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2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series
Entry Circular

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Presidents, and Branch CEO/Secretaries.

Actioned by: Persons responsible for club entries.

Date: 8 August 2023

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Summary	This circular provides information for clubs regarding entries and competition format for the 2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series.
Action	**Complete and submit event competitor entries via SEMS by:** • Round 1 – North Steyne: 11pm Tuesday 17 October 2023 • Round 2 – Coogee: 11pm Tuesday 31 October 2023 • Round 3 – Merewether: 11pm Tuesday 14 November 2023 • Round 4 – North Cronulla: 11pm Tuesday 5 December 2023

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1 ABOUT

The Beach Stormers Series is an exciting beach competition series which aims to provide current and prospective beach athletes with more opportunities to compete.

The 2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on the following:

Round	Date	Start Time	Location
Round 1	Saturday 21 October	7.30am	North Steyne SLSC, SNB
Round 2	Saturday 4 November	7.30am	Coogee SLSC, SYD
Round 3	Saturday 18 November	7:30am	Merewether, HUN
Round 4	Saturday 9 December	7:30am	North Cronulla SLSC, SYD

Reference is made to the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (37th Edition), Revised February 2023.

2 LIVEHEATS

All competitors are required to have a Live Heats Race Tag with them which will be used throughout the event. All competitors will be signed into the event using Live Heats, and all event racing will be marshalled and recorded using Live Heats.

Non-members will be required to loan a Live Heats tag for the competition, and return at the end of competition, from the administration desk.

3 ENTRIES

3.1 Member Entries

Entries via the Sports Events Management System (SEMS) https://sems.sls.com.au

Entry fees for SLSC members is **$20.00** (incl. GST) per competitor per round. Entry fees are **NOT** refundable if competitors withdraw or do not take part in these events due to illness or injury.

SLSNSW will forward an invoice to each club after each round of competition. **Please do not pay until the invoice is received.**

3.2 Non-Member Entries

Competitors who are not members of a Surf Life Saving Club will need to email surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au with the following information:

- Full Name
- Email
- Mobile Number
- Events to be entered (i.e., Sprints, Flags, Distance Runs)
- Proof of payment of entry fee

Entry fees for non-members is **$35.00** (incl. GST) per competitor per round. Entry fees are **NOT** refundable if competitors withdraw or do not take part in these events due to illness or injury.

Entry Fees for non-members will need to be paid via EFT transfer to the following account:

Westpac
Surf Life Saving NSW
BSB: 032-123
Account Number: 353638

Description/Reference: Name and 2023 Beach Stormers Series Rd #
(e.g., John Smith Beach Stormers Series Rd 1)

4 INSURANCE

The Beach Stormers Series carries prize money or prizes of a material value and as such negates member's access to the iCare (WorkCover insurance) scheme as indicated in the legislation.

For clarity you will not have access to the iCare (WorkCover insurance) scheme. Any claim for personal accident injury resultant from the event may only be made under the SLS Group Personal Accident Policy. Please note the provisions under the Policy may not be as beneficial as those available under iCare. Members should note all claims will be assessed by the insurer in accordance with the relevant terms of the policy including the insurer reserving the right to decline the claim.

With respect to event liability and liability coverage, as the event is owned and operated by a SLS entity, coverage for members such as officials, organisers and participants is covered via the SLS Group policy which all clubs and members are covered under. Non – Members will incur a $0.80 levy per entry, with their entry fee to ensure liability coverage.

For more information regarding insurance coverage for surf sports events, please refer to Memo: Insurance Coverage – Participation in Surf Sports Events/Special Events

5 EVENT COMMUNICATION

Primary event communication will be via the SLSNSW Website Event Page and the 2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series TeamApp.

Website Event Page: 2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series

Please download Stack Team App, search for **'2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series'** and request to join.

iOS: https://www.teamapp.com/ios-app
Android: https://www.teamapp.com/android-app

If you'd prefer the website version, please click here: 2023 NSW Beach Stormers

6 POINT SCORE

An overall point score will be accumulated over all four (4) rounds of the series with participants receiving points per round as stipulated in section 8.3. Prizes will be awarded to overall series point score winners.

