



Title:	2026 NQ Branch Carnival Ellis Beach SLSC – Entry Bulletin V2
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Summary:	Information for Team Managers, Clubs, Coaches, Athletes and Officials attending the 2026 NQ Branch Carnival Ellis Beach SLSC
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Venue:	Ellis Beach SLSC – Captain Cook Highway - Beachside
Surf Sports Booklet link	2026/27 Surf Sports Booklet

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NQ Branch Board of Surf Sports / Competition Committee:

The NQ Branch Board of Surf Sports (BoSS) and the Carnival Referee will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The BoSS may, in accordance with the rules contained in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual, any subsequent amending bulletins and this Bulletin, postpone, cancel and or alter any or all events at the carnival.

BoSS may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on competition conditions and safety issues when required. BoSS shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the event e.g. Disciplinary Committee & Coach/Athlete Panel.

POSITION	NAME
NQB Director of Surf Sports	Mark Bamford
Carnival Referee	Grant Barnett
Carnival Water Safety Coordinator	Felipe Peraza
Host Club Representative	Danielle Dewar
Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator	Max Rivett

SAFETY & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE:

A Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC) shall be appointed, which must consider and advise the Carnival Referee and Competition Committee on all matters relating to competition and non-competition of 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 North Queensland Branch SLSQ BoSS.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Max Rivett
Deputy Carnival Referee	Mark Bamford
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Gary Williams
Host Club Representative	Danielle Dewar
Carnival Water Safety Coordinator	Felipe Peraza

Distribution of Bulletin:

It is most important that the information in this Bulletin is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Water Safety Personnel, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors. Non-receipt of this Bulletin will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or Individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.

Please note that SLSQ NQ Branch may have subsequent bulletins or circulars which may supersede information provided in this bulletin. For more info – NQ Surf Sports - Surf Life Saving Queensland.

Live Heats:

Live Heat is now being used for NQB Carnivals. Athletes are required to take their Live Heats wristbands to each carnival, and any athlete can obtain a wristband for \$5.00 at the Carnival from SLSQ staff.

Live Heats results can be found at <https://liveheats.com/> and you can download Live Heats to your phone following the instructions on the website and keep up to date with Carnival and Competition results for NQB Carnivals.

Athlete entry conditions:

Entry Criteria All competitors who are active members of a Surf Life Saving Club must meet SLSA requirements for competition eligibility. Further details may be obtained from Surf Life Saving Australia's Policy 5.04 – SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility.

[policy-504-competition-eligibility-guidelines-e9393885.pdf](#)

Competitors must also be eligible for competition under SLSA conditions as outlined in the current edition of the NQB Surf Sports Manual. As this is a Branch Championship, eligible members will need to have completed the minimum patrolling hours to be eligible to compete.

Entries:

Normal Entries are now Open for the 2026 North Queensland Branch Carnival Ellis Beach SLSC. **The method of entry is via LIVE HEATS. Live Heats** is now open for nominations and can be entered through the Clubs SEMS Administrators.

*Please note that all competitors **must be 7 years of age by 30th September 2026** or older to compete. **It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure that all their members who compete are financial and hold the required junior activity evaluation/award.** Any breaches will be passed onto the Carnival Referee.*

Entry Fees:

The entry fee will be \$35.00 per U8-U10 competitors and \$40.00 per U11+ NQB SLSC competitors.

Refer to the current NQB SS Booklet for Fees.

Entries Close:

CARNIVAL LIVEHEATS CLOSE for individual events: Sunday 27th September 2026 @ 7pm

CARNIVAL LIVEHEATS CLOSE for team events: Thursday 01st October 2026 @ 7pm

NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted.

Event Conditions:

All competition areas can be used for warmups before the competition each morning. Please ensure that you listen to the officials and announcements regarding specific warm up times.

Saturday:

8:40-8:50 Swim

8:50—9:00 Board

Sunday:

07:30-07:40 Swim

07:40-07:50 Board

NOTE:

- High vis lycra must be worn for training and warm up U8-U14 must wear stinger suit.
- Please consult with your sectional referee to clarify any issues, updates or changes
- Water safety must be present and **wearing** correct attire during warm up and competition

Please note that this timetable is subject to change at the discretion of the Carnival Referee.

Competitors are asked to be available for marshalling 15 minutes prior to competition start time

Team Events:

A team event is contested by more than one competitor from the same club or lifesaving unit who may either complete an event or race together as a discrete unit (*e.g., boat race, IRB race, surf teams, R&R etc*) or separately (*e.g., relay events, board rescue etc*). Team or crew members may be substituted between rounds (as per Rule 2.18), but there shall be no substitution of competitors while a race is being conducted. If one or more competitors are disqualified for a breach of the rules etc., the entire team shall lose all standing in the event being contested.

