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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 27th February to Sunday 1st 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 the circular.

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 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

SAFETY & EMERGENCY 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 Coordinator	Ross Hutton
Assistant Safety Coordinator	Craig Williams
Deputy Referee	Santo Dela 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 Accredited Officials

Non-receipt of the Bulletin 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.

OFFICIALS

All nominating officials will be required to be a current accredited SLSA official 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 link below.

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Officials will be given preference of areas and position based on the number of days they choose to Officiate. Officials nominating for three days will be given first preference, Officials nominating for one day will be allocated after two-day officials are appointed.

Nominations must be received by Sunday 1st February 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.

DRAFT TIMETABLE

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

Tuesday 24th February 2026

6.00pm - Carnival Committee Meeting

Venue

Conducted Online

Wednesday 25th February 2026

5.00pm - All Masters/Senior Sectional Referees Meeting

6.00pm - All Officials Meeting

7.00pm – All Team Managers Meeting

Venue

Conducted Online

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Friday 27th February 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 – All Officials briefing

Venue

Announcers Stand

IRB Compound

Administration

Maroochydore SLSC

In respective area

Saturday 28th February 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

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Sunday 1st 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

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COACH / ATHLETE ADVISORY PANEL

The Carnival Committee (CC) will be appointing an Athlete/Coach Advisory Panel for this event, which will be included in the Final Carnival Information. The Panel will be made up of a mix of athletes and coaches and will be a resource for the Carnival Referee and Sectional Referees. This Panel will also be able to take any issues to the Carnival Committee during the running of the event if necessary.

GEAR TRAILER/VEHICLE PARKING

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.

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 current 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 Portal).

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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