Carnival Entry Bulletin – Lil' Squirts Water U8-U10

Event Location:	Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC
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INTRODUCTION

This document outlines some key information relating to SCB Lil' Squirts Water U8-U10 Carnival to be held at **Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC on Saturday 21st November 2026** with racing commencing at 8am.

It is important the information in this bulletin is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors and Family Members. 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 subsequent bulletins.

All Clubs and Competitors are required to adhere to the conditions outlined in this circular as they relate to entry fees, entry conditions, and the provision of First Aid, Officials and water safety.

KEY DATES

Entries are invited from all SCB and PDB clubs for the SCB Lil' Squirts Water U8-U10 Carnival. The method of entry is via https://liveheats.com/events/563786

Entries Open:	Monday 2nd November
Entries Close:	Friday 13th Nov noon - ALL officials/FA/Water Safety nominations & TM Declarations due.
Final Circular:	Thursday 19th November (pending information required being received from all clubs)

ENTRY FEES

$16 incl. GST per U8 competitor
$22 incl. GST per U9 or U10 competitor
No late entries will be accepted.

IRB fees: A tax invoice will be issued to clubs following the event to cover IRB crew costs which are charged back to clubs on a pro-rata basis.

EVENT RULES

This event will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* (SSM) which can be accessed via https://sls.com.au/surf-sports/#Surf-Sports-Manual

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the delivery of the event and 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, and/or the venue of the competition.

The CC may consult and seek advice from appropriate patrol members, 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.

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SAFETY COMMITTEE

A Safety Committee shall be appointed which must consider and advise the Competition Committee on all matters relating to competition and non-competition safety and emergency services. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Safety Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Competition Committee. The composition of the Committee will be determined by SLSQ South Coast Branch.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

Financial Members: All competitors, Officials, Water Safety, First Aid, IRB and Team Management personnel must be registered and financial members of their Surf Life Saving Club for the 2026/27 season.

Competitors: All competitors must be competent/proficient in the Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation for their current age group.

Club requirements: to provide Officials, Water Safety and First Aid on a roster basis reflecting the ratio of Club athlete nominations. Requirements are outlined in this Entry Circular. CLUBS NOT SUPPLYING THE PRE-REQUISITE NUMBER OF OFFICIALS AND WATER SAFETY MAY BE DENIED A START AT THIS CARNIVAL.

Individual and Team Events: As per the SLSA SSM, U9 competitors can compete in individual and team events for their own age category and in team events in the U10 age category, providing they have met all necessary pre-requisites i.e. they must be competent/proficient in their current U9 Competition Evaluation. Members ageing up will only be allowed to complete existing teams, not make up a full team.

Cancellation fee and Refund Policy:

- ~ If a carnival is cancelled, with no postponement before the first event is conducted, 6 percent of the entry fee will be charged to cover the Live Heats/Stripe non-refundable fees.
- ~ If a carnival is cancelled, after the first event is conducted, no refund will be given.

Child Safety: All members over 18 who hold any official capacity at this carnival (voluntary or paid) must Hold a Working with Children Blue Card (as per the SLSQ Blue Card Screening Policy) and have completed the online Child Safety courses.

EVENT LIST

U8, U9, U10 Male /Female Wade Race
U8, U9, U10 Male / Female Wade Relay (4 person)
U9, U10 Male / Female Board Race
U9, U10 Male / Female Board Relay (3 person)
U9, U10 Male / Female Surf Race
U9, U10 Male / Female Surf Teams (4 person)

- ~ Composite teams may be possible on the day, providing the member is entered in the event and it doesn't push the race into an extra round.
- ~ U8s will have a fun morning of approximately 3 hours including wades and Wade Teams (run as per competition manual) and a number of team games will also be organised. Parent/Age Manager assistance will be essential.

LIVE HEATS

All Competitors will be required to wear a LiveHeats wristband for the duration of the event. Athletes receive their first wristband free of charge. Following this, all competitors will be required to purchase a new wristband for $5. They will be available at Administration from 6 - 7.15am.

MEDALS, PRESENTATIONS AND SCORING

This carnival is for fun and participation only. Competitors will receive a participation medal at the end of the carnival from their Team Manager. Team Managers are to collect the medals at the Team Managers briefing.

TEAM MANAGERS

Clubs are allowed one Team Manager and one Assistant Team Manager to assist in the team organisation. They must hold a WWC Bluecard and have completed the Child Safe online courses. Team Managers should be clearly identifiable by their apparel that highlights their Club name and the wording "Team Manager".

Clubs will not be eligible to compete in the Carnival without a completed Team Manager's Declaration. All relevant Carnival information will be distributed to Team Managers in the event of carnival relocation or cancellation.