Teams can be:

- Female Teams – 2-4 females
- Male Teams – 2- 4 males
- Mixed Teams – any combination of 2-4 competitors with a minimum of 1 female and 1 male
- For teams with less than 4 competitors, the eligible age category will be determined by the average age of those competitors.

Team Changes:

Team Managers access details to be added by Branch. Team managers to provide Branch with log in name and email.

Team changes must be made by the Team Managers via Live Heats.

Once competitors have been marshaled, no further team changes can be made.

Clubs are asked not to add reserves into Live Heats. Once a competitor is entered into any event for the Carnival, they can be substituted into an event/team via Live Heats by the Team Manager.

Gear Trailers & Parking:

Gear trailers can be parked in the designated car park to the north of the Ellis Beach SLSC on the beachside of the highway.

Ellis Beach SLSC:

Please respect the club's house. Wash off the sand before entering.

Meeting and Briefing Times:

The “Briefing Area” for all Team Managers and Officials will be the **NEW Ellis Beach SLSC Club House**.

Saturday 10th October	Meeting	Location
08:00am	Officials Meeting	Club House
08:15am	Team Managers & Water Safety Officers Meeting	Club House
	Club House	
8:30AM	Open Ceremony / Carnival Start Time	Beach
17:00pm (approx.)	Carnival concludes	
17:30pm (approx.)	Carnival Safety Management Committee	Beach
17:30pm (approx.)	Officials debrief	Club House

Sunday 11th October	Meeting	Venue
07:00am	Officials Meeting	Club House
07:15am	Team Managers Meeting	Club House
07:15am	Water Safety Officers Meeting	Club House
08.00am	Carnival Start Time	Beach
14:30pm (approx.)	Carnival concludes	
15:00 (approx.)	Presentations & Announcements of Age Champions	Club House
	Announcement of NQBYST	Club House

Officials:

It is a requirement of the NQ Branch that all Clubs provide accredited Officials in accordance with the current NQB Surf Sports Booklet. Please ensure your Officials attend the Officials meeting and sign in.

If there are insufficient Officials, the carnival may be modified or shortened at the Carnival Referee's discretion.

Nominations for Officiating positions can be made via the link below:

[2026 Branch Championships Official Registration](#)

Or using the Officials Nomination QR Code



Water Safety:

Each club competing at carnivals must provide a designated Water Safety Supervisor for their Team who will liaise with the Host Club Water Safety Coordinator, to ensure water safety requirements are covered. All Club Water Safety Coordinators are required to attend the Team Managers' meeting with the Carnival Referee on both days at each carnival to report on status of numbers.

As per the NQB 2026/27 Sports Manual, all Clubs **MUST** meet their 1:8 ratio Water Safety to competitor nominated ratio including 2 reserve personnel with current SRC/Bronze Medallion award *(subject to change if required)*.

Names of Clubs Water Safety Personnel are to be sent to NQ Branch email address: northqueensland@lifesaving.com.au and cc mrivett@lifesaving.com.au

The Carnival Water Safety Officer will check if there is sufficient water safety and roster water safety for the carnival.

The nominated Host Club Water Safety Coordinator is responsible for briefing and coordination of water safety on the day. **If a club cannot supply the required numbers, an explanation letter is to be forwarded immediately to the BOSS for review.** Dependent on the conditions, the Carnival Referee may request extra water safety personnel.

All Water Safety Personnel must sign in and out with the Water Safety Coordinator and wear the approved SLSCA water safety uniform, no exception! If water safety is not present or there are insufficient water safety personnel numbers, the Carnival Referee will suspend water events in that arena.

All water safety personnel must be financial members, hold the appropriate award for the task being undertaken (SRC/BM/IRBC/IRBD) and wearing the correct orange water safety rashie (in good condition) and orange cap – this is your clubs' responsibility!

Cairns Carnival water safety allocations will be provided on a spreadsheet for the carnival. Each Club is responsible to ensure that they provide the necessary personnel and equipment to fulfil their obligation as per the NQ Branch Surf Sports Booklet. Please note no water safety = no competition.

Water Safety Uniform (Mandatory as per MS13 [SLSQ-High-Visibility-Clothing-Requirement](#)):

Rescue boards/tubes/water - patrol sun cap under noddie cap or just a noddie cap. IRBD/C add PFD



NQB Rash Shirts Policy Ref: [08.001-NQB-Sun-Smart-Policy](#)

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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. To promote competitor safety and assist with competitor identification, competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth are required to wear approved hi vis as their top layer of clothing. 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.

High Visibility Lycra Vests As per SLSQ High Visibility Clothing Policy, ALL competitors competing in ocean events will be required to wear a High Visibility Lycra Vest that is Fluro Pink in colour. Clubs and competitors are also reminded that these Lycra Vests MUST meet the requirements of the 'SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy 5.8' and be approved by the Competition Committee should there be concerns regarding conflicting sponsorships or other details.

Marine Stinger Protective Clothing In abiding by the information and guidelines contained within the latest SLSQ Marine Stinger Risk Management Guidelines (LS26 – approved 26.10.2022), the following rules and regulations have been put in place:

- It will be **COMPULSORY** for all U11, U12, U13 and U14 competitors to wear appropriate and approved Marine Stinger PPE during ALL water (OCEAN) events

This includes all junior competitors of multi-discipline teams such as Cameron Relays. Please note that the pink high vis rash shirts must be worn over the top of the suit.

To protect our competitors (U8-U15) from the North Qld sun, long sleeved shirts are mandatory for all junior competitors. Junior competitors will have the option of wearing the following during beach events:

- Long sleeved club shirt or rash vest
- Full length club stinger suits
- If neither of the above are available, a long-sleeved non-club shirt or rash vest is acceptable.

Beach Events - A compulsory long sleeve garment must be worn by U11 – U14 competitors in the beach events (Sprints, Flags and Relays). **Exception to long sleeve will apply in 1-2km run**

Although not compulsory, all other competitors (under 17-masters) are encouraged to wear long sleeved T-shirts/shirts/rash shirts.

Team Managers:

It is compulsory for all team managers to wear clearly identified apparel or name badges that highlight their role as team manager. Anyone not displaying the required ID may be asked to leave the competition area

Attachments:

- [NQB Surf Sports Booklet](#)
- Cairns SLSC Carnival Program
- Cairns SLSC Beach Site Map

All documents and updates will be added and communicated through the **Stack Team FREE App**.

Please download the Stack Team App, search for 'NQB SLS Surf Sports' and request to join.

iOS: <https://www.teamapp.com/ios-app>

Android: <https://www.teamapp.com/android-app>

If you'd prefer the website version, please click here:

<https://nqbslssurfsports.teamapp.com?webpage=v1>

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 operations 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.

Club Photographers MUST be accredited with an official 2026/2027 SLSQ Club Photographer Pass. Photographers within the carnival area must have a visible photographer's pass as well as their BlueCard.

Members without pass will be requested to leave the competition arena.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors and officials is of 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 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The following Cancellation Fee & Refund Policy will be adhered to:

- If a carnival is cancelled before the first event is conducted and is not rescheduled, 75% of entry fees will be refunded to Clubs, with 25% retained for administration costs
- If a carnival is cancelled after the first event has commenced, no refunds will be issued, and full entry fees will apply
- If a carnival is postponed and rescheduled, Clubs unable to attend the new date will receive a 75% refund (25% retained for administration costs)
- **All registration payments are strictly non-refundable if an athlete withdraws their nomination, except in cases where an injury prevents them from competing.**

