



Queensland

# SURF SPORTS BULLETIN



<b>Title:</b>	2026 QLD Masters/Senior Championships – Entry Bulletin
<b>Audience:</b>	All Clubs & All Branches
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## 2026 QLD Masters/Senior Championships – Entry Bulletin

### INTRODUCTION

The QLD Championships attracts competitors from all over the country, providing an opportunity to unite over 3 days showcasing one of Queensland's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will be held at Maroochydore SLSC from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

This document outlines some key information relating to the QLD Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins or circulars which may supersede information provided in this bulletin. For more info – [www.lifesaving.com.au](https://lifesaving.com.au)

### 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 of the *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 OAM
Safety Coordinator	Ross Hutton
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
Venue Representative	Wade Lee

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## SAFETY COMMITTEE

A Safety Committee (SC) 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 Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Competition Committee. The composition of the SC will be determined by SLSQ.

POSITION	NAME
Safety Coordinator	Ross Hutton
Deputy Referee	Santo Della Bianca / Jenny Miller
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Assist First Aid/ALS
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
Powercraft Sectional Referee	Tony Carle

## DISTRIBUTION OF BULLETIN

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

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

## ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All Competitors wishing to compete at the 2026 Queensland Masters and Senior Championships must be proficient in their Bronze Medallion by the close of entries to be eligible to compete.

All competitors must have completed the minimum 25 hours of beach patrol duties (or pro rata of hours as per the current SLSQ Patrol Operations manual) as random checks on patrol hours and proficiency status will be carried out.

All entered athletes must have completed and signed the SLSA "Application for Membership Form" or completed the online renewal via the SLSA Members Portal 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, any irregularities will be considered and dealt with by the 2026 Queensland Championships Disciplinary Committee accordingly.

The conditions for both the 6 Person and 5 Person R&R events are detailed in the current edition of the Rescue and Resuscitation Competition Manual (revised August 2022) and any subsequent Bulletins.

Conditions of entry for interstate/international competitors:

- SLSQ reserves the right to invite and/or accept entries from interstate/international competitors and club teams to compete in any event at the Queensland Masters and Seniors Championships.
- Interstate/International club teams must be a genuine club team (not composite) and must compete in club colours to be eligible to compete.
- Interstate/International individual competitors may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their country, compete in their national colours.

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- All interstate/international competitors and club teams must gain interstate/international clearance from their governing body and must be submitted to SLSQ prior to competition to compete at the Queensland Masters and Senior Surf Life Saving Championships 2023.

## ENTRY REGISTRATIONS

Club entries to the 2026 QLD Championships must be submitted via Liveheats.

Individual entries may be completed by individuals or clubs into Live Heats. Please confirm with your club the process they will be using for State entries prior to entering.

All team entries must be completed in Liveheats by a club administrator/team manager. Teams must be full at time of entry.

All masters team managers please note, all substitutions to any masters teams may result in a change of age group eligibility. If this is the case, a masters team may forfeit their entry into their current age category, to compete in the new category however, a team would not be eligible to compete in both age groups.

i.e A surf club has Team A entered in the 130 yrs Male Ski Relay and would like to substitute one of their competitors, this then makes them eligible for the 150 yrs Male Ski Relay. The revised team may transfer their entry into the new category (150yrs), however the team entry in the 130 yrs would be cancelled.

Substitutions can only be made with competitors already entered into the Championships. There are No late entries.

For any Clubs that need assistance with entries via this system please contact the SLSQ Sport Administrator, Karen Degnian ([kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au)).

**Entries close: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

Any changes to existing entries can occur up until close of entries.

**There will be no late entries permitted at the 2026 State Championships for both Masters and Open competitors.**

All entries will be visible to the public on Liveheats through the entire entry period. All team managers, competitors and parents are asked to **check these entries carefully** and are to complete any additional entries prior to entries closing.

## Surf Boats

For Surf Boat teams with additional rowers, they will be required to be entered into 'Surf Boat – Individual Reserve Rower' event listed as part of the Championships.

