



Surf Sports - Live Heats

Information Guide

2022/23 Far South Coast Surf Sports – Live Heats

Attention: All Far South Coast Members

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The FSC Branch is excited to deliver the new 'Live Heats' technology to our Surf Sports carnivals this season. Live Heats is a digital platform to schedule events and record results which is used by SLSA and SLSNSW.

All competitors will be armed with an NFC wristband which is assigned to their SLS profile. These wristbands will be scanned by Carnival Officials with mobile devices which have NFC technology, firstly when marshalling for an event and again at the finish line to record the results. Yes, we can say goodbye to handwriting our results, trying to spell names correctly and waiting for results to be published. And...Live Heats means live results!

How do I get a wristband?

The majority of our competitors will be issued a wristband at the Tathra Carnival weekend. Senior competitors will take priority on Saturday at the commencement of the Carnival but Junior competitors are encouraged to get their wristband on Saturday at the Senior Carnival if they are in town. The remaining Junior competitors will need to get to the Junior Carnival early enough to have a wristband fitted and assigned to their profile on Sunday morning. See the program for times.

Wristband and Live Heats device costs have been absorbed by the Branch in this its introductory season. There are a limited number of bands available to us so please only take a band if it is going to be used, we do not want anyone to miss out.

Expect wristbands to be a tight fit to get over your hand but loose on the wrist. There are various sizes available so we anticipate this will be the most time-consuming part of the exercise. Once you have a correctly fitted wristband, a member of the team will scan and assign it to your profile. Only members who have entered the carnival via SEMS will appear in the Live Heats database.'

Keep your wristband – forever! Yes, the band has a very long shelf life and so hold onto it for future carnivals, this season and beyond. If you enter SLSA Carnivals outside the Branch, your wristband will be as important as your competition cap and hi-vis singlet.

Lost wristbands will incur a \$10 replacement fee. The Branch is only going to supply the first one for free. If you turn up to a carnival without it or if you lose it between carnivals, you will need to purchase a new one.

What else do I need to know?

It is imperative that all competitors are entered via [SEMS](#) by their Club on the Wednesday prior to each Carnival. **There will be no late entries on the day.** It is going to be tough to turn people away after having travelled or paid for accommodation to attend the carnival so PLEASE make sure you are entered beforehand.

This means members must have paid their membership fees, renewed or registered for the 2022/23 season. Juniors must have completed their pool swim proficiency and competition proficiency. Senior members make sure your SRC / BM proficiency is up to date. Please check with your Club for more information around this.

Results

Results for each carnival will be posted in real time at: <https://www.liveheats.com/fsc>

Volunteers Needed – Minimum Quotas for Clubs

Senior Carnivals have fewer Official and Water Safety requirements than that of a Junior Carnival due to the number of competitors and the proficiencies of these members.

Junior Carnivals require each participating Club to supply a minimum of **5:1 Water Safety members and 10:1 Officials**. All volunteers are to be proficient, financial members of SLSA.

In addition to the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator, the Carnival Referee and the Announcer, the minimum number of Officials required in each competition area is as follows;

Beach Run	Water Area 1	Water Area 2	Beach Sprints	Beach Flags
1 starter	1 starter	1 starter	1 starter	2 starters
1 finish judge	1 finish judge	1 finish judge	1 finish judge	2 finish judges
2 marshals	1 marshal	1 marshal	1 marshal	2 marshals
4 recorders	1 recorder	1 recorder	1 recorder	2 recorders
TOTAL 8	TOTAL 4	TOTAL 4	6 place (spoons) TOTAL 10	TOTAL 8

The **yellow highlighted marshals and recorders** will need to be trained in the Live Heats platform ahead of the Carnival. These members do not need to be traditional Officials, they do need a little patience, optimism and be able to find their way around a smart phone.

We are asking all Clubs to engage a number of volunteers to learn the Live Heats technology so that we as a Branch can embrace Live Heats and realise its potential not only from an administration viewpoint but the enormous benefits it brings to our carnivals from a safety perspective, particularly in the water areas.

Can you make yourself available to volunteer as Water Safety or as an Official at either of the Tathra Carnivals? [Click here](#) to add yourself to the team!

Live Heats Training Sessions

Branch Live Heats training sessions will be scheduled prior to the Carnival weekend to answer any questions and to test-run the technology with our LH Team. Click the link above to add yourself to the team and we will be in touch.

Links to online training guides below.

[Quick Guide: Marshalling](#)

[Quick Guide: Recording](#)