

The Champs

Surf Life Saving Sport
Championships 2018

Holywell Bay

18th – 25th August



be part of it



The closing date for entries is **Monday 30th July at 6pm**. All entries must be submitted electronically via the online entry system. The club's team manager needs to apply for the club's password. To apply please contact Nigel Bowden nbowden@smsgb.org.uk with your club details and the event you are entering, your clubs password will then be allocated to the team manager. **Any late entries made after this time will be subject to a 50% surcharge on fees. No entries will be accepted any later the 7 days prior to the start of the event.**

Once the entries have been checked, the organisers will confirm by email. These must be paid by BACS or Cheque in the required amount made payable to SMSGB. Until the cheque has been paid, the club will not be cleared to compete.

Entry Fees:

It is now compulsory that all competitors wear the competition vests. Competitors will not be allowed in the water without wearing a vest.

Entry fees for these Championships are:

Nipper	- £27.50 One Fee Entry
Master and Youth	
Individual	- £27.50 per individual
Pair	- £10.25 per pair per event
Team	- £10.25 per team per event

The entry fees that are to be paid will be calculated on the basis of the entries made at the time the forms are submitted and confirmed by email to each Club prior to the event and these must be paid irrespective of whether a competitor is withdrawn from an event or fails to show.

Clubs are required to pay these fees by BACS or cheque made payable to SLSGB, with cheques being sent to the office one week before the start of the event

BACS payment

Sort Code – 30 9314

Account number – 00953302

Please note that entry fees are non-refundable and the club must pay the full amount due regardless of whether the competitor participates.

Remember

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Regulations and Conditions:

Rules for the Event:

The rules for the Championships are as published in the SLSGB Competition Rule Book the latest version can be downloaded from our website www.sls.gb.org.uk

Eligibility:

The championships are open to members of SLSGB and /or SLSA Wales. All competitors named on the entry form must be paid up members of SLSGB or SLSA Wales and a member of an affiliated club by the closing date of entries. Competitors whose membership is received by SLSGB after that date will not be eligible to compete in this Championship.

All competitors must be in possession of the relevant qualifications at the time that the entry form is lodged with SLSGB or SLSA Wales.

Event Preparation:

After all entries have been received and checked for confirmation of membership and lifesaving qualifications as required, the information will be collated. A list of the individual, pair and team entries in club order will be produced and sent by email only to the designated contact within the Club for all clubs entered.

Clubs should ensure that their Team Manager, if not the designated contact, is given a copy of the entry list information and has a copy of the entry forms before they are submitted. This will enable checks as to the accuracy of the entry lists.

A summary of the entry fees required will also be given to each club. A final pre-Championship circular will also be distributed by email at this point to give instructions to all clubs regarding access to the venue/storage of gear trailers etc.

Team Managers must check the entry lists to ensure that all entries for his/her club are listed and accurate and advise by email up to five days before the event of any queries or omissions. **After this time no amendments can be made, even if SLSGB has made the error.**

Each club will be required to give a contact mobile number to enable organisers to make contact in case of further query. This number will also be used to receive by text any late changes to programme based on the number of confirmed starters, start times or venues if required, and to confirm the start time and venue for the Team Managers' Meeting on the opening day of the Championships.

It is not necessary to name the individuals in paired and team events. However all competitors must be named on the entry sheet so that qualifications can be checked

Cancellation Policy:

From the moment SLSGB begin to organise an event, we start to incur costs. Member's entry fee is invested into the cost of staging the event; hiring facilities, hiring and buying equipment. In short, organising any event requires a considerable amount of forward planning, risk and expense. Once you pay your entry fee that money is spent and with it SLSGB aims to provide you with a race. In open water competition, adverse weather can create extremes in heat or cold, storms, dangerous surf or swell and associated dangers for competitors. Man-made disasters such as pollution of the water and beach cannot be discounted.

SLSGB organising committee shall prepare a contingency plan to ensure the protocols and procedures are in place in the event adverse weather or other conditions threaten to prevent the conduct of part or all of the competition.

The contingency plan shall:

Identify the decision-making authority and protocol for suspension, cancellation, postponement, or relocation of part or all of the competition.

Identify alternative locations where part or all of the competition may be safely conducted within the timeframe set down.

Specify the responsibilities and procedures for communicating decisions and directions concerning suspension, cancellation, postponement or relocation.

Outline the logistical plan for relocating competitors, competition personnel and equipment to an alternate location.

Outline the responsibilities for event set-up and re-scheduling at the alternate location(s).

If an event must be postponed or cancelled for safety reason, including inclement weather, concerted effort will be made to notify those who have pre-registered and have provided a contact phone number or e-mail address. If an event is to be rescheduled, all members will be notified of the new event date (if time scales allow). If an Event cannot be rescheduled or run later in the day there will only be a percentage of entry fees refunded after all running cost have be calculated.

