



Title:	2026 QLD Board Riding Championships – Official Nominations
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INTRODUCTION

The QLD Board Riding Championships attracts competitors from all over Queensland to unite over two days showcasing one of Queensland's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will be held at Coolumb Beach SLSC on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January 2026.

This document outlines some key information relating to nominating as an official for the 2026 QLD Board Riding Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins or circulars which may supersede information provided in the circular.

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.

OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS

All nominating officials will be required to be current accredited SLSA officials, be the holder of a current BlueCard and have completed their CYRMS and Child Awareness Courses.

If an official would like to nominate for this event please follow the below link:

2026 QLD Board Riding Championships – [Officials Nomination Form](#)

Nominations must be received by Thursday 8th January 2026

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 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.

JUDGES

Surf Life Saving Queensland will approach Surfing Queensland to supply professional judges for the 2026 Board Riding Championships.

DRAFT TIMETABLE

The timetable is only a draft and is subject to change

Saturday 17th January 2026

6.00am Breakfast for Officials and Judges
6.00am IRB Water Safety meet
6.15am Officials and judges briefing
6.30am Team Managers briefing
6.45am Athletes meet for marshalling
7.00am Conditions permitting first event to commence

Sunday 18th January 2026

6.00am Breakfast for Officials and Judges
6.00am IRB Water Safety meet
6.15am Officials and judges briefing
6.30am Team Managers briefing
6.45am Athletes meet for marshalling
7.00am Conditions permitting first event to commence

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OFFICIALS DRESS

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 official's shirt.

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.

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 36th Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 Member Protection Policy (available online at the Members Area)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the SLSQ at:

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