



Circular

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Summary: Entry Circular for the Coolangatta Gold 2021 to be held at Coolangatta Beach, QLD from 13-14 November 2021.

Please note version 3 of the following circular contains updated dates of competition, entry and refund periods. All information relating to event categories and race day timings remain unchanged.

KEY UPDATES FOR COOLANGATTA GOLD 2021 (October 2021)

- With continued COVID-19 outbreaks & lockdowns SLSA remains committed to the delivery of The Coolangatta Gold 2021 for all competitors who are able to attend.
- With reduced ability for competitors, key officials, water safety personnel and operational staff to be in attendance. The Coolangatta Gold Long Course will be adjusted to a single transition event. Similar to Coolangatta Gold Short Course all legs will depart and return to Coolangatta Beach.
- Updated Coolangatta Gold Long Course details;

Leg:	Distance:	Location:
Ski	23 km	Coolangatta to Tallebudgera Creek & return
Run	1 km	Coolangatta to Tweed Heads & Coolangatta SLSC & return
Swim	3.5 km	Coolangatta to 75m South of North Kirra SLSC & return
Board	6.1 km	Coolangatta to Pacific Pde, Cnr Gibson St (Bilinga) & return
Run	8.2 km	Coolangatta to Golden Four Drive, Cnr Sea St (Tugun) & return

- Coolangatta Gold Short Course will take place on Saturday 13th November with first wave departing 7:30am
- Coolangatta Gold Youth Challenge will now be held Saturday 13th November at 12pm due to long course reverting back to single transition race.
- Coolangatta Gold Long Course will take place on Sunday 14th November with first wave departing 7:30am
- Entry Period Adjustments
 - Normal entries close Sunday 31st October at 11:59pm.
 - There is no late entry period
- Refund Period Adjustments
 - 100% refund available until Sunday 31st October, 11:59pm.
 - No refunds available after Sunday 31st October

KEY INFORMATION FOR COOLANGATTA GOLD 2021

- All entries for the Coolangatta Gold 2021 & Youth Challenge must be completed via online webforms found at <https://sls.com.au/coolangattagold/>
- Once the entry form is completed, competitors will be emailed a confirmation of entry



along with a medical form and handler form to complete. The medical form and handler form must be completed by close of all entries at 11:59pm on Sunday 31st October 2021. Competitors will not be allowed to start unless a medical form and handler form has been completed and submitted.

- All athletes must complete the online briefing prior to competition. All athletes and at least one handler must be present for online athlete briefing.
- The starts for both the short course and long course, dependent on conditions, will be a dry or traditional ski start (from the beach).

While SLSA is accepting entries for Coolangatta Gold 2021, due to potential COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event (border closures, social distancing, venue numbers, quarantine requirements etc.), SLSA reserves the right to reduce both the number of event categories and the number of participants per category as well as potential days/times in which Short Course, Long Course & Youth Challenge events may be held. It is currently not possible to predict the impact of COVID-19 on events into the future. Members must make their own assessment in relation to entering this event.

This document has been prepared with the best intentions based on current State Health Authority information regarding COVID-19 restrictions and related border movements. However, as has been noted over many months, this information is constantly changing and as such, all athletes, coaches and supporters should be prepared to allow for some flexibility in their planning. SLSA will do their best to provide advance notice on the listed options and possible further amendments. However, as has been witnessed over many months, COVID-19 restrictions can be amended with little to no notice by the various State Health Authorities.

