

Carnival Entry Information – Oceans 38 Round One

Event Date	Sunday, 06 September 2026
Event Location	Tugun SLSC
Distribution	PDB Clubs, PDB Surf Sports Officers, Other Clubs
Circular Date	30 July 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

This document outlines some key information relating to Oceans 38 Round One. Please note that SLSQ Point Danger Branch may have subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in the circular.

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.

This event will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* including bulletins/amendments.

All Clubs that enter will be required to adhere to the conditions as outlined in this circular as they relate to entry fees, entry conditions, provision of water safety, officials and rescue craft.

KEY DATES

Entries Open	30 July 2026
Officials Nominations Due	10 August 2026 @ Midday
Entries Close	25 August 2026 @ Midnight
Draft Entry List Distributed	26 August 2026
Additional Entries Close	02 September 2026 @ Midday
Team Managers Declarations Due	02 September 2026 @ Midday
Final Competitor List Distributed	02 September 2026

2. CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The Carnival Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the conduct of the competition. The CC may, in accordance with the rules in the current edition of the *SLSA 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 as they deem necessary 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
Chair of Committee	Tony Carle (SLSQ Point Danger Branch Director of Surf Sports)
Event Referee	Tony Carle
Sectional Referees	TBA
Safety & Emergency Coordinator	TBA
Event Coordinator	Peta Martinovich
Venue Representative	Brett Beutel

3. SAFETY & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

A Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC) shall be appointed to 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 Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Carnival Committee. The composition of the SEC will be determined by SLSQ Point Danger Branch.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Coordinator	TBA
Sectional Referees	TBA
First Aid Personnel	Tugun SLSC
IRB/Water Safety Coordinator	TBA

4. CARNIVAL INFORMATION

4.1 ENTRY INFORMATION

ITEM	DATE	TIME
Entries Open	30 July 2026	8.00am
Entries Close	25 August 2026	12.00am
Additional Entries	26 August – 02 September 2026	12.00pm
Late Entries	02 September 2026	12.01pm

4.2 ENTRY FEES

ITEM	DATE
Entry Fee	\$10.50 per person per event
Late Entry Fee	\$55.00 per person + \$10.50 per person per event
IRB Levy	TBA based on number of competitors & required IRBs

5. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- All members that compete in this event MUST be registered for the 2026/2027 season
- All competitors must:
 - Under 15: be proficient in the SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate.
 - Under 17 – Open: must hold current Certificate II (PUA21010, PUA21012 or PUA21019) and be proficient in the SLSA Bronze Medallion.
- LiveHeats will be in use at this carnival, meaning that all competitors will require a wristband. Competitors are reminded that if they have competed at a SLSQ event/Summer of Surf and have already been allocated a wristband, this will need to be brought with them to the carnival. Those members who do not own a wristband (have not competed in a LiveHeats event) can collect these after 6.30am on carnival day at Event Administration. Competitors who have misplaced their wristband will be charged a \$5.00 replacement fee (charged to your club).

6. ENTRY REGISTRATIONS

6.1 ENTRIES

Club entries to the Oceans 38 Round One must be submitted via LiveHeats.

Clubs are NOT permitted to make whole of club additional or late entries i.e. you MUST have members entered by the closing date to be eligible to compete.

If a competitor is already entered in other divisions on the program and wishes to enter another division on the day, no extra late fees will be charged.

Late and Additional entries will be accepted throughout the day via Administration only. However please note that this is contingent on the number of members in the divisions i.e. if the addition of an extra competitor adds an extra race to the divisions, this won't be approved.

6.2 LIVEHEATS ATHLETE PROFILE

If a competitor has never competed at an event whereby LiveHeats was in use, they will not have an "Athlete Profile" in LiveHeats. They will be unable to be entered into any divisions until an Athlete Profile is created. To check whether a competitor has an Athlete Profile, clubs and/or Team Managers can search for the competitor in LiveHeats under the "Athletes & team" section.

6.3 TRANSFERRED COMPETITORS

If you are unable to add a competitor (one who has previously competed under the LiveHeats system) to the event and the competitor has transferred into your Club, please contact the Branch for assistance. To check whether a competitor has an Athlete Profile, clubs and/or Team Managers can search for the competitor in LiveHeats under the "Athletes & team" section.

