 competing in individual U14 events even after they have gained their SRC award.

**Q: Can an individual compete in team events other than their own? i.e. an U10 compete in an U11 team event.**

Yes – to assist in making up teams, individuals are allowed to compete up one age category for team events only. However, in the spirit of fair competition, clubs are expected to utilise competitors within the age category before using younger aged competitors. Note: Proficient U13 competitors with their relevant age award may compete in U14 age category team events but will be required to use the equipment designated for the U14 age category i.e. 3.2m mal board. They are not required to hold their SRC.

**Q: Can a club have a mixed gender team?**

Yes – males and females can make up a 'mixed' gender team, however the event will be classed as an 'open team event' and must compete in the male event, which would then be classified as open. Example: a female can compete only in the one team within her age category. i.e. U11 female board relay, but not U11 female **and** male board relay. They can, however, participate in either a male (mixed gender) team or an all-female team in one age group up. i.e. U11 female can compete in an Under 11 female board relay and the U12 female or male (mixed gender) board relay. Females that compete in a male surf & team event will only be resulted in the team result. They cannot be resulted as an individual in a male event.

**Q: Can a club enter more than one all age relay team?**

No – only one team is permitted per club. A team consists of one competitor from each age group (male or female). The team must consist of a competitor from each age category, no member can compete up an age category.

**Q: Can I lodge a protest/appeal against a decision?**

Yes – however, this must abide by the following process: A protest against a competitor or team or against a decision of an Official must be lodged verbally with the Referee/Area Referee within 5 mins of the completion of the event or announcement of the result. A written protest must then be lodged with the Referee/Area Referee within 15 mins of the verbal protest with the fee of \$150.00 GST inc. This will be fully refunded if the protest is successful/upheld. Note: only competitors or Team Managers are to approach Officials to raise a protest and/or appeal.

**Q: Are composite club teams allowed?**

Yes – to allow participation, however no points or medals will be awarded as it is a Championship event. Priority will be given to full club teams in the event of limited lane numbers. i.e. board rescue or beach relay.

**Q: Can changes be made to team lists?**

Yes – any changes to team lists/entries are to be communicated to the Carnival Recorder at the Team Managers briefing at the start of the event. If a competitor is withdrawn at this point, they will not incur the carnival entry fee. **No late entries** will be accepted.

**Q: Can competitor changes occur after the close of entries?**

Yes/No – No additional teams or individuals (individual event) can be added to an event after close of the entries. In teams only, substitution of up to and including all team members is permitted providing they are qualified members and entered into the carnival.

**Q: Can competitors wear wetsuits in water events?**

Yes/No – they shall be permitted in water events when the water temperature is 16 degrees Celsius or less, or when the Referee determines wind chill or weather is a factor and may result in hypothermia. The determination will be communicated by the Referee at the briefing prior to each day of competition. Wetsuits worn shall have a maximum thickness of 5.5 mm at any location on the wetsuit.

**Q: Can there be changes to the Championship program?**

Yes – the carnival program may change at short notice to facilitate the safe and effective running of the event. These changes will be made by the Referee in consultation with the Event Competition Committee and/or the Safety & Emergency Committee. Any changes will be communicated to Team Managers and announced via the PA.

**OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**Competitor identification** – all competitors to show their age category marked clearly on one of their hands and one leg.

**Board handlers** – reminder that for irons, board handlers are required for each competitor. They must be wearing both a club cap and fluoro vest. Please remind handlers that must not purposely impeded other competitors and must leave the transition area without impeding other competitors. Significant indiscretions may lead to disqualification of competitors.

**Relay transitions/tags** – age managers are to remind all competitors that once they have tagged their teammate, they are to move away from the start line/transition without impeding other teams. Significant indiscretions may lead to disqualification of competitors or teams.