SLSA is actively working with QLD Health and the Gold Coast City Council to finalise a COVID Safe Plan for the Coolangatta Gold 2021. Due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, and related restrictions, SLSA cannot guarantee there will be no amendments to the event and/or the timetable of Short Course, Long Course or Youth Challenge events. All possibilities are being examined and discussed to keep the event as normal as possible however SLSA acknowledges that due to the COVID-19 pandemic there are likely to be restrictions in some form placed on the Coolangatta Gold 2021.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at:

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 31 st October 2021	11:59pm AEST	Normal Entries close
Sunday 31 st October 2021	11:59pm AEST	All Medical Forms and Handler Forms completed and submitted
Friday 12 th November 2021	9:00am AEST	Gear and Trailer drop off – Location Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta
	4:00pm AEST	Short Course Competitor & Officials Briefing – Online
	5:00pm AEST	Long Course Competitor & Officials Briefing – Online
	6:00pm AEST	First Aid & Powercraft Briefing – Online
Saturday 13 th November 2021	6:30am AEST	Marshalling begins – Short Course – Competitors should be race ready
	7:30am AEST	Race starts – First Wave departs
	10:45am AEST	Short Course Presentations
	11:30am AEST	Youth Challenge Marshalling
	12:00pm AEST	Youth Challenge Begins
Sunday 14 th November 2021	6:30am AEST	Marshalling Begins – Long Course – Competitors should be race ready
	7:30am AEST	Race starts – First Wave departs
	12:00pm AEST	Long Course Presentations
	3:00pm AEST	Long Course Competition concludes
Monday 15 th November 2021	4:00pm AEST	All gear and trailers picked up and removed from site – Location Queens Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta

All above dates and times are subject to change



COOLANGATTA GOLD 2021 - ATHLETE ENTRY CONDITIONS

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- For short course and long course competitors the age that competitors are on race day determines the category they will compete in for the Coolangatta Gold. Competitor age is as follows:
 - Short Course – as at 12:01am, Saturday 13 November 2021
 - Long Course – as at 12:01am, Sunday 14 November 2021.
- Entrants to the Coolangatta Gold can be SLSA members or the general public.
- Competitors must be a minimum of 16 years of age on the event day to be eligible to compete in individual events.
- On event day, competitors must be a minimum of 14 years of age to be eligible to compete in the beach run legs of a team event, 15 years of age to be eligible to compete in swim or board legs in a team event and 16 years of age to be eligible to compete in the ski leg of a team event.
- If team competitors are members of SLSA, they are not required to be from the same Surf Life Saving Club.
- All competitors who are entering in any category do so of their own accord and must follow SLSA competition conditions outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (with exception of age determination that is detailed in this section).
- All competitors who are SLSA members must be entered into the event under their Club, must be financial members of a club and be eligible for competition as per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

RACE REQUIREMENTS

- Competitors entering the Long Course event must be able to provide SLSA evidence, as requested, of one of the below criteria in order to be eligible for the Long Course event;
 - Successful completion of a previous Long Course event at Coolangatta Gold within the past 5 years
 - Successful completion of a previous Short Course event at Coolangatta Gold within the past 3 years
- If competitors **have not met** the above criteria and wish to complete in the Long Course event, sufficient evidence of training plans and current references must be signed and provided by a current accredited SLSA Coach to events@slsa.asn.au for SLSA approval. Competitors submitting Long Course requests are not permitted to enter until appropriate sign off from SLSA has occurred
- It is compulsory for each competitor to have a board paddler (handler) with them for the swim leg component of the course. This board paddler must, as a minimum, hold a Surf Rescue Certificate and be proficient. The board paddler must wear a fluoro shirt/rash vest and also wear their competitor's allocated number on their arm. They must always remain 5 metres in front of or to the side of their competitor.
- It is compulsory that each competitor wears the SLSA provided swimming cap for the swim leg of the course.
- All skis and boards must have the competitor's number sticker attached. Stickers will be provided in the competitor packs and should be applied to clean, dry craft in the locations identified in the Sponsorship section of this Circular. Competitors will receive the following stickers:
 - 2 x ski
 - 1 x board
 - 1 x board paddler
- It is compulsory for all competitors to pass through each gate when completing the ski leg. The buoy gates will be, at a maximum, 4km apart and a maximum of 300m offshore.



