



THE RULES GOVERNING THE ASRL Open

The ASRL OPEN IS CONDUCTED UNDER A COMBINATION OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND THESE SPECIAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE INVOKED AS REQUIRED TO TRIAL NEW INITIATIVES.

1. The event (being from the initial set up to shup down) will be under the control of the Event Supervisor who will work with each of the delivery managers on all aspects of the event.
2. The Race Referee will manage all Race Officials and Race Rules and operate from a combination the Surf Sports Manual and any special conditions invoked for the event. The Referee is the manager of competition and will co-ordinate with all levels including the Event Supervisor, Carnival Committee and Safety Committee
3. The event shall be conducted under the policy and regulations of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia (SLSA) reference to the non-use of drugs.
4. CARNIVAL COMMITTEE: The Event Supervisor, Race Referee and Chair of the Boat Panel and Safety Officer will form the Carnival Committee. Decisions on safety and changes to the event will be the responsibility of the Carnival Committee
5. The event may if decided by the Referee and Event Supervisor and or Carnival Committee operate outside the standard Sports Manual in regard to:
 - race distances
 - buoy settings
 - dry or wet finishes
 - dry and wet starts
 - rules for relay
 - racing divisions
6. Clubs may borrow sweeps from another club crew or a different club if:
 - A crew is unable to continue because the sweep isn't qualified at the SHR level i.e. SHR above 13 for S2 Sweeps
 - Injury means the sweep can't continue
 - The crew sweep isn't sufficiently confident to continue
 - Event programming requires a club boat in another area
7. Boat Sharing – The event will attempt to cater this facility for you but you must have a couple of options as achieving as fair an area split as possible will sometimes dictate that some clubs can't be in the same area
8. The event may be run under any of the following race formats:
 - Elimination
 - Round Robin
 - Pointscore
 - Tennis style seeding's
 - Skins
 - Finishes may be wet or dry
 - Other

9. Racing conditions may be run as:
 - 6 boat races
 - 4 boat races
 - Match racing
10. Interstate and other relay:
 - May be run around the Gate Cans as a Short Course event
 - Crews may use their individual surfboats
 - Finish may be wet or dry
11. Crews must follow the directions and instructions of all suitably identified Race Officials
12. All crews must wear the Navy Yellow racing singlet
13. The Referee or appointed Official has the power to Induct non-officials to work as Officials for the event as required
14. The SLSA Code of Conduct applies. All Competitors, Officials and Organisers are asked to understand and respect that we all have a job to do and will show respect and understanding to decisions and directions provided
15. Photographers wanting to shoot commercial images of the event must firstly register and gain approval from the ASRL.
16. Rowers may transfer between crews in the case of injury or other special conditions but in every case and transfer must firstly be approved by the Referee & Event Supervisor & or Carnival Committee
17. All crews must be current financial members of a surf club and have achieved the Surf Bronze Medallion as a minimum. Or if specifically spelt out under the entry conditions may be non SLS members racing in a special category
18. Compulsory sponsor stickers must be affixed prior to, or during scrutineering, and left in place for the duration of the race. Other stickers may be required to be removed, or otherwise covered if they are in conflict with the race sponsor.
19. No competitor, handler, coach, Officer or spokesperson for a competitor's club, may make media statements, which causes to bring the event, its Sponsors, the ASRL or the SLSA into controversy. (Crews may be fined or lose placing's subject to Race Committee decision).
20. Competitors will not undertake any commercial or publicity activity with companies in commercial rivalry with the event sponsors, in the same time sequence and general location of an event.
21. The Race Committee reserves the authority to postpone the announcement of official placing's, and distribution of prizes, until after all protests, Carnival Disciplinary reports, or other matters have been determined and finalised.

22. Other events may be conducted in conjunction with the ASRL Open and include but not be limited to:

- Interstate Championship
- International Test Series
- Development Series
- IRB International
- Ocean Ski event
- Craft events
- Non-surf club competitor events

Any other event will fall under the direct governance of the ASRL event program and the same conditions as set out above for event structure.

23. The ASRL Open is run for the enjoyment of all involved. We strive to be the best we can and hope that competitors will leave the beach having had a great experience