Team Manager's Meeting:

All Team Managers must attend the Managers' meeting.

Failure to attend this meeting and pay the required fees at the correct time will mean that the Club's participation in the event will be at best delayed and at worst may be denied completely by the organisers.

Consent:

Team Managers must be aware of any medication necessary for team members.

We strongly advise that all team managers, officials and helpers involved in the event, should be registered with, and cleared by, the Club Safeguarding Officer and where appropriate relevant checks are completed.

There will be a nominated official at the event to which any concerns should be raised.

People wishing to take photographic images must register their intention to do so with the nominated official. They will be given a highly visible badge to wear. Event organisers may seek to challenge or take appropriate action where concerns are raised by participants or others about persons taking photographic images.

By entering the competition you agree that SLSGB events are held in public places and by participating in these Championships competitors may be photographed and these may be published in the public domain.

If you do not give consent for your child to have photographs taken and possibly used for promotional purposes which may include media, social media and website images, at SLSGB events, it is your responsibility to register with the National Safeguarding Manager or Event Manager at the SLSGB event HQ at the beginning of the event.

Competitor Numbers:

Each competitor must have their four digit number (club code plus two numbers as determined through the entry form) marked clearly on the back of their right hand at all times. On the back of their left hand, they should have their age group marked if applicable. This is essential for the recording process to operate effectively, as the recorders will only record the numbers of the competitor against the placing on their sheets.

It is essential that all competitors have the number clearly displayed and can show it to any official when requested. Failure to do so could lead to the competitor being disqualified. Each club will be supplied with a suitable marker pen to mark their competitor numbers.

Point scoring/Medals:

The top 16 placed competitors/teams will score points as follows:

	Individual/Pair	Team		Individual/Pair	Team
1st	20 points	30 points	9th	9 points	12 points
2nd	18 points	27 points	10th	8 points	10.5 points
3rd	16 points	24 points	11th	7 points	9 points
4th	14 points	21 points	12th	6 points	7.5 points
5th	13 points	19.5 points	13th	5points	6 points
6th	12 points	18 points	14th	4points	4.5 points
7th	11 points	16.5 points	15th	3 points	3 points
8th	10 points	15 points	16th	2 point	1.5 points

Note that B finals will not be run in the Beach Sprint or Beach Relay events – in which case the placing's for 9th to 16th will be determined from the semi-final placing's and the points for 9th and 10th place added together and divided by 2, and so on for 11th and 12th, 13th and 14th, and 15th and 16th places.

Thus places 1 to 4 will qualify for the A final, 5th place in each semi-final will receive 11.25 points, 6th place 8.25 points, 7th place 5.25 points and 8th place 2.25 points. A similar allocation of points will be made for the Beach Relay event.

Club Place Judges/Helpers

Please note that in order to manage the number of competitors anticipated the events will run in two arenas at the same time. Each competing club will be required to supply at least one place judge/helper for the duration of the event.

Total Competitors Entered between 5 and 10	2 place judges/helpers supplied in total
Total Competitors Entered between 10 and 15	3 place judges/helpers supplied in total
Total Competitors Entered between 15 and 20	4 place judges/helpers supplied in total
Total Competitors Entered between 20 and 25	5 place judges/helpers supplied in total
Total Competitors Entered between 25 and 30	6 place judges/helpers supplied in total
etc...	

NO HELP, NO ENTRY

The club must name these people on the helper's form which is part of the entry form. They will be expected to report to the Events Team at the start of the day and they will then be allocated their duties. SLSGB will ensure that drinks and refreshments are provided to them throughout the day.

Queries:

Queries regarding the event should be directed to SLSGB Head Office by telephone 01392 369111 or email mail@sls.gb.org.uk

Masters Championships 18th & 19th August

Individual Age Groups:

Minimum age for the Masters event is 29 years of age as at 31st December last year.

Masters 30-39: competitors aged 29 or over and 39 or under on 31st December last year - and will therefore reach the age of 30 and not exceed the age of 39 during this year

Masters 40-44: competitors aged 39 or over and 43 on 31st December last year - and will therefore reach the age of 40 and not exceed the age of 44 during this year

Masters 45-49: competitors aged 44 or over and 48 on 31st December last year - and will therefore reach the age of 45 and not exceed the age of 49 during this year

Masters 50-54: competitors aged 49 or over and 53 on 31st December last year - and will therefore reach the age of 50 and not exceed the age of 54 during this year

Masters 55-59: competitors aged 54 or over on 31st December last year - will therefore reach the age of 55 and not exceed the age of 59 during this year

Masters 60+: competitors aged 60 or over on the 31st December last year

Paired Events:

Board Rescue & Double Ski

Members of the pair must be aged 29 years or over on 31 December last year – will reach the age of at least 30 years this year.

