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2024 QLD Interbranch Championships – Entry Bulletin

1. INTRODUCTION

The Queensland Interbranch Championships attracts teams from Point Danger Branch, South Coast Branch, Sunshine Coast Branch and QLD Country, providing an opportunity to unite over 2 days showcasing one of Queensland’s most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year’s event will be held on the 30th November & 1st December at:

Saturday 30th

Ocean/Beach Events: Mooloolaba SLSC

Sunday 1st

Development Day

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2024 Queensland Interbranch Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins which may supersede information provided in this Bulletin.

2. 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, 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 Committee Chair	Nigel Ward
Event Referee	TBA
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	TBA
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
Venue Representative	TBA

3. SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 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 & Emergency Management Coordinator	TBA
Deputy Referee	TBA
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	1300MEDICS
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett

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4. DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULAR

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

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.

5. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All team members must have the relevant SLSA award for the Age Group/s they wish to compete in.

All entered athletes must have completed and signed the SLSA “Application for Membership Form” 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, and any irregularities will be considered by the Branch and/or State Surf Sports Committee.

6. ENTRY REGISTRATIONS

Branch entries to the QLD Interbranch Championships must be submitted via SEMS.

For any Branches that cannot enter their Teams via this system please contact the SLSQ Sport Administrator, Karen Degnian (kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au).

Entries close on SEMS COB Tuesday 26th November 2024. (If Branches require SLSQ to enter their teams on SEMS, entry information MUST be with SLSQ by Friday 22nd November).

7. ENTRY FEES

There are no entry fees for the QLD Interbranch Championships.

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8. EVENT LIST

NB: Dependent upon entries there may be a need to shorten up qualifying numbers from heats to finals to ensure that the full day’s program is completed.

BEACH & WATER EVENTS			
Saturday 30 th November 2024			
UNDER 13		UNDER 14	
TEAMS	No Teams	TEAMS	No Teams
Female Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Female Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
Male Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Male Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
Female Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch	Female Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch
Male Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch	Male Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch
Female Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Female Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Male Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Male Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Female Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch	Female Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch
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Female Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Female Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch

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Male Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Male Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Mixed Beach Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Mixed Beach Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
INDIVIDUAL	No Competitors	INDIVIDUAL	No Competitors
Female Flags	2 per branch	Female Flags	2 per branch
Male Flags	2 per branch	Male Flags	2 per branch
Female Sprint	2 per branch	Female Sprint	2 per branch
Male Sprint	2 per branch	Male Sprint	2 per branch
UNDER 15		UNDER 17	
TEAMS	No Teams	TEAMS	No Teams
Female Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Female Taplin Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
Male Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Male Taplin Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
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MIXED AGE TEAM EVENTS			
Mixed U13- U17 Board Relay (4)	2 x teams per Branch	1 competitor per age group per gender	
U13- U17 Male Lifesaver Relay (4)	1 x teams per Branch	Ski (U17), Board (U14/15), Swim (U13/14/15) Run (U13/14/15)	
U13- U17 Female Lifesaver Relay (4)	1 x teams per Branch	Ski (U17), Board (U14/15), Swim (U13/14/15) Run (U13/14/15)	
ALL AGE EVENTS			
All Age Relay (8)	2 X teams per Branch		

9. VOLUNTEER (OFFICIALS/WATER SAFETY/FIRST AID) REQUIREMENTS

All entities that participate in the Interbranch Championship are required to provide officials & water safety to assist with the running of the events.

Each Branch is to select a minimum of 6 Officials that are to be used for the Beach / Ocean Competition. SLSQ will put a call for extra Officials which will fulfil the required number of officials for the Beach / Ocean competition.

Water Safety is required for the Ocean events of the Championship.

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The numbers required are as follows:

BRANCH	OFFICIALS	WATER SAFETY
Point Danger Branch	6	1 x IRB Driver and Crew 4 x water safety
South Coast Branch	6	1 x IRB Driver and Crew 4 x water safety
Sunshine Coast Branch	6	1 x IRB Driver and Crew 4 x water safety
QLD County	2	2 x water safety

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.

First Aid personnel will be supplied by TBA

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10. 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.

2024 QLD INTERBRANCH CARNIVAL PROGRAM		
Saturday 30th November 2024		
WATER A	WATER B	BEACH
U13 Male/Female Cameron Relay	U15 Male/Female Cameron Relay	
U14 Male/Female Cameron Relay	U17 Male/Female Taplin Relay	
		U15 Male/Female Flags
U13 Male/Female Surf Teams	U15 Male/Female Surf Teams	U17 Male/Female Flags
U14 Male/Female Surf Teams	U17 Male/Female Surf Teams	U13 Male/Female Flags
U13 Male/Female Board Teams	U15 Male/Female Board Teams	U14 Male/Female Flags
U14 Male/Female Board Teams	U17 Male/Female Board Teams	
U13 Male/Female Board Rescue		
U14 Male/Female Board Rescue		
	U15 Male/Female Board Rescue	
	U17 Male/Female Board Rescue	
U13 Male/Female Iron Teams	U15 Male/Female Iron Teams	U17 Male/Female Sprints
U14 Male/Female Iron Teams	U17 Male/Female Iron Teams	U15 Male/Female Sprints
		U14 Male/Female Sprints
		U13 Male/Female Sprints
	Mixed Board Relay	
	Female Lifesaver Relay	
	Male Lifesaver Relay	
BEACH RELAYS		
	Under 13 Mixed	
	Under 14 Mixed	
	Under 15 Mixed	
	Under 17 Mixed	
	All Age Relay	

Briefing Times

Saturday 30th November 2024

- 7:45am: Sectional Referee Briefing
- 8.15am: Officials Briefing
- 8:30am: Team Managers Briefing
- 9.00am: Opening Ceremony
- 9:15am: Marshalling Starts
- 9.30am: Competition Commences

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11. DRESS OF COMPETITORS

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any other subsequent Bulletins or Circulars. This includes their club competition cap whilst competing.

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.

12. EVENT MEDALS, TROPHIES & POINTSCORES

SLSQ medals will be awarded to individuals in the winning Branch Team.

Overall Pointscore (1st, 2nd & 3rd) and Handicap Pointscore (1st, 2nd & 3rd) cups for the top 3 Branches will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

Below are the point breakdowns for the events.

Place	Individual	Team	Mixed Team	All Age team
1 st	8	16	16	32
2 nd	7	12	14	24
3 rd	6	8	12	16
4 th	5	4	10	8
5 th	4		8	
6 th	3		6	
7 th	2		4	
8 th	1		2	

13. TEAM MANAGERS

Each Branch must nominate a Team Manager for the QLD Interbranch Championships. Please use the attached nomination form.

It is the Team Managers responsibility to ensure the changes to the Branches competing teams have been registered with the appropriate officials, and that all 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. GEAR TRAILER/VEHICLE PARKING

Gear trailers can be parked next to Mooloolaba SLSC. No security will be placed on Saturday night.

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.

15. 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.

Photographers within the carnival area must have a visible photographer's pass as well as their BlueCard.

16. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors and officials is our 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.

17. ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

SLSQ affiliated with SLA supports the Australian Government, Sport Australia, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sport Integrity Australia in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport.

It is strongly recommended that all Coaches and Team Managers complete the Sport Integrity Australia Level 1 Anti-Doping Course and Matching Fixing Course. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport. Link to the online platform below.

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18. 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)

19. 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the SLSQ at:

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