



<b>Title:</b>	2025 QLD Surf Rescue Championships
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## 2025 QLD Surf Rescue Championships – Entry Bulletin

### INTRODUCTION

The 2025 Laerdal QLD Surf Rescue Championships attracts athletes who have qualified for Champion Lifesaver, Champion Patrol and First Aid Competition through their Branch Championships.

This year's event will be held at Dicky Beach SLSC from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2025 Laerdal QLD Surf Rescue Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent emails or circulars which may supersede information provided in the circular.

### 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 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	Sports Proxy
Event Referee	Sue Della Bianca
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Ross Hutton
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
Venue Representative	TBA

### **SAFETY & EMERGENCY 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.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Ross Hutton
Deputy Referee	John Hamrey
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Dicky Beach SLSC
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
IRB/Water Safety Coordinator	TBA

### **DISTRIBUTION OF BULLETIN**

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

Non-receipt of the Bulletin 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.

### **ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

All Competitors wishing to compete at the 2025 Laerdal Queensland Surf Rescue Championships must be proficient in their respective SLSA age awards to be eligible to compete.

All competitors must have completed the minimum 25 hours of beach patrol duties (or pro rata of hours as per the current SLSQ Patrol Operations manual) as random checks on patrol hours and proficiency status will be carried out (U14 Competitors do not need patrol hours to compete).

All entered athletes must have completed and signed the SLSA “Application for Membership Form” 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 and dealt with by the SLSQ State Surf Sports Committee or the 2025 Laerdal Queensland Championships Disciplinary Committee accordingly.

### **ENTRY REGISTRATIONS**

Each Branch has the opportunity to nominate up to five (5) competitors (1 nominee + 4 reserves) per event. Competitor eliminations will be carried out within the Branches to select the Branch representatives.

A total of nine (9) Champion Lifesaver competitors and First Aid teams will qualify for each event per age category at the 2025 Laerdal QLD Surf Rescue Championships. The first-place getter from each of the six Branches will qualify. In addition, three (3) second place getters from the Branches which have the highest number of competitors competing at their Branch Championships will be given the opportunity to compete.

A total of eight (9) teams will qualify for each of the respective Champion Patrol age categories at the 2025 Laerdal QLD Surf Rescue Championships. The first-place getter from each of the six Branches will qualify. In addition, three (3) second place getters will be selected from the Branches which have the highest number of teams competing at their Branch Championships.

**NB:** Only competitors that have started and finished in their respective Branch Championships are eligible.

The Branches are asked to ensure that the competitors that qualify for automatic entry or reserve places are willing and available to compete at the 2025 Laerdal Queensland Surf Rescue Championships.

### ENTRY FEES

All Competitors - \$27.50 (Inc. GST) per person

SLSQ will invoice the respective club (including all reserves that get a start) in the week after the event.

**NB:** Entry Fees will be charged if a competitor pulls out after the final competitor list is circulated. Club entries to the 2025 Laerdal QLD Surf Rescue Championships must be submitted via the SLSA SEMS System

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

Entries close: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### EVENT LIST

**Champion Lifesaver U14, U15, U17, U19, Open, Masters (30-39, 40 -49, 50 -59, 60+ Years Male and Female).**

The Champion Lifesaver event will comprise the following events, pointscores and equipment:

- a) Points shall be allotted for the following: -
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| • Section 1 – Resuscitation | 40 points   |
| • Section 2 – Questionnaire | 40 points -Question paper from current SLSA Training Manual |
| • Section 3 – Surf Race     | 10 points   |
| • Section 4 – Board Race    | 10 points   |
| • Section 5 – Tube Race     | 10 points   |
| • Section 6 – Beach Sprint  | 10 points   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>120 POINTS</b>   |
- b) Each competitor shall provide as a minimum the following equipment: -
- i) One rescue board or malibu racing board
  - ii) One rescue tube
  - iii) One pair of swim fins (optional)
  - iv) One Adult Resuscitation Manikin

### Champion Patrol – U15, U17 and Open

The Patrol Competition event will comprise the following events, pointscore and equipment:

- a) Points shall be allotted for the following: -
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| • Section 1 – Resuscitation             | 20 points  |
| • Section 2 – Questionnaire             | 20 points - Question paper current Edition of the SLSA Training Manual |
| • Section 3 – Lifesaving Scenario Task  | 60 point   |
| • Section 4 – Surf Team                 | 10 point   |
| • Section 5 – Board & Tube Rescue Relay | 10 points  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>120 POINTS</b>  |

- b) Each team shall provide as a minimum the following equipment, which shall be available for use by the team at the commencement of the competition
- One rescue board or malibu racing board
  - One rescue tube
  - A first aid kit (refer to appendix c of the 35th edition surf sports manual)
  - One pair of swim fins (optional)
  - One air bag oxygen resuscitation unit (air bag)
  - One automated external defibrillator (AED) trainer
  - One adult resuscitation manikin
  - Two (at a minimum) SLSA approved IRB Lifejackets (Open teams only)

### **First Aid – U15, U17, U19 and Open**

The First Aid event will comprise the following pointscore and equipment:

- a) Teams are to consist of two (2) members of the same club. Each team shall provide first aid kits in accordance with the current Surf Sports Manual to be made available for inspection as advised by the Referee.
- b) The marks allotted to the various sections may be varied for each different age category and respective scenario. However, the percentage total for the five sections must equal 100% (the overall mark).
- 5% - Approach to casualty
  - 30% – Examination of casualty and diagnosis of injury.
  - 60% – Specific points for all treatments
  - 10% – Disposal of casualty
  - 10% – Management of the incident.

