



# Rules & Regulations

## Beach & Paddle Series – 2024

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory (SLSNT) runs the Darwin Beach & Paddle Series each year, and in 2024, it will be a 3-event series run from June to August. Each event will provide a short and long-distance paddle competition, ranging from 3.5km to 12km. Events are designed for maximum participation, emphasising fun and friendly competition in a safe open water environment with the reassurance of being escorted by trained surf lifesavers.

### 1. Registration & Entry Fee

- a. Registration for the 2024 Series will open on 20<sup>th</sup> of May.
  - i. Registrations will be managed online, through [My Booking Manager](#). Links to this site will be provided on the Facebook event page and SLSNT website.
  - ii. All paddlers are asked to register in advance to ensure SLSNT can arrange adequate water safety for the event.
- b. The entry fee covers the cost of public liability insurance and essential water safety. The 2024 entry fees are as follows:
  - i. Series Entry—\$40.00 per person. This allows competitors to compete in all three (3) events. Series entries will close 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2024.
  - ii. Individual Event Entry - \$15.00 per person, entries close at 9 pm on the three days before the event.
  - iii. Group Entries—\$60. This only allows competitors of 6 in one craft. It closes on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. Late registrations - \$25.00 per person, must be paid in cash on the day of the event only.
- c. The SLSNT B&PS Hi-Visibility T-Shirt can be collected on the day.

### 2. Eligibility

- a. The paddle events are open to competitors aged 15 years and above.
- b. All paddlers must be deemed competent swimmers and will be subjected to SLSNT competency requirements.
- c. All SLS members participating must hold a current Bronze Medallion to use SLS endorsed craft.
- d. Use of SLS endorsed craft (Surf Ski, Surf Boat etc) must comply with SLSA Rule & Regulations (i.e. Surf Sport Manual, Use of SLSA Equipment Policy 1.02)

### 3. Water Safety / First Aid

- a. The safety of competitors is of paramount importance to SLSNT. Each event will be supported by lifesavers equipped with open water lifesaving and rescue equipment. This may include Inflatable Rescue Boats and Rescue Jet Skis (RWC).

### 4. Safety Clothing & Equipment

- a. All competitors must meet the minimum safety requirements, which are:
  - i. Wear SLSNT B&PS Hi-Vis T-Shirt at all times whilst competing in ocean events.
  - ii. Use craft and equipment that is considered seaworthy.



- iii. At SLSNT discretion, paddlers may be required to carry an orange smoke flare, wear a PFD and/or carry a whistle.

**5. Courses & Craft**

Short Course (3.5km to 4km) are suited for:	Long Course (7km to 12km) are suited for:
Dragon Boats	Dragon Boats
Ocean Scull	Ocean Scull
Outrigger Canoes (OC1, OC2, OC6)	Outrigger Canoes (OC1, OC2, OC6)
Plastic Surf Skis, Recreational Kayaks & Sea Kayaks	Surfboats (SLSA approved)
Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUPS)	Surf Skis (SLSA approved) & Ocean Skis
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- a. Craft not listed above will be considered, subject to scrutineering and will not be allowed to compete if found unseaworthy. Please contact SLSNT for further craft eligibility.
- b. Courses are set to the best of SLSNT ability. SLSNT endeavour to mark the course to the set lengths; however, competitors are advised that course lengths are not always exact.

**6. Results**

- a. Individual Event results will be recorded on the SLSNT website following each event.

**7. Competitor of the Series & Points**

- a. Competitors will compete for Male Competitor of the Series and Female Competitor of the Series.
  - i. The age of the competitor will not be taken into consideration, only gender.
- b. Each competitor will be awarded points based on their finishing order which SLSNT will manage. The points system will be as follows:

	Long Course - Paddle	Short Course - Paddle
1 <sup>st</sup>	10 points	6 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 points	5 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 points	4 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	4 points	3 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	2 points	2 points
6 <sup>th</sup> +	1 point	1 point

- c. If a competitor is involved in a team boat, then the points for their finishing position will be awarded to each competitor within the boat.
- d. At the discretion of SLSNT, an SLS member registered to compete, but assists in the provision of water safety for an event may be eligible for full points in that event. An SLS member can only receive this allowance once a year.