



Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

November 2015

Competitor Information

As a Surf club our primary business is lifesaving, surf sports is an activity that is used to improve the level of fitness and skill in order to enhance the quality of our lifesavers. We currently have approximately 200 active proficient members in the club that patrol or compete. For competition there is in excess of \$30,000 budgeted for entry fees alone this season and the competition group make up approximately 10% of the patrolling membership. Due to their budget requirements and loss of sponsorship the branch has imposed an additional \$5 levy on every competitor for every Sydney Northern Beaches carnival.

In order to remain a sustainable club Dee Why SLSC has updated its structure in relation to competition and carnivals.

External Events:

External events that are not involved with SLSA such as the Sun Run, The Pub to Pub, Ocean Swims and the Guy Leech Gold are not paid for or subsidised by the club. This has not changed.

The Coolangatta Gold:

As a club Dee Why has attended the Coolangatta Gold for several years. In previous years it has been an expense to the club of anywhere up to \$5000 to enter up to 12 people only for this one event. This is a great event and the club would prefer to maintain its support and subsidise the event as opposed to having to remove support altogether due to cost. Dee Why as a club still pays for the transport of all gear and equipment to the event and the hire of busses to move teams around the event. This season it was proposed to all the competitors and teams for that event that they pay half their entry fee to the event (this equated to out of pocket expenses of under \$70 for an individual in a team and under \$150 for an individual competing alone). There were no objections and hence this was put forward and ratified by the management committee.

SNB Carnivals

As carnival entry fees for Sydney Northern Beaches carnivals have risen from \$20 to \$25 for senior carnivals and from \$15 to \$20 for junior carnivals the club has imposed a carnival levy in order to remain sustainable. The levy is a one off payment for the entire season up to the Australian titles and is equal to one entry fee to a carnival – ie the junior levy is \$20 and the senior levy is \$25. This levy is paid once only prior to the first carnival entered by each competitor. It allows the competitor to then compete in as many carnivals as they choose, whether it be just the one or even ten.

The levy is also kept as a bond in the case that a competitor enters a carnival and does not attend without reasonable cause. The competitor will not be permitted to compete again until they have repaid their entry fee for the carnival they missed. Payment for a no show carnival has always been a rule in the club. This system makes it easier to keep track and manage and it removes the need to chase members for money.

This levy and the amount was discussed with the relevant section heads and agreed upon and deemed as fair and reasonable prior to being put forward to the committee.

As a club we still fully encourage competitor participation in surf sports events.

Sue Cheney
Secretary
On behalf of the Executive Committee