7. CANCELLATION POLICY

The following cancellation policy will apply

- If a carnival is cancelled, with no postponement before the first event is conducted, 75% of all entry fees will be refunded to 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 rescheduled to another date, a 75% refund will be issued to competing clubs that cannot compete as the rescheduled event.

8. OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS

Clubs are required to provide **1 Official : 8 competitors (or part thereof)**. Clubs who do not provide the required ratio will be excluded from competing. Officials MUST be:

- Registered for the current season
- Hold a current Working with Children Blue Card (for members over 18)
- Have completed the relevant "Child Safety Induction/s" (for members over 18)
- Be currently accredited as a Technical or Senior Official or have attended a course along with completed online training (probationary Technical)
- Wearing the provided Officials Shirt and preferably navy-blue shorts/skirt

LINK FOR NOMINATIONS: <https://forms.office.com/r/zBZiadzu2A>

Note: this link is different from last season. Only use this link.

OFFICIALS NOMINATIONS DUE DATE: 10 AUGUST 2026 @ MIDDAY

9. IRB REQUIREMENTS

The top six (6) Clubs (excluding SSCB Clubs) calculated by number of entries shall provide a fully equipped and serviceable IRB (**no crew required**). All IRBs shall be inspected by the carnival IRB Coordinator and if found to be unserviceable they will be rejected, and the Club shall provide a replacement.

The fully kitted IRB will need to be available **at the host club by 6:00am on the morning of the carnival** for the duration of the carnival. The failure of Clubs to provide the boat on time will result in all competitors from that Club being withdrawn from the Carnival.

All Clubs will be charged a levy on top of their entry fee for this carnival.

10. CARNIVAL TIMES

Competition Committee	6.00am
IRB Crews	6.00am
Officials Briefing	6.30am
LiveHeats Wristband Collection	From 6.30am
Team Managers Briefing	6.45am
Swim Session Warm Up	7.00am – 7.15am ONLY
Arena Set Up (ALL Officials)	7.15am
Craft Session Warm Up	7.15am - 7.45am ONLY
Marshalling	7.45am
Carnival Start Time	8.00am

11. DRESS OF COMPETITORS

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the current edition of the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* and any other subsequent SLSA/SLSQ bulletins or circulars.

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 Point Danger Branch staff, 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*.



Acceptable



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Borderline



Not acceptable

12. PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival Official in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* and shall identify the specific sections/clauses upon which the protest is based. Protest forms are available through the Competitor Liaison Officer or Carnival Administration.

A fee of \$110.00 per appeal will be charged to lodge an appeal with the Appeals Committee. The fee is only accepted as CASH. Should the appeal be successful, the fee will be refunded.

13. TEAM MANAGERS

Each Club must have a Team Manager complete the online [Team Managers Declarations](#) before their Club is eligible to compete at this event. This must be completed by Wednesday 02 September 2026 BEFORE Midday.

ALL Team Managers MUST:

- Be registered for the current season
- Hold a current Working with Children Blue Card (for members over 18)
- Have completed the relevant "Child Safety Induction/s" (for members over 18)

It is the Team Managers responsibility to ensure the changes to the Club's competing teams have been registered with the appropriate Official/Event Administration, 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.

14. MEDALS/POINTSORE

COMPOSITE TEAMS: Will be accepted into the carnival, contingent on the number of members in the event i.e. if the addition of an extra team adds an extra race to the event this won't be approved. Composite Teams will not be awarded a placing, associated points, medals, or prize (if applicable).

POINT SCORE: The point score awarded to each Club within each event's age category will be 6 points for 1st place, down to 1 point for 6th place. If, when the event has concluded, there is a tied point score, the Club with the most first places will be declared the winner. Failing this, the Club with the most 2nd placings to 6th placings respectively will be taken into account to determine a tie.

DEAD HEATS: Where a dead heat (as defined in the current edition of the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual*) occurs in the final of an event, the Clubs of individuals/teams will share the placing points. 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 1st, both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each. The next placing individual/team shall be awarded the 4 points for coming 3rd.

MEDALS: There are no medals for this event.

15. PRIZE MONEY

Prize Money will be awarded to the following races.

- Winner of each Ironperson event
- Winning Team of the U15 Cameron Relays
- Winning Team of the U17/U19/Open Taplin Relays

16. SECURITY

No security will be provided.

