

Bronte Surf Sports Competition Guidelines 2025-2026



Competitor Guidelines for Carnival Participation

We encourage all Bronte SLSC members who hold a Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion to participate in surf sports events.

There are a range of events, from local “social” carnivals through to Branch, State, Aussies and the World Titles.

Competition includes:

- Sand events : sprints, flags, 1km and 2km beach runs
- Water Events : surf race (swim), board, ski, ironperson, surf boats, IRB racing, surfing
- Lifesaving : Champion Lifesaver, Patrol Competition Team
- Pool : Pool rescue events

Bronte SLSC (***the Club***) provides a comprehensive training program for

members. **The Club pays for:**

- Any external trainers employed by the Club at the discretion of the Director of Surf Sports. Contribution may, at times, be sought from Members for certain training.
- Carnival entries submitted to the Club office prior to the carnival-entry close-off date.
- Bronte Surf Team merchandise from time to time and at its discretion. Competitors will need to buy their own swimwear, rashie and competition cap.
- Basic racing boards owned by the Club and loaned to competitors at the Club’s discretion. The Club is not obliged to provide equipment for every competitor.

In addition, the Club provides support and all reasonable assistance for competitor fundraising activities. This includes use of the function space (subject to availability), use of club BBQ’s etc. and advertising of fundraising activities in the Club’s newsletter and via Social Media.

The Club does not pay for*

- Carnival entries received after the closing date, including on-the-day entries;
- Transportation of equipment to or from carnivals;
- Ancillary costs for carnival participation such as transport (including flights), accommodation and meals;
- Entry Fees for Competitors who are competing for the Club under Competition Rights Only; or
- Entry fees for Competitors who enter and who do not participate. Those competitors will be required to reimburse the Club for their entry fees.

**unless in extenuating circumstances as approved by the Director of Surf Sports.*

Eligibility Criteria

Members are responsible for ensuring they:

- Are a current financial member of the Club;
- Are proficient in the relevant award by the cut-off date each season (SRC or BRONZE);
- Meet the minimum patrol hours or water safety hours required by SLSA to compete (currently 25) within the calendar year prior to the competition a member wishes to enter. This does not apply to Long Service members;
- are fully aware of the SLS Competition Policy and meet those requirements; and
- represent the Club in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

Members with Competition rights only at Bronte

Members who wish to compete for the Club, but who hold dual membership with another club (including Long Service members) are required to meet the following prerequisites to be eligible to compete for the Club:

- Complete their proficiency and have it processed by their “primary” club prior to the relevant cut-off date; and
- Provide an amount of First Aid, IRB Crew, Officials or other volunteer hours as agreed with the Club in lieu of patrol hours.

Surf Life Saving Aussies & World Titles

In addition to the guidelines above, the following criteria applies to Aussies and World Titles competition only:

- All competitors who go to the World Titles need to have been financial members of the Club, proficient and have met their patrol requirements for a minimum of 12 months before the departure date;
- At its discretion, the Club may provide financial assistance towards the cost of competitor travel to the Aussies or the World Titles on the following basis:
 - matching any fundraising undertaken by competitors for the purpose of attending Aussies or the World Titles to a maximum of \$500 for each competitor;
 - overall match-funding not to exceed \$5000 in any year;
 - in providing any funding support, priority will be given to supporting attendance at the Aussies;
 - no contribution will be made towards competitors who hold Competition Rights only with the Club.

Director of Surf Sports, Cristina Lawrence November 2024.