- It is planned buoy gates will be placed 2km apart (pending obtaining appropriate equipment). Failure to pass through the gates may result in a penalty or disqualification.
- Competitors in the ski leg, whether in the Short Course or Long Course events, are required to have a water storage device attached to their craft or their person. Long Course competitors must have a minimum of two litres of water or other suitable drinking liquid.
- All competitors must adhere to decisions and direction provided by the Event Referee and all other Officials.

LIFE JACKETS

- All competitors must wear a minimum certified AS4758 Level 50 or Type 2 life jacket whilst competing in the ski leg of the course.
- AS4758 Level 100, Level 150, Level 275, Level 50S or Type 3 are permitted to be worn if they meet the conspicuous colour requirements.

HANDLERS

- Short Course competitors must have a minimum of one handler who will assist in the management of the competitor and their equipment.
- Long Course competitors must have a minimum of two handlers who will assist in the management of the competitor and their equipment.
- Handlers do not need to be a member of a Club or hold a Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion proficiency (excluding the Board Paddler Handler)
- Handlers must wear the yellow bibs provided. Each competitor will be provided with 2 x Handler bibs.
- At no time during the event, may a Handler, Coach or other person in a competitor's team or club, cause an advantage, or appear to cause an advantage to or for a competitor. Such advantage may not be limited to, but includes, pacing, travelling alongside of and push starting. In addition to this, Handlers are:
 - Not permitted to enter the water except to retrieve craft or take part in a rescue.
 - Not permitted to leave the competition area in the immediate preceding 'change over' area, or the next 'change over' area except to travel directly between such areas.
 - Not permitted to approach their competitor unless within the designated area at the aid stations located at Bilinga and North Kirra on the run leg of the course.

Please note: Penalties incurred by Handlers will be applied to the competitor/s as if the competitor/s had committed the infringement.

YOUTH CHALLENGE

- Coolangatta Gold Youth Challenge competitor eligibility and age categories will be conducted as per Surf Sports Manual 36th Edition.
- Coolangatta Gold Youth Challenge age categories will include age groups U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U17 eligible for the 2021-22 competition season.
- Youth Challenge entries will be capped at 50 entrants per age group, per gender for all categories.
- Youth Challenge competitors must wear SLS club caps for the duration of the event.
- All competitors will be provided with event branded lycra to for the duration of the event.
- Youth Challenge competitors must have a minimum of one handler who will assist in the management of the competitor and their equipment.
- Youth Challenge handlers will not be required to wear handler bibs.



ENTRY FEES

Coolangatta Gold 2021 Entry Fees are as follows:

Price Level	Entries Close	Competitor Category	Price (incl. GST)
Early Bird Entry	11:59pm AEST 5 September 2021	Individual Short Course	\$253.00
		Individual Long Course	\$281.00
		Teams Short Course	\$529.00
		Teams Long Course	\$587.00
		Youth Challenge	\$40.00
Normal Entry	11:59pm AEST 31 October 2021	Individual Short Course	\$322.00
		Individual Long Course	\$357.00
		Teams Short Course	\$598.00
		Teams Long Course	\$663.00
		Youth Challenge	\$50.00

Entry Fees include the following:

- Entry into the relevant event that the participant has registered for at the Coolangatta Gold 2021.
- Competitor lycra vest
- Competitor swim cap
- Two Handler bibs
- Finisher medallion for each competitor who successfully completes the course in the required time frame
- Competitor gift
- Access to the 'Athlete Only' recovery zone

ENTRY PROCESS

All Coolangatta Gold 2021 entries are to be completed via the online entry form found here:

<https://sls.com.au/coolangattagold/>

Once entries have been received, competitors will receive a Handler Form and Medical Form to complete as part of the entry process.

