

2022 TASMANIAN OPEN SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMMON QUESTIONS:

Q: At the Tasmanian Open Surf Lifesaving Championships can an individual compete in an individual and/or team event in another age category?

Yes/No – see table below:

Age Category	Individual Events	Team Events
U14	U15	U14 and/or U15
U15	U15 only (even if they turn 15 during a season and obtain or are eligible to obtain the SLSA Bronze Medallion)	U15 and/or U17 (with the exception of competing on a ski) if a member turns 15 during a season and obtains the SLSA Bronze Medallion
U17	U17 and/or Open	Two team ages only - U17, U19 and Open
U19	U19 and/or Open	U19 and Open
Open	Open only	Open only

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. U17 female board relay, but not U17 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. U17 female can compete in an Under 17 female board relay and the Open 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: What is the composition of a Lifesaver Relay Team?

Teams shall comprise of nine competitors all of whom must be SLSA Bronze Medallion holders (one Surf Boat Crew, one Swimmer, one Board Paddler, one Ski Paddler and one Beach Sprinter). Excluding the Surf Boat sweep within each team there must be four female competitors and four male competitors. Also included in the team from this gender mix must be at least one U19 competitor and at least one U17 competitor (as determined by their age for participation in individual events). Teams **MUST** have at least one competitor from the U17 and U19 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 increase 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: Are interstate competitors holding competitor rights with clubs outside of Tasmania allowed to compete?

Yes – as long as they meet the requirements of entry i.e. hold the appropriate award/s, are registered and financial with a surf lifesaving club.

Q: Will interstate competitors be awarded medals/points?

Yes - for individual events they will be awarded medals for placing, with points allocated to the club with which they have their competitive rights. However, duplicate medals will be awarded to the top placing competitors from Tasmanian clubs. e.g.

J Smith 1st Bondi SLSC – awarded gold medal and 1st placed points (Bondi)

F Smith 2nd Burnie SLSC – as first Tasmanian awarded gold medal and 1st placed points

D Smith 3rd Clifton Beach SLSC – awarded silver medal and 2nd placed points

R Smith 4th Devonport SLSC – awarded bronze medal and 3rd placed points

The first competitor representing a Tasmanian club would be recognised as the Tasmanian Champion for that event. i.e. F Smith from example above.

Note for team events unless they have a full complement of club members, they will be recognised as a composite team (see above).

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.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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

Craft handlers – reminder 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 – Team 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.