Team Manager Declarations must be completed by noon Friday 13th November via: Team Manager Declaration

OFFICIALS

To ensure the smooth and safe delivery of the carnival:

- Clubs must supply officials in the ratio of 1 official for every 8 competitors (or part thereof), with at least 50% of these officials being fully qualified;
- If a nominated official does not attend, the club must immediately replace them with another qualified member;
- Clubs that do not meet the required number of officials will be excluded from competing.

If overall official numbers are insufficient, the Carnival Referee may modify or shorten the event. Your support is essential to the success of the carnival and the safety of all participants.

Official Nominations must be received by noon Friday 13th November via: Officials Nominations

IRBS

IRB Duty Boats: An IRB Duty Boat with Driver and Crew will be provided by South Coast Branch. They will be responsible for setting and packing up of the arenas as well as moving cans during competition.

IRB Boats: The top two South Coast Branch clubs, based on competitor numbers, will provide 1 x fully serviced and operational IRB which will need to be available at BHMP SLSC by 6am for the duration of the carnival. The top clubs last year were: Northcliffe, North Burleigh and BHMP.

All IRBs shall be inspected by the Carnival IRB Coordinator and if found to be unserviceable will be rejected and the club shall provide a replacement before they are able to compete.

IRB Crews: At this stage, clubs will not be required to supply Drivers or Crew for the event. If any competent IRB Drivers/Crew are keen to assist with carnival water safety, please nominate by noon Friday 13th November IRB Driver/Crew Nominations

Failure to receive the required nominations will result in the top clubs, based on entry numbers, being required to provide qualified crews.

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WATER SAFETY

All clubs will be required to provide proficient and capable water safety (SRC or Bronze Medallion) for the duration of the carnival at the required ratio of one (1) accredited water safety per 10 competitors. Water Safety Personnel must arrive with SLSA approved water safety high vis orange rashie/shirt, orange cap and rescue tube or board.

Failure by a club to provide Water Safety personnel as per roster will exclude that club from competing. Any club whose Water Safety disappears during the day will be suspended from that event until their Water Safety returns. **Water Safety Nominations** must be received by noon Friday 13th November via: Water Safety Nominations

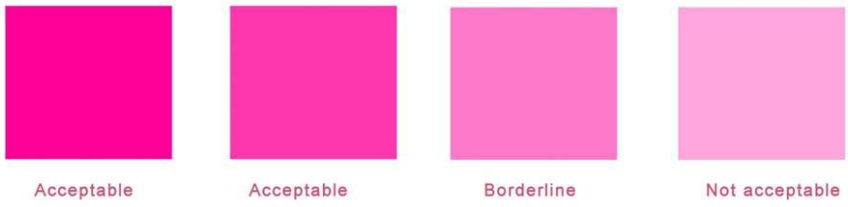
FIRST AID

Clubs with more than 10 competitors must provide a First Aid person to be rostered for a part of the carnival. **First Aid Nominations** must be received by noon Friday 13th November via: First Aid Nominations

DRESS OF COMPETITORS

To promote competitor safety and assist with competitor identification costumes, dress and style must be of the correct specification according to the Surf Sports Manual and will be monitored. A competitor shall not be permitted to take part in any competition if, in the opinion of the Referee, the competitor is not properly dressed.

- Club competition caps must be worn in ALL races to assist with identification of athletes;
- Pink high-vis lycra rash shirt/singlet must be worn by competitors in ocean events; and
- Swimwear must be worn in ocean events – styles and materials as outlined in Policy 2.5.



PROTESTS AND APPEALS

There will be no protests or appeals at this carnival. It is for fun and participation. If anyone has safety concerns please speak with the Carnival Referee.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Inappropriate behaviour between and/or towards, but not limited to, administration, officials, coaches, competitors, volunteers, parents, spectators or community members during the course of this event will be referred to the Carnival Committee. If further action is required, it will then proceed to the South Coast Branch Judiciary. Any concerns should be raised by Team Managers to the Sectional and/or Carnival Referee in the first instance. Clubs are asked to remind all members of the intent of Play by the Rules and the Code of Conduct, as per this Circular.

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 them and their Clubs.

Please refer to the Surf Sports Manual - Section 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse / Inappropriate Behaviour and the Code of Conduct (at end of this circular).

AREA MAP

The exact location of the event will be determined on the day pending environmental conditions.



GENERAL INFORMATION

SUN CARE

South Coast Branch will supply adequate shade tents at all marshalling areas for competitors. 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, prior to reporting for Marshalling.

