



2022-23 Hunter Surf Life Saving Newcastle Permanent

Carnival Information v2

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Summary:	Outlines the requirements, restrictions, and procedures to compete at HSLs Carnivals in 2022-23.
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>

Live Heats	<p>Live Heats will be utilised by HSLs for the first time in 2022-23 Season.</p> <p>Wristbands will be handed out at the first carnival, at a cost of \$, which will be invoiced to clubs.</p> <p>It is the competitor's responsibility to bring the band back.</p> <p>Replacement bands will be available at subsequent carnivals at a cost of \$5 per band, paid directly by the member.</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 HSLs 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 HSLs.</p>

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1. Introduction

The 2022-23 Hunter Surf Life Saving (HSL) Newcastle Permanent Series attracts competitors from the U9'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 (Water) <i>*Interbranch Selection for U12-Opens</i>	Saturday 15 th October 2022 Fingal Beach SLSC	U11-Opens
Round 1 (Beach) <i>*Interbranch Selection for U12-Opens</i>	Friday 28 th October 2022 Redhead SLSC	U11-Open
Round 2 <i>*Interbranch Selection for U12-Opens</i>	Saturday 12 th November 2022 Swansea Belmont	U9-Opens
Round 3 (Beach) U15-Opens Championships	Friday 9 th December 2022 Nobbys SLSC	U9-U14's U15-Opens
Round 3 (Water) U15-Opens Championships	Saturday 17 th December 2022 Caves Beach SLSC	U9-U14's U15-Opens
Branch Age Champs Day 1	Saturday 4 th February 2023 Fingal Beach SLSC	U9-U14's
Branch Age Champs Day 2	Sunday 5 th February 2023 Fingal Beach SLSC	U9-U14's

This document also outlines key information relating to the 2022-23 HSL Newcastle Permanent Carnivals and Newcastle Permanent Point Series.

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>
- HSLs will send invoices to all Clubs after entries close. Do not pay until the invoice is received.
- Competitors will be charged for wristbands via their club at their first carnival.
- 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 2022-23 season.
- Note: Clubs are reminded to check all entries prior to the close of entries for any discrepancies or omissions.

3. 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 2022-23 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 2022-23 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.
- Out of Area clubs are expected to provide water safety as per the ratio's

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

- A financial member of SLS (2022-23 season)
- A proficient Bronze Medallion or
- A proficient Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed) (Conditions pending, assessment will be made on the day)
- 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
- Please ensure HSLs Age Managers are wearing their Green Age Manager shirt, so they can be easily identified.

4. Newcastle Permanent – Rash Vests

All competitors (U9's through to Masters) competing in any Hunter Branch Carnival in 2022-23 are required to wear a Newcastle Permanent High Visibility Pink Singlet. These must have NPBS front and centre of the singlet as a minimum requirement, no Club sponsors can be on the singlets. Competitors will be requested to change their singlets/pulled from the line if they do not have a NPBS Singlet on.

These can be purchased through your club, with limited availability and sizes available on the day. At a cost of \$10 per singlet– **card only**

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

5. Eligibility to Compete

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award, patrol and proficiency requirements as per the 2022-23 proficiency competition requirements and any other subsequent bulletins issued.

2022-23 Age Group	2022-23 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 25 Patrol hours (from 1 st Jan 2022-31 st December 2022) * see below table
U17-Open	Proficient Bronze Medallion	Proficient Bronze Medallion 25 Patrol hours (from 1 st Jan 2022-31 st December 2022) * see below table

Please note – any junior preliminary award must have an expiry date of December 2023 to complete. Last years awards (with December 2022 expiry, are not current).

6. Patrol Hours

The SLSNSW Board in consultation with the State Council has determined that due to the impact of COVID-19 being present in the first half of 2022, reduced hours for competition eligibility will remain in place for the 2022 calendar year.

This means eligibility for all 2023 Championships where minimum patrol hours are a requirement, will be calculated on the reduced levels from the 2022 Patrol year, as has been the case for the past two patrol years (see table below). The standard patrolling member will require 15 patrol hours during calendar year 2022.