7 PRIZES

There may be cash equivalent prizes awarded for both individual rounds and overall series point score. As such, coverage under iCare will not be applicable throughout the 2023 Beach Stormers Series. Further information regarding prizes will be distributed in due course.

8 ROUND 1 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 1 of the 2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Saturday 21 October 2023 at North Steyne SLSC. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition, providing any changes to the following information.

8.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
	6:45 AM	North Steyne SLSC Work Parties report to Referee to set up course
7:15 AM	7:30 AM	Distance Runs
	8:30 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Sprints / Relays / Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags

8.2 Competition Details

Distance Runs

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	1km	500m	250m	-
Youth (U14/U15)	1km	500m	250m	-
U17 & Opens	1km	750m	500m	250m
Masters (10-year age groups)	1km	500m	250m	-

There are 3 rounds of distance runs available for U13, Youth and Masters competitors to take part in, and 4 rounds for the U17 and Open competitors. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Distance Run Point Score Allocation

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places.

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1

Beach Sprint Events – Straight Up Round

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	50m	50m	60m	70m
Youth (U14/U15), U17 & Opens	70m	70m	80m	90m
Masters (10-year age groups)	50m	50m	60m	70m

There are 4 rounds of sprints available for competitors to take part in. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats will be drawn for each round. A distributed "random" draw" for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

For rounds 1 to 3, competitors take part in just one heat per round, regardless of the number of heats. In round 4, if there more than 1 heat is required per age group, competitors will run in heats with the top 4 progressing and continue until a final 8 or 9 is reached, and then a final will be run.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Points will be awarded for placings in each heat of each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places.

Sprint Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded to the top 8 place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1
9th	0

Beach Relays

Beach Relay formats are dependent on how teams will be pulled together, based on attendance numbers:

- Teams may be made up of mixed or single genders.

- Teams may be made up of single clubs or composite teams.
- Teams may be made up of multiple age groups.

Beach Relay Teams will be formulated on the day of the event and will not require pre-event registration in SEMS.

Note: Should the relays jeopardise the overall event completing on time, the relays will not be held.

Relay Team Composition:

- For U13 and Youth, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 male and 2 female required per team, of same age category.
- For U17 and Opens, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 male and 2 female required per team, from either of the U17 and/or Open age categories.
- For Masters, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 male and 2 female required per team, from any of the following age categories – 170 Years, 200 Years, 230 Years

All Relays run over 70M, heats through to a final as required.

There is no points allocation for beach relays.

Beach Flags – By the Rules Round

All heats and finals will be run over standard flag pit dimensions as relates to the specific age group, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Flags will be run as per normal carnival format, in specific age and gender categories. If heats are required, all run down until a final of either 8 or 9 is reached.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 1 metre handicap (as opposed to elimination) for all age groups except for U17 and Opens (subject to Referee's discretion on day of event).

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Event Order

The Beach Flags will be run in the following order:

- Masters Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males.

Beach Flags Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded to the top 8 place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1

9 ROUND 2 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 2 of the 2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Saturday 4 November 2023 at Coogee SLSC. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition, providing any changes to the following information.

9.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
	6:45 AM	Coogee SLSC Work Parties report to Referee to set up course
7:15 AM	7:30 AM	Distance Runs
	8:30 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Sprints / Relays / Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags

9.2 Competition Details

Distance Runs – Enduro Round

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	1km	750m	500m	-
Youth (U14/U15)	1km	750m	500m	-
U17 & Opens	1km	750m	500m	500m
Masters (10-year age groups)	1km	750m	500m	-

There are 3 rounds of distance runs available for U13, Youth and Masters' competitors, and 4 rounds for the U17 and Open competitors. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

Each age category will complete all their age category rounds in succession, with the following timings for the start of the Rounds 2 and beyond.

U13, Youth & Masters

- Round 2 starts 8 minutes after the winner of Round 1 finishes.
- Round 3 starts 6 minutes after the winner of Round 2 finishes.

U17s & Opens

- Round 2 starts 7 minutes after the winner of Round 1 finishes.
- Round 3 starts 5 minutes after the winner of Round 2 finishes.
- Round 4 starts 4 minutes after the winner of Round 3 finishes.

