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2026 QLD Interbranch Championships – Entry Bulletin

INTRODUCTION

The Queensland Interbranch Championships attracts teams from Point Danger Branch, South Coast Branch, Sunshine Coast Branch and QLD Country, providing an opportunity to unite over 2 days showcasing one of Queensland's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year's event will be held on the 5th & 6th December at:

Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC (Saturday 5th) & Palm Beach Currumbin Aquatic Centre (Sunday 6th)

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2026 Queensland Interbranch Championships. Please read this bulletin in conjunction with the 2026 SLSQ Interbranch Operations Manual. 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, 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 Committee Chair	TBA
Event Referee	Kylie Innes
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	TBA
Event Coordinator	Nigel Ward
Venue Representative	TBA

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	TBA
Deputy Referee	Shayne Baker OAM - Pool
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	TBA
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 this 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 team members must have the relevant SLSA award (Competition Evaluation) for the Age Group/s they wish to compete in.

NB: It is an offence to enter a person who does not meet any of the above requirements, and any irregularities will be considered by the Branch and/or State Surf Sports Committee.

ENTRY REGISTRATIONS

Branch entries to the QLD Interbranch Championships must be submitted to SLSQ. (Team Form Attached)

All teams are required to be sent to kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au by 9am on Friday 27th November 2026.

ENTRY FEES

There are no entry fees for the QLD Interbranch Championships.

EVENT LIST

NB: Dependent upon entries there may be a need to shorten up qualifying numbers from heats to finals to ensure that the full day's program is completed.

BEACH & WATER EVENTS Saturday 5th December 2026			
UNDER 13		UNDER 14	
TEAMS	No Teams	TEAMS	No Teams
Female Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Female Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
Male Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Male Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
Female Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch	Female Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch
Male Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch	Male Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch
Female Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Female Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Male Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Male Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Female Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch	Female Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch
Male Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch	Male Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch
Female Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Female Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Male Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Male Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Mixed Beach Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Mixed Beach Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
INDIVIDUAL	No Competitors	INDIVIDUAL	No Competitors
Female Flags	2 per branch	Female Flags	2 per branch
Male Flags	2 per branch	Male Flags	2 per branch
Female Sprint	2 per branch	Female Sprint	2 per branch
Male Sprint	2 per branch	Male Sprint	2 per branch
UNDER 15		UNDER 17	
TEAMS	No Teams	TEAMS	No Teams
Female Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Female Taplin Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
Male Cameron Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Male Taplin Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
Female Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch	Female Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch
Male Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch	Male Surf Teams (4)	1 team per Branch
Female Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Female Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Male Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Male Iron Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Female Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch	Female Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch
Male Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch	Male Board Rescue (2)	2 teams per Branch
Female Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Female Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Male Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch	Male Board Teams (3)	1 team per Branch
Mixed Beach Relay (4)	1 team per Branch	Mixed Beach Relay (4)	1 team per Branch
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Male Flags	2 per branch	Male Flags	2 per branch
Female Sprint	2 per branch	Female Sprint	2 per branch
Male Sprint	2 per branch	Male Sprint	2 per branch
MIXED AGE TEAM EVENTS			
Mixed U13- U17 Board Relay (4)	2 x teams per Branch	1 competitor per age group per gender	
U13- U17 Male Lifesaver Relay (4)	1 x teams per Branch	Ski (U17), Board (U14/15), Swim (U13/14/15) Run (U13/14/15)	
U13- U17 Female Lifesaver Relay (4)	1 x teams per Branch	Ski (U17), Board (U14/15), Swim (U13/14/15) Run (U13/14/15)	
ALL AGE EVENTS			
All Age Relay (8)	2 X teams per Branch		