REFUND POLICY

- In the event that the Coolangatta Gold 2021 is cancelled due to COVID-19 the following refunds will be in place:
 - 100% refund available until 11:59pm Sunday 31st October
 - No refunds available after 11:59pm Sunday 31st October
- Entry Fees are non-refundable aside from COVID-19 related changes. Refunds will be considered subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances.
- All entry cancellations are to be sent in writing to events@slsa.asn.au
- Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- There are no refunds for competitors that do not start or do not complete the course.



COMPETITION DETAILS

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The Competition Committee may, subject to the rules in the 36th Revised Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM) and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this circular, postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all events, and alter the venue of the competition.

A review of the following matters will be included for discussion at each Competition Committee meeting:

- Risk assessment of the current conditions of the beach and back of beach area
- Injury management statistics
- Current weather predictions
- Competition statistics.

The Competition Committee may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues, when required. The Competition Committee shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the competition (e.g. Disciplinary Committee).

The Competition Committee is responsible for enacting the contingency plan for the Coolangatta Gold 2021. The Referee and the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC) are responsible to the Competition Committee for recommendations concerning competition safety. The Safety Operations Manual developed for this event is to be applied by the Referee and the SEMC in considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.

POSITION	NAME
Chair	TBA
Deputy Chair, SLSA Chair of Sport	Andrew Buhk
SLSQ Sport Manager & Event Manager	Stuart Hogben
Competition Referee	Jenny Kenny
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Nathan Fife
Powercraft Coordinator	Michael Crawley
Host Club contacts	Stuart Marshall
Athlete Representatives	TBC
Independent Risk Advisor	Paul Chivers

SAFETY & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The Safety and Emergency Committee as part of its role must consider and advise on all matters relating to the competition and non-competition safety and emergency services. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Nathan Fife
Deputy Competition Referee (and Area Referee Coolangatta)	John Brennan
Deputy Competition Referee (and Area Referee Youth Challenge)	Stuart Hogben
Safety & Emergency Management Officer – Coolangatta	Jamie Findlay
Medical Coordinator	TBC



Powercraft Coordinator	Michael Crawley
Host Club Representative	Stuart Marshall
Independent Risk Advisor	Paul Chivers

EVENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Event Organising Committee is responsible for the logistical pre-planning and operational delivery of the Coolangatta Gold. The Event Organising Committee is responsible for the planning of the event but not the conduct of actual competition.

POSITION	NAME
SLSA Sports Manager / Chair	Wayne Druery
SLSA National Event Manager	Bradley Dean
SLSA Chair of Sport	Andrew Buhk
Competition Referee	Jeff Mowbray
Deputy Competition Referee	Jennifer Kenny
Deputy Competition Referee	Stuart Hogben
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Nathan Fife
Powercraft Coordinator	Michael Crawley
SLSA National Venue Manager	Ken Bird OAM
SLSA National Events Coordinator	Aaron Bissett
SLSA Officials Advisor	Paul Kenny
SLSA Technical Advisor	Greg Allum OAM
Host Club representative	Stuart Marshall
SLSA Communications & Partnerships Representative	Montanna Clare
	Ali Choukry

ENTRY CRITERIA

All competitors who are active members of a Surf Life Saving Club must meet SLSA requirements for competition eligibility. Further details may be obtained from Surf Life Saving Australia's Policy 5.4 – SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility. Competitors must also be eligible for competition under SLSA conditions as outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

Members of the public who enter this competition do so of their own accord and must follow SLSA competition conditions/regulations.

Members of kindred associations affiliated with the International Lifesaving Federation (ILS) should be in good standing with their association and must have the endorsement, and an opinion on their capacity to complete the event, from their national association to be eligible to enter the event.

EVENT CATEGORIES

All individual short and long course events are aged-based categories, with the exception of Elite Male and Elite Female, which are Open categories. Competitors may not compete in both Elite and their age category (i.e. Elite Male and U19 Male)

All team short and long course events are age-based categories, with the exception of Open Teams – Male/Female/Mixed, in which each team member can be of any eligible age.

