



Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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Summary:	This circular contains relevant details for U19 competitors in the 2024 Nutri-Grain Next-Gen IronMan and IronWoman Series.

SUMMARY

This Circular should be used as reference information by all Athletes, Coaches, Team Managers, State/Territory centres and Officials appointed to the Nutri-Grain Next Gen IronMan/IronWoman Series.

The Nutri Grain Next Gen Series is a dedicated unique pathway event purely for individual U19 competitors. To be eligible to compete in the 2024 Nutri Grain Next Gen Series all competitors must be eligible to compete in the 2023/24 season as individuals in the U19 age group only (as per the rules in the current Surf Sports Manual).

The overall winner of the respective male and female U19 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will be awarded automatic qualification into the 2024/25 Nutri-Grain IronMan/IronWoman Series.

DATES & LOCATIONS

ROUND	FORMAT	DATE	LOCATION
1	Enduro*	Friday 2 February 2024	Kurrawa, QLD
2	Specialist*	Saturday 3 February 2024	Kurrawa, QLD
3	Survival*	Sunday 4 February 2024	Kurrawa, QLD

*Formats subject to change based on entry numbers

ENTRIES

- Entry into the U19 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series can be done via [SEMS](#).
- Additional Information regarding the Nutri-Grain Next-Gen IronMan/IronWoman Series can be found at <https://ironseries.com.au/next-gen/>.
- Entries for Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will close at 11:59pm on Sunday, 29 January.
- Entries for each round will not be accepted after these dates or on the day of competition.
- Entry fees for Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will be \$60 (incl. GST).

FORMATS

The final formats and starting times for the U19 Next Gen rounds will be dependant on entry numbers and will be confirmed closer to the commencement of Round 1.

Formats could include either traditional style iron racing or M-shape racing across Enduro, Specialist or Survival formats. Once entry numbers and timetables are confirmed formats and start times will be published.

In the event of surf and/or weather conditions and/or TV broadcast requirements SLSA reserves the right to amend or change a scheduled format. This may include (but not limited to) the nature of the format itself and/or the discipline order and/or the introduction of further rules in the interest of safety and/or fairness.

In the event of any change of format SLSA will (in all best endeavours) consult with coaches and athletes in a timely and appropriate manner to provide as much advance notice as is reasonably possible.



POINT SCORE SYSTEM

The 2024 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will be conducted with the following point score to ensure individual round winners are recognised and rewarded. It will also provide an overall leader board where consistency is recognised and rewarded.

Every round will be a 20 to 1 point score for the Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series. However, if an athlete fails to finish, disqualified or chooses not to take part in a round they will receive NIL points for that round.

Following the conclusion of 3 rounds the male and female athlete with the highest overall point score total will be awarded automatic qualification into the 2024/25 Nutri-Grain IronMan/IronWoman Series. A minimum of 2 rounds of the Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series must be completed in order for final results and pointscores to stand. If less than two rounds are completed no positions will be awarded for athlete qualification into 2024/25 IronMan/IronWoman Series from the Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series.




COUNTBACK

In the event athletes are tied at the conclusion of the series a countback based on each athlete's highest placing in each of the 3 rounds will be conducted as follows:

1. If both athletes are tied on points. i.e. if 2 athletes are tied on points and athlete A has the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 3rd, R3 – 4th, he/she will prevail over athlete B with the following places R1 – 2nd, R2 – 4th, R3 – 2nd
2. If both athletes were again tied after this process the countback will continue to their next best place. i.e. if 2 athletes are tied on points and athlete A has the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 2nd, R3 – 5th, he/she will prevail over athlete B with the following places R1 – 3rd, R2 – 4th, R3 – 1st.
3. If athletes cannot be split on points or positions across all 3 rounds – the athlete with the highest place in the 3rd Round will prevail. i.e. if both athletes are tied on points and Athlete A has the following places R1 – 2nd, R2 – 5th, R3 – 1st, he/she will prevail over Athlete B who has recorded the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 2nd, R3 – 5th.

COURSE BUOYS

SLSA intends on using the following buoys for the 2024 Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series. If any changes are implemented this will be communicated to athletes as required.

SWIM	BOARD	SKI
Two Hard Large Boat Cans Cylinder Shape. Red with a black band across the middle.	Two Hard Large Boat Cans Cylinder Shape. White with a black band across the middle.	Two or three (course dependent), large inflatable cone shaped buoys. Orange with the SLSA roundel in the middle.
		

HANDLERS

Each competitor will be allowed one handler per event. Duties will be to assist in the deployment, and collection of the competitor/s equipment. Handlers are permitted access into the competition arena if they are dressed in the correct attire.

Each competitor must provide their own fluoro handler bib for their handler and this must always be worn by the handler in the competition area when assisting a competitor. No handler will be allowed within the competition area without their bib.

Handlers must not provide a competitive edge for any competitor. If a handler appears to be doing so, they could front a Carnival Disciplinary Committee and could have that athlete removed from competition.



Handlers when not assisting competitors MUST stay in the designated area on beach and are not allowed to wander around the competition area.

Note: Infringements incurred by handler, coach or other person in a competitor's team in this rule will be applied to the competitor as if the competitor had committed the infringement.

COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

A briefing for coaches and key officials will be conducted by the Event Referee the morning of each round on beach approx.. 45 minutes prior to the beginning of racing each day.

Clubs should have a minimum of one and maximum of two personnel attend the briefing.