Where members are from different age categories the pair will compete in the lower age group. e.g. competitor 1 30-39 & competitor 2 40-49 – entry into 30-39.

Team Events

Masters: all members of the relay team must be aged 29 years or over on 31 December last year – will reach the age of at least 30 years this year. When adding ages for team events the following will apply.

Competitor's ages:

30-39 age group = 30

40-44 age group = 40

45-49 age group = 45

50-54 age group = 50

55-59 age group = 55

60+ age group = 60

The sum of the team members' ages must then be equal to or in excess of the age of the category they wish to contest.

Once entered into an age group team race this cannot be changed, teams do not need to be named but a competitor can only compete in one age group for that race.

Ski and Board Availability:

Clubs must ensure that they have sufficient equipment and craft for their entered competitors.

Events will not be held up awaiting craft retrieval from finishing areas.

Youth Championships 20th & 21st August

Minimum age for the youth event is 12 years of age as at 31st December last year, and Maximum age is 18 years as at 31st December last year.

Youth 13: will reach the age of 13 in the year of competition
Youth 14/15: will reach the age 14 or 15 in the year of competition
Youth 16/17: will reach the age of 16 or 17 in the year of competition
Youth 18/19: will reach the age of 18 or 19 in the year of competition

Pair & Team Age Groups:

In all pair & team events a competitor can compete up 1 age group e.g. 13 can compete in U15 but not U17
U15 can compete in U17 but not U19
Competitors can only compete in 1 pair & 1 team per event

Ski and Board Availability:

Clubs must ensure that they have sufficient equipment and craft for their entered competitors.
Events will not be held up awaiting craft retrieval from finishing areas.

Ski Relay:

Ski relay is U17 and U19 and may be pulled if time and conditions are not favourable. The event is limited to 1 team per age group.

Mix Sprint Relay:

Teams are to be made up from two Female and two male competitors.

Nipper Championships

23rd – 24th – 25th August

Individual Age Groups:

Minimum age for this event is 7 years of age as at 31st December last year. The following individual age groups will apply:

8 Yrs: aged 7 on 31st December last year and will attain the age of 8 this year

9 Yrs: aged 8 on 31st December last year and will attain the age of 9 this year

10 Yrs: aged 9 on 31st December last year and will attain the age of 10 this year

11 Yrs: aged 10 on 31st December last year and will attain the age of 11 this year

12 Yrs: aged 11 on 31st December last year and will attain the age of 12 this year

13 Yrs: aged 12 on 31st December last year and will attain the age of 13 this year

Team Age Groups:

Nipper 8 to 9 Yrs: all members of the relay team must be aged 7 or 8 on 31st December last year

Nipper 10 to 11 Yrs: all members of the relay team must be aged 9 or 10 on 31st December last year

Nipper 12 to 13 Yrs: all members of the relay team must be aged 11 or 12 on 31st December last year

Water Cover:

At least one of those nominated as helpers will be required to provide additional in-water safety cover using a rescue board from time-to-time as required by the organisers, and must be suitably qualified to do so. If there are insufficient place judges/helpers volunteer to help, the organisers may be forced to cancel one or more events on the day; no refunds will be made on entry fees if this is the case.

Nipper Boards:

All club Nipper Boards will be gathered into a central pool and used in that way – each club is therefore requested to ensure that their club name is clearly marked on the board so that it can be identified when the pool is dispersed. Clubs are required to provide enough boards for both the boys and girls in their largest age group; this would enable us to use two arenas needed.

Private boards, which are not part of the pool, will be to one side and will not be allowed to be moved unless directed by the referee.

Qualifications required to compete in water events only:

Competitors wishing to enter beach events only do not require any qualifications. However, the following qualifications are required for participation in all water events

8-9yrs old and under to compete – Nipper Bronze (Nipper Level 2 award or above)

10, 11, 12, 13yrs old and above to compete – Nipper Silver (Nipper Level 3 award or above)

Competitor Clothing, Costume and Hats:

It is compulsory for all competitors to wear the visibility competition vest when competing; it is recommended that all competitors in craft events wear helmets, clearly marked in club colours.

Club caps are to be worn in all other events, including in craft events where a helmet is not worn.

Caps must be tied securely under the chin and worn on the head at the start of each event.

RETURN OF TROPHIES

All trophies must be returned to SLSGB by 8.30am on the first morning of the Championships. Non-return of trophies is regarded as a serious matter and any club not returning trophies by the deadline may be subject to disqualification from the Championships. It is extremely disappointing for any competitor not to receive the trophy he/she has won at the presentation ceremony.