



**2024 Sea Swift
Northern Territory Surf Life Saving
Junior & Senior Championships
ENTRY CIRCULAR**

13-15 September 2024, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory

ATTENTION	Club Director of Sport / Club Junior Coordinator / Club Director of Junior Activities
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This circular provides entry information for the 2024 Sea Swift NT Surf Life Saving Championships, co-hosted by Surf Life Saving Northern Territory (SLSNT) and Gove Peninsula SLSC. Conducted at Middle Beach, Nhulunbuy on Friday 13, Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September 2024.

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 13 – 15 September 2024 at Middle Beach and are co-hosted by Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club.

ACTION REQUIRED

- 1) Submit all competitor entries online via the Sport Event Management System (SEMS)*.
- 2) **Entries Open Monday 3rd July 2024.**
- 3) **Regular entries close Midnight Sunday 20 August 2024.**
*Refer to SEMS user guide on how to obtain a log in/username.
- 4) **Late entries close Midnight Sunday 27 August 2024 (late fees apply).**



Team Managers

Please ensure you have enough equipment available for members entered in each event. Pink Hi-Vis lycra singlets will be provided by SLSNT to every registered competitor, the cost is included in the registration fee.

ELIGIBILITY

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

Juniors

Table with 3 columns: AGE, Participation in Individual Events compete as:, Participation in Team Events compete as:.

Youth

Table with 3 columns: AGE, Participation in Individual Events - Compete as:, Participation in Team Events - Compete as:.

Senior

Table with 3 columns: AGE, Participation in Individual Events - Compete as:, Participation in Team Events - Compete as:.



20 Years	U21 and/or Open and/or Senior	Two team ages only - U21, U23 and Open/Senior
20 Years	U23 and/or Open and/or Senior	Two team ages only - U21, U23 and Open/Senior
21 Years	U23 and/or Open and/or Senior	U23 and Open/Senior
23 – 29 Years	Open and/or Senior	U23 and Open/Senior
30 Years & Above	Open and/or Masters and/or Senior	Masters and/or Open and/or Senior

PATROL HOUR REQUIRMENTS

Patrol Hour Requirements are governed by SLSA Policy 5.04 ‘Competition Eligibility - Guidelines’. Patrol hours must be accrued between 1 August 2023 – 31 July 2024.

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 2024 season (Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion) 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 must 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 online via the SLSA Sport Event Management System – SEMS.

SLSNT is not able to provide logins for this system. Refer to SEMS user guide on how to obtain a log in/username.

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

Clubs will be invoiced for all their competitors following completion of the Seaswift NT SLS Championships.



Late Entries

Entries into the Seaswift NT SLS Championships made during the late entry period, following the general registration period will attract an additional \$20.00 per entry, no exceptions.

COMPETITOR AGE GROUPS

To determine the correct age group the competitor's age is determined on the 30th of September 2024. Note: Masters must be 30 years or older, Veterans must be 50 years or older.

Example 1 (Junior Member):

On 30th September 2024 Brendan is 9 years old. He is eligible to enter U10 events.

Example 2 (U14 Member):

On 30th September 2024 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 requirements.

Example 3 (U15 Member):

On 30th September 2024 Freddy is 14. He can compete in U15 events only at these NT Championships.

Example 4 (U17 Member):

On 30th September 2024 Samantha is 16. She can compete in U17 events and Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 5 (U19 Member):

On 30th September 2024 Bree is 18. She can compete in U19 events and Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 6 (Aged 19-29):

On 30th September 2024 Suzette is 19. She can only compete in Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 7 (Masters):

On 30th September 2024 Trevor is 30. 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, and in their absence the Championship Referee.

COMPETITION UNIFORM – Minimum Requirements

- **Junior** - To wear club competition cap. Also to wear either long sleeved, club rash shirts or SLSNT pink hi-vis lycras in all water events.
- **Youth** - To wear club competition cap & provided Hi-vis lycras in all water events.
- **Seniors** - To wear club competition cap & 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

6-8 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 Maddi James at SLSNT via Maddi.james@lifesavingnt.com.au

MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Individual & Team Events

Medals will be awarded for all individual & team events in the Junior Championships (U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13) 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. 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 decide 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.

*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 latest SLSA Surf Sports Manual, 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.

PROGRAMS

The 2024 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.

Competitors are reminded to please contact your club Director of Sport to organise entries.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Maddi James, Development Officer, on (08) 8985 6588 or email Maddi.james@lifesavingnt.com.au