Competitors who wish to enter both Short Course and Long Course events will be charged separate entry fees. Eligibility to participate in more than one event is subject to SLSA approval. If competitors wish to enter more than one event, they can do so in the following combinations:

- Individual Short Course and Team Long Course, or



- Team Short Course and Team Long Course, or
- Team Short Course and Individual Long Course

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS		
Age Categories	Individual Short Course	Individual Long Course
Elite Male*		●
Elite Female*		●
U19 Male	●	●
U19 Female	●	●
Open Male	●	●
Open Female	●	●
35-49 Male	●	●
35-49 Female	●	●
50+ Male	●	●
50+ Female	●	●
* Elite Category is attached to prize money and has restrictions on insurance cover		

TEAM EVENTS		
Age Categories	Teams Short Course	Teams Long Course
U17 Male	●	
U17 Female	●	
U17 Mixed	●	
U19 Male	●	●
U19 Female	●	●
U19 Mixed	●	●
Open Male	●	●
Open Female	●	●
Open Mixed	●	●
140+ Masters Male	●	●
140+ Masters Female	●	●
140+ Masters Mixed	●	●
190+ Masters Male	●	●
190+ Masters Female	●	●
190+ Masters Mixed	●	●

YOUTH CHALLENGE – INDIVIDUAL ONLY		
Age Categories	Male	Female
U11	●	●
U12	●	●
U13	●	●
U14	●	●
U15	●	●
U17	●	●
Youth Challenge Age Groups as per 36 th Edition Surf Sports Manual for 2021-22 season		

TEAM EVENTS

- For team events, a team will consist of any competitor combination with a minimum of two people and maximum of four people.
- Each leg must be completed by one individual only.
- If a team has less than 4 people, each individual can complete more than one leg of the course.
- Teams must have a minimum of two handlers.
- Teams can be:
 - Female Teams – 2-4 females
 - Male Teams – 2- 4 males
 - Mixed Teams – any combination of 2-4 competitors with a minimum of 1 female and 1 male
- Teams can be made up of members from a Surf Life Saving Club and the general public. If team members are from a Surf Life Saving Club they are not required to be from the same Club to be



in the one team.

- Individual competitors in the individual race categories, who, due to unforeseen circumstances are unable to complete the entire course on their own, are eligible to transfer their entry to a team category prior to close of Late Entries. Additional entry fees will apply.

PRIZE MONEY

- Prize money is awarded to the following places in the Elite Male and Elite Female Long Course category:

Elite Male and Elite Female Long Course	
Place	Prize Money
1	\$18,000
2	\$7,000
3	\$4,000
4	\$3,000
5	\$2,000
6	\$1,000

Please Note: For those participating for prize money (elite categories), please note athletes in these groups will not be covered under work cover and should refer to the participant disclaimer Item 15 - Insurance for clarity. Further, all competitors in this specific category will only be covered under personal accident Insurance. Public competitors (i.e. those not a member of an affiliated SLS club) will compete at their own risk as per the entry declaration.

RACE START

- The race start time for both the Short Course and Long Course first wave will be 7:30am, unless advised by SLSA Staff or the Referee. Each wave will begin between 5-10 minutes after the preceding wave. Wave allocations will be advertised before the day of competition.
- The start for both the short course and long course will be a dry or traditional ski start (from the beach), dependent on conditions. The Referee will advise competitors of the start method.

Please Note: The Competition Committee reserve the right to amend the course and/or postpone and/or cancel a category or the event if deemed necessary in the interest of safety for competitors.

COURSE

- Every competitor must compete in the manner determined and presented by the Competition Committee and in accordance with the event rules.
- Competitors must follow the direction and instructions of the Referee and associated Officials. Failure to do so may result in a penalty or disqualification.
- Drink stations will be provided along the event course.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to wear their timing chip appropriately so that a time will be recorded when going through the transition points. Instructions will be provided at the Competitor Briefing prior to competition.