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 operation's 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 their 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 Point Danger Branch.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Photography is NOT permitted in the carnival arena unless the individual taking photos has an SLSQ Photographers pass. Team Managers are responsible for controlling members and parents of their Club and competitors in this regard. Members who take photos and do not have photographer accreditation will be asked to leave the arena immediately. Photographers are NOT to impede the competitors or competition in any way.

18. HEALTH & WELL BEING

The welfare of all competitors and Officials is of paramount importance. 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 include training and competition.

In addition, SLSQ Point Danger Branch 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 competitor and/or Official concerned and fellow carnival attendees while also ensuring all parties and SLSQ Point Danger Branch are not placed at risk.

We will be supplying adequate shade tents at all marshalling areas for Officials and competitors throughout the event. It is highly recommended that all competitor and Official 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.

19. ANTI – DOPING

PDB affiliated with SLSA supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport.

It is strongly recommended that all Coaches and Team Managers complete the ASADA Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course. This course is free of charge and provides an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping in sport. Where to find the online training is below.

ASADA Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course: SLSA eLearning> Coaching Courses > Coaching > Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course (formerly Level 1) > Enrol (this is a free course)

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 *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* sections [2.27 SLSA Code of Behavior](#) and [2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behavior](#) and [SLSA Policy 6.05 Member Protection Policy](#).

21. GENERAL

BEACH CARE All Clubs are to respect the signs located on the beach regarding tents on the dunes. Any Clubs that

fails to follow the signs will be asked to move their tent.

- VEHICLES** No Club or Club members are permitted at ANY time to take their own personal vehicle onto the beach for these events.
- SUN CARE** Point Danger Branch will be supplying adequate shade tents at all marshalling areas for competitors throughout the duration of the competition. It is highly recommended that all attendees ensure they carry with adequate apparel to assist with the reduction of sunburn, along with recommended use of sunscreen, prior to reporting for marshalling.
- HYDRATION** Water Containers will be available under the marshalling tents for Officials, Team Manager's and athletes. There will be no supply of cups (due to the ongoing issue of litter on the beaches). These containers are in place for members to use and fill their own water bottles when necessary.
- WARM UPS** Water Safety for warm ups are the responsibility of the Club and Clubs are to ensure that they have adequate water safety for their competitors during warm up. This is NOT the responsibility of the Branch. Water Safety for the event will commence at 8am.

Swim Session Warm Up	7.00am – 7.15am ONLY
Craft Session Warm Up	7.15am - 7.45am ONLY

22. EVENT LIST

OPEN EVENTS	U19 EVENTS	U17 EVENTS	U15 EVENTS
Open Female Ironwoman	U19 Female Ironwoman	U17 Female Ironwoman	U15 Female Ironwoman
Open Female Board Race	U19 Female Board Race	U17 Female Board Race	U15 Female Board Race
Open Female Surf Race	U19 Female Surf Race	U17 Female Surf Race	U15 Female Surf Race
Open Female Surf Ski	U19 Female Surf Ski	U17 Female Surf Ski	U15 Female Board Relay
Open Female Board Relay	U19 Female Board Relay	U17 Female Ski Relay	U15 Female Cameron Relay
Open Female Taplin 3 person	U19 Female Taplin 3 person	U17 Female Board Relay	
Open Female Ski Relay	U19 Female Ski Relay	U17 Female Taplin 3 person	
Open Male Ironman	U19 Male Ironman	U17 Male Ironman	U15 Male Ironman
Open Male Board Race	U19 Male Board Race	U17 Male Board Race	U15 Male Board Race
Open Male Surf Race	U19 Male Surf Race	U17 Male Surf Race	U15 Male Surf Race
Open Male Surf Ski	U19 Male Surf Ski	U17 Male Surf Ski	U15 Male Board Relay
Open Male Board Relay	U19 Male Board Relay	U17 Male Ski Relay	U15 Male Cameron Relay
Open Male Taplin 3 person	U19 Male Taplin 3 person	U17 Male Surf Board Relay	
Open Male Ski Relay	U19 Male Ski Relay	U17 Male Taplin 3 person	

Note:

Ironperson events for Opens will be conducted as **two round robins and a final**. The final (top 20, if conditions allow) will be based on combined points from Races 1 & 2.

- Male heats will be followed by Female heats.
- Entry numbers will be evenly distributed across an even number of races.
- Races will start simultaneously in both areas.

Fixed Race Order:

- **Heat 1:** Swim – Board - Ski
- **Heat 2:** Ski – Board – Swim
- **Final 3:** Board – Swim – Ski