FINAL BULLETIN

Sunshine Coast Branch
Branch Championships (U15-Masters)
Saturday 14th November 2026 at Noosa Heads SLSC

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1. CARNIVAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries have now closed for the 2026/27 Sunshine Coast Senior Branch Championships. **There are no late entries to the carnival. Additional Entries** for competitors who have already entered the carnival may be made on the day in Liveheats by Team Managers.

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, to the event e.g. Disciplinary Committee & Coaches Panel.

POSITION	NAME
Referee (Chair)	Barry Leek
Deputy Referee	Karen Scotney
IRB Officer	Ross Sutton
Safety Coordinator	Dave Swanson
Surf Sports Director SSCB	Santo Della Bianca

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, 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 financial and proficient members of their surf lifesaving club for the 2026/27 season. Master competitors must hold a proficient Bronze Medallion. U15 members are required to have a proficient SRC.

5. CANCELLATION POLICY

The following SLSQ 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.

6. CARNIVAL MEETING AND BRIEFING TIMES

Officials/Sectional Referees	6:45 am
Team Managers	7.00 am
Marshalling – Beach	7:15 am
Start Time – Beach	7:30 am
Marshalling – Water	8:45 am
Start Time – Water (approx.)	9:00 am

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

7. 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 must hold a proficient Bronze Medallion.
- 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.
- