

COVID-19 SURFBOAT CARNIVAL PLANNING 2020/2021 HUNTER / CENTRAL COAST STREETS SERIES



COMMUNICATION PRE-EVENT

- COVID Safety Plan to be communicated to clubs, officials, parents, and competitors - available online at least 7 days prior to event date
- Competitors and supporters understand key expectations
- Competitors to 'Arrive, Compete, Leave' - if possible once your crew gets knocked out they are to leave the beach unless they are required to help pack up if not enough crews from your club are still competing
- Map of carnival competition area (*outline of area on the beach, tents etc*), entry/exit points and **sanitising station** to be posted on [Central Coast and Hunter Surfboats Facebook](#) prior to any carnival.
- Cleaning of craft/gear is the responsibility of each club/crew

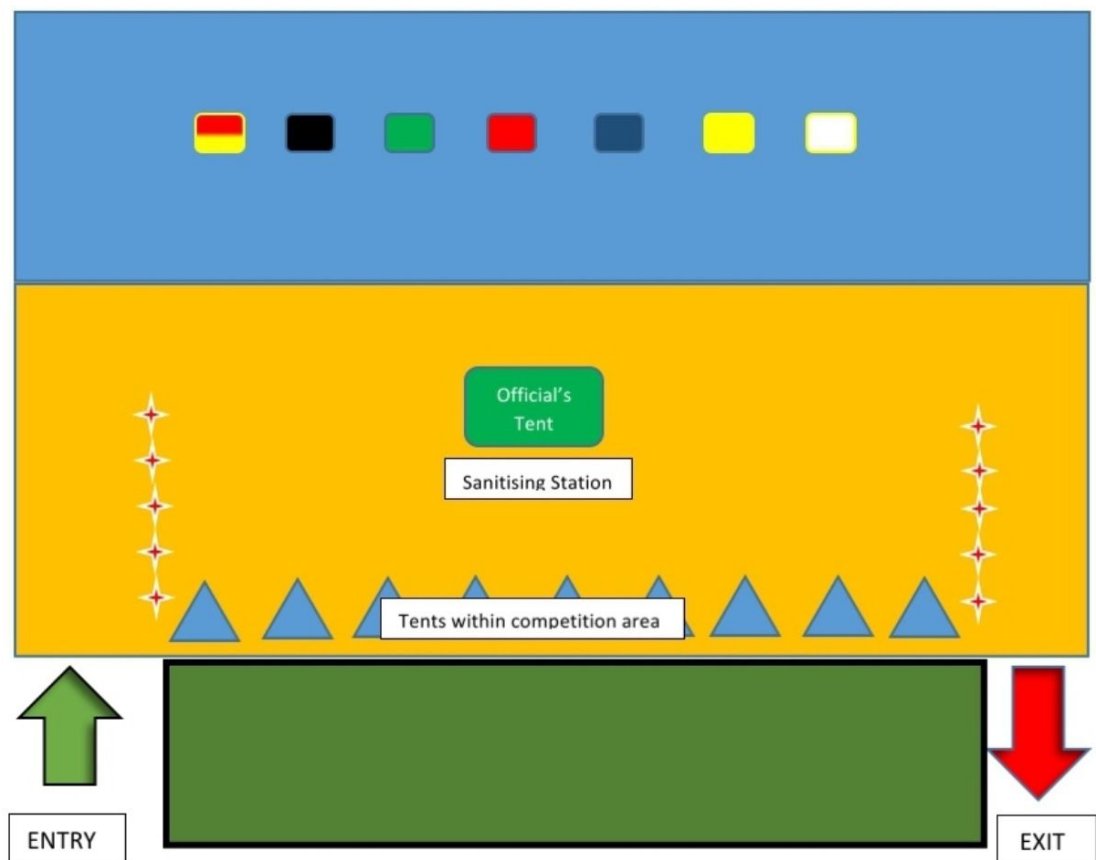
REGISTRATION

- Online only – No Late Entries
- Entries Close Friday prior to the weekend carnival - No late entries
- No Event day check in required if your entries don't change, only crews pulling out required to let the recorders know
- All competitor numbers to be communicated to clubs, posted on [Central Coast and Hunter Surfboats Facebook Page](#)
- Clubs must register 1 Person per club as their Covid Manager – if Block Racing and the Covid Manager is only there for 1 Block then a Club will need 2 x Covid Managers
- Once entries are in a decision will be made on the carnival format (all divisions together or block racing) by COB Friday and communicated out to clubs via [Central Coast and Hunter Surfboats Facebook and email](#)