## 6 Person Mixed Taplin

This event will be conducted at the 2026 State Championships and clubs will be allowed to enter 1 Team ONLY for this event. It will be conducted as per the SLSA Sport manual with clubs able to select the order of their teams in relation to gender but each team must consist of 1 male and 1 female per discipline.

### March Past

**Please do not enter Reserves in LiveHeats.** If an athlete has been entered into a contest in the Carnival, they are then eligible to contest the March Past.

### Belt Races

All Surf Belt Races are listed as an individual event; however, all linesman must still be listed within the event. There is no late or additional entry for linesman, but all must be current proficient members of their respective club and be listed within the program. Changes can be made up until marshalling to the linesman. Linesman will not be issued a high viz event rashie.

### ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the 2026 QLD Championships is \$75 (inc GST) which will include an event Hi visibility lycra.

March Past teams will only be charged an entry fee of \$50 (inc GST) per team.

### LIVEHEATS

Live heats will be used at this event. All competitors are required to wear their live heats wrist band. If a competitor does not have their live heats wrist band, they will need to purchase a replacement wrist band for \$5.00 from administration prior to marshalling.

### COMPETITION RASH VEST ORDERS

As part of the Entry Fee, all competitors will be issued with a Hi Visibility Singlet. The singlet is to be worn as per the requirements in the Surf Sport Manual.

Please note that if a competitor is competing in both Masters and Seniors, they will be issued with one vest only.

Competitors and clubs will be required to order the Hi Visibility singlet at the time of entry. SLSQ will circulate a copy of competitors Hi Visibility sizes to Team Managers as the Hi Visibility singlets will be put into club orders for collection by the Team Managers.

### EVENT LIST

#### 2026 QLD Masters Championships

- 30-34 Years Ironwoman
- 30-34 Years Female 2km Beach Run
- 30-34 Years Female Beach Flags
- 30-34 Years Female Beach Sprint
- 30-34 Years Female Board Rescue
- 30-34 Years Female Surf Board
- 30-34 Years Female Surf Race
- 30-34 Years Female Surf Ski
- 30-39 Years Female Double Ski

- 30-34 Years Ironman
- 30-34 Years Male 2km Beach Run
- 30-34 Years Male Beach Flags
- 30-34 Years Male Beach Sprint
- 30-34 Years Male Board Rescue
- 30-34 Years Male Surf Board
- 30-34 Years Male Surf Race
- 30-34 Years Male Surf Ski
- 30-34 Years Male Double Ski

35-39 Years Ironwoman  
 35-39 Years Female 2km Beach Run  
 35-39 Years Female Beach Flags  
 35-39 Years Female Beach Sprint  
 35-39 Years Female Board Rescue  
 35-39 Years Female Surf Board  
 35-39 Years Female Surf Race  
 35-39 Years Female Single Ski

35-39 Years Ironman  
 35-39 Years Male 2km Beach Run  
 35-39 Years Male Beach Flags  
 35-39 Years Male Beach Sprint  
 35-39 Years Male Board Rescue  
 35-39 Years Male Surf Board  
 35-39 Years Male Surf Race  
 35-39 Years Male Surf Ski  
 35-39 Years Male Double Ski

40-44 Years Ironwoman  
 40-44 Years Female 2km Beach Run  
 40-44 Years Female Beach Flags  
 40-44 Years Female Beach Sprint  
 40-44 Years Female Board Rescue  
 40-44 Years Female Surf Board  
 40-44 Years Female Surf Race  
 40-44 Years Female Surf Ski  
 40-49 Years Female Double Ski

40-44 Years Ironman  
 40-44 Years Male 2km Beach Run  
 40-44 Years Male Beach Flags  
 40-44 Years Male Beach Sprint  
 40-44 Years Male Board Rescue  
 40-44 Years Male Surf Board  
 40-44 Years Male Surf Race  
 40-44 Years Male Surf Ski  
 40-44 Years Male Double Ski

45-49 Years Ironwoman  
 45-49 Years Female 2km Beach Run  
 45-49 Years Female Beach Flags  
 45-49 Years Female Beach Sprint  
 45-49 Years Female Board Rescue  
 45-49 Years Female Surf Board  
 45-49 Years Female Surf Race  
 45-49 Years Female Surf Ski

