



Surf Life Saving Australia – Entry Circular

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OVERVIEW

The 2025 Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold is set to hit the sand from 18-19 October, introducing new race formats, elite athlete integration, and a renewed energy that will elevate the event for competitors and spectators alike. There will be prize pool on offer worth over \$170,000.

All entries for the **Coolangatta Gold 25.6**, **Coolangatta Sprint** and **Coolangatta Dash** are to be completed via Race Roster: <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/98386/shaw-and-partners-coolangatta-gold-2025>

All entries for the **Coolangatta Gold Youth Challenge** are to be completed via SEMS.

Event	Date	Event Overview
Coolangatta Sprint	Saturday, 18 October Wave 1 Start: 7:30am AEST	A high-speed, 12.5km format delivering action-packed racing with 7km ski, 1km swim, 2km board and 2.5km of running throughout the course.
Coolangatta Gold 25.6	Saturday, 18 October Wave 1 Start: 10:00am AEST	The main event of the weekend sure to test the best with 14km of ski paddling, 2km of swimming, 4km of board paddling and 5.6km of running throughout the course, including five approximately 500m soft sand transition runs through.
Coolangatta Dash	Sunday, 19 October Wave 1 Start: 7:30am AEST	A Run-Swim-Run short course ideal for emerging athletes and community participants. 3.25km total distance with two short beach runs and a 1km ocean swim in the middle
Youth Challenge	Sunday, 19 October Wave 1 Start: 9:30am AEST	The Youth Challenge is targeted at SLS members U11-U15 looking to step up to the Coolangatta Gold course. The course includes a 350m Swim, 450m Board and approximately 1km of running throughout the course

Please note it is **no longer a requirement** for competitors to have a board paddler with them for the swim leg component of the course.

Presentations:

- Presentations for the Coolangatta Gold 25.6 and Coolangatta Sprint will be held from 2pm Saturday, 18 October in Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta.
- Presentations for the Coolangatta Dash and Youth Challenge will be held from 11am Sunday, 19 October in Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta
- It is expected that all award winners attend presentations in order to receive their prize.
- Award winners will be required to may be required to wear sponsors merchandise for presentations.



COOLANGATTA GOLD 25.6

EVENT OVERVIEW

Event Date

Saturday, 18 October 2025

Start Time

Wave 1: 10:00am AEST

Each wave will begin between 5-10 minutes after the preceding wave. Wave allocations will be advertised before the day of competition.

Course Distances

- Ski: 7km Ski | 500m Transition Run | 7km Ski | 500m Transition Run
- Swim: 1km Swim | 500m Transition Run | 1km Swim | 500m Transition Run
- Board: 2km Board | 500m Transition Run | 2km Board
- Run: 3.1km Beach Run

DIVISIONS

INDIVIDUAL AGE CATEGORIES COOLANGATTA GOLD 25.6	TEAM AGE CATEGORIES COOLANGATTA GOLD 25.6
Elite (Open) Male*	U20 Male (17-19)
Elite (Open) Female*	U20 Female (17-19)
U20 Male (17-19)	U20 Mixed (17-19)
U20 Female (17-19)	Open Male*
20-29 Male	Open Female*
20-29 Female	Open Mixed*
30-39 Male	140+ Masters Male
30-39 Female	140+ Masters Female
40-49 Male	140+ Masters Mixed
40-49 Female	190+ Masters Male
50-59 Male	190+ Masters Female
50-59 Female	190+ Masters Mixed
60+ Male	
60+ Female	

Note 1: All age categories are calculated as of 30 September 2025 and are based off ages stipulated in the current Surf Sports Manual

Note 2: No one aged 16 years or under is to compete in the Coolangatta Gold 25.6. The only exception to this is if they have qualified as a 25/26 Shaw and Partners Iron Series athlete.

Note 3: The Elite (Open) individual category and Open teams category have Prize Money attached and may have restrictions on insurance coverage

Note 4: Entrants to the Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold can be SLSA members or the general public.