CLUB TENTS

Tents can be erected on the day of the carnival in conjunction with the host club workforce and the Carnival referee. Marshalling and competitor shade tents only will be allowed on the beach within the competition area. Clubs are to ensure that all tents are pegged or weighted.

ENTRY TO ARENAS

Entry to arenas will be limited to Competitors, Officials, IRB Drivers and Crew, Water Safety, First Aid and Team Managers. TM are requested to assist settle competitors in marshalling and then leave the arena.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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 a medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition. In addition, SLSQ South Coast Branch may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to

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participate in the competition. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of the athlete concerned and fellow competitors while also ensuring all parties and SLSQ SCB are not placed at risk.

HYDRATION

Water Barrels will be available under the Marshalling tents for Officials, Team Managers and athletes to fill their own water bottles or drinking utensils.

PARKING

Parking Officers will be patrolling the area and parking fines will be issued if cars are parked in illegal areas. Parking on nature strips and parkland are not permitted. No liability will be accepted by the Branch or host venue for illegal parking. Any cars that belong to life saving will be towed at the owner's expense.

PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Only people with an SLSQ Photographer Pass will be permitted to take photos at this event. Club Photographers MUST have their Club Photographer pass on display at all times so that Officials can clearly see the pass. Club Photographers are to ensure they do not in any way interfere with competitors or competition. Members of the public are permitted to take photos from behind the barriers, the grandstands and other publicly accessible areas. Spectators who become concerned about the behaviour of photographers in publicly accessible areas are asked to contact Sectional or Carnival Referees.

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

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 utilize the use of its own drones to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards.

RUBBISH

Please coordinate club members to clean up their rubbish in the area immediately around your club tent. Consider bringing extra garbage bags to hang on your tent to encourage members to put their rubbish directly into the bins.

SECURITY

Please note security is not provided for this carnival. All property left at the carnival is at the owner's risk, be that individual or Club.

TRAILERS

Please take note of all GC City Council parking signs. All trailers are to be left in the trailer drop off area. For assistance with transporting equipment onto the beach please meet the host club workforce at the beach access point (located on the above Map). Under no circumstances are unauthorized vehicles to take trailers onto beach.

NO PERSONAL 4WD ARE PERMITTED ON THE BEACH AT ANY TIME. IF ANY CLUB/PERSON IS FOUND DOING THIS THEN THE ENTIRE TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

ENQUIRIES

All enquires leading up to this event can be directed to Kym Trinca ktrinca@slsqsouthcoast.com.au.

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I will

- Act within the rules and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play over winning at all cost
- Encourage and support others
- Respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- Thank players, coaches and officials

I won't

- Use bad language or harass or abuse anyone
- Criticise or ridicule anyone's performance
- Lose control of my emotions
- Be dishonest or show unsporting behaviour
- Be disrespectful



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Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct (Code) outlines the behaviour expected of, and by, Relevant Persons involved in, and interactions between, all such persons in the SLS community.

The Code must be followed at all times and by all Members and all people involved in SLS. As part of a Member's commitment to observing this Code of Conduct, each Relevant Persons must acknowledge their commitment to the Code of Conduct.

There may be exceptional situations where the Code does not apply, for example, in an emergency situation. It is crucial however that, where possible, authorisation is sought from the Relevant Organisation prior to taking action that may contravene the Code or the Relevant Organisation is advised as soon possible of any incident which may breach the Code

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 rules, regulations, policies and procedures and promote those laws, standards, rules, policies and procedures to others;
e. raise concerns arising under this Policy through the appropriate channels and report any breaches of the Code or this Policy, in line with the Complaint Resolution Policy via http://complaints.sls.com.au/;
f. refrain from any form of Bullying, Abuse, Harassment, Discrimination and Victimisation towards others;
g. provide a safe environment for the conduct of activities in accordance with any relevant SLSA policy;
h. ensure SLS is an inclusive organisation that is open to all who wish to participate regardless of age, gender, disability, cultural and linguistic background, or sexual orientation;
i. provide a safe and nurturing environment for all participating in SLS by actively promoting the principles of equal opportunity, social justice, and cultural safety so that all individuals are treated with respect and dignity;
j. show concern, empathy and caution towards others that may be sick or injured;
k. strive to be a positive role model to all;
l. respect and protect confidential information obtained through SLS activities or services; whether individuals and/or organisational information;
m. maintain the required standard of accreditation and/or licensing of professional competencies, as applicable to the role(s);
n. ensure that any physical contact with others is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development;
o. refrain from intimate relations with persons over whom you have a position of authority;
p. maintain a duty of care towards others; and
q. be impartial and accept responsibility for all actions taken.

Date: 15th March 2025