45-49 Years Ironman  
 45-49 Years Male 2km Beach Run  
 45-49 Years Male Beach Flags  
 45-49 Years Male Beach Sprint  
 45-49 Years Male Board Rescue  
 45-49 Years Male Surf Board  
 45-49 Years Male Surf Race  
 45-49 Years Male Surf Ski  
 45-49 Years Male Double Ski

50-54 Years Ironwoman  
 50-54 Years Female 2km Beach Run  
 50-54 Years Female Beach Flags  
 50-54 Years Female Beach Sprint  
 50-54 Years Female Board Rescue  
 50-54 Years Female Surf Board  
 50-54 Years Female Surf Race  
 50-54 Years Female Surf Ski  
 50-59 Years Female Double Ski

50-54 Years Ironman  
 50-54 Years Male 2km Beach Run  
 50-54 Years Male Beach Flags  
 50-54 Years Male Beach Sprint  
 50-54 Years Male Board Rescue  
 50-54 Years Male Surf Board  
 50-54 Years Male Surf Race  
 50-54 Years Male Surf Ski  
 50-54 Years Male Double Ski

55-59 Years Ironwoman  
 55-59 Years Female 2km Beach Run  
 55-59 Years Female Beach Flags  
 55-59 Years Female Beach Sprint

55-59 Years Ironman  
 55-59 Years Male 2km Beach Run  
 55-59 Years Male Beach Flags  
 55-59 Years Male Beach Sprint

55-59 Years Female Board Rescue  
 55-59 Years Female Surf Board  
 55-59 Years Female Surf Race  
 55-59 Years Female Surf Ski

55-59 Years Male Board Rescue  
 55-59 Years Male Surf Board  
 55-59 Years Male Surf Race  
 55-59 Years Male Surf Ski  
 55-59 Years Male Double Ski

60-64 Years Ironwoman  
 60-64 Years Female 1km Beach Run  
 60-64 Years Female Beach Flags  
 60-64 Years Female Beach Sprint  
 60-64 Years Female Board Rescue  
 60-64 Years Female Surf Board  
 60-64 Years Female Surf Race  
 60-64 Years Female Surf Ski  
 60+ Years Female Double Ski

60-64 Years Ironman  
 60-64 Years Male 1km Beach Run  
 60-64 Years Male Beach Flags  
 60-64 Years Male Beach Sprint  
 60-64 Years Male Board Rescue  
 60-64 Years Male Surf Board  
 60-64 Years Male Surf Race  
 60-64 Years Male Surf Ski  
 60-64 Years Male Double Ski

65-69 Years Ironwoman  
 65-69 Years Female 1km Beach Run  
 65-69 Years Female Beach Flags  
 65-69 Years Female Beach Sprint  
 65-69 Years Female Board Rescue  
 65-69 Years Female Surf Board  
 65-69 Years Female Surf Race  
 65-69 Years Female Surf Ski

65-69 Years Ironman  
 65-69 Years Male 1km Beach Run  
 65-69 Years Male Beach Flags  
 65-69 Years Male Beach Sprint  
 65-69 Years Male Board Rescue  
 65-69 Years Male Surf Board  
 65-69 Years Male Surf Race  
 65-69 Years Male Surf Ski  
 65-69 Years Male Double Ski

70+ Years Female Ironwoman  
 70+ Years Female 1km Beach Run  
 70+ Years Female Beach Flags  
 70+ Years Female Beach Sprint  
 70+ Years Female Board Rescue  
 70+ Years Female Surf Board  
 70+ Years Female Surf Race  
 70+ Years Female Surf Ski

70+ Years Male  
 70+ Years Male 1km Beach Run  
 70+ Years Male Beach Flags  
 70+ Years Male Beach Sprint  
 70+ Years Male Board Rescue  
 70+ Years Male Double Ski  
 70+ Years Male Surf Board  
 70+ Years Male Surf Race  
 70+ Years Male Surf Ski

140+ Years Female Beach Relay (minimum)  
 170+ Years Female Beach Relay (minimum)  
 200+ Years Female Beach Relay (minimum)  
 230+ Years Female Beach Relay (minimum)