Team Restrictions

- For team events, a team will consist of any competitor combination with a minimum of two people and maximum of four people.
- Each leg must be completed by one individual only.
- If a team has less than 4 people, each individual can complete more than one leg of the course.
- 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 Masters teams with less than 4 competitors the eligible age category will be determined by the average age of those competitors.
- For Masters teams, the minimum age of a team member is 30 years of age. The division is calculated based on aggregate age.
- Teams can be made up of members from a Surf Life Saving Club and the general public. If team members are from a Surf Life Saving Club, they are not required to be from the same Club to be in the one team.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Fees

	Early Bird 10 July – 27 July	Normal 28 July – 14 September	Late 15 September – 15 October	Last Minute 16 October – Event Day
Individual	\$190.00	\$235.00	\$280.00	\$315.00
Team	\$275.00	\$320.00	\$360.00	\$400.00

Note: entry fee includes GST.

Entry Form

Entries will be completed via Race Roster:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/98386/shaw-and-partners-coolangatta-gold-2025>

Note: if competing in a team event – the team captain will need to register and pay and provide the other team members with a link to provide their details.

Refund Policy

- Entry Fees are non-refundable.
- Refunds may be considered subject to injury.
- All entry cancellations are to be sent in writing to events@slsa.asn.au
- Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- There are no refunds for competitors that do not start or do not complete the course.

PRIZES

Individual

Prize money is awarded to the following places in the Elite Male and Elite Female Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold 25.6 category:

Elite Male and Elite Female 25.6 - Individual	
Place	Prize Money
1	\$17,500
2	\$10,000
3	\$5,000
4	\$2,500
5	\$1,000
6	\$500



Prize Money will also be awarded to the fastest male and female individual 25.6 discipline leg across all categories for the following:

All Categories Male and Female 25.6 - Individual	
Place	Prize Money
Individual Fastest Ski - Male	\$500
Individual Fastest Ski - Female	\$500
Individual Fastest Swim - Male	\$500
Individual Fastest Swim - Female	\$500
Individual Fastest Board - Male	\$500
Individual Fastest Board - Female	\$500
Individual Fastest Run* - Male	\$500
Individual Fastest Run* - Female	\$500

*Note: Fastest Run is for the final 3.1km beach run, not the transition runs.

Age Category winners (individual only) will also win free entry into the 2026 Coolangatta Gold 25.6.

Teams

Prize money is also awarded to the following places in the Open Male, Open Female & Open Mixed 25.6 teams Categories thanks to Race One Surf Craft to the teams that meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Each Team must consist of 4 members with each member completing only one discipline
- All 4 members of the Team must be members from the same surf life saving club.
- Each member of the Team must have had their competition rights assigned to the competing club by 9 July 2025.
- Mixed Team only: Each Team must consist of 2 females and 2 males.

Open Male, Female and Mixed 25.6 - Teams	
Place	Prize Money
1	\$6,000
2	\$3,000
3	\$1,500

Please Note: For those participating for prize money (elite categories), athletes will not be covered under work cover and should refer to the participant disclaimer Item 15 - Insurance for clarity. Further, all competitors in this specific category will only be covered under personal accident Insurance. Public competitors (i.e., those not a member of an affiliated SLS club) will compete at their own risk as per the entry declaration.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations for the Coolangatta Gold 25.6 will be held from 2pm in Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta. It is expected that all award winners attend presentations in order to receive their prize.

RACE REQUIREMENTS

- It is compulsory that each competitor wears the event provided swimming cap for the swim leg of the course.
- All skis and boards must have the competitor's number sticker attached. Stickers will be provided in the competitor packs and should be applied to clean, dry craft in the locations identified in the Sponsorship section of this Circular. Competitors will receive the following stickers:
 - 2 x ski
 - 1 x board
- It is compulsory for all competitors to pass through each gate when completing the ski leg. Failure to pass through the gates may result in a penalty or disqualification.
- All competitors must adhere to decisions and direction provided by the Event Referee and all other Officials.
- All competitors must wear a minimum certified AS4758 Level 50 or Type 2 life jacket whilst



competing in the ski leg of the course.

