

# CIRCULAR



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The QLD Endurance Championships attracts competitors from all over the state, providing an opportunity to unite showcasing one of Queensland’s most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year’s event will be held at Alexandra Headland SLSC on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2023 QLD Endurance Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in the circular.

### 1. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may, in accordance with the rules contained in the current edition - *Surf Sports Manual*, any subsequent amending bulletins and this circular, postpone, cancel and or alter any or all events at the Championships, and/or alter the venue of the competition.

The CC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on competition conditions and safety issues when required. The CC shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the event e.g. Disciplinary Committee & Coach/Athlete Panel.

POSITION	NAME
SLSQ Sport Advisor	Nigel Ward
Event Referee	John Brennan
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Ross Hutton
Event Manager	Stuart Hogben
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
Venue Representative	Ashley Robinson

### 2. SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC) shall be appointed which must consider and advise the Referee and Competition Committee on all matters relating to competition and non-competition safety and emergency management. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Competition Committee. The composition of the SEC will be determined by SLSQ

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Ross Hutton
Deputy Referee	TBA
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Alexandra Headland SLSC
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
IRB/Water Safety Coordinator	Andrew Buhk

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## 4. DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULAR

It is most important that the information in this Circular is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.

Non-receipt of the Circular will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or individual does not comply with the requirements outlines in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

The age groups for entry will be for the 2023/24 season. Due to the timing of the event at the start of the season, all U12-U14 competitors wishing to compete must have completed their relevant award for the previous 2022/23 season (Pool Swim and Competition Evaluation). All U15 and U17 – Masters competitors must have completed their SRC and Bronze award respectively. All U11 competitors and new members to the association will need to complete their relevant award (U11-U14 Pool Swim and Competition Evaluation, U15 SRC and U17 – Masters Bronze) for the age group/s they wish to compete in by close of entries.

All entered athletes must have completed and signed the SLSA “Application for Membership Form” or their countries relevant document and paid any required membership fees as proof of their eligibility to race.

NB: It is an offence to enter a person who does not meet any of the above requirements, and any irregularities will be considered and dealt with by the SLSQ State Surf Sports Committee accordingly.

## 6. ENTRY REGISTRATIONS

Club entries to the 2023 QLD Endurance Championships is via the SLSA’s SEMS System.

For any Clubs that cannot enter via this system please contact the SLSQ Sport Administrator, Karen Degnian ([kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au)) to ensure access is granted for entries to be completed.

Entries close: Midnight Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Late Entries Close: Midnight Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## 7. ENTRY FEES

### **SLSQ Members**

The entry fee per competitor (SLSQ Member) at the 2023 QLD Endurance Championships is \$45.00 (inc GST) per person for unlimited events. All online entries received after the initial closing date will incur a late fee of \$45.00 (inc GST) plus the original entry. A tax invoice for all SLSQ entries (including late entries) will be issued to Clubs in the week after the event.

### **General Public**

The entry fee per competitor (General Public) at the 2023 QLD Endurance Championships is \$55.00 (inc GST) per person for either the Open Ski or Open Swim events, if competing in both entry fee is \$75.00 (inc GST). Eligible events for General public to enter are highlighted in red in the Event List below, General Public are ineligible to contest any of the age events eg Masters or U17. All online entries received after the initial closing date will incur a late fee of \$45.00 (inc GST) plus the original entry. A tax invoice for all SLSQ entries (including late entries) will be issued to Clubs in the week after the event.

## 8. EVENT LIST

Under 11	Under 12
U11 Female 2km Beach Run	U12 Female 2km Beach Run
U11 Female 500m Swim	U12 Female 500m Surf Swim
U11 Female 1km Board Paddle	U12 Female 1km Board Paddle

U11 Male 2km Beach Run	U12 Male 2km Beach Run
U11 Male 500m Surf Swim	U12 Male 500m Surf Swim
U11 Male 1km Board Paddle	U12 Male 1km Board Paddle

Under 13	Under 14
U13 Female 2km Beach Run	U14 Female 4km Beach Run
U13 Female 500m Surf Swim	U14 Female 2km Surf Swim
U13 Female 1km Board Paddle	U14 Female 4km Board Paddle
U13 Male 2km Beach Run	U14 Male 4km Beach Run
U13 Male 500m Surf Swim	U14 Male 2km Surf Swim
U13 Male 1km Board Paddle	U14 Male 4km Board Paddle

Under 15	Under 17
U15 Female 4km Beach Run	U17 Female 4km Beach Run
U15 Female 2km Surf Swim	U17 Female 2km Surf Swim
U15 Female 4km Board Paddle	U17 Female 4km Board Paddle
U15 Male 4km Beach Run	U17 Female 6km Ski Paddle
U15 Male 2km Surf Swim	U17 Male 4km Beach Run
U15 Male 4km Board Paddle	U17 Male 2km Surf Swim
	U17 Male 4km Board Paddle
	U17 Male 6km Ski Paddle