140+ Years Male Beach Relay (minimum)  
 170+ Years Male Beach Relay (minimum)  
 200+ Years Male Beach Relay (minimum)  
 230+ Years Male Beach Relay (minimum)

Under 200 years Mixed Beach Relay

Over 200 years Mixed Beach Relay

110+ Years Female Board Relay (minimum)  
130+ Years Female Board Relay (minimum)  
150+ Years Female Board Relay (minimum)  
170+ Years Female Board Relay (minimum)

110+ Years Female Surf Teams (minimum)  
130+ Years Female Surf Teams (minimum)  
150+ Years Female Surf Teams (minimum)  
170+ Years Female Surf Teams (minimum)

110+ Years Female Surf Ski Relay (minimum)  
130+ Years Female Surf Ski Relay (minimum)  
150+ Years Female Surf Ski Relay (minimum)  
170+ Years Female Surf Ski Relay (minimum)

110+ Years Female Taplin Relay (minimum)  
130+ Years Female Taplin Relay (minimum)  
150+ Years Female Taplin Relay (minimum)  
170+ Years Female Taplin Relay (minimum)

Over 160 Years Male Surf Boat  
Over 180 Years Male Surf Boat  
Over 200 Years Male Surf Boat  
Over 220 Years Male Surf Boat  
Over 240 Years Male Surf Boat  
Over 260 Years Male Surf Boat

110+ Years Male Board Relay (minimum)  
130+ Years Male Board Relay (minimum)  
150+ Years Male Board Relay (minimum)  
170+ Years Male Board Relay (minimum)

110+ Years Male Surf Teams (minimum)  
130+ Years Male Surf Teams (minimum)  
150+ Years Male Surf Teams (minimum)  
170+ Years Male Surf Teams (minimum)

110+ Years Male Surf Ski Relay (minimum)  
130+ Years Male Surf Ski Relay (minimum)  
150+ Years Male Surf Ski Relay (minimum)  
170+ Years Male Surf Ski Relay (minimum)

110+ Years Male Taplin Relay (minimum)  
130+ Years Male Taplin Relay (minimum)  
150+ Years Male Taplin Relay (minimum)  
170+ Years Male Taplin Relay (minimum)

Over 160 Years Female Surf Boat  
Over 180 Years Female Surf Boat  
Over 200 Years Female Surf Boat  
Over 220 Years Female Surf Boat  
Over 240 Years Female Surf Boat  
Over 260 Years Female Surf Boat

## 2026 QLD Senior Championships

U17 Ironwoman  
U17 Female 2km Beach Run  
U17 Female Beach Flags  
U17 Female Beach Relay  
U17 Female Beach Sprint  
U17 Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay  
U17 Female Board Relay  
U17 Female Board Rescue  
U17 Female Taplin Relay – 3 Person  
U17 Female Single Ski  
U17 Female Surf Board  
U17 Female Surf Race  
U17 Female Surf Team  
U17 Female Surf Belt  
U17 Female Ski Relay  
U17 Mixed Beach Relay

U17 Ironman  
U17 Male 2km Beach Run  
U17 Male Beach Flags  
U17 Male Beach Relay  
U17 Male Beach Sprint  
U17 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay  
U17 Male Board Relay  
U17 Male Board Rescue  
U17 Male Taplin Relay – 3 Person  
U17 Male Single Ski  
U17 Male Surf Board  
U17 Male Surf Race  
U17 Male Surf Team  
U17 Male Surf Belt  
U17 Male Ski Relay

U19 Ironwoman  
 U19 Female 2km Beach Run  
 U19 Female Beach Flags  
 U19 Female Beach Relay  
 U19 Female Beach Sprint  
 U19 Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay  
 U19 Female Board Relay  
 U19 Female Board Rescue  
 U19 Female Rescue Tube Rescue  
 U19 Female Single Ski  
 U19 Female Surf Board  
 U19 Female Surf Race  
 U19 Female Surf Team  
 U19 Female Taplin Relay – 3 person  
 U19 Female Surf Belt  
 U19 Female Ski Relay  
 U19 Female Double Ski  
 U19 Mixed Beach Relay