Course:	Date:	Race Start Times:
Short Course	13 November 2021	From 7:30am



Youth Challenge	13 November 2021	From 12pm
Long Course	14 November 2021	From 7:30am

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

Saturday 13 November 2021 – 21km

Leg:	Distance:	Location:
Ski	10.5 km	Coolangatta to Tugun, return to Coolangatta
Swim	2 km	Coolangatta to Haig St Kirra, return to Coolangatta
Board	3 km	Coolangatta to North Kirra, return to Coolangatta
Run	5.5 km	Coolangatta to Mills St Tugun, return to Coolangatta

YOUTH CHALLENGE DETAILS

Saturday 13 November 2021 – 1.75km

Leg:	Distance:	Location:
Run	250m	Coolangatta Beach
Swim	350m	Coolangatta Beach
Run	550m	Coolangatta Beach
Board	450m	Coolangatta Beach
Run	150m	Coolangatta Beach

LONG COURSE DETAILS

Sunday 14 November 2021 - 41.8km

Leg:	Distance:	Location:
Ski	23 km	Coolangatta to Tallebudgera Creek & return
Run	1 km	Coolangatta to TH&C SLSC & return
Swim	3.5 km	Coolangatta to 75m South of North Kirra SLSC & return
Board	6.1 km	Coolangatta to Pacific Pde, Cnr Gibson St (Bilinga) & return
Run	8.2 km	Coolangatta to Golden Four Drive, Cnr Sea St (Tugun) & return

RETIREMENT FROM THE EVENT

- Competitors may retire from the event at any point during the course. In some instances, the Referee, Officials or Medical officers will determine whether a competitor can or cannot continue and they will be instructed to retire. This will be communicated to the competitor and/or the competitor's handler/s who shall immediately remove the competitors' equipment from the competition area.
- Medical Officers have full authority to prevent or restrain a competitor from continuing in the event if they deem it unsafe for the competitor to continue.
- Competitors who fail to complete a leg of the course within a period of time stipulated by the Competition Committee must retire from the event. SLSA accepts no responsibility for those competitors who fail to complete a leg in the required time. Those competitors will be automatically disqualified from the event and their timing chip will be removed. If the competitor continues to participate in the event, they do so at their own risk and SLSA take no responsibility for their safety or welfare.

SLSA ANTI DOPING POLICY



Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an anti-doping policy, which will be adhered to for this event.

- Please be aware that random drug testing could take place during the 2021 Coolangatta Gold
- It is highly recommended all competitors and club member (including coaches, handlers and support personnel) complete the SIA online e-learning program (Level 1) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping. The link to access this e-learning program is: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/> Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activity as a group.
- It is recommended all competitors and club member (including coaches, handlers and support personnel) utilise the SIA [Check Your Substances](#) reference site, or phone 1300 027 232.

CLOTHING AND NUMBERING

- Each competitor and handler/s must wear their assigned number/s on the sides of their upper arms and on the sides or back of both calves. The numbers will be applied using numbered tattoos provided by SLSA in the competitor kits. Numbers must remain visible at all times and cannot be covered at any stage. If numbers are not visible competitors cannot start.
- During the swim leg, competitors must wear the nominated coloured swimming cap. A cap will be provided in the competitor kits.
- SLSA members are permitted to wear their club caps during the Ski, Board and Run legs of the course.
- Costumes must be SLSA approved as per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (Section 2.5). Any variance to costumes must be approved by the Referee prior to competition.
- Swimming costumes are to be worn at all times. They must be SLSA approved, as designated in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual. Any variance to SLSA approved costumes may be approved by the Referee prior to the commencement of the event.
- SLSA will supply lycra race singlets which must be worn by competitors as outer garments on all legs of the event, except the ski leg when a minimum Level 50 lifejacket must be the outermost garment.
- Costumes must not carry any commercial identification except the garment manufacturer and/or their Surf Life Saving Club. Please refer to the Personal Sponsorship section of this Circular.
- The Event Referee has the authority to require the removal of costumes or other garments which the Referee considers to be offensive.
- Footwear is permitted for the running leg of the course.
- Swim goggles and/or face masks are permitted for the swim leg of the course.
- Swim flippers or any other swimming aids are not permitted as part of the swim leg of the course.
- Wetsuits are permitted to be worn, if, at 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the event, the Referee deems the water to be below 18 degrees Celsius. Please refer to Section 2.5 of the current Surf Sports Manual for approved wetsuits. Wetsuits may not carry any commercial or sponsorship identification other than that of the wetsuit manufacturer. This wetsuit manufacturer identification can only be the size which is standard to off-the-rack wetsuits of that company.
- Handlers must wear mandatory event Handler bibs as outer garments for the duration of the



