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EVENT DETAILS

For the first time at the QLD Championships, Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) will be offering dedicated Adaptive Surf Sport events for competitors with a disability. The event program has been designed based on a process of consultation and feedback conducted by SLSA and SLSQ.

In this first year a selected program will be on offer as participation events. Events will feature adaptations and modifications to maximise participation and ensure an accessible and enjoyable opportunity for all competitors. This will not be a Championships event in 2025 (with no Championship medals or placings awarded), however competitors will receive participation medals.

This year's inaugural program will lay the foundation for further refinement and development of robust, fair and meaningful competition in future years.

Queensland Championships – Adaptive Events (All Age Groups)

Sunday 16th March 2025 – Tugun SLSC

EVENTS

Where possible, distances will be set as per the current [Surf Sports Manual](#). All event distances are dependent on conditions and may be further modified as required, based on final entries.

Events and age groups may be combined to ensure viable events based on number of entries per event/age group.

Event	Distances	Age Groups
Beach flags	15m 20m 20m 15m	Youth (11 to 14 years) Under 17 (15 to 16 years) Open (17+ years) Masters (30+ years)
Beach sprint	70m 90m 90m 70m	Youth (11 to 14 years) Under 17 (15 to 16 years) Open (17+ years) Masters (30+ years)
Beach run	500m 500m 500m 500m	Youth (11 to 14 years) Under 17 (15 to 16 years) Open (17+ years) Masters (30+ years)
Surf wade	Approx. 50m	Youth (11 to 14 years) Under 17 (15 to 16 years) Open (17+ years) Masters (30+ years)
Surf swim	200-400m	Youth (11 to 14 years) Under 17 (15 to 16 years) Open (17+ years) Masters (30+ years)
Board Race	500-750m	Youth (11 to 14 years) Under 17 (15 to 16 years) Open (17+ years) Masters (30+ years)

Note: Athletes with disability may additionally or alternatively enter any other standard (non-Adaptive) event if they hold the required awards and meet required proficiencies.

Note 2: Currently there are only individual events on offer. Team events will look to be introduced as participation continues to grow.

ENTRIES

All Adaptive Surf Sport Competitors must submit entries via the SLSA Sports Event Management System (SEMS) '2025 QLD Championships Adaptive Events'. Please reach out to your club administrator to ensure you are entered.

Instructions for entries can be found via the following [SEMS Guide](#).

Price Level	Competitor Category	Price (incl. GST)*
Normal Entry Fee	Adaptive Events	\$10.00
	Handler	Free

ELIGIBILITY

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must be a current financial member of a Surf Life Saving Australia affiliated surf club. There are no patrol hours requirements for Adaptive Surf Sport Competitors. All competitors must additionally meet the event eligibility requirements below.

BEACH SPRINT/RUN/FLAGS ELIGIBILITY

There are no prerequisite requirements to enter these events however the competitor must be capable of completing the required skills/distance with or without their handler's assistance.

SURF SWIM/WADE/BOARD ELIGIBILITY

Competitors who hold a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate or proficient Bronze Medallion may enter surf events.

Competitors who do not hold a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate or proficient Bronze Medallion may enter surf events however **must have a mandatory water safety handler (minimum 1:1 ratio)** and must be capable of completing the required skills/distance with or without handler assistance.

CATEGORISATION

Categorisation is the process of grouping competitors based on their diagnosed health condition and impact of impairment on sport participation. It is designed to ensure fair and meaningful competition for athletes with a disability.

In 2025 competitors will be grouped into a single "Open category" for all Adaptive events. Additional categories may be introduced in subsequent years as participation grows.

To be eligible for the Open category the competitor must have a permanent health condition or impairment which causes activity limitation or participation restriction. Including, but not limited to:

- Intellectual impairment
- Autism
- Down syndrome
- Hearing loss/Deafness
- Vision loss/Blindness
- Muscle power impairment (e.g. spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, post-polio syndrome and spina bifida.)
- Passive range of movement impairment (e.g. arthrogyrosis and contracture resulting from chronic joint immobilisation or trauma affecting a joint)
- Limb deficiency/Loss (e.g. amputation, congenital limb deficiency)
- Short stature (e.g. achondroplasia, growth hormone dysfunction, and osteogenesis imperfecta)
- Hypertonia, Ataxia, Athetosis (e.g. cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, stroke, multiple sclerosis)
- Transplant recipient (e.g. solid organ, bone marrow or stem cell recipients)

SLSQ seek to make the process of categorisation eligibility as simple as possible and as such athletes will may be required to submit an eligibility application, however no medical evidence will be required.

LIVEHEATS

At the QLD Championships SLSQ will be utilising LiveHeats wristbands for marshalling and recording processes across water and beach events.

All competitors who have an existing LiveHeats wristband from any Surf Sport event are to bring these wristbands to the event. **If you have already been issued a wristband and require a new one, you will be charged \$5 for a new one.**

Competitors must wear their own liveheats band in every race. You can check if it is your wristband by scanning the QR code on the underside of the wristband.

Competitors can view all draws and results via the SLSQ page on the LiveHeats website:
<https://liveheats.com/slsqsport>

Refer to the [LiveHeats Cheat Sheet](#) for all you need to know prior to coming to the event.

HANDLERS

Any competitor may optionally employ one or more handlers to provide reasonable and necessary assistance during any event.

A handler is mandatory for all competitors entered into surf events who do not hold a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate or proficient Bronze Medallion.

A handler must be a current financial and active SLSA member and hold a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate or proficient Bronze Medallion.

ACCESSIBILITY AND OTHER SUPPORTS

SENSORY AREA

SLSQ will aim to provide a sensory area in close proximity to the Adaptive Sport arena, available to all competitors and spectators who may require it. Competitors with specific needs related to sensory support, please detail this in your eligibility application form.

MOBILITY AIDS

SLSQ will work to ensure competition areas are as accessible as possible and will work to accommodate individuals who use mobility aids. In addition SLSA will provide on beach transport options should they be required (e.g. beach wheelchair, ATV). Competitors with specific needs related to mobility aids and venue access, please detail this to SLSQ.

ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Assistance animals are welcome in all areas of the QLD Championships and SLSQ will work to accommodate individuals who are accompanied by an assistance animal. Competitors with specific needs related to assistance animals please detail this to SLSQ.

CARERS/SUPPORT WORKERS

All competitors are encouraged to engage their own carer/support worker to provide additional individual assistance during competition, if required.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the Sport Team at:

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