Open Ironwoman  
 Open Female 2km Beach Run  
 Open Female Beach Flags  
 Open Female Beach Relay  
 Open Female Beach Sprint  
 Open Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay  
 Open Female Board Relay  
 Open Female Board Rescue  
 Open Female Double Ski  
 Open Female Rescue Tube Rescue  
 Open Female Single Ski  
 Open Female Ski Relay  
 Open Female Surf Board  
 Open Female Surf Race  
 Open Female Surf Teams  
 Open Female Taplin - 3 Person  
 Open Female Surf Belt  
 Open Mixed Beach Relay  
 Open Lifesaver Relay

U19 Female Surf Boat  
 U23 Female Surf Boat  
 Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat  
 Open Female Surf Boat

U23 March Past

U19 Ironman  
 U19 Male 2km Beach Run  
 U19 Male Beach Flags  
 U19 Male Beach Relay  
 U19 Male Beach Sprint  
 U19 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay  
 U19 Male Board Relay  
 U19 Male Board Rescue  
 U19 Male Rescue Tube Rescue  
 U19 Male Single Ski  
 U19 Male Surf Board  
 U19 Male Surf Race  
 U19 Male Surf Team  
 U19 Male Taplin Relay – 3 person  
 U19 Male Surf Belt  
 U19 Male Ski Relay  
 U19 Male Double Ski

Open Ironman  
 Open Male 2km Beach Run  
 Open Male Beach Flags  
 Open Male Beach Relay  
 Open Male Beach Sprint  
 Open Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay  
 Open Male Board Relay  
 Open Male Board Rescue  
 Open Male Double Ski  
 Open Male Rescue Tube Rescue  
 Open Male Single Ski  
 Open Male Ski Relay  
 Open Male Surf Board  
 Open Male Surf Race  
 Open Male Surf Teams  
 Open Male Taplin Relay (6 Person)  
 Open Male Surf Belt  
 Open Mixed Double Ski  
 Open Mixed Taplin Relay (6 Person)  
 Open Mixed Surf Boat Relay

U19 Male Surf Boat  
 U23 Male Surf Boat  
 Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat  
 Open Male Surf Boat

Open March Past

U17 5 Person R & R	U21 5 Person R & R
Open Mixed 5 Person R & R	
Open Female 5 Person R & R	
Open Male 5 Person R & R	
Open 6 Person R & R	

## VOLUNTEER (WATER SAFETY/FIRST AID) REQUIREMENTS

### Officials

Clubs please note that if the required number of officials is not met through the volunteer official's nominations, SLSQ will enforce a 1:10 ratio for the total number of competitors attending the Championships.

### Water Safety (IRB)

For this event the top twelve (12) clubs by competitor numbers will be outlined in the Final Circular and will be required to supply a fully equipped IRB for the duration of the Championships (Friday to Sunday) and must be fully operational. Defective craft will be rejected and the Club made to replace it before they compete. IRB's must be delivered to the IRB compound by no later than 4pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Clubs that fail to comply with this request will result in their Club not competing for that duration of time that the Club takes to supply the IRB or find a replacement IRB if their own is deemed unseaworthy.

Also the top twenty (20) clubs by competitor numbers will be required to supply current and proficient IRB Driver and Crew for shifts throughout the weekend. The names of Clubs that fail to have their members report for duties will result in that Club not competing for the duration of time that the Club was to supply personnel and the rest of the carnival if personnel is not supplied at all.

Following close of entries SLSQ will notify the top 12 and top 20 Clubs for their respective IRB & Personnel Shift Requirements. Clubs will need to supply the names of Qualified IRB driver's and Qualified IRB crewman's to SLSQ by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026. A draft roster will be sent out on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

SLSQ will be monitoring the entries of clubs to ensure that the top twenty clubs at close of entries are rostered on and changes to the IRB roster will be made accordingly.

SLSQ will be monitoring the entries of clubs to ensure that the top 12 clubs by competitors to ensure the appropriate clubs are providing the craft and these clubs will be advised accordingly.