event.

GEAR & EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS & SCRUTINEERING

- Surfboards, surf skis and wetsuits must meet the current specifications of SLSA.
- Lifejackets must meet the specifications detailed in this entry circular.
- All competitor craft, life jackets and wetsuits (if required) are subject to scrutineering at Coolangatta and at any time, during or after the event. Competitors and/or handlers must comply with the directions of the Scrutineer Officials and present their craft and lifejackets for scrutineering.

- Scrutineering at the start of the event at Coolangatta will include checks on:
 - Craft
 - PFD
 - Water or other drink
 - Numbering on craft
 - Numbering on athlete (both arms, both legs)
 - Lycra singlet

MEDIA

- States/Territories & Clubs shall be permitted to promote the event and or their Club team within their own State (subject to SLSA approval). However, no Competitor, Team Manager, Official or spokesperson for a State shall make media statements that could bring the event, its sponsor, or Officials into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.
- Complaints regarding the organisation of the event, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP

The following outlines the Sponsorship Policy for the Coolangatta Gold 2021 which must be complied with whilst participating in the Competition.

EVENT SPONSORS & CATEGORIES

The companies and matching categories listed in the table below have exclusive rights at the Coolangatta Gold 2021.

No personal sponsorship can be worn by a competitor that is of the same category as the companies listed below.

COMPANY	EXCLUSIVITY CATEGORY
Nutri-Grain / Kellogg's	Breakfast category (bars, bites, ball and drinks/squeezer products)
DHL	Logistics
Isuzu	Automotive
Ampol	Fuel
Westpac	Financial Services
FINZ	Swimwear
BRP	SeaDoo water craft & Can-Am /Power craft

Current as of the 21/05/2021. SLSA has the right to update and change this at any time prior to the Event commencing.



PERSONAL

Competitors may be required to wear Event sponsor's branding whilst participating in the Event and during any pre or post event media attendances.

Upper arms of competitors must be uncovered for identification numbering.

Competitors are able to place 1 personal sponsor logo on each shoulder. They must be from the same sponsor and cannot be larger than 7.5cm x 7.5cm as per figure 1. Legs are to be free of any personal sponsor logos. Any personal sponsor logos must be pre-approved by SLSA prior to 31 October 2021 by emailing events@slsa.asn.au. SLSA retains sole discretion to withhold approval of any sponsor logos and is not required to provide any reasons for not giving approval.



During any presentations or media appearances, competitors must wear the event lycra race singlet, branded cap, and/or a supplied Event shirt. Any personal sponsor branded gear must not be in conflict with Event sponsors (as listed above).

CLOTHING

SLSA Event Manager, Chair of Competition Committee SLSA Chair of Sport, and/or the Referee may require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes, lifejackets and/or other garments which contain commercial identification deemed not to be in the interests of the official event sponsors. Please also refer to clothing information on page 10 of the circular.

EYEWEAR

Competitors may wear sunglasses whilst competing in the competition providing that the brand of sunglasses does not conflict with any Event sponsors.

Competitors are not to place sunglasses over any Event sponsor, i.e. on peak of cap.

Competitors may wear their own swim goggles in the appropriate legs.

