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INTRODUCTION

The 2026 North Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships attracts competitors from Queensland and Northern Territory, providing an opportunity to unite over three days showcasing one of Queensland's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will be held as follows:

Friday 30th October 2026 - Mackay Aquatics and Recreation Complex, 193 Boundary Road Ooralea.

Saturday 31st October 2026 – Sunday 1st November 2026 - Mackay Harbour Beach

This document outlines some key information relating to the North Australian Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins which may supersede information provided in this bulletin.

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 Officer/Proxy	John Hamrey
Event Referee	Natalie Cumming
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Kye Yeabsley
Event Manager	Nigel Ward
Venue Representative	Peter Marshall
SLSQ Sport Manager	Stuart Hogben



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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	Kye Yeabsley
Deputy Referee	Kurt Goodwin
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Mackay SLSC
Event Manager	Nigel Ward
IRB/Water Safety Coordinator	David Young

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 outlined in this Bulletin.

DRAFT TIMETABLE

The below timetable is only a draft and is subject to chance.

Friday 30th October 2026

(The venue for all the following will be the Mackay Aquatic and Recreation Centre)

8.45am	NAC Competition AND Safety & Emergency Committee Meeting
9.00am	All Pool Rescue Competition Workforce
9.00am	All Pool Rescue Competition Officials
9.30am	Pool Rescue Competition Team Managers
9.45am	Pool Rescue Competition Marshalling
10.00am	Pool Rescue Competition Commences
2.30pm	Championships Referee, Area Referees and Sectional Referees Meeting
3.00pm	All IRB Duty Boat Personnel (Meet in front of Mackay SLSC Clubhouse)
4.30pm	Championships Team Managers Meeting

(The venue for the above briefings will be at the Mackay Aquatic Recreation Centre)

Saturday 31st October 2026

6.00am	All IRB Duty Boat Personnel	Front of the Clubhouse
6.00am	Competition Committee & Safety & Emergency Committee Meetings	
7.00am	All Championship Officials	Front of the Clubhouse
7.15am	March Past Commences	On the Beach
7.30am	First Aid Personnel	Front of Mackay Clubhouse
7.45am	Marshalling Commences	On the Beach
8.00am	Competition Commences	On the Beach
7.00am	All Surf Boat Officials and Boat Team Managers	Front of the Clubhouse
7.30am	Surf Boat Competition Marshalling & Team Managers	On the Beach
8.00am	Surf Boat Competition Commences/Lifesaver Relay	On the Beach
5.00pm	Officials De-Briefing	Front of the Clubhouse

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Sunday 1st November 2026

6.00am	All IRB Duty Boat Personnel	Front of Clubhouse
6.00am	Competition Committee & Safety & Emergency Committee Meetings	
6.20am	All 1 & 2km Beach Run Officials	Front of Clubhouse
6.30am	All First Aid Personnel	First Aid Room
	1 & 2km Beach Run Marshalling Commences	On Beach
6.45am	1 & 2km Beach Run Competition Commences	On Beach
7.00am	Championships Officials	Front of Clubhouse
	All Aged Relay Marshalling Commences	Beach Area
7.30am	All Aged Relay Competition Commences	Beach Area
7.45am	Championships Marshalling Commences	On Beach

OFFICIALS DRESS

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 official's shirt.

PARKING

Ample vehicle and trailer parking is available in close proximity to the Carnival site. Ample access points will also be available for boats and craft access to each of the arenas. Please adhere to all road signage.

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.

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.

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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 Area).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact SLSQ at:

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OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS

REFEREE: Natalie Cumming		DEPUTY REFEREE: Kurt Goodwin	
PROGRAM COORDINATOR			
EVENT MANAGER	Nigel Ward		
EVENT COORDINATOR	Warren Massey		
HOST CLUB COORDINATOR	Peter Marshall		
ADMINISTRATORS	Jean Ronald, Donna Fien, TBA		
ANNOUNCER	John Hamrey, George Clarke		
SAFETY & EMERGENCY COORDINATOR	Kye Yeabsley		
IRB COORDINATOR	David Young		
CORE IRB CREW	Jeremy Godfrey, Peter Kynaston, Ross Armstrong, Andrew Malouf		
WATER SAFETY COORDINATOR	TBA		
GEAR STEWARD	Wayne McLennan		
COMMUNICATIONS	Frank Burke		
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE	TBA		
APPEALS COMMITTEE	Alan Seeney, Jean Couper, John Galea		
FIRST AID	Mackay SLSC		
OFFICIAL MENTORS	Paul Kenny, Jenny Kenny		
COMPETITION LIAISON	Denis Mathison (Water) Gavin Marshall (Beach)		
COMPETITION COMMITTEE	Natalia Cumming, Stuart Hogben, Nigel Ward, Kye Yeabsley, John Hamrey Mackay SLSC		
SAFETY COMMITTEE	Kurt Goodwin, David Young, Kye Yeabsley, Nigel Ward, First Aid Co-ordinator		
WORKFORCE	Mackay		

