



2021-22 Hunter Surf Life Saving Newcastle Permanent

Carnival Information

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Summary:	Outlines the requirements, restrictions, and procedures to compete at HSLC Carnivals in 2021-22.
Key Strategic Goals:	To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement.
Key Strategies:	<p>Increase participation in our sport and recreational activities at a grassroots level through structures and appropriately tiered programs.</p> <p>Bolster developmental pathways and opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and administrators through the stages of their sporting life.</p> <p>Establish best practice event management for the delivery of surf sports events.</p> <p>Deliver surf sports events to our members which appeal to a broad participation base.</p> <p>Strengthen development and high performance activities in surf sport events and activities.</p>

Covid Safe Requirements	<p>All HSLC Carnivals are held under the NSW Health Orders in force at that time.</p> <p>Until 1st December anyone attending a carnival who is over the age of 16 must show proof of being fully vaccinated against Covid-19.</p> <p>Anyone attending will need to check in and show a HSLC official verification of check in and vaccination status and obtain a wrist band to wear.</p> <p>No wrist band, no entry or may be asked to leave the competition area.</p> <p>No entries on the day, as our entry system will also form part of contact tracing.</p>
Club Action	<p>Complete and submit entries via https://sems.sls.com.au/#!login</p> <p>Late Entries will be taken upon request to HSLC up until the 12pm on the Thursday prior to any carnival.</p> <p>Hunter Branch will issue invoices to all Clubs after online entries close.</p> <p>Clubs must provide water safety and officials as per ratio requests from HSLC.</p>

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1. Introduction

The 2021-22 Hunter Surf Life Saving (HSL) Newcastle Permanent Series attracts competitors from the under 9's to opens, providing opportunity for young surf lifesavers to unite. Showcasing one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's carnivals will be held on:

Round	Date & Location	Age Groups
Round 1	Saturday 20th November 2021 Dixon Park SLSC Water Events only	Under 12-Opens * all members 16yrs+ must show proof of double vaccination status.
Round 2	Friday 26 th November 2021 Nobbys SLSC Twilight Beach	Under 12-Opens * all members 16yrs+ must show proof of double vaccination status.
Round 3	Saturday 4 th December 2021 Swansea Belmont SLSC	Under 9-Open Time(s) to be confirmed
Round 4	Saturday 15th January 2022 Fingal Beach SLSC	Under 9-Open Time(s) to be confirmed

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2021-22 HSL Newcastle Permanent Carnivals.

Please note that HSL may issue subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in this Circular.

Additional Resources:

Reference is made to	Link
The Current Edition of the Surf Sports Manual:	https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/circulars/surf-sports-manual-36th-edition

2. General Information

- Entries close at 4pm the Monday prior to the carnival <https://sems.sls.com.au/#!/login>
- No late entries for the November carnivals.
- HSLs will send invoices to all Clubs after entries close. Do not pay until the invoice is received.
- Clubs are reminded that anyone competing must be wearing a Pink NPBS Singlets, these are available from Branch through your clubs for \$10 each for 2021-22 season.
- Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the close of entries for any discrepancies or omissions.

3. Health Orders

- All HSLs carnivals are conducted in line with the NSW Health Orders, therefore, any carnival conducted prior to 1st December 2021 requires:
 - Anyone in attendance age 16yrs or older, will need to provide evidence of having received two vaccinations against covid-19.
 - No club tents
 - Maximum of 1,000 people allowed per wave – including water safety, officials, and competitors.

4. Volunteer Requirements

Officials

A quota system for clubs to provide Accredited Officials based upon the number of competitors entered (not the number competing) is in place for the 2021-22 HSLs Newcastle Permanent Series. Late entries will be added to the total number of competitors entered to ensure that the club's obligation is satisfied.

Clubs must meet the water safety & Official's quota as set out to clubs.

