

7th & 8th September, 2019

# SLSGB OPEN NATIONAL SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Davids, Wales



## Championship Entry Information

The closing date for entries is **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 6pm**. All entries must be submitted electronically. **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.**

When submitting the email, the sender should request an automatic read receipt, so that he/she will know that the email has been received. Electronic submission of entries is now the only method which will be accepted. It will not be possible for entries to be made via paper hard copies for this championship.

Please e-mail:

[mail@smsgb.org.uk](mailto:mail@smsgb.org.uk)

[nbowden@smsgb.org.uk](mailto:nbowden@smsgb.org.uk)

Once the entries have been checked, the organisers will confirm by email. These must be paid by a 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:

Individual	- <b>£6.50</b> per individual per event for first four, then £27.50 for more than four events
Pair	- <b>£10.25</b> per pair per event
Team	- <b>£10.25</b> 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and confirmed by email to each Club prior to the event and these must be paid irrespective of whether a competitor is withdrawn from an event or fails to show.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 cheque made payable to SMSGB, with cheques being sent to office one week before the start of the event

Clubs are required to pay these fees by BACS or cheque made payable to SMSGB, 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](http://www.sls.gb.org.uk)

### Eligibility:

**Open Men and Women:** will reach the age of at least 16 in the year of competition

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 and/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 and/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 of 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 number to enable organisers to make contact them 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 confirm the start time and venue for the Team Manager's 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.

**Clubs are required to pay the entry fees by BACS or cheque made payable to SLSGB Cheques to office within one week of the start of the event.**

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 being 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 Child Protection Officer and where appropriate, relevant checks are completed.

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.

If you do not give consent 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.

A guide to Child Welfare procedures for this event will be sent to Team Managers and will be available on request to any interested parties.

**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:

	<u>Individual/pair</u>	<u>Team</u>		<u>Individual/pair</u>	<u>Team</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	20 points	30 points	9 <sup>th</sup>	9 points	12 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18 points	27 points	10 <sup>th</sup>	8 points	10.5 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	16 points	24 points	11 <sup>th</sup>	7 points	9 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	14 points	21 points	12 <sup>th</sup>	6 points	7.5 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	13 points	19.5 points	13 <sup>th</sup>	5 points	6 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	12 points	18 points	14 <sup>th</sup>	4 points	4.5 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	11 points	16.5 points	15 <sup>th</sup>	3 points	3 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	10 points	15 points	16 <sup>th</sup>	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 placings for 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> will be determined from the semi-final placings and the points for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place added together and divided by 2, and so on for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> places.

Thus places 1 to 4 will qualify for the A final, 5<sup>th</sup> place in each semi-final will receive 11.25 points, 6<sup>th</sup> place 8.25 points, 7<sup>th</sup> place 5.25 points and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 helpers form. They will be expected to report to the Referee 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 by email [mail@sls.gb.org.uk](mailto:mail@sls.gb.org.uk)

### 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.

## COMPETITOR COMPETENCY:

For the Championship, all competitors wishing to enter water events must hold as a minimum:

	All competitors wishing to enter water events must hold as a minimum of a Skill Award Grade 2 or one of the following.						All competitors must hold the corect craft award to enter craft events.				
	Surf Lifeguard Award	Beach Lifeguard Award	Lifesaver Award	SLSGB Tube Rescuer	Skills Award Grade 2 swim	SLSGB Rescue Board Paddler		Skills Award Grade 2 Board	Skills Award Grade 2 Ski	SLSGB Board Comp	SLSGB Ski Comp
Swim	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	plus one of the following				
Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	plus one of the following	✓		✓	
Ski	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	plus one of the following		✓		✓
Oceanman/ woman	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	plus one of the following	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sprint							plus one of the following				
Flags							plus one of the following				
Beach Run							plus one of the following				
Board Rescue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	plus one of the following	✓		✓	
Tube Rescue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	plus one of the following				
Double Ski	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		plus one of the following		✓		✓
Board Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	plus one of the following	✓		✓	
Ski Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		plus one of the following		✓		✓
Taplin Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	plus one of the following	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beach Relay							plus one of the following				

**SLSGB competitors do not need any qualification for beach events.**

**For SLSA Wales competitors**

- **SLSA Wales Current Surf Lifeguard Award or Current Surf Lifesaver Award** - for any competitor participating in **any** water events.
- For beach events a minimum qualification of **SLSA Wales Beach Patrol Award** is acceptable.
- **SLSA Wales Racing Surf Ski Award** - for any competitor participating in individual Ski events, or team events with a ski leg included (i.e. Taplin, Ocean Man/Woman, Double Ski etc)

## 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 the 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.