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2021 Sea Swift Northern Territory Surf Life Saving Junior & Senior Championships ENTRY CIRCULAR

27TH – 29TH August 2021

**Casuarina Beach, Darwin, Northern Territory
Mindil Beach, Darwin, Northern Territory**

ATTENTION	Club Captain / Club Director of Competition Club Junior Coordinator / Club Director of Junior Activities
Date of Circular	07 June 2021
Emailed to	Club President Club Secretary / Club Director of Administration Club Captain / Club Director of Competition Club Junior Coordinator / Club Director of Junior Activities
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This circular provides Entry information for the 2021 NT Junior and Senior Surf Life Saving Championships, hosted by Surf Life Saving Northern Territory (SLSNT). Conducted at Casuarina and Mindil Beach, Darwin on Friday 27th, Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th August 2021.

Competitors cannot be entered into the competition unless member details, such as award proficiency and patrol hours, are accurate. This is the club's responsibility.

DATES & VENUES

Friday 27th August 2021 – Casuarina Beach – Darwin Surf Life Saving Club.

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th August 2021 – Mindil Beach.

ACTION REQUIRED

- 1) Plan accommodation and equipment transport for the Championships (if required).
- 2) Submit all competitor entries on-line via Sport Event Management System (SEMS)*.



- 3) Entries Open Friday 02nd July 2021.
- 4) Regular entries close Midnight Sunday 15th August 2021.
- 5) Late entries close Midnight Friday 20th August 2021 (late fees apply).
*Refer to SEMS user guide on how to obtain a log in/username.

Team Managers

Please ensure you have enough equipment available for members entered in each event. Hi-Vis Pink must be worn at all events for Junior's this must be provided by the club, and for seniors will be included in the registration fee.

ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must be registered for the current season on Surfguard. As per surf sport manual edition 36 eligibility will be determined by the following:

Juniors

AGE	Participation in Individual Events – Compete as:	Participation in Team Events – Compete as:
7 Years (proficient)	U/8	U8 and/or U9 (Note: U8 members shall not be permitted to compete in water events other than the Wade Relay (because the competition evaluation does not form part of the U8 Age Award/Proficiency))
8 Years (proficient)	U/9	U/9 and or U/10
9 Years (proficient)	U/10	U/10 and or U/11
10 Years (proficient)	U/11	U/11 and or U/12
11 Years (proficient)	U/12	U/12 and or U/13
12 Years (proficient)	U/13	U/13 and or U/14
13 Years (proficient)	U/14	U/14 and or U/15

Youth

AGE	Participation in Individual Events – Compete as:	Participation in Team Events – Compete as:
14 Years (proficient)	U15 (U15 age competitors must remain in the U15 age category and shall not be permitted to compete in any older age division even if they turn 15 during a season and obtain or are eligible to obtain the SLSA Bronze Medallion).	U15 (U15 age competitors must remain in the U15 age category and shall not be permitted to compete in any older age division even if they turn 15 during a season and obtain or are eligible to obtain the SLSA Bronze Medallion).
15 Years	U/17 and or Open (Event minimum age category requirements to compete on surf skis - refer to Section 6 for Surf Ski events and Section 8 for Iron person events in the Surf Sports Manual)	Two team ages only - U17, U19 and Open (Event minimum age category requirements to compete on surf skis - refer to Section 6 for Surf Ski events and Section 8 for Iron person events in the Surf Sports Manual)



Senior

AGE	Participation in Individual Events – Compete as:	Participation in Team Events – Compete as:
16 Years	U/17 and/or Open	Two team ages only - U17, U19 and Open (refer to section 5 for Surf Boats in the Surf Sports manual)
17 Years	U/19 and/or Open	U/19 and/or Open
18 Years	U/19 and/or Open	U/19 and/or Open
19 Years	Open	Open
20 Years & Above	Open	Open
30 Years & Above	Open and/or Master’s and/or Veteran (Over 50)	Masters and/or Open and/or Senior

PATROL HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Patrol Hour Requirements are governed by SLSA Policy 5.04 ‘Competition Eligibility - Guidelines’ and are valid for the period 1st August 2020 – 31st July 2021.

All Cadets and Active members:

All cadets and active members competing in the U15, U17, U19, Open and master’s Categories must meet SLSA/SLSNT patrol hour requirements to be eligible for the championships as well as any club-specific requirements as follows:

Cadets & Active Members (Open, U/19, U/17, U/15)	16 hours or more
Reserve Active Members	8 hours or more
Long Service & Life Members	Exempt

New Members:

New Members gaining their patrol qualifications for the first time in the 2021 season (Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion/Certificate II in Public Safety) must complete a minimum of 4 patrol hours, in addition to 4 patrol hours per month that they have been qualified before the close of entries. Clubs to ensure hours are logged on Surfguard.

SURFGUARD

SLSNT reserves the right to access Surfguard to provide assurance of a competitor’s eligibility for the Championships. Competitors will not be permitted to compete at these Championships if Surfguard does not confirm eligibility.

ENTRY PROCESS

Clubs must enter competitors on-line via the SLSA Carnival Management System. SLSNT will provide logins to authorised club personnel. Members cannot enter themselves into the Championships.