- AS4758 Level 100, Level 150, Level 275, Level 50S or Type 3 are permitted to be worn if they meet the conspicuous colour requirements.
- Compulsory event equipment list (Coolangatta Gold 25.6 and Coolangatta Sprint):
 - Craft
 - PFD
 - Numbering on craft
 - Numbering on athlete (both arms, both legs)
 - Lycra singlet
 - Timing Chip



COURSE MAP – COOLANGATTA GOLD 25.6





COOLANGATTA SPRINT

EVENT OVERVIEW

Event Date

Saturday, 18 October

Start Time

7:30am AEST

Each wave will begin between 5-10 minutes after the preceding wave. Wave allocations will be advertised before the day of competition.

Course Distances:

- Ski: 7km Ski | 500m Transition Run
- Swim: 1km Swim | 500m Transition Run
- Board: 2km Board
- Run: 1.5km Run

DIVISIONS

INDIVIDUAL AGE CATEGORIES COOLANGATTA SPRINT	TEAM AGE CATEGORIES COOLANGATTA SPRINT
Elite (Open) Male*	U17 Male (15-16)
Elite (Open) Female*	U17 Female (15-16)
U17 Male (15-16)	U17 Mixed (15-16)
U17 Female (15-16)	U20 Male (17-19)
U20 Male (17-19)	U20 Female (17-19)
U20 Female (17-19)	U20 Mixed (17-19)
20-29 Male	Open Male*
20-29 Female	Open Female*
30-39 Male	Open Mixed*
30-39 Female	140+ Masters Male
40-49 Male	140+ Masters Female
40-49 Female	140+ Masters Mixed
50-59 Male	190+ Masters Male
50-59 Female	190+ Masters Female
60+ Male	190+ Masters Mixed
60+ Female	

Note 1: All age categories are calculated as of 30 September 2025 and are based off ages stipulated in the current Surf Sports Manual

Note 2: No one aged 14 years or under is to compete in the Coolangatta Gold Sprint.

Note 3: The Elite (Open) individual category and Open teams category have Prize Money attached and may have restrictions on insurance coverage

Note 4: Entrants to the Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold can be SLSA members or the general public.

Note 5: All competitors must follow SLSA competition conditions outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

All competitors who are SLSA members must be entered into the event under their Club, must be financial members of a club and be eligible for competition as per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual. Note the Coolangatta Gold is not classified a Championship event as per the Surf Sports Manual rules.



Team Restrictions

- For team events, a team will consist of any competitor combination with a minimum of two people and maximum of four people.
- Each leg must be completed by one individual only.
- If a team has less than 4 people, each individual can complete more than one leg of the course.
- 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 Masters teams with less than 4 competitors the eligible age category will be determined by the average age of those competitors.
- For Masters teams, the minimum age of a team member is 30 years of age. The division is calculated based on aggregate age.
- Teams can be made up of members from a Surf Life Saving Club and the general public. If team members are from a Surf Life Saving Club, they are not required to be from the same Club to be in the one team.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Fees

Sprint	Early Bird 9 July – 27 July	Normal 28 July – 14 September	Late 15 September – 15 October	Last Minute 16 October – Event Day
Individual	\$135.00	\$180.00	\$225.00	\$260.00
Team	\$220.00	\$265.00	\$310.00	\$350.00

Note: entry fee includes GST.

Entry Form

Entries will be completed via Race Roster:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/98386/shaw-and-partners-coolangatta-gold-2025>

Note: if competing in a team event – the team captain will need to register and pay and provide the other team members with a link to provide their details.

Refund Policy

- Entry Fees are non-refundable.
- Refunds may be considered subject to injury.
- All entry cancellations are to be sent in writing to events@slsa.asn.au
- Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- There are no refunds for competitors that do not start or do not complete the course.

