

POLICY

To: Section Captains
Coaches
Team Managers
Competitors
Parents / Carers
Interested Parties

From: Surf Sports Panel

Date: September 15th 2007

Policy Issue: **Competition Levy**

OVERVIEW

The objective of the Competition Levy Policy is to ensure that members of Avoca Beach SLSC (ABSLSC) understand the application, purpose, inclusions, cost, systems and other considerations of the Competition Levy for the 2007-08 season.

WHO THE COMPETITION LEVY IS APPLICABLE TO

The Competition Levy applies to all members who wish to compete in individual &/or team Swim, Board, Ski, Multi-Discipline (e.g. Ironman/Ironwoman, Taplin Relay etc.) and Beach events in the age groups of Under 15, Under 17, Under 19, Open and Masters (30+) (calculated as at midnight on 30 September 2007).

Under 14 competitors competing in Under 15 events will be permitted to enter on a “pay as you go” basis.

Any member wishing to solely compete in Lifesaving and Surfboard Riding events will also be permitted to enter on a “pay as you go” basis.

This Competition Levy Policy does not apply to Boat or IRB Crews.

WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPETITION LEVY IS

The Board of Directors recognises that Competition or Surf Sports plays an integral part in the Clubs operations.

Competition supports the core business of surf lifesaving (Surf Patrols / Rescue) by providing a vehicle for: the recruitment & retention of members; the physical, technical, tactical and mental development of surf lifesavers; and the marketing of Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

As such, the Board wishes to encourage and support members who wish to participate and compete in the many various surf lifesaving events conducted each season by subsidising competition entry fees.

However, the Board has the responsibility to manage the financial affairs of the club for the benefit of club members. The Board believes at this time that it would be imprudent and unreasonable for the Club to be liable to wholly pay for what is historically a significant Club running cost (estimated at \$255 per person). The Board hopes that members, by part paying for their entries, have an appreciation of the cost otherwise borne by the Club and on the flipside, the investment that the Club makes in its members.

From experience over previous seasons, members part paying for their entries take greater ownership of their competition endeavours.

COMPETITION EVENTS INCLUDED UNDER THE COMPETITION LEVY

The Competition events listed below for both Seniors (U15, U17, U19 & Open) and Masters competitors are competition events “targeted” by ABSLSC i.e. these are events that the club encourages members to attend in maximum numbers so as to compete as a Club. These are essentially, local carnivals, some major Sydney Carnivals, Branch, State & Australian Championships, which are believed to be both reasonably accessible and mutually beneficial for members and the Club.

The Competition Levy includes the following events only:

Seniors (U15, U17, U19 & Open)

20 October	SLSCC Open & Masters Carnival @ North Entrance
15 December	SLSCC Open & Masters Carnival @ Umina
16 December	SLSCC Branch First Aid Competition Championship @ Ocean Beach
26 December	Terrigal Twilight Open Carnival
4 January	SLSCC Branch U15 (+U13 & U14) Surf Board Riding Championships @ Avoca
5 January	SLSNSW Premiership @ Queenscliff
6 January	SLSCC Branch U17, U19, Open & Masters Surf Board Riding Championship @ MacMasters
13 January	SLSCC Branch Champion Lifesaver Championship @ Ocean Beach
19 January	SLSCC U15 – Open Carnival @ MacMasters Beach
26 January	Australia Day Open Carnival @ Freshwater
28 January	Open Carnival @ Manly
2 February	SLSCC Branch Patrol Competition Championship @ Ocean Beach
10 February	SLSCC Branch Traditional Events Championships @ Ocean Beach
16 February	SLSCC Branch Open Championships @ Ocean Beach
7, 8, 9 March	NSW Open Championships @ Swansea Belmont
3, 4, 5, 6 April	Australian Open Championships @ Scarborough WA