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POOL RESCUE EVENTS Sunday 6th December 2026			
UNDER 13		UNDER 14	
TEAMS	# Teams	TEAMS	# Teams
4x 50m Female Obstacle Relay	1	4x 50m Female Obstacle Relay	1
4x 50m Male Obstacle Relay	1	4x 50m Male Obstacle Relay	1
Female Line Throw	2	Female Line Throw	2
Male Line Throw	2	Male Line Throw	2
50m Female Medley Relay	1	50m Female Medley Relay	1
50m Male Medley Relay	1	50m Male Medley Relay	1
100m Female Patient Tow	2	INDIVIDUAL	# Competitors
100m Male Patient Tow	2	100 m Female Manikin Tow	2
INDIVIDUAL	# Competitors	100m Male Manikin Tow	2
50m Female Brick Carry	2	50m Female Manikin Carry	2
50m Male Brick Carry	2	50m Male Manikin Carry	2
UNDER 15		UNDER 17	
TEAMS	# Teams	TEAMS	# Teams
4x 50m Female Obstacle Relay	1	4x 50m Female Obstacle Relay	1
4x 50m Male Obstacle Relay	1	4x 50m Male Obstacle Relay	1
Female Line Throw	2	Female Line Throw	2
Male Line Throw	2	Male Line Throw	2
50m Female Medley Relay	1	50m Female Medley Relay	1
50m Male Medley Relay	1	50m Male Medley Relay	1
INDIVIDUAL	# Competitors	INDIVIDUAL	# Competitors
100m Female Manikin Tow	2	100m Female Manikin Tow	2
100m Male Manikin Tow	2	100m Male Manikin Tow	2
50m Female Manikin Carry	2	50m Female Manikin Carry	2
50m Male Manikin Carry	2	50m Male Manikin Carry	2
ALL AGE EVENTS			
TEAMS	# Teams		
Mixed U13- U17 50m Fins Relay (4)	2	2 Males & 2 Females per team	
Mixed U13- U17 Pool Lifesaver Relay (4)	2	2 Males & 2 Females per team	

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VOLUNTEER (OFFICIALS/WATER SAFETY/TIMEKEEPERS/FIRST AID) REQUIREMENTS

All entities that participate in the Interbranch Championship are required to provide officials & water safety to assist with the running of the events.

Water Safety is required for the Ocean events of the Championship and pool setters are required for the pool events.

The numbers required are as follows:

BRANCH	OFFICIALS	WATER SAFETY
Point Danger Branch	10	1 x IRB Driver and Crew 4 x water safety 2 x timekeepers 2 x Pool Setters
South Coast Branch	10	1 x IRB Driver and Crew 4 x water safety 2 x timekeepers 2 x Pool Setters
Sunshine Coast Branch	10	1 x IRB Driver and Crew 4 x water safety 2 x timekeepers 2 x Pool Setters
QLD County	2	2 x water safety 2 x timekeepers

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

DRAFT TIMETABLE

The below timetable is only a draft and is subject to chance. The Program of Events will go out with the Final Circular.

2023 QLD INTERBRANCH CARNIVAL PROGRAM Saturday 5th December 2026		
WATER A	**WATER B**	**BEACH**
U13 Male/Female Cameron Relay	U15 Male/Female Cameron Relay	
U14 Male/Female Cameron Relay	U17 Male/Female Taplin Relay	
		U15 Male/Female Flags
U13 Male/Female Surf Teams	U15 Male/Female Surf Teams	U17 Male/Female Flags
U14 Male/Female Surf Teams	U17 Male/Female Surf Teams	U13 Male/Female Flags
U13 Male/Female Board Teams	U15 Male/Female Board Teams	U14 Male/Female Flags
U14 Male/Female Board Teams	U17 Male/Female Board Teams	
U13 Male/Female Board Rescue		
U14 Male/Female Board Rescue		
	U15 Male/Female Board Rescue	
	U17 Male/Female Board Rescue	
U13 Male/Female Iron Teams	U15 Male/Female Iron Teams	U17 Male/Female Sprints
U14 Male/Female Iron Teams	U17 Male/Female Iron Teams	U15 Male/Female Sprints
		U14 Male/Female Sprints
		U13 Male/Female Sprints
	Mixed Board Relay	
	Female Lifesaver Relay	
	Male Lifesaver Relay	
BEACH RELAYS		
Under 13 Mixed		
Under 14 Mixed		
Under 15 Mixed		
Under 17 Mixed		
All Age Relay		

