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2016 Lipton Ice Tea East Coast Surf Festival

Audience: Club Presidents, Directors of Surf Sports, Administrators, Coaches and Competitors

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Summary	This circular contains entry information for the 2016 Lipton Ice Tea East Coast Surf Festival to be held at Umina Beach on 30 th January 2016.
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In its seventh (7th) consecutive year, the Lipton Ice Tea East Coast Surf Festival is on once again, providing athletes with great competition and the opportunity to take home some significant prize money.

The Lipton Ice Tea East Coast Surf Festival is back providing approximately **\$15,000 in cash and prizes** and is one of the most exciting and eagerly anticipated competitions on the 2015/16 Surf Sports Calendar.

The event will be one huge day of competition which will be held at **Umina Beach SLSC on Saturday 30th January 2016** with a short and sharp Round Robin format.

The concept is about providing an exciting atmosphere for the competitors and viewing public alike. Music and commentary will be present with local personalities and media invited to attend.

The following pages contain important event information along with supplementary rules for the 2016 East Coast Surf Festival.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information after reading the East Coast Surf Festival Information Circular, please contact Chris Styant at SLSCC on (02) 4353 0299 or support@slscc.com.au.

2016 East Coast Surf Festival Event Information

DATE & TIMES

Saturday 30th January 2016 @ Umina Beach SLSC

Report time will be 7.30am for an 8.00am start.

EVENTS

All Competitors between the ages of U14 and Opens are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Events to be conducted include:

- **U14** **Ironperson, Board, Swim, Sprint, Flags**
- **U/15** **Ironperson, Board, Swim, Sprint, Flags**
- **U/17** **Ironperson, Board, Swim, Ski, Sprints, Flags**
- **U/19** **Ironperson, Board, Swim, Ski, Sprints, Flags**
- **Open** **Ironperson, Board, Swim, Ski, Sprints, Flags**
- **U14 - U15** **Combined Cameron Relay**
- **U19 – Open** **Combined Taplin Relay**

Please Note:

- Competitors may only compete in their own age category (competition age category for 2015-16 season)
- The Taplin is a three (3) person event.
- There will be two (2) rounds of Board & Ski events.
- The Ironperson will be a short course sprint event.
- Composite teams are allowed in team events, however a minimum of two of the competitors must come from the same club.
- U14 Competitors are not eligible to compete up in the U15 events (*with the exception of the combined U14-U15 Cameron Relay*)

POINTS SCORE

Points will be allocated for finals only in each of the rounds as follows:

1st	10
2nd	8
3rd	7
4th	6
5th	5
6th	4
7th	3
8th	2
Completion of the event	1

Points will be allocated to competitors in each round and competitors with the highest points will take out the placing's.

COUNT BACK SYSTEM

In the event of a dead heat, the result will be determined by the highest placing in the last round of that event.

WILD CARD OPTION

Each competitor will have a wild card option which will enable them to choose one event for the day that will double their points in that event only. This option can only be applied once.

Eg: *If a competitor chooses the surf race for their wild card and finishes 3rd in this event, they will be awarded 14 points rather than the standard 7 points for this event.*

To take advantage of the Wild Card option, competitors will be required to confidentially submit their nominated race of choice prior when registering for the event on the online registration entry form.

PRIZES AND PRESENTATIONS

Approximately **\$15,000 in Cash & Prizes is on offer**. Please view our website for further details (www.slsc.com.au)

A presentation will occur approximately 30 minutes after the last event of the carnival where prizes will be presented. Competitors **must** be in attendance at this presentation to be eligible to collect their prize on the day.

ENTRIES

All entries are to be completed using the East Coast Surf Festival Entry Form which can be found on the SLSCC Website – <http://www.slsc.com.au> – Online Registrations – East Coast Surf Festival Entry Form.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Chris Styant, SLSCC Support Officer, on (02)43530299 or support@slsc.com.au

CLOSING DATE

All entries must be completed by midnight **Wednesday 27th January 2016** to avoid paying the late entry fee.

Late entries after the closing date must also be completed on the Online Registration Form prior to the event and will incur a late fee.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee is \$27.50 (incl. GST)

Late Entry Fee is \$50.00 (incl. GST) for entries received after midnight Wednesday 27th January 2016.

OFFICIALS RATIO

Officials Ratio is 1:8 - Please refer to Circular 1277 on SLSCC website – www.slsc.com.au

COMPETITOR SAFETY VESTS

Competitor Safety Vests complete with the sponsor's logo (Lipton Ice Tea) will be issued to all competitors and must be worn by competitors in all events to be eligible to start a race.

OFFICIALS BRIEFING

There will be an Officials briefing at 7.30am on Saturday morning in front of the Umina Beach Clubhouse.

TEAM MANAGERS BRIEFING

There will be a Team Managers briefing at 7.45am on Saturday morning in front of the Umina Beach Clubhouse.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

The following text clarifies the supplementary rules for the 2016 Lipton Ice Tea East Coast Surf Festival.

SPRINT - The course will be 90m in length.

FLAGS - Competitors will be placed in starting position by draw.

MULTI DISCIPLINE EVENTS

- The order of legs in Multi discipline rounds will be: **SWIM – BOARD – SKI**
- If a heat is run in Round one (1) the winners from the heats will select their preferred starting position on the start line for the final.

SINGLE DISCIPLINE EVENTS - Allocation of starting positions for all races will be done via draw.

SKI & BOARD - There will be two (2) rounds of each discipline.

TAPLIN - Taplin is a three (3) person event. U19 & Open's will be combined.

SWIM – Surf swim will be a short sharp sprint course – one (1) round.

IRON PERSON - Ironperson will be a short sharp sprint course – one (1) round.

COMPOSITE TEAMS - Composite teams are allowed in team events; however a minimum of two of the competitors must come from the same club.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Events will be conducted as per the current SLSA Surf Sports Manual 35th Edition.
- All competitors will be required to report, collect their race vest and Marshall at least 1 hour before the start of competition at the Umina SLSC to be eligible to compete.
- For further information please visit www.slsc.com.au or contact Chris Styant, SLSCC Support Officer, on (02) 4353 0299 or support@slsc.com.au