Under 19	Open
U19 Female 4km Beach Run	Open Female 4km Beach Run
U19 Female 2km Surf Swim	Open Female 1km Surf Swim
U19 Female 6km Board Paddle (downwind)	Open Female 2km Surf Swim
U19 Female 12km Ski Paddle (downwind)	Open Female 5km Ocean Swim
	Open Female 6km Board Paddle (downwind)
	Open Female 12km Spec Ski Paddle (downwind)
	Open Female 12km Ocean Ski Paddle (downwind)
U19 Male 4km Beach Run	Open Male 4km Beach Run
U19 Male 2km Surf Swim	Open Male 1km Surf Swim
U19 Male 6km Board Paddle (downwind)	Open Male 2km Surf Swim
U19 Male 12km Ski Paddle (downwind)	Open Male 5km Ocean Swim
	Open Male 6km Board Paddle (downwind)
	Open Male 12km Spec Ski Paddle (downwind)
	Open Male 12km Ocean Ski Paddle (downwind)

30 -39 years	40 -49 years
30-39 Years Female 4km Beach Run	40-49 Years Female 4km Beach Run
30-39 Years Female 2km Surf Swim	40-49 Years Female 2km Surf Swim
30-39 Years Female 4km Board Paddle	40-49 Years Female 4km Board Paddle
30-39 Years Female 8km Ski Paddle	40-49 Years Female 8km Ski Paddle
30-39 Years Male 4km Beach Run	40-49 Years Male 4km Beach Run
30-39 Years Male 2km Surf Swim	40-49 Years Male 2km Surf Swim
30-39 Years Male 4km Board Paddle	40-49 Years Male 4km Board Paddle
30-39 Years Male 8km Ski Paddle	40-49 Years Male 8km Ski Paddle
50 – 59 years	60 – 69 years
50-59 Years Female 4km Beach Run	60-69 Years Female 2km Beach Run
50-59 Years Female 1km Surf Swim	60-69 Years Female 1km Surf Swim
50-59 Years Female 2km Board Paddle	60-69 Years Female 2km Board Paddle
50-59 Years Female 6km Ski Paddle	60-69 Years Female 6km Ski Paddle
50-59 Years Male 4km Beach Run	60-69 Years Male 2km Beach Run

50-59 Years Male 1km Surf Swim	60-69 Years Male 1km Surf Swim
50-59 Years Male 2km Board Paddle	60-69 Years Male 2km Board Paddle
50-59 Years Male 6km Ski Paddle	60-69 Years Male 6km Ski Paddle

70+ years
70+ Years Female 2km Beach Run
70+ Years Female 1km Surf Swim
70+ Years Female 2km Board Paddle
70+ Years Female 6km Ski Paddle
70+ Years Male 2km Beach Run
70+ Years Male 1km Surf Swim
70+ Years Male 2km Board Paddle
70+ Years Male 6km Ski Paddle

## 9. VOLUNTEER WATER SAFETY & FIRST AID REQUIREMENTS

### Water Safety:

The four clubs with the highest participation numbers will be required to supply 1 x IRB plus driver & crew for water safety purposes. In addition to this, the 3rd to the 8th highest participation clubs will be required to provide 2 orange shirt water safety personnel (i.e. with board). This will be confirmed as entries close, but for clubs with a large representation it is something that you may need to start preparing for.

### First Aid:

First aid personnel will be supplied by Alexandra Headland SLSC and will be found in the first aid tent on the beach. In addition to this there will be an extra first aid member in the club house.

## 10. DRAFT TIMETABLE

The below timetable is only a draft and is subject to chance. The Program of Events will go out with the Final Circular.

- 6.30am: Officials Breakfast
- 7.00am: Officials Briefing
- 7.15am: Team Manager Briefing
- 7.30am: Marshalling for first event.
- 8.00am: First event

## 11. DRESS OF COMPETITORS

For this event club competition caps will be required to be worn in all races to assist with the identification of athletes. All athletes on the day may be asked to wear a competitor's number placed on their right and left leg and arm for further identification when crossing the finish line in their event/s. If deemed to be necessary on the day, the competitor's number will be a constant for him/her across all events they compete in. If required, this number can be obtained at registration on the day.

SLSQ High Visibility Clothing – Surf Sports Competition – SS13 (March), will be implemented requiring all competitors in ocean or open water-based surf lifesaving events held in Queensland to wear high visibility lycra/rash top/singlet. General public members competing in the Ocean swim will be provided with a Hi Visibility Swimming cap as part of their entry fee. Competitors competing in the 5Km Ocean swim will be eligible to wear ankle to wrist wetsuits / swim suits as per Open water swimming events.

All athletes participating in the downwind ski event are required to wear a minimum certified AS4758 Level 50 or Type 2 life jacket whilst competing in the ski leg of the course. AS4758 Level 100, Level 150, Level 275, Level 50S or Type 3 are permitted to be worn if they meet the conspicuous colour requirements.

In reference to swimwear please refer to current the Surf Sports Manual.