Kind regards

North Queensland Branch – Board of Surf Sports

Ellis Beach (Branch) Carnival Program 2026

Official's Meeting:- 08:00

Team Manager's Meeting:- 08:15

Water Safety Officers Meeting :- 08:15

Opening Ceremony:- 8:30am

Start Time :- 09:00 Finish Time: 17:00

Saturday 10 OCTOBER 2026

Low Tide: 2:41pm 0.81m

High Tide: 8:47am 2.68m

	Orange/Blue	Orange
Beach Arena	Arena 2 Masters/Seniors/U15	Arena 1 U11-U15
U11/U12 1Km M/F	U17-U19 Board Relay Mixed	U 11 Surf Race M/F
U13/U14/U15 2Km M/F	Masters Board Race	U 12 Surf Race M/F
U17/U19 2KM M/F		
Open 2km M/F	Open Board Relay Mixed	U 13 Surf Race M/F
Masters 30-60 2Km M/F		U 14 Surf Race M/F
Masters 60+ 1 Km M/F	Masters Iron Person M/F	U15 Surf Race M/F
U11 Flags M/F	U17/U19 Surf Race	U 11 Board Race M/F
U12 Flags M/F	Masters Surf Race	U 12 Board Race M/F
U13 Flags M/F	Open Surf Team Mixed	U 13 Board Race M/F
U14 Flags M/F		U 14 Board Race M/F
U15 Flags M/F	U17-19 Ski Relay Mixed	U 15 Board Race M/F
U17/U19 Flags M/F	Masters Ski Race	
Open Flags M/F	Open Ski Relay Mixed	U 11 Iron M/F
Masters Flags M/F	110+ Ski Relay Mixed	U 12 Iron M/F
Open March Past	Masters Double Ski Mixed	U 13 Iron M/F
U11 Beach Sprint M/F		U 14 Iron M/F
U12 Beach Sprint M/F	U17-19 3 Taplin Mixed	U 15 Iron M/F
U13 Beach Sprint M/F	110+ 3 Taplin Mixed	
U14 Beach Sprint M/F	Open 3 person Taplin Mixed	U11 Board Rescue M/F
U15 Beach Sprint M/F		U12 Board Rescue M/F
U17/U19 Beach Sprint M/F	Masters Tube Race M/F	U13 Board Rescue M/F
Open Beach Sprint M/F	U14 Tube Race M/F	
Masters Beach Sprint M/F	U 15 Tube Race M/F	

Ellis Beach (Branch) Carnival Program 2026

Official's Meeting:- 7:00

Team Manager's Meeting:- 7:15

Water Safety Officers Meeting :- 7:15

Start Time :- 8:00 Finish Time: 14:30

Sunday 11 OCTOBER 2026

Low Tide: 3:16pm 1.26m

High Tide: 9:19am 2.65m

	Orange and Blue	Black and White
Beach Arena	Arena 2	Arena 1
U8-10 500m M/F	Open Ski Race F Tiarrn Raymond	U 11 Surf Team mixed
	Open Ski Race M Wayne Porsche	U 12 Surf Team mixed
U8 Flags M/F	U17-19 Ski Race M/F	U 13 Surf Team mixed
U9 Flags M/F	Open Ski Race Double mixed	U 9 Surf Race M/F
U10 Flags M/F		U10 Surf Race M/F
	U17/U19 Board Race M/F	
U8 Sprints M/F	U14-15 Board Relay Mixed	U 11 Board relay mixed
U9 Sprints M/F	Open Board Race M/F	U 12 Board relay mixed
U10 Sprints M/F		U 13 Board relay mixed
	U17/U19 Iron M/F	U 9 Board Race M/F
U8 Beach relay Mixed	U14-15 Cameron Mixed	U10 Board Race M/F
U9 Beach relay mixed	Open Iron M/F	
U10 Beach relay Mixed		U8 Shallow Wade M/F
U11 Beach relay Mixed	U14-15 mixed surf team	U8 Deep Wade M/F
U12 Beach relay Mixed		
U13 Beach relay Mixed		U 11 Cameron mixed
U14 -U15 Beach relay Mixed	U17/U19 Tube Race M/F	U 12 Cameron mixed
	Open Tube Race M/F	U 13 Cameron mixed
		U 9 Cameron mixed
		U 10 Cameron mixed
U11 2x500m mixed	U17-U19 Board Rescue M/F	
U12 2x500m mixed	U14-U15 Board Rescue M/F	U 9 Board Relay Mixed
U13 2x1km mixed	Open Board Rescue M/F	U 10 Board Relay Mixed
U14 2x1km mixed		U8 Wade relay Mixed
U15 2x1km mixed		
All Age Beach Relay		





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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

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' standards, rules, policies and procedures and promote those standards, rules, policies and procedures to others
- e) Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, including the national and international guidelines that govern SLS
- f) Understand the possible consequences of breaching the codes and/or this policy
- g) Report any breaches of the codes or this policy to the appropriate PPA
- h) Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, discrimination and victimisation towards others
- i) Raise concerns regarding decisions of PPA through the appropriate channels and in a timely manner
- j) Provide a safe environment for the conduct of activities in accordance with any relevant SLSA policy
- k) Show concern, empathy and caution towards others that may be sick or injured
- l) Be a positive role model to all
- m) Respect and protect confidential information obtained through SLS activities or services; whether individuals and/or organisational information
- n) Maintain the required standard of accreditation and/or licensing of professional competencies, as applicable to the role(s)
- o) Ensure that any physical contact with others is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- p) Refrain from intimate relations with persons over whom you have a position of authority
- q) Agree to abide by the codes
- r) Maintain a duty of care towards others
- s) Be impartial and accept the responsibility for all actions taken

Person in Position of Authority (PPA):

PPA include everyone who holds a position of authority in SLS, whether paid or unpaid, and includes, but is not limited to, all SLS Entity Individual Members. For the avoidance of doubt, PPA also includes Child or Young Person (CYP) who may hold a position of authority in SLS over other CYP.

9 May 2018