Competitors Entered	Officials Required	Water Safety Required
0 to 10	1 Official	1 Water Safety
11 to 20	2 Officials	2 Water Safety
21 to 30	3 Officials	3 Water Safety
31 to 40	4 Officials	4 Water Safety
41 to 50	5 Officials	5 Water Safety

51 to 60	6 Officials	6 Water Safety
61 to 70	7 Officials	7 Water Safety
71 to 80	8 Officials	8 Water Safety
81 to 90	9 Officials	9 Water Safety
91 to 100	10 Officials	10 Water Safety
101 to 110	11 Officials	11 Water Safety
111+	12 Officials	12 Water Safety

If sufficient officials are not provided according to the above quotas the Competition Committee reserves the right to impose a stop on the offending clubs being able to compete at the carnival. The clubs may be asked to give an explanation as to why they have not met their quota.

Please be aware the quota system is based on the number of competitors entered into the event, not the number of competitors starting.

Late entries will add to a club's required quota.

Clubs are reminded before entering their competitors into the entry system that they MUST meet the officials' quota.

Officials undertaking duties to meet clubs' quotas, will be requested to attend an official's briefing at 7am on the morning of the carnival.

It is essential that clubs work with their officials to ensure that they (the officials) understand the effect on the carnivals if they do not communicate with HSLs re non-attendance or changes to the Official's Attending. Clubs should check that officials are attending the carnivals they have nominated for, as this could have a significant impact on whether children can compete or not.

Water Safety

The above quota will apply for water safety during the 2020-21 HSLs Newcastle Permanent Series.

- Water Safety relates to the personnel responsible for the 'in water' support during events. This is a separate quota requirement to the Officials requirements:
- The Water Safety roster will be finalised, distributed to all Surf Sports Secretaries & Junior Coordinators by the Thursday prior to the carnival.
- All clubs are expected to provide their water safety personnel with either a board or tube. Hosts clubs will not be providing equipment.

Water Safety personnel are required to hold the following minimum requirements (as per SLSA Water Safety Policy 1.2):

- A financial member of SLS (2021-22 season)
- A proficient Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed) (Conditions pending, assessment will be made on the day)
- A proficient Bronze Medallion
- Water Safety Personnel are required to meet with the Water Safety Coordinator prior to their rostered shift. The carnival announcer will notify clubs of when they are required to report for their shifts.
- Please note that clubs found to be providing water safety personnel that do not meet the minimum requirements will be removed from the competition.

Please be aware the quota system is based on the number of competitors entered into the event, not the number of competitors starting.

Late entries will be counted in a club's quota.

Age Managers

Please ensure all age managers in attendance on the day are proficient in line with the requirements to be an age manager at normal nipper activities:

- Financial Member
- Proficient Age Manager Award
- Completed the Safeguarding Children Awareness course
- Current Working with Children's Number

5. Competition Area

Only competitors, Officials and Age Managers are allowed in the competition area. All parents and coaches must remain outside of the competition area. Competition may be held up by the sectional referee if parents or coaches are found within the competition area.

Club handlers for Iron person events, must be wearing a High Vis vest and club hat while handling.

6. Newcastle Permanent – Rash Vests

All competitors competing in any Hunter Branch Carnival in 2021-22 are required to wear a Newcastle Permanent High Visibility Pink Singlet.

These are being supplied by Newcastle Permanent this season through your club and there is a charge of \$10 per singlet. Limited singlets will be available on the day for purchase – card only no cash.

Please ensure all members competing (water/beach events) are wearing the required rashies.

7. Eligibility to Compete

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2020-21 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

Age Group	Proficiency to Complete	Additional requirements for Branch/State Championships
U9	Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation – Under 9	U9 (Surf Aware Two)
U10	Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation – Under 10	U10 (Surf Safe One)
U11	Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation – Under 11	U11 (Surf Safe Two)
U12	Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation – Under 12	U12 (Surf Smart One)
U13	Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation – Under 13	U13 (Surf Smart Two)
U14	Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation – Under 14 or Proficient Surf Rescue Certificate	Proficient Surf Rescue Certificate
U15	Proficient Surf Rescue Certificate	Proficient Surf Rescue Certificate 15 Patrol hours (from 1 st Jan 2021-31 st December 2021)
U17-Open	Proficient Bronze Medallion and Certificate 11	Proficient Bronze Medallion and Certificate 11 15 Patrol hours (from 1 st Jan 2021-31 st December 2021) * see below table

