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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 & 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 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 bulletin 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 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	
Event Referee	Natalie Cummings
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	
Event Coordinator	Nigel Ward
Venue Representative	Josh Grant

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.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	
Deputy Referee	Kurt Goodwin
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Mackay SLSC
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 Accredited Officials

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.

OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS

All nominating officials will be required to be current accredited SLSA officials, be the holder of a current Blue Card and have their CYRMS and Child Awareness Courses completed on Surfguard.

If an official would like to nominate for the event, please follow the below link.

2026 North Australian Lifesaving Championships - [LINK](#)

Nominations must be received COB on Friday 2nd October 2026. Any nominations received after this date will not receive an event polo.

PLEASE NOTE:

In nominating for this event, all Officials warrant that they are, and must remain, mentally and physically capable of carrying out all the functions of their appointed role(s) over the course of the entire event. All Officials should undertake a medical check prior to departure for the event if they have any concerns about their health. SLSA may request Officials or provide medical clearance if the Official has had a medical incident at a previous SLS event or if SLSA reasonably considers such request is reasonable and/or necessary. If requested the Official must provide the medical clearance.

All officials, unless they have a diagnosed disability, must be able to make their own way onto and off the beach, in line with our event safety plans. If you have a diagnosed disability that impacts mobility, please email kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au so that this can be factored into safety plans.

SLSQ reserves the right in its absolute discretion to:

- Not appoint an Official to any position whether an Official has nominated or not.
 - Remove an Official from any position at any time (whether before or during an SLSQ event)
- SLSQ is not obligated to give reason where it acts under this clause. Note also that Officials must be able to complete all roles they are appointed to without transport assistance from event coordinators.



VOLUNTEER (OFFICIAL) NOTES

All person's nominating should make their own arrangements regarding travel and accommodation.

All Officials should be aware that whilst meals such as morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided during the duration of the Championships, breakfast will only be supplied to Carnival Officials on Saturday and Sunday morning.

The Mackay SLSC will be selling breakfast as per usual.

A debriefing (nibbles and drinks) for Officials will be held at the completion of Saturday's competition.

DRAFT TIMETABLE

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

Friday 30th October 2026

Pool Rescue Competition Officials	0900 Hours	Competition Start	1000
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Saturday 31st October 2026

Officials' Briefing	0700 Hours	Competition Start	0800
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Sunday 1st November 2026

Officials' Briefing	0730 Hours	Competition Start	0830
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*Surf Boat officials to be appointed at the Championships

Attendance at these briefings is compulsory for all Officials, and anyone not in attendance may be replaced at the discretion of the Carnival Referee

All Officials will be advised prior to the carnival of their respective appointment/position. If an Official is unable to fulfil their appointment, please advise kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au

OFFICIALS DRESS

It is imperative that the appearance of competition officials/judges 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.

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



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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.

Please refer to the Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 *SLSA Code of Behavior* and 2.28 *Abuse/Inappropriate Behavior* and the Policy 6.5 *Member Protection Policy* (available online at the Members Portal).

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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