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QUEENSLAND INTERBRANCH CARNIVAL PROGRAM Sunday 6th December 2026		
EVENT NO.	**AGE**	**EVENT**
1	UNDER 13	Female Line Throw
2	UNDER 13	Male Line Throw
3	UNDER 14	Female Line Throw
4	UNDER 14	Male Line Throw
5	UNDER 15	Female Line Throw
6	UNDER 15	Male Line Throw
7	UNDER 17	Female Line Throw
8	UNDER 17	Male Line Throw
9	UNDER 13	4x 50m Female Obstacle Relay
10	UNDER 13	4x 50m Male Obstacle Relay
11	UNDER 14	4x 50m Female Obstacle Relay
12	UNDER 14	4x 50m Male Obstacle Relay
13	UNDER 15	4x 50m Female Obstacle Relay
14	UNDER 15	4x 50m Male Obstacle Relay
15	UNDER 17	4x 50m Female Obstacle Relay
16	UNDER 17	4x 50m Male Obstacle Relay
17	UNDER 13	100m Female Patient Tow
18	UNDER 13	100m Male Patient Tow
19	UNDER 14	100m Female Manikin Tow
20	UNDER 14	100m Male Manikin Tow
21	UNDER 15	100m Female Manikin Tow
22	UNDER 15	100m Male Manikin Tow
23	UNDER 17	100m Female Manikin Tow
24	UNDER 17	100m Male Manikin Tow
25	UNDER 13	50m Female Brick Carry
26	UNDER 13	50m Male Brick Carry
27	UNDER 14	50m Female Manikin Carry
28	UNDER 14	50m Male Manikin Carry
29	UNDER 15	50m Female Manikin Carry
30	UNDER 15	50m Male Manikin Carry
31	UNDER 17	50m Female Manikin Carry
32	UNDER 17	50m Male Manikin Carry
33	UNDER 13	50m Female Medley Relay
34	UNDER 13	50m Male Medley Relay
35	UNDER 14	50m Female Medley Relay
36	UNDER 14	50m Male Medley Relay
37	UNDER 15	50m Female Medley Relay
38	UNDER 15	50m Male Medley Relay
39	UNDER 17	50m Female Medley Relay
40	UNDER 17	50m Male Medley Relay
41	MIXED AGE	Mixed U13- U17 Pool Lifesaver Relay
42	MIXED AGE	Mixed U13- U17 50m Fins Relay

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Briefing Times

Saturday 5th December 2026

7:45am:	Sectional Referee Briefing
8.15am:	Officials Briefing
8:30am:	Team Managers Briefing
9.00am	Opening Ceremony
9:15am:	Marshalling Starts
9.30am:	Competition Commences

Sunday 6th December 2026

7:00am	Palm Beach Aquatic Centre Opens
8:00am	Officials Meeting
8:00am	Pool available for warm up
8:30am	Team Managers Briefing
8:45am	Marshalling
9:00am	Competition Commences

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. This includes their club competition cap whilst competing.

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.

SLSQ staff, the Event Referee, Area Referee and/or Sectional Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID, or logos in conflict with any event sponsors and/or the SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy.

EVENT MEDALS, TROPHIES & POINTSCORES

SLSQ medals will be awarded to individuals in the winning Branch Team.

Overall Pointscore (1st, 2nd & 3rd) and Handicap Pointscore (1st, 2nd & 3rd) cups for the top 3 Branches will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

Below are the point breakdowns for the events.

Place	Individual	Team	Mixed Team	Ocean Lifesaver Relay
1st	8	16	16	32
2nd	7	12	14	24
3rd	6	8	12	16
4th	5	4	10	8
5th	4		8	
6th	3		6	
7th	2		4	
8th	1		2	

1. TEAM MANAGERS

Each Branch must nominate a Team Manager for the QLD Interbranch Championships. Please use the attached nomination form.

It is the Team Managers responsibility to ensure the changes to the Branches competing teams have been registered with the appropriate officials, and that all competitors are correctly entered in the event.

It is compulsory for all Team Managers (in their official roles) to wear clearly identifiable apparel that highlights their club name and the wording 'Team Manager'. Anyone not displaying this ID will be asked to leave the competition area

GEAR TRAILER/VEHICLE PARKING

Gear trailers can be parked grass near the Lifeguard centre, under the direction of the Carnival Committee.

All club, competitors and officials are to read and obey the parking signs set up by the Gold Coast Council and the Carnival Committee and any vehicles that are illegally parked that results in an infringement notice will be the responsibility of the vehicles owner, SLSQ will take no responsibility.

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 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.

ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

SLSQ affiliated with SLSA supports the Australian Government, Sport Australia, 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 Sport Integrity Australia Level 1 Anti-Doping Course and 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. Link to the online platform below.

Sport Integrity Australia Level 1 Anti-Doping Course & Match Fixing Course
https://elearning.sportintegrity.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 themselves and their Clubs.

Please refer to the 36th 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)

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 SLSQ at:
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