DRAWS

Once entries close, SLSA will create a random draw for all heats. The random draw will be published prior to the start of the event. All heats will be seeded as best as practicably and reasonably possible.

LIVEHEATS

The Nutri-Grain Next Gen Series will be utilising LiveHeats wristbands for marshalling and recording processes across all events.

All competitors who have an existing LiveHeats wristband from any Surf Life Saving events are to bring these wristbands. **If you have already been issued a wristband and require a new one, you will be charged \$10 for a new one.**

For those who do not have a wristband, or are required to purchase one, please do so at the administration tent.

LYCRA PICK UP

Competitor hi-vis lycras will be available for collection at check in on the first round. SLSA asks that all athletes use the same lycra given to them at the first round.

START OF RACES

Unless otherwise advised, all races shall be started on the beach approximately 15 metres from the water's edge (run start). Craft will be placed in front of the start line and as close as practicable to the water's edge. Handlers are not required for the start of events.

FINISH OF RACES

Unless otherwise advised, all races shall finish as per the IronMan and IronWoman races (run finish). Craft and paddles may be abandoned after rounding the last turning buoy of the swim course. Handlers are to be used to remove craft and paddles from the course.

PROTEST AND APPEALS

In the event of a protest by a competitor in the 2023/24 Nutri Grain Ironman/Ironwoman Next Gen Series there will be no right of appeal as the Referee's decision, in consultation with the Deputy Referee shall be final.

In dealing with the protest – the Referee has the discretion to **(but not obligated to)**:

- Speak to any further person he/she believes is appropriate and /or
- View any video or broadcast footage that may assist in his/her decision

All Placings are deemed final upon the Referee declaring the results as confirmed. No protest can be lodged after the confirmation of the results.

CRAFT SCRUTINEERING

Boards and surf skis must meet current specifications of SLSA.

All competitor craft are subject to scrutineering at any time prior to, during or after the event. Competitors and/or handlers must comply with the directions of the event scrutineer and present their crafts for scrutineering prior to the commencement of each Round. Times to be confirmed.



PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP

No personal sponsors are permitted to be advertised on athlete swimwear or bodies' as part of Next-Gen Series. Please be aware that the following National Sponsors have exclusivity in the following categories for the Nutri-Grain Next-Gen Series for 2024:

COMPANY	EXCLUSIVITY CATEGORY
Nutri-Grain / Kelloggs	Breakfast category (bars, bites, ball and drinks/squeezer products)
DHL	Logistics
Isuzu	Automotive
Ampol	Fuel
Westpac	Financial Services
Engine	Swimwear
BRP	SeaDoo water craft & Can-Am/Power craft

TEMPORARY TATTOOS

All temporary tattoos are confined to the naming right sponsor for the Nutri Grain Ironman and Ironwoman Series – no other temporary tattoos displaying a sponsor other than the naming rights sponsor will be permitted.

PRESENTATIONS

During any presentations or media appearances, competitors must wear the event lycra race singlet, branded cap, and/or a supplied Event shirt. No other personal sponsor branding apart from the lycra can be worn at these times.

SAFETY

All Competitors and Officials are referred to the Introduction on page (i) of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and in particular but not only paragraphs (d), (e) and (f). Paragraph (d) states:

“Surf lifesaving can be inherently dangerous. Serious accidents can and often do happen which may result in property damage, physical injury and even death. All members are assumed to have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in surf lifesaving.”

Water safety as part of the competition, is ultimately the responsibility of the Safety and Emergency Committee and Competition Committee, based on the advice of the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC), the Event Referee and Officials in determining postponement or cancellation of any or all events, or relocation to an alternate venue in accordance with Section 1 - Competition Safety, of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

The Event Referee and SEMC will conduct safety briefings to Officials and Competitors before commencement of competition and during the event as required.

Risk assessors have been appointed to assist the SEMC to provide ongoing assessment of conditions and safety across the event area. They will create an effective communications channel to the SEMC and Competition Committee. Those Officials may seek advice from competitors and competitor representatives to ensure an informed opinion is provided and can be acted upon where appropriate.

ANTI-DOPING

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published a Policy 5.02 - Anti-Doping Policy (available online at Members Area) which condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sport.

Any event conducted by SLSA is subject to random drug testing, without prior notice. The very strict procedures laid down for the testing for drugs will be observed, and competitors refusing to submit to a drug test will be subject to prescribed penalties. Should Team Managers require further information, please refer to Policy 5.02 and, as appropriate, contact the "Drugs in Sport" hotline on 1300 027 232.



The Policy 6.23 – Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy (available online at Members Area) addresses the out-of-competition use of illicit drugs, concentrating primarily on education, awareness and prevention initiatives. This policy is designed to help prevent the uptake of illicit drug use and reduce the drug-related harm to individuals, families and stakeholders of SLSA and the broader community.

GAMBLING

Gambling by SLSA members on events in which they are participating as a competitor, Official, Manager or organiser is strictly prohibited. Members proven to have gambled on an SLSA Event whilst a competitor, Coach, Official, Manager or organiser of that competition will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with SLSA Regulations. Please refer to Policy 5.11 – Match Fixing.

THEFT

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia, the hosting authority, states or another individual may be immediately reported to the police and that person/s be brought before a SLSA Disciplinary Committee.

MATCH FIXING

The SLSA National Policy on MatchFixing and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs including special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Coaches for Next Gen athletes are also required to provide evidence they have a valid Working with Children Check.