SETUP

- Competition Area identified to delineate “ field of play” with **witches hats** set up approx. 10m south and north of lanes 1 & 7
- Entry and exit points to be clearly set up to enter the Competition Area and these are to be only one-way (these to be **clearly shown**, Central Coast Branch to supply these tbc).
- Sanitiser and face masks will be readily available at the Competition Tent area. Hands should be washed frequently.
- Clubs Tents are to be set up on the beach inside the Competition Area – please space approx 2m between each clubs' tents and where possible clubs to bring multiple tents/extra umbrellas to ensure social distancing under the shade
- For arrival/unpacking of boats/gear please aim to arrive earlier than usual to ensure social distancing between clubs unpacking gear – common sense to be used in keeping distance from other clubs so if a club is at a ramp to unpack please wait until they have moved

- See Attached Map for a beach layout expectation



OFFICIALS/WATER SAFETY

Overall Officials Required – aim is to minimise people on the beach so planning to run with the below:

- Referee
- ESO/COVID Safety Officer
- Chief Judge
- Starter x 2
- Marshall x 1
- Recorder x 2
- Judge x 2 **TOTAL – 10 Officials**

All officials to undergo same entry and testing process as competitors

- **Water Safety Rules**
 - 2 x IRB's supplied and crewed by the host club.
 - Only assist/touch competitors in the event of an emergency/rescue
- **COVID Marshals Required**
 - 1 per competition area

DAY OF CARNIVAL

ORGANISATION

- List of competitors made available to SEMC / COVID Safety Officer
- If **Block racing** is required – ensure time allocated to empty the competition area before new time slot enters (30 minutes)
Example:
8:00am to 11:00am – Morning/1st Block competitors to leave the competition area quickly once they have finished the morning Block, they can watch from outside the competition area
11:30am to 3pm – Afternoon/2nd Block to not enter the Competition Area until the Morning Block rowers/sweeps have left
- When the draws come out onto the Board please social distance when looking at them (be patient, be quick, take a photo of them and return to your club tents)
- Centralised Marshalling will be in the middle of the competition area, it is up to 1 crew member from each crew to check with the Marshall on ally and can colour (Marshall will not come looking for your crew!). Cans will also be marked accordingly on the ASRL App if the App is being used.

COMPETITORS

- Stay at home if experiencing any COVID Symptoms
- Arrive 15 Minutes prior to time slot and go straight to club tent area – arrive earlier if getting boats onto the beach and tents set up
- Bring own – No Sharing
 - Towel
 - Water
 - Food
 - Jacket
 - Sunscreen
 - Hand Sanitiser
- Must follow the direction of officials and COVID Marshals
- Once time slot is complete or Knocked out of competition all competitors must leave the Competition Area quickly
- Must not touch or handle any other clubs' boats unless in an Emergency situation
- Only go from your own club tent and down to your own club boat – no visiting other clubs' tents or hanging around other clubs' boats on the beach
- Where possible clubs aim to minimise multiple crews from your club sharing oars – if rowers are sharing oars then they are to apply hand sanitiser after every race when back under their tent

OFFICIALS/WATER SAFETY

- Stay home if experiencing any COVID Symptoms
- Arrive and be briefed – including COVID Safety Plan
- Must sign on using QR Code (paper-based backup available)
- Wearing a face mask is recommended
- Adhere to physical distancing where possible – no touching competitors unless necessary
- Marshal to use loud hailer from a central position near the starter stand
- One Radio per official that is required to use a radio, under no circumstances are radios to be shared

HOST CLUB FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Must fit into clubs' COVID Safety Plan
- BBQ can still be run, however under strict conditions:
 - One-way traffic through BBQ
 - All people cooking/serving must be wearing face masks and gloves
 - No condiments are to be touched by customers

AFTER COMPETITION

- Functions are not the responsibility of the Branch. They must come in underneath the clubs COVID Safety Plans in the bar or similar area so if a club has their Bar/Club open then they are to be responsible for this area.
- The carnival and responsibility of the carnival is finished once the last event is completed on the beach.

Additional Notes

- Hand Sanitiser must be readily available
- Masks available for officials/ COVID safety officers
- **Signage** for Entry/Exit, sanitising station, "COVID -Safe" behaviour
- Announcements over PA system for COVID safe practices – can be a recording
 - QR code/signing in stations (Paper Based Registrations as backup)