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2019 Northern Territory Surf Life Saving Junior & Senior Championships ENTRY CIRCULAR

6th – 8th September 2019

Cable Beach, Broome, Western Australia

ATTENTION	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 2019 NT Junior and Senior Surf Life Saving Championships, hosted by Broome SLSC. Conducted at Cable Beach, Broome on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September 2019.

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.

ACTION REQUIRED

Clubs should start planning accommodation, entries and equipment transport for the Championships.

DATES & VENUES

Friday 6th September , Saturday 7th September & Sunday 8th September 2019, at Cable Beach, Broome, WA. Accommodation available can be found at <http://www.visitbroome.com.au/>

ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must be registered for the current season on SurfGuard. As per surf sport manual edition 35 eligibility will be determined by the following:

Juniors

	Participation in individual events	Participation in Team Events
AGE	Compete as	Compete as
7 Years (proficient)	U/8	U/8 and or U/9 (Note: U/8 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 U/8 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 and or U/14 (and/or U15 upon reaching the age of 13 during the season gaining the Surf Rescue Certificate)	U/13 and or U/14 (and/or U15 upon reaching the age of 13 during the season gaining the Surf Rescue Certificate)
13 Years (proficient)	U/14 and or U/15	U/14 and or U/15

Youth

	Participation in individual events	Participation in Team Events
AGE	Compete as	Compete as
14 Years (proficient)	U/15 (U/15 age competitors must remain in the U/15 age category and shall not be permitted to compete in any older age division even if they obtain the SLSA Bronze Medallion/ Cert II)	(U/15 age competitors must remain in the U/15 age category and shall not be permitted to compete in any older age division even if they obtain the SLSA Bronze Medallion/ Cert II).
15 Years	U/17 and or Open (refer to Section 6 for Surf Ski events and Section 8 for Iron person events in the Surf Sports Manual)	U/17 and/or U/19 and/or U23 and/or Open (refer to Section 6 for Surf Ski events and Section 8 for Iron person events in the Surf Sports Manual)

Senior

	Participation in individual events	Participation in Team Events
AGE	Compete as	Compete as
16 Years	U/17 and/or Open	U/17 and/or U/19 and/or 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 or Masters or Veteran (Over 50)	Masters

Patrol Hour requirements are governed by SLSA Policy 5.4 'Proficiency & Patrol Hour Requirements for Competition' and are valid for the period 1st August 2018 – 31st July 2019.

All Cadets and Active members competing in the U15, U17, U19, Open and Masters 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 gaining their patrol qualifications for the first time in the 2019 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: \$15.00

Age Categories U/15 years and above: \$30.00*

SLSNT will supply all U14 and above an Orange Hi Visibility Lycra

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

Late Entries into the NT SLS Championships will attract a \$15.00 for U/14 and below age categories and \$30.00 fee for U/15 and above age categories (this is in addition to the entry fee listed above) no exceptions.

COMPETITOR AGE GROUPS

To determine the correct age group the competitor's age is determined at the 30th September 2018. Note that **Masters must be 35 years or older**.

Example 1 (Junior Member): On 30th September 2018 Brendan is 9 years old. He is eligible to enter U10 events.

Example 2 (U14 Member): On 30th September 2018 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 2018 Freddy is 14. He can compete in U15 events only at these NT Championships.

Example 4 (U17 Member): On 30th September 2018 Samantha is 16. She can compete in U17 events and Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 5 (U19 Member): On 30th September 2018 Bree is 18. She can compete in U19 events and Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 6 (Aged 19-34): On 30th September 2018 Suzette is 19. She can only compete in Open events at these NT Championships.

Example 7 (Masters): On 30th September 2018 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.

COMPETITOR 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 orange hi-vis lycras for all Youth and Senior 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. Nominate by emailing Laura McGrane at SLSNT via laura.mcgrane@lifesavingnt.com.au.

MEDALS AND TROPHIES

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

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.

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

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 35th 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 2019 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 so 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 Laura McGrane, SLSNT Sport Development Coordinator, on (08) 8985 6588 or email laura.mcgrane@lifesavingnt.com.au.

