

ENTRY BULLETIN

Sunshine Coast Branch Representative Team Selection Carnival

Saturday 10th October 2026 at Alexandra Headland
SLSC

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1. CARNIVAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries Close on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 10.00am.

Team Manager Declarations and Officials nominations are due by Friday 2nd October 2026 at midday.

All entries must be done via [SLSQ Sunshine Coast Branch - Events | Liveheats](#)

To perform entries for teams and on behalf of your club, you will need to ensure you have been added as a team manager for that club on Liveheats. To do this, email ssbranch@lifesaving.com.au

For queries related to Team Entries and Club Admin, visit [Liveheats](#).

Any queries not answered there, email ssbranch@lifesaving.com.au.

2. ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are: \$34.00 per person There are no late entries to the carnival.

Additional Entries: Additional entries for competitors already entered in the carnival may be done with the Marshall on the day of the carnival at no extra cost.

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All competitors are to be registered and financial members of their surf lifesaving club and must be proficient in the following to enter this carnival:

- U13 to U14 – Relevant Junior Preliminary Skills Evaluation and Competition Skill Evaluation
- U15 – Surf Rescue Certificate
- U17 – Bronze Medallion

*Continuing U14 and U15 age proficient award holding members may enter this event with their existing age award and proficiency from 2026/27 season. In the event of a member in this category is selected into the Representative team, the selected members will be required to hold the relevant age award to compete.

To be considered for the Branch Representative Team, a EOI must be submitted no later than **4pm on Friday 25th September 2026** - [Sunshine Coast Branch Rep Team 2026-27 Season](#)

4. LIVEHEATS

Liveheats will be used throughout the duration of the Carnival. All competitors are required to wear their Liveheats wrist band. Competitors who have already been allocated a wrist band at an earlier Carnival must bring them along. All athletes are entitled to one free wristband, and if they forget to bring it with them, they will be required to purchase a new band at a cost of **\$5.00 invoiced to their club, cash is not accepted.**

5. CANCELLATION POLICY

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

- If a carnival is cancelled with no postponement before the first event is conducted, 25% of entry fees will be charged to clubs for administration costs.
- If a carnival is cancelled after the first event is conducted full entry fees will be charged.
- If a carnival is postponed and rescheduled to another date, 25% of entry fees will be charged to clubs that cannot compete at the rescheduled event.

- Change-of-mind withdrawals must be advised no later than seven (7) days prior to the carnival date. Eligible withdrawals will receive a refund of the entry fee less a 25% administration fee.

6. LATE ENTRIES

There are no late entries to the carnival.

Additional Entries: Additional entries for competitors already entered in the carnival may be done with the Marshall on the day of the carnival at no extra cost.

7. CARNIVAL MEETING AND BRIEFING TIMES

Sectional Referees/ Official/Water Safety	6:45am
Team Managers	7:00am
Marshalling	7:30am
Start time	7:45am

Please note: the above times are estimates

Note: Non-attendance at briefings will not be taken as an excuse for missing any information.

8. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- This carnival will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual including Bulletins.
- This carnival will be conducted within the SLSQ approved Aquatic Sports Industry Plan and all participants of the event will be required to comply with those conditions.
- All competitors must be current financial and proficient members of their Surf Life Saving Club.
- All competitors are required to wear high visibility vests as per the SLSQ High Visibility Clothing Policy.
- Competing Clubs shall provide officials and water safety personnel as listed below.
- All Team Changes are to be made with the Marshall before the event has begun.
- Clubs may appeal a dismissed protest to the Appeals Committee. A fee of \$110.00 per individual/team must be lodged. If the appeal is upheld the fee will be returned. If the appeal is dismissed the fee is retained by Sunshine Coast Branch.

9. OFFICIALS

- Clubs that do not supply enough officials will be excluded from competing.
- The ratio for numbers of officials per club is 1 official per 10 competitors or part thereof.
- ROSTERED IRB DRIVER AND CREW ONLY COUNT AS OFFICIALS IF THEY ARE ACTING AS JUDGE IN BOAT AND HOLD AN OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION.
- All officials are required to hold a current blue card and have completed the SLSQ Child Safe Awareness and Child Youth Risk Management Strategy Course
- Note: TRAINEE Officials are NOT included in the 1:10 ratio required as they are in-training.
NO BLUE CARD AND SLSQ Child Safe Awareness and Child Youth Risk Management Strategy Course = NO PARTICIPATION.

If a nominated official does not attend, your club must replace them with another qualified member.

Officials are nominated via this link: [Team Manager Declaration 2026-27 Season](#)

Officials' nominations are due no later than 12pm on Friday 2nd October 2026.

10. IRB & WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2 WATER AREAS

- Personnel will attend on a roster basis as provided by the Safety Coordinator.
- All personnel will be required to SIGN ON and OFF to comply with workplace safety and insurance purposes and for recording on Surfguard.
- Failure by a club to provide IRB and Water Safety personnel as per roster will exclude that club from competing.
- All Water Safety and IRB crews are required to hold a current blue card.

IRB/IRB Crew and Water Safety

- Refer to the IRB/IRB Crew and Water Safety Roster for the 2026/27 season.

Shallow Water Rescue

- Each club is required to provide a least one person who has completed the Shallow Water Rescue Course.
- Shallow Water Rescue personnel must not be involved in roles such as Water Safety, IRB crews and/or Official roles during this carnival.
- Shallow Water Rescue personnel must be available throughout the carnival for immediate response if required.

ALL WATER SAFETY ARE TO REPORT TO THE WATER SAFETY / IRB CO-ORDINATOR

11. FIRST AID

- First Aid Personnel will be supplied by the host club across the entire event.
- All personnel must SIGN ON and OFF in the register provided so that hours can be logged into Surfguard.

12. TEAM MANAGERS DECLARATIONS

- A Team Managers Declaration MUST be completed by all Clubs and sent to the Branch by the date indicated below. No clubs will be eligible to start the carnival without a completed Team Managers Declaration.
- Team Managers must be clearly identifiable by club uniform, hold a current blue card and have completed the SLSQ Child Safe Awareness and Child Youth Risk Management Strategy Course.

NO BLUE CARD AND SLSQ Child Safe Awareness and Child Youth Risk Management Strategy Course, NO PARTICIPATION.

YOUR CLUB COMPLETED TEAM MANAGER DECLARATION is to be completed online via this link: [Team Manager Declaration 2026-27 Season](#) and is due no later than 12pm on Friday 2nd October 2026.

13. EVENTS

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. U13 Female Beach Flags | 9. U13 Male Surf Race | 17. U14 Male Beach Sprint |
| 2. U13 Female Beach Sprint | 10. U13 Male Ironperson | 18. U14 Male Board Race |
| 3. U13 Female Board Race | 11. U14 Female Beach Flags | 19. U14 Male Surf Race |
| 4. U13 Female Surf Race | 12. U14 Female Beach Sprint | 20. U14 Male Ironperson |
| 5. U13 Female Ironperson | 13. U14 Female Board Race | 21. U15 Female Beach Flags |
| 6. U13 Male Beach Flags | 14. U14 Female Surf Race | 22. U15 Female Beach Sprint |
| 7. U13 Male Beach Sprint | 15. U14 Female Ironperson | 23. U15 Female Board Race |
| 8. U13 Male Board Race | 16. U14 Male Beach Flags | 24. U15 Female Surf Race |

25. U15 Female Ironperson
 26. U15 Male Beach Flags
 27. U15 Male Beach Sprint
 28. U15 Male Board Race
 29. U15 Male Surf Race
 30. U15 Male Ironperson

31. U17 Female Beach Flags
 32. U17 Female Beach Sprint
 33. U17 Female Board Race
 34. U17 Female Surf Race
 35. U17 Female Ironperson
 36. U17 Female Ski

37. U17 Male Beach Flags
 38. U17 Male Beach Sprint
 39. U17 Male Board Race
 40. U17 Male Surf Race
 41. U17 Male Ironperson
 42. U17 Male Ski

14. CARNIVAL PROGRAM

MALE/FEMALE ARENA		BEACH	
SURF RACE		SPRINTS	
UNDER 17 MALE	H/F	UNDER 15 MALE	H/F
UNDER 17 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 15 FEMALE	H/F
UNDER 13 MALE	H/F	UNDER 17 MALE	H/F
UNDER 13 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 17 FEMALE	H/F
UNDER 14 MALE	H/F	UNDER 14 MALE	H/F
UNDER 14 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 14 FEMALE	H/F
UNDER 15 MALE	H/F	UNDER 13 MALE	H/F
UNDER 15 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 13 FEMALE	H/F
UNDER 17 MALE	H/F	UNDER 17 MALE	H/F
UNDER 17 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 17 FEMALE	H/F
BOARD RACE		FLAGS	
UNDER 13 MALE	H/F	UNDER 13 MALE	H/F
UNDER 13 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 13 FEMALE	H/F
UNDER 17 MALE	H/F	UNDER 17 MALE	H/F
UNDER 17 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 17 FEMALE	H/F
UNDER 14 MALE	H/F	UNDER 15 MALE	H/F
UNDER 14 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 15 FEMALE	H/F
UNDER 15 MALE	H/F	UNDER 14 MALE	H/F
UNDER 15 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 14 FEMALE	H/F
UNDER 17 MALE	H/F	UNDER 17 MALE	H/F
UNDER 17 FEMALE	H/F	UNDER 17 FEMALE	H/F
IRONPERSON		Beach Events	
UNDER 17 IRONMAN	H/F	Start time 8.00am	
UNDER 17 IRONWOMAN	H/F	Water Start time:	
UNDER 13 IRONMAN	H/F	Approx. 10:00 am	
UNDER 13 IRONWOMAN	H/F		
UNDER 14 IRONMAN	H/F	Order of Events - Water	
UNDER 14 IRONWOMAN	H/F	Ironperson	
UNDER 15 IRONMAN	H/F	Board	
UNDER 15 IRONWOMAN	H/F	Swim	
UNDER 17 IRONMAN	H/F	Ironperson Final again if required by selectors	
UNDER 17 IRONWOMAN	H/F		
		Order of Events- Beach	
SINGLE SKI		Sprint Under 13/Under 14	
UNDER 17 SINGLE SKI MALE		Flags Under 15/Under 17	
UNDER 17 SINGLE SKI FEMALE		Sprint Under 15/Under 17	
		Flags Under 13/Under 14	
		Tides	
		Low tide- 13:46- ,24m	
		High Tide- 7:38-1.74m	

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

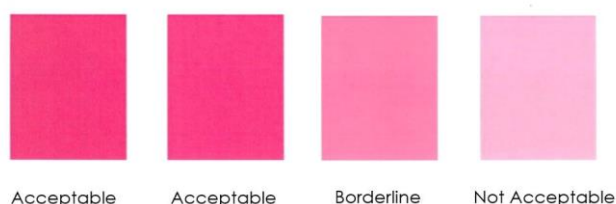
Note - Beach events will be held first, with water events commencing between 9-10am.

15. DRESS OF COMPETITORS

Competitors must be dressed as per the conditions outlined in the current Edition of the Surf Sports Manual and or bulletins/amendments. Competitors shall wear costumes, clothing or dress as approved by SLSA.

All competitors are required to wear high visibility vests as per the [SLSQ High Visibility clothing Policy](#).

A competitor shall not be permitted to take part in any competition if, in the opinion of the Referee, the competitor is not properly dressed or their high visibility rash shirt/vest does not meet the acceptable standards.



16. CLUB TENTS AND CARNIVAL PARKING

Parking on nature strips, areas of open space and parkland is not permitted, and on the spot fines may be issued for any vehicle parked illegally. No liability will be accepted by Sunshine Coast Branch or the host venue for illegal parking.

Use of the dune areas is prohibited during the event. To protect the dune areas, only formal beach access ways are to be used for access and all signage and fencing must be observed for coastal protection.

Club tents are not to be erected on the sand dunes – by direction of the Carnival Referee and Local Council.

17. WARM UP PRIOR TO CARNIVAL

Warm up arenas will be: Solid colour - (craft) Split colour - (swim).

To allow safe access to the water areas for the IRBs setting the courses, warm-up sessions are only permitted from 7.00am.

SWIM	7:00 – 7:20am
CRAFT	7.20 to 7.40am

All Clubs are required to provide water safety during the warm-up period. Failure to abide by this condition may result in your Club's disqualification from the event. Clubs, team managers, and parents/guardians are also responsible for actively monitoring their competitors prior to the commencement of the carnival.

18. DRONES

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) is prohibited 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 its own drones to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards.

19. PHOTOGRAPHY

Pursuant to SLSQ Photography [Policy MC01](#), photographers within the carnival area must have a visible SLSQ photographer's pass as well as their BlueCard and be prepared to present it for inspection by any Official that

requests so during the carnival within the carnival area. Only those persons with a visible valid SLSQ photographers pass are permitted to take any photography inside the carnival arena.

20. 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 [Current Edition Surf Sports Manual](#) Sections *2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour* and *2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour* and the [Policy 6.5 Member Protection Policy](#).

21. PROTESTS

All protests must be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with procedures outlined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins. Each protest must clearly reference 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.

22. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors and officials is of paramount importance. Athletes, or a parent/guardian in the case of underage competitors, should seek advice from a qualified health professional prior to the competition if they have any health concerns.

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.

It is expected that only Officials and competitors will be inside the carnival arenas. This is to ensure the safety of both Officials and competitors. Team Managers, Coaches, Age Managers and parents are respectfully requested to remain behind any bunting or marshalling tents.

In addition, SLS Sunshine Coast 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.

SLS Sunshine Coast 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.

23. GENERAL

No Security will be provided for this event and all property left at the carnival will be at the club's own risk. Point scores will be allocated from first to sixth place in each event. First Aid Personnel will be supplied by the host club across the entire event.

For any further enquires please email ssbranch@lifesaving.com.au

Yours in Sport,

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