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REFEREE: Natalie Cumming	DEPUTY REFEREE: Kurt Goodwin
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POSITION	POOL RESCUE
SECTIONAL REFEREE	Caitlyn Goudie
DEPUTY SECTIONAL	Mark Bamford
ADMINISTRATION	Jean Ronald, Danya Hodgetts
ANNOUNCER	Bill Cumming, Keran Maguire
STARTER	Scott Byrnes
CHECK STARTER	John Hamrey
MARSHALL	Kade Goudie, Nicola Williams
CHECK MARSHALL	Tryphena Ballantyne
TECHNICAL JUDGES	Barry, Matthew Stone, Jason Wells, Stephen Collaton
TIMEKEEPERS	Jessica Roberts
	Danielle Dewar
	Belinda Peraza
	Geoff Maher
	Rachael Wynberg
	Tanya Skinner
	Jeremy Godfrey
	Jeffery Luke
FINISH JUDGES	Tony Grima, Elissa Cowie
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Cathy Bissett
COMPETITION LIASON	Franke Burke, Lyn Coomber, Peter Marshall
POOL SETTER	Peyten Goudie, Charlie Kidd, William Goudie, Logan Young
CO-ORDINATOR	Jemima Eveans
MEDAL PRESENTATIONS & APPEALS	Sharon Crichton, Jean Couper



SATURDAY 31st October 2026

POSITION	Water 1 U11/U12/U13	Water 2 U14/15	Water 3 U17/OPEN/MASTERS	Adaptive Events (SUNDAY)	Surf Boats (SATURDAY)
SECTIONAL REFEREE	Mark Bamford	Jason Wells	Matthew Stone		TBA
CHIEF JUDGE	Alecia Malouf	Caitlyn Goudie	Linda Murray		TBA
STARTER	Ben Lawry	Matt Jaenke	Glenn Wassmuth		Paul Kenny
STARTER	Scott Byrnes	Luke Howard	Greg Cameron		Jon Sieburn
MARSHALL	Kerri Barden	Jemima Eveans	Nicola Williams		
	Jon Sieburn (after boats)	TBA	William Goudie		
JUDGES	Tanya Skinner (IPAD)	Cathy Bissett (IPAD)	Rachael Wynberg (IPAD)		Alan Seeney
	Belinda Peraza	Jess McKay	Peter Hall (after boats)		Jean Couper
	Julie Godfrey	Elissa Cowie	Stacey Young		Peter Hall
		Tryphena Ballantyne	Peyten Goudie		
			Logan Young		
IN Boat Judge	Andrew Malouf	Ross Armstrong	Jeremy Godfrey		Peter Kynaston
RECORDER	Danielle Dewar	Bob Parker	Teneale Richardson	Jenny Kenny	TBA
COURSE SUPERVISOR	Sharon Crichton	Stephen Collaton	Lisa Vernon		
COURSE JUDGE					
COURSE STATISTICIAN	Lyn Coomber	Keran Maguire	Stephanie Dale		
OFFICIAL MENTOR	Paul Kenny		Jenny Kenny		
LIVE HEATS	Barry Leek				



Sunday 1st November 2026

POSITION	Water 1 U11/U12/U13	Water 2 U14/15	Water 3 U17/OPEN/MASTERS	Adaptive Events (SUNDAY)	Surf Boats (SATURDAY)
SECTIONAL REFEREE		Mark Bamford	Matthew Stone	Jason Wells	
CHIEF JUDGE		Caitlyn Goudie	Linda Murray		
STARTER		Matt Jaenke	Glenn Wassmuth	Ben Lawry	
STARTER		Luke Howard	Greg Cameron		
MARSHALL		Jemima Eveans	Kerri Barden	Jon Sieburn	
		TBA			
JUDGES		Cathy Bissett (IPAD)	Stacey Young (IPAD)	Rachael Wynberg	
		Jess McKay	Peter Hall	Julie Godfrey	
		Elissa Cowie	Alecia Malouf	Scott Byrnes	
		Tryphena Ballantyne	Peyten Goudie/Wiliam Goudie		
			Logan Young		
IN Boat Judge		Ross Armstrong	Jeremy Godfrey		
		Andrew Malouf	Peter Kynaston		
RECORDER		Bob Parker	Teneale Richardson	Jenny Kenny	
COURSE SUPERVISOR		Sharon Crichton	Lisa Vernon		
COURSE JUDGE					
COURSE STATISTICIAN		Keran Maguire	Lyn Coomber		
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POSITION	SPRINTS	FLAGS	R&R
SECTIONAL REFEREE	Dennis DiBartolo		
CHIEF JUDGE	Brooke Goodwin		Goerge Clark
STARTER	Charlie Kidd	Charlie Kidd	
STARTER	Helen Stanton	Evan Bates	
MARSHALL	Kade Goudie	Kade Goudie	
	TBA	TBA	
JUDGES	Tracey Vella *	Tracey Vella *	TO be advised
	Geoff Maher (Sat only)	Geoff Maher (Sat only)	
	Evan Bates	Helen Stanton	
	David Scott	David Scott	
	Leonardo Chiesa	Leonardo Chiesa	
	JM (Sun only)	JM (Sun only)	
RECORDER	Shelley Brady	Shelley Brady	
VIDEO	Lexi Goodwin *	Lexi Goodwin *	
COMPETITION LIASION	Gavin Marshall		
OFFICIAL MENTOR	Tony Grima		

*Official Assessments (Probationary)