ENTRY FEE

Age Categories U/14 and below: \$20.00

Age Categories U/15 years and above: \$40.00

SLSNT will supply all competitors an Pink Hi Visibility Lycra

Late Entries

Late Entries into the NT SLS Championships will attract a \$40.00 for U/14 and below age categories and \$80.00 fee for U/15 and above age categories no exceptions.

Clubs will be invoiced following completion of the NT SLS Championships.

COMPETITOR AGE GROUPS

To determine the correct age group the competitor's age is determined at the 30th September 2020. Note that **Masters must be 35 years or older**.

Example 1 (Junior Member):

On 30th September 2020 Brendan is 9 years old. He is eligible to enter U10 events.

Example 2 (U14 Member):

On 30th September 2020 Jessica is 13 years old. She is eligible to enter U14 events. Jessica can also enter U15 events provided she has a surf rescue certificate and met the patrol hour's requirements.

Example 3 (U15 Member):

On 30th September 2020 Freddy is 14. He can compete in U15 events only at these NT Championships.

Example 4 (U17 Member):

On 30th September 2020 Samantha is 16. She can compete in U17 events and Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 5 (U19 Member):

On 30th September 2020 Bree is 18. She can compete in U19 events and Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 6 (Aged 19-34):

On 30th September 2020 Suzette is 19. She can only compete in Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 7 (Masters):

On 30th September 2020 Trevor is 35. He can compete in Masters Events and Open events at these NT Championships.

The determination of age categories can cause qualification difficulties for some age groups and SLSNT should be contacted where exceptional circumstances exist. The final decision will be made by the SLSNT Director of Sport.

COMPETITION UNIFORM – Minimum Requirements

- **Junior** - To wear club competition cap & wear either long sleeved, club rash shirts or pink hi-vis club lycras in all water events.
- **Youth** - To wear club competition cap & wear provided Hi-vis lycras in all water events.
- **Seniors** - To wear club competition cap & wear provided Hi-vis lycras in all water events
- **Surf Boats** - Please be aware of the requirements regarding helmets in accordance with SLSA regulations.

*SLSNT will provide pink hi-vis lycras for all competitors (cost is included in the entry fee).

OFFICIALS – PLEASE NOMINATE

16-20 Officials are needed each day to conduct the Championships. If possible officials should nominate for a role but choose 'General' if no preference is offered:

- Referee
- Sectional Referees – Beach, Water/Craft, Boat
- Marshalls/ Starters
- Chief Judge (organises the judges)
- Judges and Recorders

All officials will be supplied with an official's blue shirt and should supply their own white or dark blue shorts, hat and sun protection. Where possible, new officials will be paired with experienced officials. Please nominate by emailing Ella Tilling at SLSNT via ella@lifesavingnt.com.au.

MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Individual & Team Events

Medals will be awarded to individual & team competitors competing in the Junior Championships (U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14) male and female events.

Age Champion Medals

All competitors will be eligible for Age Champion medals (U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, U19, Open, Masters & Veterans (Over 50)). Age Champion will be awarded to the individual with the highest point scorer across individual events in their age group.

TJ Tilley Memorial Trophy

The TJ Tilley Memorial Trophy will be awarded will be awarded to an individual from the U12, U13 or U14 age groups that best displays the spirit of the carnival.

On completion of the Carnival, Team Managers will provide in writing one nomination form their team to the Carnival Referee. The Carnival Referee will make a decision based on the nominations and will announce the award at the Carnival presentation

NT Champion Club

The NT Champion Club Trophy will be awarded to the club with the highest accumulated points across all events at the end of the Championships.

In addition, a Champion Club will be awarded in Surf Boats, Ocean and Beach based on points accumulated against relevant races. Individual and team events will contribute to points.

*Interstate clubs will not be eligible to hold the NT Champion Club title. (Only Darwin SLSC, Mindil Beach SLSC, Gove Peninsula SLSC or Broome SLSC).

POLICIES & RULES

The SLSNT Surf Life Saving Championships will be conducted in accordance with the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36th edition, SLSA policies and relevant SLSA Bulletins.



EVENT CLARIFICATIONS

- **MIXED** – means both genders must be represented in any proportion.
- **COMBINED AGE GROUPS (e.g. U11-U12)** – means competitors can come from one age group or both age groups.
- **JUNIOR COMPETITORS** – compete only in their age group for individual events and the All-Age Relay.
- **U13-U14 MX Board Rescue** - Note that U13 competitors cannot paddle the longer U14 Board but can be a patient in this event.
- **U17 IRONMAN & U17 IRONWOMAN** – there is no ski leg in this event.
- **U15** competitors can no longer compete in open events; see SLSA Surf Sport Manual Update, Section 2, and General Competitive Conditions.

PROGRAMS

The 2021 NT SLS Championships program will be confirmed after the close of entries. Please note that events will be cut if there are insufficient numbers nominated. SLSNT encourages clubs to nominate their athletes in all eligible events.

Please contact your club Director of Sport to organise entries.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Ella Tilling, SLSNT Operations Manager, on (08) 8985 6588 or email ella@lifesavingnt.com.au.