PENALTIES

The following penalties apply:

- Failure to carry required Sponsor identification, as stipulated: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory Lycra race singlets (competitor)/race T-Shirt (handlers) during event: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory cap and Lycra race singlets at the presentation (competitor): penalty or forfeiture of competitor's total share of prize money.

SURF CRAFT

Competitors may be required to compete with a Go Pro or similar device, within reason, attached to equipment for the purpose of obtaining the best possible footage to promote the sport, unless the competitor can prove to SLSA that such an attachment would hinder their performance.

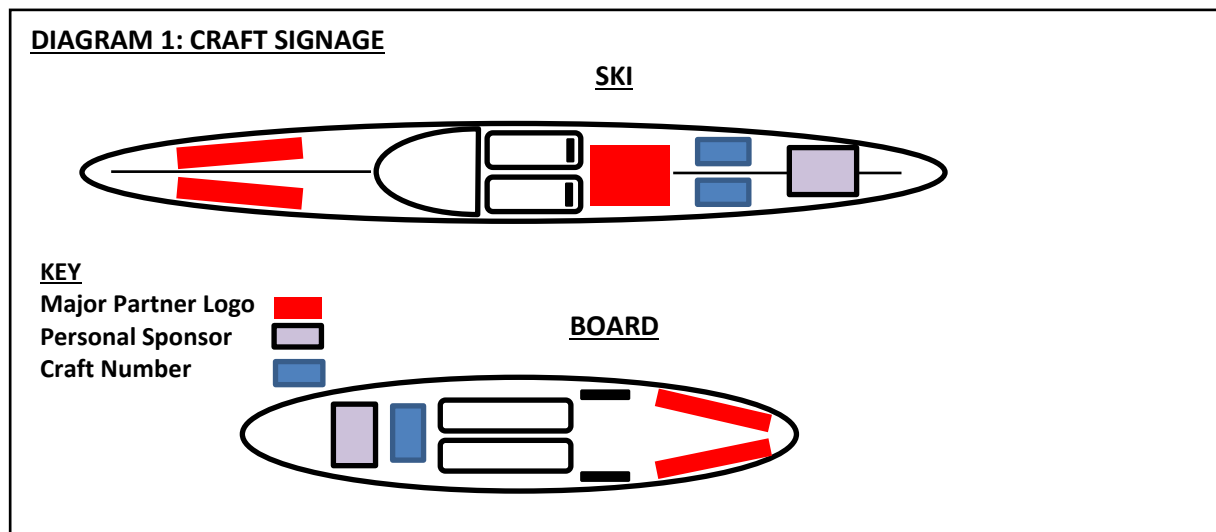


SPONSOR STICKERS

If supplied, compulsory sponsor stickers must be affixed to craft prior to, or during scrutineering and other stickers may be required to be removed or otherwise covered.

Competitors may be called upon to remove from craft all other identification, save for personal and/or official Club sponsor identification, which is considered to be of a conflicting nature to a Event sponsor.

The Competition Committee will nominate the approximate area on the craft for such numbers or identification.



Surf craft may be required to carry branding of the Event sponsors in accordance with the attached diagram above. In addition to the branding set out in the attached document, competitors may also carry personal sponsors only if:

- The signage/branding is positioned in the locations reserved for branding of sponsors or personal sponsors as shown in the Diagram 1 above, and specifications below.
- The branding does not conflict with the interest of a sponsor of the Event.

If your surf craft carries branding of sponsors which conflict with the Event sponsors, these will need to be covered up or removed before attending the Event.

If your surf craft is carrying any branding which is inconsistent with this policy or if you wish to discuss any aspect of this policy please contact the Events Team at Surf Life Saving Australia.

Personal Sponsor Dimensions:

- Ski – 20cm x 20cm area located 70cm from the front of the seat
- Board – 20cm x 10cm area located on the back of the board.

NOTE: Signage cannot cover mandatory compliance stickers