8. Patrol Hours

Pro-rata patrol hour requirements will be adjusted as per the adjustment for existing bronze members (ie reduction to 15 patrol hrs = 60% of normal requirement)

Any bronze medallion which was approved to be gained past 31 December. Will still require the member to have attended patrol for the 3 hrs noted below, even if not as a Bronze Holder, in a “training capacity”

Month	Hours required to be eligible	Reduction applied 21/22 season
Jan	25	15
Feb	24	14
Mar	20	12
Apr – Sept	16	10
Oct	12	7
Nov	8	5
Dec	4	3

HSLs CVA Dates:

To avoid confusion, below details the date which the member may gain their Bronze Medallion and the required number of patrolling hours they will need to gain before the 31st December

- 27th November – Members will need to complete 5 patrolling hours between 28th November and 31st December
- 4th & 18th December - Members will need to complete 3 patrolling hours between the date of their CVA and 31st December

9. Entry Fees

The entry fee per competitor at the 2021-22 HSLs Newcastle Permanent Series is \$17.00.

HSLs will issue invoices to all Clubs after online entries close. Clubs must not pay their entry fees prior to the invoice being issued. Payment terms are as stated on the invoice.

Entry fees are not refundable if members do not take part in these Carnivals, or if events or the entire carnival is cancelled.

10. Entries – Sports Event Management System (SEMS)

All HSLs Carnivals are entered via SLSA - Sports Event Management System (SEMS) for this season. <https://sems.sls.com.au/#login>

Clubs can request access by filling out a form <https://help.sls.com.au/forms/F049-IT-Systems-access-form.pdf>

The club entry user guide can be found <https://help.sls.com.au/> then click on the user guides tab on the top right.

11. HSLs Newcastle Permanent Series Point Score: U11 – U14

The Newcastle Permanent Series will commence from Round 2 and incorporate the following carnivals:

- Round 2 - Saturday 4th December 2021 - Swansea Belmont SLSC
- Round 3 – Saturday 15th January 2022 – Fingal Beach SLSC
- HSLs Branch Championships – Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th February 2022

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for each carnival and a progressive point score is taken over the 3 carnivals with competitors gaining points for positions from 1st place to 6th place. For both Beach and Water events.

The following events are point scoring events at any carnival

Water	Beach
Surf Race	Beach Sprint
Board Race	Beach Flags
Iron Person	1 & 2km Beach Runs

After the three rounds points will be tallied and the place getter for each age group from Under 11's to Under 14's will be announced no later than the Friday after the HSLs Branch Championships.

Points are awarded as follows:

Place	Points
1 st Place	10 Points
2 nd Place	8 Points
3 rd Place	6 Points
4 th Place	4 Points
5 th Place	2 Points
6 th Place	1 Points

Point scores will be available on the HSLs website the following week

www.hsls.org.au/newcastlepermseries

12. Health and Wellbeing

The welfare of all competitors is of paramount importance and athletes or their parent / guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

Any competitor or official who suffers illness or injury prior to or at any of the rounds of the Newcastle Perm series MUST seek medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

13. Behaviour/Misconduct

Any misconduct while at the HSLs Newcastle Permanent Series will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the Carnival. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves and their Clubs.

Parents or supporters, particularly those appointed as Officials, are not allowed to assist competitors during the competition. Any breach of this policy may result in the disqualification of an athlete from the remainder of the competition and is at the discretion of the Referee.

Parents or supporters must also understand that they are role models for young athletes. Clubs should make sure that parents and supporters understand that abuse of officials, other competitors or clubs will not be tolerated.

Team Managers and Club Presidents should ensure that their parents and supporters understand their role at this competition and that expected standards of behaviour are clearly explained.

Please refer to the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).