### **Competition in other events**

If a team member, who is in isolation, has to compete in another event, that competitor will be accompanied by an appointed official who will wait while the event is completed and then will return to the isolation area with the competitor.

### **Competitors List and Teams/ Final Circular:**

A draft list of Competitors and Teams will be distributed to all participating clubs no later than Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. A Final Bulletin (including patient number requirements) and Final Competitor List will be distributed no later than Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## **VOLUNTEER (OFFICIALS/WATER SAFETY/FIRST AID/PATIENTS) REQUIREMENTS**

### **Officials/Assessors**

If we don't receive enough nomination for these positions, we may call on the clubs with the most participating athletes to assist.

### **First Aid**

The host club will be supplying first aid

## Patients

For Live Patient assessments in Champion Lifesaver and Champion Patrol resuscitation the host club will supply patients.

## 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.

### CHAMPION LIFESAVER

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Officials Briefing (Resuscitation Judges only)	5:00pm
Team Managers Briefing	5:30pm
Competitor Marshalling (U14, U15 & U17)	5:30pm
Resuscitation Commences (U14, U15 & U17)	6:00pm
Competitors Marshalling (U19/Open/Masters)	7:00pm
Resuscitation Commences (U19, Open & Masters)	7:30pm
Competition Concludes	9:00pm

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Officials Briefing	6:45am
Team Managers Briefing	7:30am
All Competitors Report	7:30am
Theory Paper	8:00am
Physical Events Commence	9:15am approx.
Competition Concludes	12:00pm approx.

### CHAMPION PATROL

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Competitors Marshalling	1:00pm
Water events commence	1:30pm
Resuscitation Assessors briefing	2:00pm
Resuscitation events commence	2:30pm
Competition Concludes	4:00pm

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Officials Briefing	6:45am
Competitors Marshalling	7:30am
Theory Event Commences	8.00am
Lifesaving Task Commences	9.00am
Competition Concludes	2:00pm approx.

### FIRST AID

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Officials Briefing	6:45am
Open Competitor Marshalling	7:15am
Patient Marshalling	7:30am

Team Briefing	7:30am
Competition Commences	8:30am
U19 Competitor Marshalling	11:45pm
U19 Patient Marshalling	12:00pm
U19 Team Briefing	12:00pm
Competition Commences	12:30pm

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Officials Briefing	6:45am
Patient Marshalling	7:15am
U15 Teams Briefing	7:15am
U15 Competition Commences	7:30am
U17 Competitor Marshalling	9:00am
U17 Competition Commences	9:30am

#### **LIVE HEATS**

All competitors competing in Champion Lifesaver and Champion Patrol are to ensure that they bring along their Live Heats wrist band as SLSQ will be utilising Live heats to conduct the Surf Rescue Championships. If competitors have not been issued with a Live Heats band previously, they will be able to collect one from Administration at the event.

#### **DRESS OF COMPETITORS**

All competitors are to present themselves for the respective event wearing: -

Champion Lifesaver – their competition cap and costumes as well as comfortable attire for the resuscitation and theory sections (footwear optional), provided such attire does not impede the judging process for the resuscitation section.

Champion Patrol – their SLSA patrol uniform, worn in conjunction with a club competition cap and team costume.

First Aid – their competition cap along with shorts and shirts (footwear optional) may be worn provided such clothing does not impede the judging of the event. A peaked cap may be worn under or over the top of the fastened club cap.

#### **EVENT MEDALS, TROPHIES & POINTSCORE**

Total points allocated to each member/ team in the Surf Sports component throughout the 2025 Laerdal QLD Surf Rescue Championships is as follows:

- 1st 10 points
- 2nd 9 points
- 3rd 8 points
- 4th 7 points
- 5th 6 points
- 6th 5 points
- 7th 4 points
- 8th 3 points
- 9th 2 points

Winners and place getters from each event in the age group will receive State Championship medals and prize vouchers supplied by Laerdal. Presentations will occur on the presentation dais after the completion of the

competition. All winners and place getters are asked to wear the correct competition uniform for all presentations.

### **13. OFFICIALS and ASSESSORS**

All appointed Assessors and Officials will be required to be current accredited SLSA Awards holders in their respective positions, be the holder of a current blue card and have completed their CYRMS and Child Awareness Courses. If an Assessor or Official would like to nominate, please follow the below link:

2025 Laerdal QLD Surf Rescue Championships - [EOI Assessor & Officials Nomination Form](#)

Nominations close: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

It is imperative that the appearance of competition Assessors and Officials is of a high standard; therefore, appointed Assessors and Officials are requested to give a high degree of attention to their quality of uniform.

It is preferred that all assessors wear the blue Assessor shirt, and officials wear the white and blue Official's shirt along with your accredited name tag.

It is preferred that all officials wear the generic white and blue officials' shirt.

### **GEAR TRAILER/VEHICLE PARKING**

The location of craft trailer parking will be outlined in the Final Bulletin.

All clubs, competitors and officials are to read and obey the parking signs set up by the Sunshine Coast Council and the Carnival Committee. Any vehicles that are illegally parked that results in an infringement notice will be the responsibility of the vehicles owner whilst attending this event.

### **SCRUTINEERING**

Scrutineering at this event will be conducted randomly throughout this event by appointed scrutineering officials.

### **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.



## **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

The welfare of all competitors and officials is 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.

## **ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING**

SLSQ affiliated with SLSA supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, 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 Level 1 Anti-Doping Course as well as the Australian Governments 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. Links to the online platforms are below.

### **Level 1 Anti-Doping Course**

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

### **Match Fixing Course**

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

## **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 current 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 Portal).



### **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 Sport Team at:

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