

BRONTE

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All the best to our fabulous team of competitors, and to all our volunteers!

Need-to-knows:

- Read this [SLS Final Event Information](#), together with the embedded links.
- Ensure you have your team's contact details and mobile numbers in your phone.
- Keep [this page open](#) on your phone. It has all planning information you need to know.
- [Check the programs.](#)
- Pack the essentials the night before: Liveheats band, Bronte competition cap (blue on right hand side – copy your Bronte State Tshirt!), swimmers, Bronte uniform, board, goggles, towels, sunscreen, permanent marker, water, snacks (no single-use plastics), all weather gear, an umbrella (for rain and for sun) a chair, a list of your child's random draw numbers, endless cheer and patience!
- If you're qualified, pack full water safety and officials kit, whether or not you are rostered. We need parents at-the-ready to plug any gaps.
- Read [this guide](#) to understand how Liveheats and marshalling will work.
- Make a note of your random draw numbers for each of your events ('position numbers' on Liveheats). These numbers are used for marshalling, instead of names: go to the [SLS NSW page on LiveHeats](#) and click on the [2024 NSW State Age Championship](#) and enter your nipper's name in the search bar. Check with your Age Managers which Team your child is in (A, B or C). Write these numbers on your nipper's upper arm in permanent marker for the day's events.
- Familiarise yourselves with the [event rules](#). The kids will be briefed prior to each race. Once the race begins, they cannot be directed by water safety or officials, so they need to know the rules.
- Book your parking [here](#). There is a drop-off zone in Pacific St.
- Arrive early. There is a reasonable walk from the parking areas to the event. Be in time to find the relevant tent, collect your compulsory 2024 lycra vest from your Age Manager, participate in warm ups, and attend the briefings if you are a volunteer. If you are an Age Manager or Parent Delegate, please arrange to collect the lycra vests from our Team Managers first thing on the first day of your age group's competition (Thursday: Thomas Whalan / Friday: Ben Nixon).

Pink rashies: each competitor is issued a compulsory 2024 pink lycra vest which they must wear to compete. These must be collected by Team Managers who will then distribute to Age Managers or their parent delegate only. If your size is incorrect, it is up to you to switch it at the admin centre (North Steyne SLSC). If in doubt, go smaller.

Liveheats: all competitors must bring their Liveheats wristband. Replacement bands can be purchased at the Event Administration Centre (North Steyne SLSC) for \$5 (bring exact cash if possible).

Communication: all communication will be via TeamApp and over loud-hailers in each area. Make sure you:

- download TeamApp and join this team: '2024 NSW State Championships' (managed by SLS NSW);
- Have your notifications switched on;
- Keep an ear out for loud speaker announcements. These may override TeamApp alerts if last minute marshalling changes are required.

Contingency Locations: this year, there are a number of contingency locations listed should conditions warrant a move. Any decision to relocate will be communicated via Team Managers and the SLS TeamApp.

Age Managers / Acting Age Managers:

- Listen out for any managers meetings – these are often called in each area prior to competition.
- Water warm ups are strictly: 7am-7.20am – swim; 7.20am-7.40am – board. Hi vis and water safety required. No competitors within 50m of course set up.
- Note the random draw ('position') numbers for your kids.
- Team substitutions:
 - These need to be done in advance of marshalling. There are 2 options:
 - By a Team Manager; or
 - In person at the Admin Centre at North Steyne SLSC.
 - If you are using a listed 'reserve', this is still considered a team substitution and must be entered.
- Protest form is [here](#). Verbal protest must be made to the referee immediately and written protest submitted within 15 minutes. You must alert Thomas Whalan (Thursday Team Manager: 0438328647) or Ben Nixon (Friday – Sunday Team manager: 0411707434). A fee will be charged (\$110). Protests need to be linked to the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual, 37th edition](#). Remember that protests are rarely successful. We will only proceed if it's a final.
- For races that allow 'handling': one handler only; must wear a Club comp cap and hi vis.

Volunteers: thank you to the superstars who have put their hands up to help, in particular the legends who have taken time off work to attend and volunteer without their own child competing! Remember that the entire carnival is volunteer run: please be gracious in all your interactions.

- The officials roster is [here](#). Officials sign on (& shirt collection) is from 6am-7am each day, upstairs at Queenscliff SLSC with briefings in area at 7am or 30 minutes prior to the reporting time in that area.
- The water safety roster is [here](#). Water safety sign on (& rashie collection) is downstairs at Queenscliff SLSC, 45 minutes prior to the shift.
- The IRB roster is [here](#). IRB sign on is 1hr prior to shift.

All officials and water safety **must attend on time and sign on at Queenscliff SLSC**. If volunteers cannot attend on the day for any reason, you need to let the following people know as Bronte kids will not be permitted to compete without the role fulfilled: statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au; nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au and directorofnippers@brontesurfclub.com.au.

All those qualified, even if not rostered, should bring their gear and be ready to step in.

Look after children of volunteers: Bronte cannot compete without parents volunteering as officials, water safety, IRB and Age Managers. **These parents are relying on you**, as an age group, to look after their child as you would look after your own. Make sure EVERY child gets to their events, is accompanied to the toilets, has sunscreen applied, is fed and watered, and has a handle on all their possessions.

Tents: Thank you to our tent volunteers!

- There are 3 Bronte tents and all are branded either Bronte or Bondi-to-Bronte so you should find them with ease. The aim is to place one towards the north (to cover Beach 1 and the Red water area) one towards the middle (to cover the Green & Gold and Pink water areas) and one towards the south (to cover Beach 2 and the Black & White water area).
- At the end of each competition day, please lower the large tents and consider removing or tying the canopy to reduce any damage due to weather overnight. Ensure the sand bags are in place on each leg and return the sand to the beach at pack down. Do not leave anything in the tents.
- Help your tent transporters out! They are heavy and require more than one person.

Event clashes: all competitors have been entered into all possible events to give kids flexibility on the day. Note, however, that U11-U14 kids will generally need to choose between sand and water events. Any issues regarding event clashes will need to be raised via the Team Manager to the Competition Liaison Officer in your area.

Scrutineering of boards: if your fibreglass board (private or club) does **not** have a manufacturers compliance decal or an SLSA endorsed sticker, it will need to be scrutineered (weighed, measured and compliance 'scrutineering sticker' applied to prove it adheres to minimum standards). Please check: if you need a scrutineering sticker, find the scrutineering tent (generally behind/near the host the Surf Club) and arrange for this to be done (it is a free service). Do this early! There will be queues. Boards are spot-checked, in particular for finals. Non-stickered boards may be disallowed.

State team post-carnival celebration: Sunday 10 March: an extra special Sunday Sips to celebrate State Champs! Gather with fellow competitors and their families from 4pm with food from 5pm.

Thank you: a massive thank you to our age managers, coaches, officials, water safety, IRB transporters, IRB drivers and crew, tent transporters and every other parent who has pitched in so far. Our kids can't compete without you.

Good luck to the kids, have a heap of fun and represent the Club with pride and integrity.

Go Bronte!!!