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## DRAFT TIMETABLE

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

### Timetable of Events: (DRAFT ONLY)

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

8.00am	Masters Water events commence
8.00am	Male and Female U17 – Board Rescues Commence
9.30am	Male and Female U17, U19 & Open Belt Races commence
12:00pm	Male and Female Under 19 and Open Double Ski Races
TBA	Male and Female Masters Beach Run
TBA	Male and Female U17 – Open Beach Runs & Relays

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

8.00am	U17-Open Water events commence
8.00am	Masters Surf Boats Event commence
9.00am	Masters / U17 / U19 and Open Beach Events
10.00am	U19 & U23 Surf Boat events commence

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

7:30am	R & R Events commence
7:45am	March Past events commence
8.30am	U17-Open Water events commence
8.30am	Open & Reserve Grade Boats Events commence

### Briefings/Meeting Times (DRAFT ONLY)

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

	<b>Venue</b>
6.00pm - Carnival Committee Meeting	Conducted Online

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

	<b>Venue</b>
5.00pm - All Masters/Senior Sectional Referees Meeting	Conducted Online
6.00pm - All Officials Meeting	Conducted Online
7.00pm – All Team Managers Meeting	Conducted Online

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

	<b>Venue</b>
5.45am – Carnival Safety Meeting	Announcers Stand
6.00am – All IRB crews report to IRB Coordinator	IRB Compound
6.00am - Carnival Committee Meeting	Administration
6.15am – Official sign on/breakfast	Maroochydore SLSC
7.00am – All Officials briefing	In respective area

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

	<b>Venue</b>
5.45am – Carnival Safety Meeting	Announcers Stand
6.00am – All IRB crews report to IRB Coordinator	IRB compound
6.00am - Carnival Committee Meeting	Administration
6.15am – Official sign on/breakfast	Maroochydore SLSC
7.00am – Officials briefing	In respective area

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

5.45am – Carnival Safety Meeting  
6.00am – All IRB crews report to IRB Coordinator  
6.00am - Carnival Committee Meeting  
6.15am – Official sign on/breakfast  
7.00am – Officials briefing

**Venue**

Announcers Stand  
IRB compound  
Administration  
Maroochydore SLSC  
In respective area

**DRESS OF COMPETITORS**

In all events, competitors must wear the event hi visibility lycra provided as part of entry to the event. To promote competitor safety and assist with competitor identification, competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth are required to wear approved hi vis as their top layer of clothing. Refusal to comply renders the clothing, competition apparel or equipment ineligible for the competition and the competitor and/or team would be ineligible for further participation in the event.

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.

**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. For events where there is less than 3 entries (Individual and Teams), it will be declared a non-event, no medals or points will be awarded and any competitor / team entered will drop to the next age group below where they would be eligible for points and medals in that age group.

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 considered to determine a winner, if it arises there is a tie and no way to separate 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) who place will be awarded the QLD Championship Title/Placing and the equivalent medal

### OFFICIALS

All appointed officials will be required to be current accredited SLSA officials and be the holder of a current Blue Card, have completed the CYRMS and Child Safe Awareness.

If an official would like to nominate, please follow the below link.

2026 QLD Masters/Senior Championships – [Official Nominations](#)

Only Officials that nominate for two or more days will be given preference on role/area.

Nominations must be received by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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.

### PLEASE NOTE:

In nominating for this event, all Officials warrant that they are, and must remain, mentally and physically capable of carrying out all the functions of their appointed role(s) over the course of the entire event. All Officials should undertake a medical check prior to departure for the event if they have any concerns about their health. SLSQ may request Officials or provide medical clearance if the Official has had a medical incident at a previous SLS event or if SLSQ reasonably considers such request is reasonable and/or necessary. If requested the Official must provide the medical clearance.

All officials, unless they have a diagnosed disability, must be able to make their own way onto and off the beach, in line with our event safety plans. If you have a diagnosed disability that impacts mobility, please email [rbennett@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:rbennett@lifesaving.com.au) so that this can be factored into safety plans.

SLSQ reserves the right in its absolute discretion to:

- a.) Not appoint an Official to any position whether an Official has nominated or not;
- b.) Remove an Official from any position at any time (whether before or during an SLSQ event)

SLSQ is not obligated to give reason where it acts under this clause. Note also that Officials must be able to complete all roles they are appointed to without transport assistance from event coordinators.