PRIZE MONEY

Individual

Prize money is awarded to the following places in the Elite (Open) Male and Elite (Open) Female Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Sprint category:

Elite Male and Elite Female Sprint - Individual	
Place	Prize Money
1	\$1,500
2	\$500
3	\$250



Prize packs will be awarded to the top 3 places for each of the Race One U17's Individual Sprint Categories:

Male and Female U17 Short Course- Individual	
Place	Prize Money
1	Race One Surf Ski
2	Race One Racing Mal
3	Race One Braca Pal

Age Category winners (individual only) will also win free entry into the 2026 Coolangatta Sprint.

Teams

Prize money is also awarded to the following places in the Open Male, Open Female & Open Mixed Sprint teams Categories thanks to Race One Surf Craft to the teams that meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Each Team must consist of 4 members with each member completing only one discipline
- All 4 members of the Team must be members from the same surf life saving club.
- Each member of the Team must have had their competition rights assigned to the competing club by 9 July 2025.
- Mixed Team only: Each Team must consist of 2 females and 2 males.

Open Male, Female and Mixed Sprint - Teams	
Place	Prize Money
1	\$5,000
2	\$2,500
3	\$1,000

Please Note: For those participating for prize money (elite/open categories), athletes will not be covered under work cover and should refer to the participant disclaimer Item 15 - Insurance for clarity. Further, all competitors in this specific category will only be covered under personal accident Insurance. To note, a prize pack does not constitute as prize money. Public competitors (i.e., those not a member of an affiliated SLS club) will compete at their own risk as per the entry declaration.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations for the Coolangatta Sprint will be held from 2pm in Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta. It is expected that all award winners attend presentations in order to receive their prize.

RACE REQUIREMENTS

- It is compulsory that each competitor wears the event provided swimming cap for the swim leg of the course.
- All skis and boards must have the competitor's number sticker attached. Stickers will be provided in the competitor packs and should be applied to clean, dry craft in the locations identified in the Sponsorship section of this Circular. Competitors will receive the following stickers:
 - 2 x ski
 - 1 x board
- It is compulsory for all competitors to pass through each gate when completing the ski leg. Failure to pass through the gates may result in a penalty or disqualification.
- All competitors must adhere to decisions and direction provided by the Event Referee and all other Officials.
- All competitors must wear a minimum certified AS4758 Level 50 or Type 2 life jacket whilst competing in the ski leg of the course.
- AS4758 Level 100, Level 150, Level 275, Level 50S or Type 3 are permitted to be worn if they meet the conspicuous colour requirements.
- Compulsory event equipment list (Coolangatta Gold 25.6 and Coolangatta Sprint):
 - Craft
 - PFD



- Numbering on craft
- Numbering on athlete (both arms, both legs)
- Lycra singlet
- Timing Chip



COURSE MAP – COOLANGATTA SPRINT





COOLANGATTA DASH

EVENT OVERVIEW

Event Date

Sunday, 19 October

Start Time

7:30am AEST

Each wave will begin between 5-10 minutes after the preceding wave. Wave allocations will be advertised before the day of competition.

Course Distances:

- Beach Run: 1.25km
- Swim: 1km
- Beach Run: 1km

DIVISIONS

INDIVIDUAL AGE CATEGORIES COOLANGATTA DASH
Elite (Open) Male*
Elite (Open) Female*
U17 Male
U17 Female
U20 Male
U20 Female
20-29 Male
20-29 Female
30-39 Male
30-39 Female
40-49 Male
40-49 Female
50-59 Male
50-59 Female
60+ Male
60+ Female

Note 1: All age categories are calculated as of 30 September 2025 and are based off ages stipulated in the current Surf Sports Manual

Note 2: No one aged 14 years or under is to compete in the Coolangatta Dash.

Note 3: The Elite (Open) individual category has Prize Money attached and may have restrictions on insurance coverage

Note 4: Entrants to the Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold can be SLSA members or the general public.

