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1. INTRODUCTION

The QLD Beach Series attracts competitors from all over Queensland as well as our neighboring states, providing an opportunity to unite and showcase one of Queensland’s most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

Below are the dates and venues for the 2024/25 QLD Beach Series.

Round 1: Saturday 7th December 2024 – Mooloolaba SLSC

Round 2: Saturday 4th January 2025 – Kurrawa SLSC

Round 3: Saturday 22nd February 2025 - Kurrawa SLSC

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2024/25 QLD Beach Series. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars 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 – current edition 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 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 or PROXY	TBA
Event Referee	TBA
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	TBA
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
Venue Representative	TBA

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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	Host Club
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 Competitors wishing to compete in the 2024/25 QLD Beach Series 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.

U10 are permitted to enter U11 team events only

U11 are permitted to enter U11 individual and U11/U12 team events

U12 are permitted to enter U12 individual and U12/U13 team events

U13 are permitted to enter U13 individual and U13/U14 team events

U14 are permitted to enter U14 individual and U14/U15 team events

U15 are permitted to enter U15 individual and U15/U17 team events

U17 are permitted to enter U17 & Open individual and 2 of either the U17/U19/Open team events

U19 are permitted to enter U19 & Open individual and U19/Open team events

Open are permitted to enter Open individual and Open team events

6. ENTRY REGISTRATIONS

Club entries to the QLD Beach Series must be submitted via the SLSA’s SEMS System.

Clubs who have not entered Queensland events via the SEMS System will need to contact SLSA so they can be added to the system.

For any Clubs that cannot enter via this system please contact the SLSQ Sport Administrator, Karen Degnian (kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au) to ensure access is granted for entries to be completed.

7. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor at the QLD Beach Series is \$20.00 per person (inc GST – unlimited events per round of series).

A Tax Invoice for all club entries (including late/additional entries) will be issued to all competing Clubs in the week after each round.

Entries close as below:

Round 1 – midnight Monday 2nd December 2024.

Round 2 - midnight Monday 30th December 2024.

Round 3 – midnight Monday 17th February 2025.

Late Entries close 9am on Wednesday before each event.

Clubs will have until 9am Wednesday to add extra competitors at a fee of \$55 per person.

Team changes/deleting competitors adding an event for an existing competitor: can be done on SEMS until midnight Thursday before each event. After this time, any team changes can be done by Team Managers on Live Heats once the draw is published – (COB Thursday prior to the event).

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER TEAMS INTO SEMS THAT THE CLUB IS UNABLE TO FILL. The Carnival Referee may allow combination teams on the day if there are lanes available and time permits.

NOTE: It is the club’s responsibility to ensure all members are entered into the appropriate event and no additional competitors will be accepted on the day of the competition.

8. EVENT LIST

Under 11 Male Beach Sprint	Under 14 Male Beach Sprint	Under 19 Male Beach Sprint
Under 11 Male Beach Flags	Under 14 Male Beach Flags	Under 19 Male Beach Flags
Under 11 Female Beach Sprint	Under 14 Female Beach Sprint	Under 19 Female Beach Sprint
Under 11 Female Beach Flags	Under 14 Female Beach Flags	Under 19 Female Beach Flags
Under 11 Male Beach Relay	Under 14 Male Beach Relay	Under 19 Male Beach Relay
Under 11 Female Beach Relay	Under 14 Female Beach Relay	Under 19 Female Beach Relay
Under 12 Male Beach Sprint	Under 15 Male Beach Sprint	Open Male Beach Sprint
Under 12 Male Beach Flags	Under 15 Male Beach Flags	Open Male Beach Flags
Under 12 Female Beach Sprint	Under 15 Female Beach Sprint	Open Female Beach Sprint
Under 12 Female Beach Flags	Under 15 Female Beach Flags	Open Female Beach Flags
Under 12 Male Beach Relay	Under 15 Male Beach Relay	Open Male Beach Relay
Under 12 Female Beach Relay	Under 15 Female Beach Relay	Open Female Beach Relay
Under 13 Male Beach Sprint	Under 17 Male Beach Sprint	All Age Relay (one team per Club)
Under 13 Male Beach Flags	Under 17 Male Beach Flags	
Under 13 Female Beach Sprint	Under 17 Female Beach Sprint	
Under 13 Female Beach Flags	Under 17 Female Beach Flags	
Under 13 Male Beach Relay	Under 17 Male Beach Relay	
Under 13 Female Beach Relay	Under 17 Female Beach Relay	

The All-Age Relay will consist of 2 members from the U11, U12, U13, U14 and U15 age groups. Any gender mix is permitted. Members must be competing in their own age group and cannot age up in this event. The only exception to this rule is if a club has no members competing in the carnival in a particular age group then they will be permitted to age up athletes in that age group only. For example, if a club has no U13 athletes entered in the carnival they may use U12 athletes to fill their U13 places in the relay.

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.

9. VOLUNTEER (OFFICIALS/ FIRST AID) REQUIREMENTS

Clubs are reminded of the Officials Guidelines for the QLD Beach Series - Clubs are expected to provide one Official per ten Competitors.

The host Club will provide First Aid for each Round.

10. DRAFT TIMETABLE

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

7.00am:	Officials Breakfast
8.00am:	Officials Briefing
8.30am:	Team Managers Meeting
8.45am:	Marshalling for first event.
9.00am:	Competition Commences

The Officials Debrief will commence 20 minutes after packing up.

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

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place getters in each event (individual and all team event members) for the U11-U15 age groups at all three rounds.

This year SLSQ will also be accumulating points in each event to award age champions across all genders and age groups at the conclusion of the series. Points from the flags and sprints will be added together to find the overall age champions.

Below are the prizes that will be awarded to each age group.

U11 Male & Female:	Trophy
U12 Male & Female:	Trophy
U13 Male & Female:	Trophy
U14 Male & Female:	Trophy
U15 Male & Female:	Trophy
U17 Male & Female:	\$100 VISA Voucher & Voucher
U19 Male & Female:	\$100 VISA Voucher & Voucher
Open Male & Female:	\$250 VISA Voucher & Voucher

Overall Pointscore Cups will be awarded to clubs at the conclusion of the 2024/25 QLD Beach Series.

13. OFFICIALS

Clubs are reminded of the Officials Guidelines for the QLD Beach Series - Clubs are expected to provide one Official per ten Competitors.

All appointed officials will be required to be current accredited SLSA officials, be the holder of a current BlueCard and have the CYRMS and Child Awareness Courses showing on SurfGuard. If an official would like to nominate for the event, please follow the below link.

Officials Nominations - 2024/25 QLD Beach Series - [LINK](#)

It is imperative that the appearance of competition officials 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.

14. TEAM MANAGERS

Each club must have a Team Manager complete the online [TEAM MANAGER DECLARATION LINK](#) before their club is eligible to compete at this event.

It is the Team Managers responsibility to ensure the changes to the Club's competing teams have been registered with the appropriate officials, 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's name and the wording 'Team Manager'. Anyone not displaying this ID will be asked to leave the competition area.

15. VEHICLE PARKING

All club, competitors and officials are to read and obey the parking signs set up by the Gold Coast City/ 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

SLSQ affiliated with SLSA 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.

Sport Integrity Australia Level 1 Anti-Doping Course & Match Fixing Course

<https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>

19. 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 them and their Clubs.

Please refer to the 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).

20. 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 Sport Team at:

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