### TEAM MANAGERS

Each club must have a Team Manager complete the online [TEAM MANAGER DECLARATION LINK](#) before their club is eligible to compete at this event.

Team Managers must ensure they complete the above online Team Managers Declaration for this event by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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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.

### GEAR TRAILER/VEHICLE PARKING

Gear trailer parking will be located within Pearce Park (to the south of Maroochydore SLSC).

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.

### SCRUTINEERING

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

### 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 operation 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.

Only event staff will be permitted with cameras inside the competition area for these two events.

### 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 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 people to use and fill up their own water bottles. Please note, no drinking cups will be supplied.

## COMPETITION MANIPULATION AND ANTI-DOPING

### Competition Manipulation

The SLSA National Policy on Competition Manipulation covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs, special events conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with surf lifesaving. Please refer to SLSA Policy 5.11 – Competition Manipulation and Gambling Policy for further details.

It is strongly recommended that all coaches, team managers and support personnel complete the Sport Integrity Australia Competition Manipulation & Sport Gambling online course.

### Anti-Doping

Members have responsibilities under the SLSA 5.02 Anti-Doping Policy and SLSA 6.23 Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine in Sport Policy (available on the SLSA Members Hub). All team members are encouraged to develop their knowledge and understanding of Anti-Doping by accessing Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) online courses. It is recommended that all athletes complete the Sport Integrity Australia's "Clean Sport 101" online course.

It is strongly recommended that all coaches, team managers & support personnel complete the SIA Anti-Doping Fundamentals online course.

Sport Integrity Australia online courses can be accessed at: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>.

## 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).

## 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.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

The following Cancellation Fee & Refund Policy will be adhered to:

- If a carnival is cancelled, with no postponement before the first event is conducted, 75% of all entry fees will be refunded to all Clubs (25% retained for administration costs).
- If a carnival is cancelled, after the first event is conducted, no refund will be given.
- If a carnival is postponed and re-scheduled to another date, a 75% refund will be issued to competing Clubs that cannot compete at the re-scheduled event.