Event Order

The rounds will be run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3, 4
- Youth Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3
- Open Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3, 4
- U13 Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3
- Masters Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3

Distance Run Point Score Allocation

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places.

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1

Beach Sprint Events – Dasher Round

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	50m	50m	50m	50m
Youth (U14/U15), U17 & Opens	70m	70m	70m	70m
Masters (10-year age groups)	50m	50m	50m	50m

There are 4 rounds of sprints available for competitors to take part in. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats will be drawn for each round. A distributed "random" draw" for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

For rounds 1 to 3, competitors take part in just one heat per round, regardless of the number of heats. In round 4, if there more than 1 heat is required per age group, competitors will run in heats with the top 4 progressing and continue until a final 8 or 9 is reached, and then a final will be run.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Sprint Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in each heat of each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places.

Points will be awarded to the top 8 place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1
9th	0

Beach Relays

Beach Relay formats are dependent on how teams will be pulled together, based on attendance numbers, and time permitting:

- Teams may be made up of mixed or single genders.
- Teams may be made up of single clubs or composite teams.
- Teams may be made up of multiple age groups.

Beach Relay Teams will be formulated on the day of the event and will not require pre-event registration in SEMS.

Note: Should the relays jeopardise the overall event completing on time, the relays will not be held.

Relay Team Composition:

- For U13 and Youth, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team, of same age category.
- For U17s and Opens, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team, from either of the U17 and/or Open age categories.
- For Masters, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team, from any of the following age categories – 170 Years, 200 Years, 230 Years

All Relays run over 70M, heats through to a final as required.

There is no points allocation for beach relays.

Beach Flags

All heats and finals will be run over standard flag pit dimensions as relates to the specific age group, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Flags will be run as per normal carnival format, in specific age and gender categories. If heats are required, all run down until a final of either 8 or 9 is reached.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 1 metre handicap (as opposed to elimination) for all age groups except for U17 and Opens (subject to Referee's discretion on day of event).

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Event Order

The Beach Flags will be run in the following order:

- Masters Females and Males
- U13 Females and Male
- U17 Females and Males

- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Beach Flags Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded to the top 8 place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1

10 ROUND 3 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 3 of the 2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Saturday 18 November 2023 at Merewether SLSC. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition, providing any changes to the following information.

10.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
	6:45 AM	Merewether SLSC Work Parties report to Referee to set up course
7:15 AM	7:30 AM	Distance Runs
	8:30 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Sprints / Relays / Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags

10.2 Competition Details

Distance Runs – Dash Home Round

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	1km	500m	250m	-
Youth (U14/U15)	1km	500m	250m	-
U17 & Open	1km	750m	500m	250m
Masters (10-year age groups)	1km	500m	250m	-

There are 3 rounds of distance runs available for U 13, U14/U15 and Masters competitors to take part in, and 4 rounds for the U17 & Open competitors. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males

Distance Run Point Score Allocation

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places.

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1

Beach Sprint Events – Build-It-Up Round

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	50m	50m	60m	70m
Youth (U14/U15), U17 & Opens	70m	70m	80m	90m
Masters (10-year age groups)	50m	50m	60m	70m

There are 4 rounds of sprints available for competitors to take part in. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats will be drawn for each round. A distributed "random" draw" for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

For rounds 1 to 3, competitors take part in just one heat per round, regardless of the number of heats. In round 4, if there more than 1 heat is required per age group, competitors will run in heats with the top 4 progressing and continue until a final 8 or 9 is reached, and then a final will be run.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Sprint Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in each heat of each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Each individual competitor accumulates their points from each round, with the result recorded and the total score tallied up to determine the overall event places.

Points will be awarded to the top 8 place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1
9th	0

Beach Relays

Beach Relay formats are dependent on how teams will be pulled together, based on attendance numbers, and time permitting:

- Teams may be made up of mixed or single genders.
- Teams may be made up of single clubs or composite teams.
- Teams may be made up of multiple age groups.

Beach Relay Teams will be formulated on the day of the event and will not require pre-event registration in SEMS.

Note: Should the relays jeopardise the overall event completing on time, the relays will not be held.