Masters

20 October	SLSCC Open & Masters Carnival @ North Entrance
3 November	Nutty Masters Carnival @ Wamberal
15 December	SLSCC Open & Masters Carnival @ Umina
6 January	SLSCC Branch Open & Masters Surf Board Riding Championship @ MacMasters
9 February	SLSCC Branch Masters Championships @ Ocean Beach
6 March	NSW Masters Championships @ Swansea Belmont
1, 2 April	Australian Masters Championships @ Scarborough WA

Please Note:

- Due to a vast number of Club members not wishing to compete at NSW Endurance Championships or **all** NSW Premiership Series events, these are not included under the Competition Levy.
- Due to the non holistic inclusion of all Club competition sections, the individual nature and the higher entry fees of events such as the Board & Ski Series these are not included under the Competition Levy.

HOW MUCH THE COMPETITION LEVY COSTS

The Competition Levy is a fee to be paid by members in addition to annual Club membership fees to subsidise the cost of competition entry fees. The Competition Levy has been set by the Board of Directors at \$55 per competitor for the 2007-08 season, payable immediately, together with general club membership fees by 5 November 2007. The Competition Levy runs concurrent with Club membership.

COMPETITION ENTRY SYSTEM

All members are personally responsible for ensuring that they are “financial” members i.e. they have completed the applicable annual membership form(s) and paid annual Club membership fees. Completion of forms and payment of fees provides members and the Club with personal injury and public liability insurance cover whilst members are involved in “surf lifesaving activities”. Such activities include training and competition. Members will not be permitted to train with Club coaches or compete for the Club unless “financial”.

All members wishing to compete are further responsible for ensuring that they have paid the Competition Levy. The Competition Levy must be paid in full prior to any member being entered in any competition events.

For the 2007-08 season an old (but maybe new for some) Competition Entry System will be implemented. An entry form will be posted on the Club notice board (in the corridor to the toilets/showers) prior to all events. All members wishing to compete are responsible to ensure that they have written their name and requested details on the entry form by the declared due date prior to any member being entered in any competition events. Should a member be unable to visit the club to physically lodge an entry then an email stating the competitors name and requested details must be sent to the Club Administration Officer (office@avocabeachslsc.asn.au) by the due date. Members who fail to lodge a written entry by the due date but who still wish to compete will be liable for any late entry fees. Members who enter on the day of any event and incur late entry fees that are retrospectively invoiced to and received by the club will be invoiced for the full cost of entry.

OTHER COMPETITION ENTRY CONSIDERATIONS

- Club members selected in any Club Team where any prize (including money) is awarded solely to the Club (e.g. Central Coast Pool Rescue Challenge) will not be liable for any entry fees.

- Club members selected in any SLSCC (e.g. Inter-Branch Championships, Trans Tasman Tri-Series etc.), SLSNSW (e.g. Inter-State Championships) or SLSA teams will be offered a subsidy of up to 50% of any imposed team levy.
- World Championship competition entry fees will be considered by the Surf Sports Panel and Board of Directors as required.
- The Competition Levy does not attempt to deter or preclude individual members, teams or competition sections (i.e. Board, Ski, Swim, Beach) from entering other events. In the event that individuals, teams or sections wish to enter in events that are not included under the Competition Levy but that they believe are mutually beneficial to both members and the Club, application can be made in writing to the Director of Competition for a 50% subsidy of competition entry fees (payable by competitors prior to entry) or 100% subsidy of competition entry fees (payable by the Club).
- Where a competitor OR team pays only 50% of the entry fee, any prize (including money) is awarded to both the competitor OR team (50%) and the Club (50%) where practical. Payment of any money to the competitors OR teams nominated section account will be considered by the Surf Sports Panel and the Board of Directors.
- Where a competitor OR team pays 100% of the entry fee then any prize (including money) is awarded to the competitor OR team (100%). The Club will not be held responsible for ensuring that any prize (including money) is divided equally amongst team members.

If you have any questions regarding the Selection policy or process, please call Director of Competition, Matt Mitchell on 0421930168 or Coaching Coordinator, Nigel Tebb on 0410066733.

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