SLSQ staff, the Event Referee, Area Referee and/or Sectional Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID, or logos in conflict with any event sponsors and/or the SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy.

## 12. EVENT MEDALS, TROPHIES & POINTSCORE

SLSQ Championship medals will be awarded to individuals and team members gaining 1<sup>st</sup> (Gold), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Silver) or 3<sup>rd</sup> (Bronze) in all Championship events contested.

Overall Pointscore (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) trophies for the top 3 clubs in each will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

The point score awarded to each Champion Club, within each event's age category, will be 6 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, down to 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> place. If, when the event has concluded, there is a tied pointscore, the club with the most first places will be declared the winner. Failing this, the club with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> placings to 6<sup>th</sup> placings respectively will be taken into account to determine a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

**Note:** International clubs (and/or non SLSA affiliated clubs) are not eligible to earn points towards the overall and handicap pointscores.

**DEAD HEATS** – Where a dead heat (as defined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual) occurs in the final of an event, the clubs of individuals/teams will share the placing points and medal relative to the finish placing. The club of the next individuals/teams to finish will receive the relative placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals finish equal 1<sup>st</sup>, both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each and the gold medal. The next placing individual/team shall be awarded the 4 points and the bronze medal for coming 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITOR MEDALS** – If an international competitor (or club team) place (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>) in a Championship they will be awarded the medal equal to the placing gained.

However, the Australian competitor/s (or club team/s) to who place will be awarded the QLD Championship Title/Placing and the equivalent medal.

### 13. OFFICIALS

All appointed officials will be required to be current accredited SLSA officials and be the holder of a current BlueCard. If an official would like to nominate for the event please follow the below link.

2023 QLD Endurance Championships – [Official Nominations](#)

**Nominations must be received COB Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023.**

It is imperative that the appearance of competition officials/judges is of a high standard, therefore appointed officials are asked to give a high degree of attention to their quality of uniform.

It is preferred that all officials wear the generic white and blue officials' shirt.

### 14. TEAM MANAGERS

Each club must have a Team Manager complete the online link before their club is eligible to compete at this event.

2023 QLD Endurance Championships – [Team Managers Declaration](#)

Team Managers must ensure they complete the above online Team Managers Declaration for this event by **COB on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023.**

It is the Team Managers responsibility to ensure the changes to the Club's competing teams have been registered with the appropriate officials, and that all their competitors are correctly entered in the event.

It is compulsory for all Team Managers (in their official roles) to wear clearly identifiable apparel that highlights their club name and the wording 'Team Manager'. Anyone not displaying this ID will be asked to leave the competition area.

### 15. GEAR TRAILER/VEHICLE PARKING

The location of gear trailer parking will be notified in the Final Circular for each event.

All club, competitors and officials are to read and obey the parking signs set up by the Sunshine Coast Council and the Carnival Committee and any vehicles that are illegally parked that results in an infringement notice will be the responsibility of the vehicles owner, SLSQ will take no responsibility.

### 16. SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering at this event will be conducted randomly throughout this event by appointed scrutineering officials.

### 17. MEDIA & PHOTOGRAPHY

#### Drones:

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSQ prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at this event by members and/or public unless approved by SLSQ, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements. SLSQ may utilise the use of our own drones to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards.

## Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the event used for promotional material by SLSQ.

Photographers within the carnival area must have a visible photographer's pass as well as their BlueCard.

## 18. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors and officials is of paramount importance and athletes or their parent/guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

Any competitor or official who suffers illness or injury prior to or at the event must seek a medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

In addition, SLSQ may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate in the competition. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of the athlete concerned and fellow competitors while also ensuring all parties and SLSQ are not placed at risk.

SLSQ will be supplying adequate shade tents at all marshalling areas for officials and competitors throughout the event. It is highly recommended that all athletes ensure they carry with them adequate apparel to assist with reduction of sunburn, along with recommended use of sunscreen throughout the day.

Water barrels will be available under the marshalling tents for officials, team managers and competitor use. These barrels are in place for all persons to use and fill up their own water bottles. Please note, no drinking cups will be supplied.

## 19. ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

Through affiliation with SLSA, SLSQ supports the Australian Government, Sport Australia, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sport Integrity Australia in their efforts to eradicate match-fixing and the use of drugs in sport.

It is strongly recommended that all coaches and Team Managers complete the Sport Integrity Australia Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course (formerly Level 1) as well as the Sport Integrity Australia Introduction to Match Fixing Course. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport.

These courses can be accessed at: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>

## 20. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Any misconduct while at the event will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into the competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the event. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves and their Clubs.

Please refer to the current Surf Sports Manual sections *2.27 SLSA Code of Behavior* and *2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behavior* and the *Policy 6.5 Member Protection Policy* (available online at the Members Portal).



## 21. PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with procedures set down in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins, and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based.

Protest Forms are available from the Liaison Officer. An 'Appeals Fee' of \$110 must accompany all documentation when the process is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the Sport Team at:

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