	Patrol Hour Requirement Covid-19 Reduction (calculation commences 1 January 2022 – concludes 31 December 2022)	Patrol Hour Requirement SLSNSW Standard Requirement as per Regulation 5.c (calculation commences 1 January 2023 – concludes 31 December 2023)
Active Member	15 Hours	25 Hours
Reserve Active	7 Hours	12 Hours

Any members who gained their SRC (U15 Age group in 2022-23 season only) or Bronze from February last season to December this season, must gain the following hours to be eligible to compete. This is based on the date of your Assessment, as per the

Month	Hours required to be eligible	Relevant HSLs Assessment Dates in 2022.
Jan	15	
Feb	14	12 th February 2022
Mar	12	26 th March 2022
Apr – Sept	10	24 th September 2022
Oct	7	29 th October 2022
Nov	5	19 th November 2022
Dec	3	3 rd December 2022

7. HSLs CVA Dates:

To avoid confusion, we have put the HSLs Assessment Dates in the table above. Please ensure members are made aware of their patrolling requirements if they are completing their SRC or Bronze to compete.

- September & October CVA Dates in particular – those members will be expected to gain the hours for September/October even though their assessment date falls at the end of the month.

No exceptions for not meeting patrolling requirements will be considered for Branch, State or Australian Entries in 2023.

8. Entry Fees

The entry fee per competitor at the 2022-23 HSLs Newcastle Permanent Series is **\$17.00 plus \$2.00** for first live heats wristbands that is issued to members by HSLs.

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.

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 form49

<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.

9. LiveHeats

LiveHeats has been approved by SLSNSW for all State and Branch run events. HSLs will be utilising this technology at all carnivals where available. As part of this:

- All competitors must have a LiveHeats wristband – which has been allocated to them. Replacement bands will be available for purchase for \$5 for any lost or forgotten on the day.
- Competitors must check in/have their wrist band scanned at Marshalling. No band no competition.
- Heats & line positions will be automatically allocated by the Live heats software once all competitors have been confirmed as marshalled.
- Finals & line positions will also be automatically allocated by the Live heats software once positions have been finalised in each heat.
- Results will be available immediately following the race via the live heats page on the day.

10. HSLs Newcastle Permanent Series Point Score: U11 – U15

The Newcastle Permanent Series will commence from Round 1 and incorporate the following carnivals:

- **Round 1** – Water - Fingal Beach SLSC – Saturday 15th October 2022
- **Round 1** – Twilight Beach – Redhead SLSC – Friday 28th October 2022
- **Round 2** – Swansea Belmont SLSC - Saturday 12th November 2022 -
- **Round 3** - U15-Open Branch Champs – Twilight Beach – Nobbys SLSC – Friday 9th December 2022
- **Round 3**/U15-Open Branch Champs – Water - Caves Beach – Saturday 17th December 2022
- **Round 4** - HSLs Branch Championships – Fingal Beach SLSC - Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th February 2023 (*U11-U14's only*)

A point score will be kept for the highest overall point score for each carnival and a progressive point score is taken over the four carnivals with competitors gaining points for positions from 1st place to

6th place. For all Beach and Water events.

11. NPBS Point Scoring

The following events are point scoring for every race at any of the four rounds. For U15's there will only be three rounds – due to Branch Championships being part of Round 3 carnival.

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

Cumulative totals will be posted each week after the carnival.

Final points will be tallied and the place getter for each age group from Under 11's to Under 15'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

Each Carnival circular will outline which races will be considered NPBS Point Score races.

This year, where there are two races of the same event, points will be awarded for any straight final or 'A' final ran.

- if there are two heats and an A & B final raced– only the first six in the A final will be award points
- If there are two separate rounds of the same event run – then points will be allocated to each round's A final race.

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. Covid

If you should be in isolation due to Covid, please do not attend our carnivals. Any competitor who attends and is found to have been in breach of the current NSW Health or Government guidelines for isolation, will face disciplinary action.

14. 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 them 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.

15. Code of Conduct

Please refer to the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual sections

- 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour
- 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy
- 6.5 – [Member Protection Policy](#) – specifically but not limited to:
 - Point 5 – Breaches of Policy, Prohibited Conduct and Complaints
 - Point 7 – Members Code of Conduct
 - Point 7.7 – Cyber Bullying
 - Point 7.8 – Social Networking Platforms