Note 5: All competitors must follow SLSA competition conditions outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

All competitors who are SLSA members must be entered into the event under their Club, must be financial members of a club and be eligible for competition as per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual. Note the Coolangatta Gold is not classified a Championship event as per the Surf Sports Manual rules.



ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Fees

Early Bird 10 July – 27 July	Normal 28 July – 14 September	Late 15 September – 15 October	Last Minute 16 October – Event Day
\$70.00	\$90.00	\$110.00	\$130.00

Note: entry fee includes GST.

Entry Form

Entries will be completed via Race Roster:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/98386/shaw-and-partners-coolangatta-gold-2025>

Refund Policy

- Entry Fees are non-refundable.
- Refunds may be considered subject to injury.
- All entry cancellations are to be sent in writing to events@slsa.asn.au
- Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- There are no refunds for competitors that do not start or do not complete the course.

PRIZE MONEY

Individual

Prize money is awarded to the following places in the Elite (Open) Male and Elite (Open) Female Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Dash category:

Elite Male and Elite Female Dash - Individual	
Place	Prize Money
1	\$500
2	\$300
3	\$100

Please Note: For those participating for prize money (elite/open categories), athletes will not be covered under work cover and should refer to the participant disclaimer Item 15 - Insurance for clarity. Further, all competitors in this specific category will only be covered under personal accident Insurance. To note, a prize pack does not constitute as prize money. Public competitors (i.e., those not a member of an affiliated SLS club) will compete at their own risk as per the entry declaration.



COURSE MAP – COOLANGATTA DASH





COOLANGATTA YOUTH CHALLENGE

EVENT OVERVIEW

Event Date

Sunday, 19 October

Start Time

9:30am AEST

Each wave will begin between 5-10 minutes after the preceding wave. Wave allocations will be advertised before the day of competition.

Course Distances:

- Run 250m
- Swim 350m
- Run 550m
- Board 450m
- Run 150m

DIVISIONS

INDIVIDUAL YOUTH CHALLENGE	
U11 Male	U11 Female
U12 Male	U12 Female
U13 Male	U13 Female
U14 Male	U14 Female
U15 Male	U15 Female

All individual categories are based off ages stipulated in the current Surf Sports Manual for competition age groups for season 2025/26. All competitors must be entered into the event under their Club, must be financial members of a club and be eligible for competition as per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (age calculated as of 30 September 2025).

All competitors must be active members of a Surf Life Saving Club and 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 or the 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual. Competitors must also be eligible for competition under SLSA conditions as outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Fees

Early Bird 10 July – 27 July	Normal 28 July – 14 September	Late 15 September – 15 October	Last Minute 16 October – Event Day
\$70.00	\$90.00	\$110.00	\$130.00

Note: entry fee includes GST.

Entry Form

Entries for Youth Challenge are to be completed using the SLSA SEMS system. Club administrators must complete entries with clubs invoiced at close of each entry period.

Youth Challenge entries will be capped at 50 entrants per age group, per gender for all categories.



Refund Policy

- Entry Fees are non-refundable.
- Refunds may be considered subject to injury.
- All entry cancellations are to be sent in writing to events@slsa.asn.au
- Entry fees are non-transferrable to another athlete regardless of reason for withdrawal.
- There are no refunds for competitors that do not start or do not complete the course.

COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT LIST

- Club competition cap
- Liveheats band
- Event branded lycra
- SLISA specification surf board, size as per current [Surf Sports Manual](#)

LIVEHEATS

The Youth Challenge will be utilising LiveHeats wristbands for the marshalling and recoding process. All competitors who have an existing LiveHeats wristband from any Surf Sports events are to bring these wristbands. If you have already been issued a wristband and require a new one, you will be charged \$10 for a new one.

For those who do not have a wristband, or are required to purchase one, please do so at the administration tent. All results and draws will be posted on liveheats.com/slsa/

BRIEFING AND LYCRA COLLECTION

A briefing for all Youth Challenge competitors will be conducted at 9:00am on Sunday, 19 October at the time of marshalling.

All competitors will be provided with event branded lycra for the duration of the event. Competitors will be able to collect their lycras during the following times:

- Friday, 17 October – 3:00pm-6:00pm
- Saturday, 18 October – 10:00am-4:00pm
- Sunday, 19 October – 7:00am-9:00am

HANDLERS

Youth Challenge competitors must have a minimum of one handler who will assist in the management of the competitor and their equipment. Handlers must be wearing a high visibility vest for handling. Youth Challenge handlers will not be provided with handler bibs.



COURSE MAP – YOUTH CHALLENGE





GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

Scrutineering

- Surfboards, surf skis and wetsuits must meet the current specifications of SLSA according to the current edition of the [Surf Sports Manual](#).
- Lifejackets must meet the specifications detailed in this entry circular.
- All competitor craft, life jackets and wetsuits (if required) are subject to scrutineering at Coolangatta and at any time, during or after the event. Competitors and/or handlers must comply with the directions of the Scrutineer Officials and present their craft and lifejackets for scrutineering.

Clothing And Numbering

- Each competitor and handler/s must wear their assigned number/s on the sides of their upper arms and on the sides or back of both calves. The numbers will be applied using numbered tattoos provided by SLSA in the competitor kits. Numbers must remain visible at all times and cannot be covered at any stage. If numbers are not visible competitors cannot start. Marshalls will have markers to assist with athlete numbering.
- During the swim leg, competitors must wear the nominated coloured swimming cap. A cap will be provided in the competitor kits.
- SLSA members are permitted to wear their club caps during the Ski, Board and Run legs of the course.
- Costumes must be SLSA approved as per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (Section 2.5). Any variance to costumes must be approved by the Referee prior to competition.
- Swimming costumes are to be worn at all times. They must be SLSA approved, as designated in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual. Any variance to SLSA approved costumes may be approved by the Referee prior to the commencement of the event.
- SLSA will supply lycra race singlets which must be worn by competitors as outer garments on all legs of the event, except the ski leg when a minimum Level 50 lifejacket must be the outermost garment.
- Costumes must not carry any commercial identification except the garment manufacturer and/or their Surf Life Saving Club. Please refer to the Personal Sponsorship section of this Circular.
- Footwear is permitted for the running leg of the course.
- Swim goggles and/or face masks are permitted for the swim leg of the course.
- Swim flippers or any other swimming aids are not permitted as part of the swim leg of the course.
- Wetsuits are permitted to be worn, if, at 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the event, the Referee deems the water to be below 18 degrees Celsius. Please refer to [Section 2.5](#) of the current Surf Sports Manual for approved wetsuits. Wetsuits may not carry any commercial or sponsorship identification other than that of the wetsuit manufacturer. This wetsuit manufacturer identification can only be the size which is standard to off-the-rack wetsuits of that company.
- Handlers must wear mandatory event Handler bibs as outer garments for the duration of the event.
- All presentations may require all successful athletes to wear the sponsors presentation cap at all times whilst they are on the podium. If, after being requested, an athlete chooses not to wear the sponsors presentation cap at all times while on the podium it could jeopardise any moneys and/or prizes awarded to that athlete for that event.

HANDLERS

- Competitors must have a minimum of one handler who will assist in the management of the competitor and their equipment.
- Handlers do not need to be a member of a Club or hold a Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion proficiency
- Handlers must wear the high visibility vest provided. Each competitor will be provided with one Handler bib.
- At no time during the event, may a Handler, Coach or other person in a competitor's team or club, cause an advantage, or appear to cause an advantage to or for a competitor. Such advantage may not be limited to, but includes, pacing, travelling alongside of and push starting. In addition to this, Handlers are:
 - Not permitted to enter the water except to retrieve craft or take part in a rescue.
 - Not permitted to leave the competition area in the immediate preceding 'change over' area, or



the next 'change over' area except to travel directly between such areas.

- Not permitted to approach their competitor unless within the designated area at the aid stations.

Please note: Penalties incurred by Handlers will be applied to the competitor/s as if the competitor/s had committed the infringement.

RETIREMENTS FROM THE EVENT

- Competitors may retire from the event at any point during the course. In some instances, the Referee, Officials or Medical officers will determine whether a competitor can or cannot continue and they will be instructed to retire. This will be communicated to the competitor and/or the competitor's handler/s who shall immediately remove the competitors' equipment from the competition area.
- Medical Officers have full authority to prevent or restrain a competitor from continuing in the event if they deem it unsafe for the competitor to continue.
- Competitors who fail to complete a leg of the course within a period of time stipulated by the Competition Committee must retire from the event. SLSA accepts no responsibility for those competitors who fail to complete a leg in the required time. Those competitors will be automatically disqualified from the event and their timing chip will be removed. If the competitor continues to participate in the event, they do so at their own risk and SLSA take no responsibility for their safety or welfare.

SLSA ANTI DOPING POLICY

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an anti-doping policy, which will be adhered to for this event.

- Please be aware that random drug testing could take place during the Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold Events
- It is highly recommended all competitors and club member (including coaches, handlers, and support personnel) complete the SIA online e-learning program (Level 1) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping. The link to access this e-learning program is: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>. Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activity as a group.
- It is recommended all competitors and club member (including coaches, handlers, and support personnel) utilise the SIA [Check Your Substances](#) reference site, or phone 1300 027 232.

MEDIA

- States/Territories & Clubs shall be permitted to promote the event and or their Club team within their own State (subject to SLSA approval). However, no Competitor, Team Manager, Official or spokesperson for a State shall make media statements that could bring the event, its sponsor, or Officials into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline policy and may be dealt with accordingly.
- Complaints regarding the organisation of the event, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP

The following outlines the Sponsorship Policy for the Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold which must be complied with whilst participating in the Competition.

EVENT SPONSORS & CATEGORIES

The companies and matching categories listed in the table below have exclusive rights at the Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold 2025. No personal sponsorship can be worn by a competitor that is of the same category as the companies listed below.

COMPANY	EXCLUSIVITY CATEGORY
Shaw and Partners Financial Services	Wealth Management
DHL	Logistics
Isuzu	Automotive

Ampol	Fuel
Westpac	Financial Services
Qantas	Airline
FINZ	Swimwear
BRP	Sea Doo watercraft & Can-Am /Powercraft

Current as of the 8/7/2025. SLSA has the right to update and change this at any time prior to the Event commencing.

PERSONAL SPONSORS

Competitors may be required to wear Event sponsor's branding whilst participating in the Event and during any pre or post event media attendances.

Upper arms of competitors must be uncovered for identification numbering.

Competitors are able to place 1 personal sponsor logo on each shoulder. They must be from the same sponsor and cannot be larger than 7.5cm x 7.5cm as per figure 1. Legs are to be free of any personal sponsor logos. Any personal sponsor logos must be pre-approved by SLSA prior to 7th October 2025 by emailing events@slsa.asn.au. SLSA retains sole discretion to withhold approval of any sponsor logos and is not required to provide any reasons for not giving approval.

During any presentations or media appearances, competitors must wear the event lycra race singlet, branded cap, and/or a supplied Event shirt. Any personal sponsor branded gear must not conflict with Event sponsors (as listed above).

Figure 1



CLOTHING

SLSA Event Manager, Chair of Competition Committee SLSA Chair of Sport, and/or the Referee may require the removal of, or the non-wearing of, costumes, lifejackets and/or other garments which contain commercial identification deemed not to be in the interests of the official event sponsors. Please also refer to clothing information on page 8 of the circular.

EYEWEAR

Competitors may wear sunglasses whilst competing in the competition providing that the brand of sunglasses does not conflict with any Event sponsors.

Competitors are not to place sunglasses over any Event sponsor, i.e., on peak of cap.

Competitors may wear their own swim goggles in the appropriate legs.

PENALTIES

The following penalties apply:

- Failure to carry required Sponsor identification, as stipulated: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory Lycra race singlets (competitor)/race T-Shirt (handlers) during event: disqualification or time penalty at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Failure to wear mandatory cap and Lycra race singlets at the presentation (competitor): penalty or forfeiture of competitor's total share of prize money.

SURF CRAFT

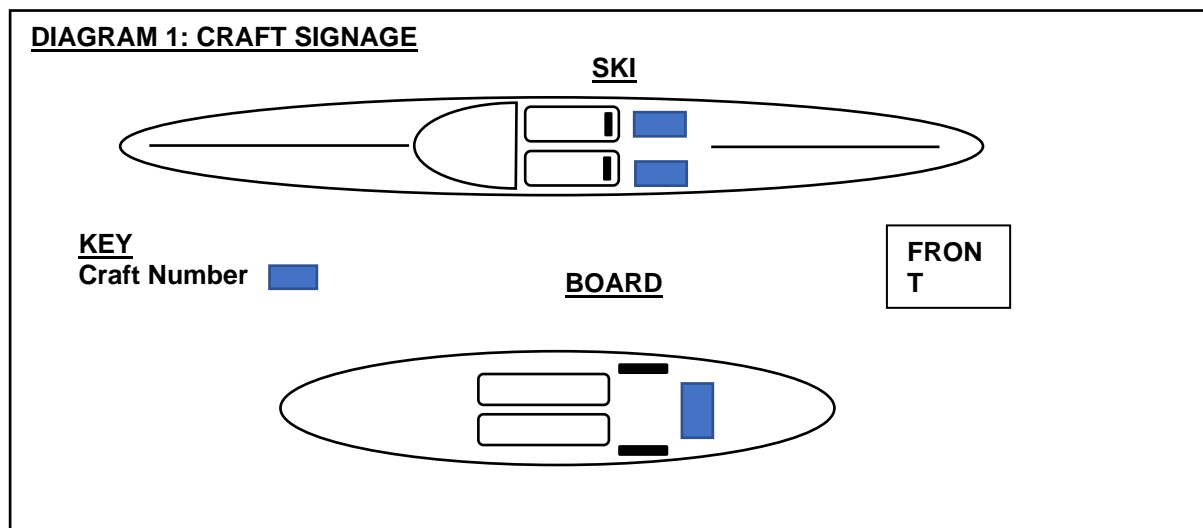
Competitors may be required to compete with a Go Pro or similar device, within reason, attached to equipment for the purpose of obtaining the best possible footage to promote the sport, unless the competitor can prove to SLSA that such an attachment would hinder their performance.

SPONSOR STICKERS

If supplied, compulsory sponsor stickers must be affixed to craft prior to, or during scrutineering and other stickers may be required to be removed or otherwise covered.

Competitors may be called upon to remove from craft all other identification, save for personal and/or official Club sponsor identification, which is considered to be of a conflicting nature to an Event sponsor.

The Competition Committee will nominate the approximate area on the craft for such numbers or identification.



Surf craft are required to affix competitor number stickers in accordance with the attached diagram above. In addition to the branding set out in the above, competitors may also carry personal sponsors only if:

- The signage/branding is positioned outside of the locations reserved for event branding or sponsors as shown in the Diagram 1 above, and specifications below.
- The branding does not conflict with the interest of a sponsor of the Event.

If your surf craft carries branding of sponsors which conflict with the Event sponsors, these will need to be covered up or removed before attending the Event. If your surf craft is carrying any branding which is inconsistent with this policy or if you wish to discuss any aspect of this policy, please contact the Events Team at Surf Life Saving Australia.

Personal Sponsor Dimensions:

- Ski – 20cm x 20cm area located 70cm from the front of the seat
- Board – 20cm x 10cm area located on the back of the board.

NOTE: Signage cannot cover mandatory compliance stickers