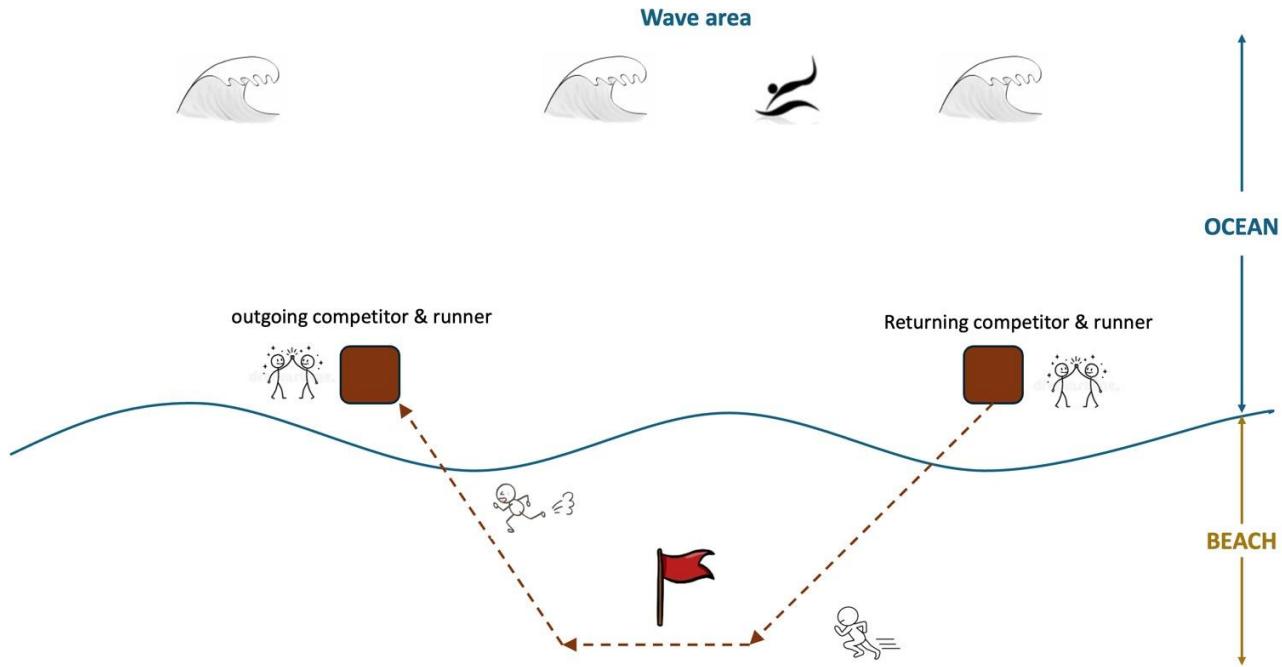
## Body Surfing – Demonstration Event

Surf Life Saving Queensland is working with Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Coolum Wedge to conduct a Body Surfing demonstration event as part of the 2026 State Championships. The event will be conducted on the Saturday afternoon at approximately 3pm in one of the water areas pending the completion of other events and conditions.

The event rules are outlined below and if clubs are interested in participating, they can liaise with Stuart Hogben – [shogben@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:shogben@lifesaving.com.au).

## Tag Team Event – SLS Demonstration Event

- Each team to consist of five competitors. Competitors can be of any age and gender.
- The competition will be a tag team format. First team members will start in the ocean.
- Each team member has a **maximum of three waves** with only their **single highest scoring wave** will be counted towards the team total. Any competitor additional waves above three will not be scored.
- The heat will be 30 minutes duration in total. Only those team members that have caught a wave during that time will be scored. Part of the skill of the Team Challenge is heat and time management.
- **Changeovers:** When a competitor has caught their maximum allotted waves or is happy with one of his/her rides, they will swim to the beach and tag a team member who will then run up the beach **and around a flag** and then run back down to the surf to tag the next team member who will then swim out and catch waves. Changeovers can occur in the water.



- No competitor is to run in fins
- Each competitor may only swim once. If there is time remaining in the heat after a team's last competitor has finished, a team cannot send out one of the previous contestants again.
- Winning team will be highest aggregate score totalling the highest score from each individual's ridden waves.

## Scoring

As a general guide, half of the points awarded to a ride are based upon flow and style across the open face of the wave whilst the other half of points are awarded for technicality, criticality and variation of tricks. Tricks performed in the critical part of the wave will receive higher scores.

Some of the tricks that bodysurfers perform include; tube-riding (excellent), spins across the wave in both clockwise and anticlockwise, dolphining under the water, back sliding, front somersaults, flat spins.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the Sport Team at:  
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## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

Members and all people involved in any way with SLS will:

- a) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others—treat others as you would like to be treated yourself
- b) Be ethical, considerate, fair, courteous and honest in all dealings with other people and organisations
- c) Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions
- d) Be aware of and follow—at all times—SLS' standards, rules, policies and procedures and promote those standards, rules, policies and procedures to others
- e) Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, including the national and international guidelines that govern SLS
- f) Understand the possible consequences of breaching the codes and/or this policy
- g) Report any breaches of the codes or this policy to the appropriate PPA
- h) Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, discrimination and victimisation towards others
- i) Raise concerns regarding decisions of PPA through the appropriate channels and in a timely manner
- j) Provide a safe environment for the conduct of activities in accordance with any relevant SLSA policy
- k) Show concern, empathy and caution towards others that may be sick or injured
- l) Be a positive role model to all
- m) Respect and protect confidential information obtained through SLS activities or services; whether individuals and/or organisational information
- n) Maintain the required standard of accreditation and/or licensing of professional competencies, as applicable to the role(s)
- o) Ensure that any physical contact with others is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- p) Refrain from intimate relations with persons over whom you have a position of authority
- q) Agree to abide by the codes
- r) Maintain a duty of care towards others
- s) Be impartial and accept the responsibility for all actions taken

Person in Position of Authority (PPA):

PPA include everyone who holds a position of authority in SLS, whether paid or unpaid, and includes, but is not limited to, all SLS Entity Individual Members. For the avoidance of doubt, PPA also includes Child or Young Person (CYP) who may hold a position of authority in SLS over other CYP.

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