Relay Team Composition:

- For U13 and Youth, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team, of same age category.
- For U17 and Opens, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team, from either of the U17 and/or Open age categories.
- For Masters, teams made up of mixed genders with 2 Male and 2 Female required per team, from any of the following age categories – 170 Years, 200 Years, 230 Years.

All Relays run over 70M, heats through to a final as required.

There is no points allocation for beach relays.

Beach Flags

All heats and finals will be run over standard flag pit dimensions as relates to the specific age group, as outlined in the Surf Sports Manual.

Flags will be run as per normal carnival format, in specific age and gender categories. If heats are required, all run down until a final of either 8 or 9 is reached.

Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 1 metre handicap (as opposed to elimination) for all age groups except for U17 and Opens (subject to Referee's discretion on day of event).

Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Event Order

The Beach Flags will be run in the following order:

- Masters Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Beach Flags Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded to the top 8 place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1

11 ROUND 4 EVENT INFORMATION

Round 4 of the 2023 NSW Beach Stormers Series will be held on Saturday 9 December 2023 at North Cronulla SLSC. Further information will be provided in the final event information to be released in the week leading up to competition, providing any changes to the following information.

11.1 Key Timings

Marshall	Start	Event
	6:45 AM	North Cronulla SLSC Work Parties report to Referee to set up course
7:15 AM	7:30 AM	Distance Runs
	8:30 AM	Team Managers Meeting on the beach
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Sprints / Relays / Flags start as per program – no registration – mark off in marshalling using Live Heats tags

11.2 Competition Details

Distance Runs – Time Trial Round

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Masters (10-year age groups)	500m	1km	500m	-
U13	500m	1km	500m	-
Youth (U14/U15)	500m	1km	500m	-
U17	500m	1km	500m	500m
Opens	500m	1km	500m	500m

There are 3 rounds of distance runs available for U13, Youth and Masters competitors, and 4 rounds for the U17 and Open competitors. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

Each age category will complete all their age category rounds in succession, with the following timings for the start of the Rounds 2 and beyond.

U13, Youth & Masters

- Round 2 starts 8 minutes after the winner of Round 1 finishes.
- Round 3 starts 6 minutes after the winner of Round 2 finishes.

U17s & Opens

- Round 2 starts 7 minutes after the winner of Round 1 finishes.
- Round 3 starts 5 minutes after the winner of Round 2 finishes.
- Round 4 starts 4 minutes after the winner of Round 3 finishes.

Event Order

The rounds will be run in the following order:

- U13 Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3
- Masters Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3
- U17 Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3, 4
- U15 Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3
- Open Females and Males – Round 1, 2, 3, 4

Distance Run Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded for placings in the final rounds down to 8th place as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1

Beach Sprint Events – By the Book Round

Age Categories	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
U13	70m	70m	70m	70m
Youth (U14/U15), U17 & Opens	90m	90m	90m	90m
Masters (10-year age groups)	70m	70m	70m	70m

There are 4 rounds of sprints available for competitors to take part in. There is no minimum number of rounds that a competitor is required to take part in.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats will be drawn for each round. A distributed “random” draw” for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

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Any breaks throughout the event will result in a 2-metre handicap (as opposed to elimination).

Event Order

The events within the rounds will be staggered between age groups and run in the following order:

- U13 Females and Males
- Masters Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Sprint Point Score Allocation

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2nd	17
3rd	14
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Beach Flags

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Points will be awarded for placings in each round down to 8th place as per the Point Score Allocation table.

Event Order

The Beach Flags will be run in the following order:

- Masters Females and Males
- U13 Females and Males
- U17 Females and Males
- Youth Females and Males
- Open Females and Males

Beach Flags Point Score Allocation

Points will be awarded to the top 8 place getters as per the following table:

PLACE	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	17
3rd	14
4th	11
5th	8
6th	5
7th	2
8th	1

12 BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Misconduct before, during and after the Event will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their Clubs.

Please refer to 37th (Revised) Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy.

13 MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the event to be used for promotional material by SLSNSW. SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or team management. Professional photographers may be attending and material available via social media and to Clubs on request. Club Team Management are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area. Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

Media:

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the event, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding about the event will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

Drones:

For the safety of competitors, officials, and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at the event by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW, seven (7) days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements.