FINAL BULLETIN

SLS Sunshine Coast Rainbow Beach Junior Carnival

24th October 2026 at Rainbow Beach SLSC

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1. CARNIVAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries have now officially closed for the SLS Sunshine Coast Branch Rainbow Beach Junior Carnival to be held on Saturday 24th of October 2026. There are no late entries to the carnival.

2. 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 Carnival.

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 & Coaches Panel.

POSITION	NAME
Referee	Tara Lees
Deputy Referee	Kerryl Johnson
IRB/Water Safety Officer	Vic Fiorin, David Cumner & Ross Hutton
Surf Sports Director SSCB (Deputy)	Chris Smithies
Rainbow Beach Representative	Shane Handy

3. DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL BULLETIN

It is most important that the information in this Final Bulletin is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Age Manager Coaches and Competitors.

Non-receipt of the Circular will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other Circulars.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

U8-U14:

- Relevant age Junior Preliminary Skills Evaluation and
- Relevant age Competition Evaluation

U15:

- Proficient Surf Rescue Certificate

5. LATE ENTRIES

There are no late entries to the carnival.

6. 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 the 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.
- All payments are to be paid on receipt of a tax invoice, as per normal business practice. This

will be sent to all clubs after the completion of the Carnival.

7. CARNIVAL MEETING AND BRIEFING TIMES (ROTUNDA: MEETING POINT/ LIVEHEATS HUB)

Sectional Referees	6:30 am
Officials Briefing/ Breakfast	6:45 am
Team Managers and Age Managers	**7:15 am**
Water Safety (Appointed and Water Safety personnel for the season)	**7.40am – 8.00am**
Marshalling	8.00am
Start time	8:10 am

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

Carnival Note: Disrespectful, aggressive or inappropriate behaviour, including challenging, arguing with officials or refusing to follow reasonable directions, will not be tolerated. We ask everyone to uphold the values of Surf Life Saving by showing integrity, respect and teamwork, and by contributing to a safe, welcoming and enjoyable carnival environment for all. This includes on and off the beach - SLSQ Code of Conduct

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 **pink 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

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 and navy blue/ black shorts or long pants.

While appointed to an official role at a carnival or event, officials must maintain a professional and impartial appearance at all times. Club-branded apparel **must not** be worn while performing official duties, as they are representing the integrity of the competition and the sport as a whole, and their decisions must be made fairly, consistently and without bias.

- 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.
- ROSTERED IRB DRIVER AND CREW ONLY COUNT AS OFFICIALS IF THEY ARE ACTING AS JUDGE IN BOAT AND HOLD AN OFFICIAL'S ACCREDITATION.
- All officials are required to hold a current blue card and have completed the following two courses:
- SLSQ Child Youth Risk Management Strategy (SLSQ CYRMS)
- SLS Child Safe Awareness Course (SLS Safety & Wellbeing)
- NO BLUE CARD AND SLSQ CRYMS AND SLS CHILD SAFE AWARENESS COURSE, NO PARTICIPATION.
- All officials must SIGN ON and OFF in the register provided so that hours can be logged into Surfguard.

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

** PLEASE SEE NOTE OVER PAGE REGARDING OFFICIAL POSITIONS**							
REFEREE: Tara Lees				DEPUTY REFEREE: Kerryl Johnson			
POSITION	**AREA 1 U 14/15**	**AREA 2 U11/U12/ U13**	**AREA 3 U11/U12/ U13**	**AREA 4 U8/ U9/10**	**SPRINTS**	**FLAGS PIT 1**	**FLAGS PIT 2**
SECTIONAL REFEREE	Sophie Olver	Liset Teis	Mick Lafferty/ Daniel Berry	Emma Fiorin	Graham Johnson	Graham Kidman	
AREA REFEREE		Jen Glassock		N/A	N/A	N/A	
CENTRAL MARSHALLING		Gerrie Macartney		N/A	N/A	N/A	
MARSHALS	Rob Van Driel	John Hardgrave	Mariead Lynch	Alison Smithies	Katie Hooper	Victoria Berry	Helen Brown
LINE MARSHAL	Moana Pace	Phoenix Bailey (T)	Courtney Gardiner (T)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OFFICIALS WHO ARE MARSHALLS AND WOULD LIKE/ NEED LIVEHEATS BRIEFING: PLEASE SEE BARRY LEEK DOWNSTAIRS AT THE BACK OF RAINBOW BEACH SURF CLUB IN THE TRAINING ROOM ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON PRIOR TO THE CARNIVAL BETWEEN 4PM – 6PM							
STARTERS	Damon Rehbein Jonny Hilditch	James Hylton Teresa Wasiak	Gary Jones Daniel Pocock	George Ngyun Marnie Jackson (T)	Shaun Baker Rebecca Clayton	Kellie Lancaster Dan Coppa (T)	James Fowler Brendan Filippini
RECORDERS	Soo Smith	Vicky Cant	Naomi Barrett	Jonathon Lee	Jen Hamilton	Zoe Naylor	Anne Smith
OFFICIALS WHO ARE RECORDERS AND WOULD LIKE/ NEED LIVEHEATS BRIEFING: PLEASE SEE BARRY LEEK DOWNSTAIRS AT THE BACK OF RAINBOW BEACH SURF CLUB IN THE TRAINING ROOM ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON PRIOR TO THE CARNIVAL BETWEEN 4PM – 6PM							
COURSE JUDGE	Ron Organ	Ron Organ					
COURSE STATISTICIAN	Julie McIvor	Claire Dukic	Sarah Carey	Adam Barnes	N/A	N/A	N/A
CHIEF JUDGE	Greg Busse	David Haynes	Theresa Hutton	N/A	Cory Sutton	Central Chief Judge – Leah Henshaw	
JUDGES	Adam Hammersley(T)	Brendan Leggoe	Claire Kelly	Leonie Wydra	Jackie Watson iPad Judge	Bronwyn Gilchrest	Melinda Cauduro (T)
	Sarah Carey	Sam Browne	Michelle Peters	Noel Sweeney	Stephanie Gersbach (T)	Megan Shipman (T)	Kelly Hayes
	Kelly McCall	Sally Livingstone	Christine Hagan (T)	Joanne Carr	Kylie Sullivan (T)	Glenn Trapnell (T)	Debbie Marinelli
	Karen Parsons	Megan Argent (T)	Matt Neilsen	Brad Griffith	David Reeves (T)		
	Skye Briggs	Maron Mallet	Kristy Chapman	Kyra Hooper (T)			
	Ania Jonca Russell	Jaclyn Munge	Diala Barsoum	Felicity Banks			
	Margaret Sullivan(T)			Fiona Hughes (T)			
				Katie Markey (T)			

COMPETITION LIAISON	**Barry Leek / Sharleen Swan/ Mick Lafferty/ Denis Matheson**						
SAFETY OFFICER	**Dave Cumner David Swanson Anna Jones Denis Abel**	**MENTORS**	**Barry Leek / Sharleen Swan**	**TIDES:** • ⬇ Low Tide: 12:12 AM (0.4 m) • ⬆ High Tide: 6:19 AM (1.73 m) • ⬇ Low Tide: 12:22 PM (0.53 m) • ⬆ High Tide: 6:26 PM (1.77 m)	**TEMPERATURE** **25 degrees** **WIND** **Morning: North** **Afternoon: Northeast**	**WAVES** **0.8 – 1 metre**	
WATER SAFETY/IRB OFFICER	**Ross Hutton Chris Smithies Vic Fiorin Andrew Jones**	**COMMUNICATIONS**	**Jess Roberts Kym Tully**				
ANNOUNCERS	**Alan Seeney**	**RADIOS**	**Denis Matheson**				
FIRST AID COORD	**Patrol PC**	**ADMINISTRATION**	**SSC Regional**				
APPEALS	**Denis Mathison Alan Seeney**		**BRIEFINGS**	**DATE: 24th October 2026**			
			SECTIONAL REFs	**6.30am**			
CARNIVAL COMMITTEE	**Tara Lees**	**Shayne Handy**	**OFFICIALS**	**6.45am**		**Warm-Up: SWIM**	**7.00 – 7.20am**
Meet 6.30am (Tower)	**Kerryl Johnson**	**Dave Cumner**	**TEAM MANAGERS/ AGE MANAGERS**	**7.15am**		**Warm-Up: BOARD**	**7.20 – 7.40am**
	Patrol PC		**WATER SAFETY**	**7.40am**	**(Appointed and Water Safety personnel for the season)**		
			MARSHALLING	**8:00am**			

Please note all reasonable action was taken to accommodate officials' requests. This, however, is not always possible. We welcome the addition of Trainee Officials for this carnival, and they will be rotating throughout the day to experience a variety of positions. During the program you may be asked to back fill a role in another section for the carnival to continue to operate, and for the Trainee Officials to have the opportunity to operate across all arenas.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and volunteering your time.

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10. IRB & WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS - 2026.27 IRB & WATERSAFTY ROSTER

4 WATER AREAS

- Personnel will attend on a roster basis as provided by the coordinator and circulated within the final bulletin.
- All personnel will be required to SIGN ON and OFF to comply with workplace safety and insurance purposes and hours can be logged in Surfguard.
- Failure by and 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 and have completed SLSQ CRYMS and SLS Safeguarding Children course.

IRBs

- The host club will provide 1 x fully serviced and operational IRBs
- The clubs rostered to the event based on the IRB Roster for the 2026/27 season are to provide the allocated number of fully serviced and operational IRBs.

CLUBS PROVIDING IRBS ARE:

Mooloolaba SLSC, Maroochydore SLSC, Dicky Beach SLSC,
Met Caloundra SLSC & Bribie Island SLSC

IRB CREWING
AM SHIFT – 0630 – 1130
PM SHIFT - 1115 – FINISH

- IRB Crews are allocated as per the 2026.27 IRB and Water safety Roster
  - **AM Shift** – Alex Heads, Noosa, Maroochydore & Mudjimba
  - **PM Shift** – Mooloolaba, Maroochydore, Dicky Beach, Met Caloundra & Bribie Island
- All crews must abide by the SLSA/SLSQ Water Safety Policy and clubs must provide their own PPE.

Water Safety

- Water safety personnel are to be provided by competing clubs at a ratio of 1:15
- Water safety personnel must arrive with SLSA approved water uniform and rescue tube.
- Water safety allocations are to be rostered as per the 2026.27 IRB and Water safety Roster

CLUBS ROSTERED – 30pp per shift	
7:30AM - 11:30AM	**11:15AM - FINISH**
Mooloolaba x 4	Mooloolaba x 4
Alexandra Headland x 5	Alexandra Headland x 6
Noosa Heads x 3	Noosa Heads x 3
Maroochydore x 3	Maroochydore x 2
Dicky Beach x 4	Dicky Beach x 3
Met Caloundra x 3	Met Caloundra x 2
Kawana x 2	Kawana x 2
Coolum x 2	Coolum x 1
Sunshine x 2	Sunshine x 2
Bribie Island x 1	Bribie Island x 2
Redcliffe Peninsula x 1	Redcliffe Peninsula x 1
	Mudjimba x 1
	Rainbow x 1

Shallow Water Rescue

- Each club is required to provide at 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 present and available throughout the carnival for immediate response if required.

11. FIRST AID

- First Aid Personnel will be supplied by the host club throughout 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 AND AGE MANAGERS

- A maximum of 2 x club representatives are permitted in the competition arena. This could be a combination of Age Manager/Team Manager. For smooth operation of marshalling, it is requested club representatives remain behind the marshalling tents in all arenas.

(NOT UNDER THE MARSHALLING TENTS).

- Team Managers and Age Managers must be clearly identifiable by club uniform and must hold a current blue card and have completed the following two courses:
- SLSQ Child Youth Risk Management Strategy (SLSQ CYRMS)
- SLS Child Safe Awareness Course (SLS Safety & Wellbeing)
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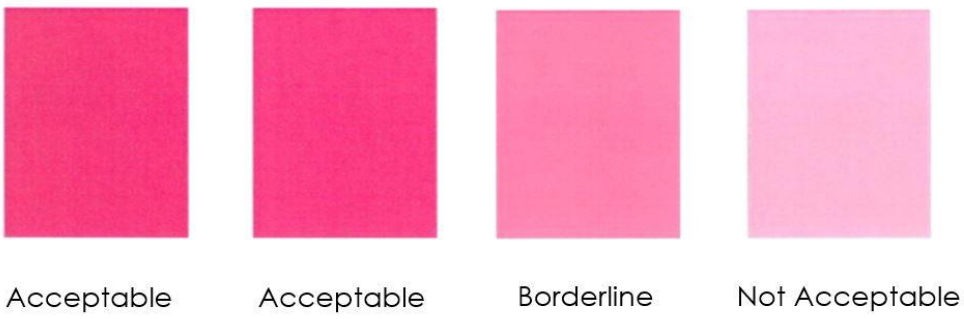
13. DRESS OF COMPETITORS

Competitors must be dressed as per the conditions outlines 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.

High-vis vests must be bright pink. No exceptions will be permitted. The Arena Officilas/Carnival Committee will have sole discretion in determining whether a vest complies with this requirement.



14. CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Whilst every effort will be made to adhere to the timetable, Team Managers and Age Managers should be aware that changes may be made throughout the day at the discretion of the Carnival Referee.

- Maximum of 3 teams per Club per gender for Cameron Relay

ORDER OF EVENTS – Saturday 24th October 2026 High Tide: 6.19am 1.73m Low Tide: 12.22pm 0.53m						
Water 1	Water 2	Water 3	Water 4	Sprints	Flags	
14/15	11/12/13		8/9/10		Arena 1	Arena 2
U15 M Surf Race	U13 M Surf Race	U11 M Surf Race	U8 F Wade	U9 Male	U8 Male	U8 Male
	U13 F Surf Race	U11 F Surf Race				
U15 F Surf Race	U12 M Surf Race	U11 M Board	U8 M Wade	U9 Female	U8 Female	U8 Female
	U12 F Surf Race	U11 F Board				
U14 M Surf Race	U13 M Board	U12 M Board	U9 F Wade	U8 Male	U9 Male	U9 Male
U14 F Surf Race	U13 F Board	U12 F Board	U9 M Wade	U8 Female	U9 Female	U9 Female
U15 M Board	U13 M Iron	U12 M Iron	U8 M Deep Wade Relay	U11 Male	U10 Male	U10 Male
U15 F Board	U13 F Iron	U12 F Iron	U8 F Deep Wade Relay	U11 Female	U10 Female	U10 Female
U14 M Board	U12 Male Cameron		U9 M Surf	U15 Male		
U14 F Board	U12 Female Cameron		U9 F Surf	U15 Female		
U15 M Iron	U13 M Cameron	U11 M Cameron	U10 M Surf	U12 Male	U14 Male	U14 Male
U15 F Iron	U13 F Cameron	U11 F Cameron	U10 F Surf	U12 Female	U14 Female	U14 Female
U14 M Iron			U9 M Board	U14 Male	U15 Male	U15 Male
U14 F Iron	U11 M Iron	U11 F Iron	U9 F Board	U14 Female	U15 Female	U15 Female
U15 M Cameron			U10 M Board	U13 Male	U12 Male	U12 Male
U15 F Cameron			U10 F Board	U13 Female	U12 Female	U12 Female
U14 M Cameron			U9 M Cameron	U10 Male	U13 Male	U13 Male
U14 F Cameron			U9 F Cameron	U10 Female	U13 Female	U13 Female
			U10 M Cameron		U11 Male	U11 Male
			U10 F Cameron		U11 Female	U11 Female

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

15. RESULTS/POINT SCORES/ LIVEHEATS

Point scores will be allocated from first to sixth place in each event in the U11 to U15 age groups. Places will be recorded for the U8 – U10, however no points will be allocated.

IMPORTANT LIVEHEATS and WEARABLES INFORMATION FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.

During this Carnival the Live Heats program will be used for Marshalling and Recording in all arenas and RFID technology wristbands will be required for these competitors. All competitors will be required to register prior to the start of the competition.

Competitors who have already been allocated a wristband at an earlier Carnival must bring them along. All athletes are entitled to one free wristband, and if you forget to bring it with you, you will be required to obtain a new band at a cost $5.00. No cash required, as clubs will be invoiced.

Any competitor who has not yet been allocated a Live Heats wristband can collect wristbands and activate their details on Saturday morning from 6:30am, Live Heats Hub (near the Rotunda – see map attached) AND Friday 23rd October 4pm – 6pm downstairs at the back of the Surf Club, Barry Leek will be available for wristband collection and scanning.

Note: If you download the Live Heats App you can get instantaneous information about round draws and results as soon as they are recorded on the beach.

Please remember this is your wristband for all carnivals.

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 the Branch or host venue for illegal parking.

Use of the dune areas is prohibited during the event. To protect the dune area, 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 Committee and Gympie Regional Council.

17. WARM UP PRIOR TO CARNIVAL

HIGH VIS VESTS AND CLUB CAPS MUST BE WORN THROUGHOUT WARM UP.

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

SWIM	**7:00am - 7:20am**
CRAFT	**7.20am - 7.40am**

All Clubs are required to provide water safety during this warmup period. Failure to abide by this condition may result in your Clubs disqualification from the event.

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 operations 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.

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. No exceptions.

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 them and their Clubs.

Please refer to the Current Edition Surf Sports Manual Sections *2.27 SLSA Code of Behavior* and *2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behavior* and the Policy *6.5 Member Protection Policy*

It is expected that only Officials and competitors will be inside the actual carnival arenas. This is to ensure the safety of both Officials and competitors. Team Managers and Age Managers please refer to Section 12 of the Final Bulletin.
Coaches, parents and (competitors who are not racing) are respectively requested to remain behind the carnival bunting at all times.
Beach bunting is an important safety and event-management measure used to clearly identify designated areas and maintain a safe environment for competitors, officials and spectators. All participants and spectators are expected to respect the bunting and avoid stepping over, leaning on or otherwise interfering with it. This avoids the host club replacing the bunting at their expense.

21. 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.

22. GENERAL

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 well-being of the athlete/ Official 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.

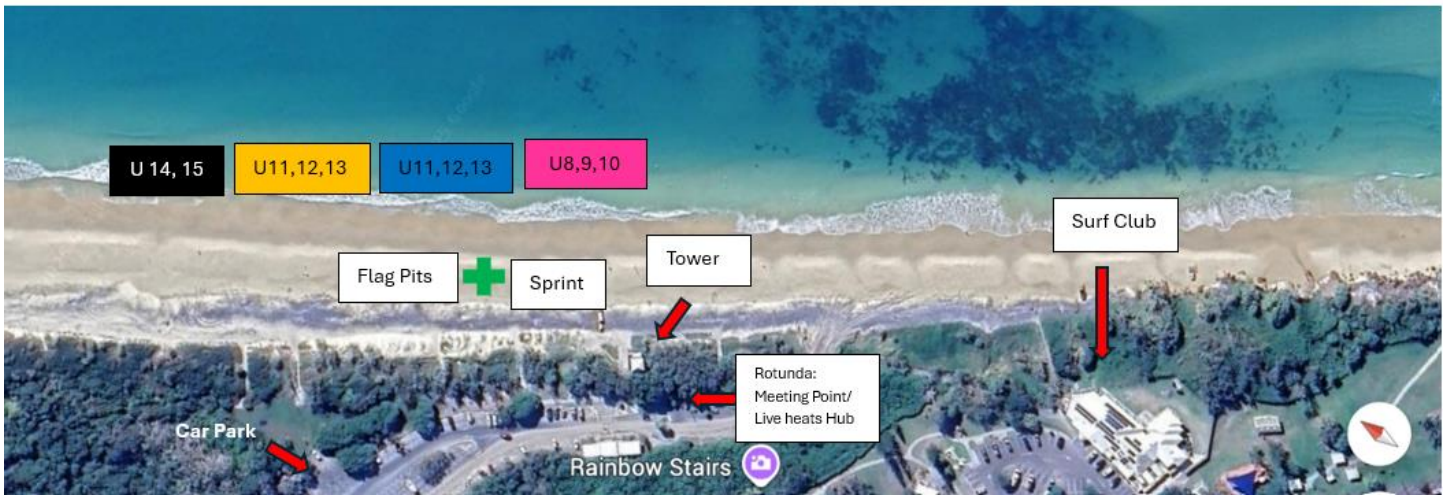
No Security will be provided for this event and all property left at the carnival will be at the club's own risk.
Point scores will be allocated from first to sixth place in each event.
First Aid Personnel will be supplied by the host club across the entire event.

For any further enquires please contact Santo Della Bianca via email doss@slsqsunshinecoast.com.au

Yours in Sport,

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TARA LEES & KERRYL JOHNSON
Carnival Referees
Rainbow Beach Junior Carnival


U 14, 15
U11,12,13
U11,12,13
U8,9,10
Surf Club
Flag Pits
Sprint
Tower
Rotunda:
Meeting Point/
Live heats Hub
Car Park
Rainbow Stairs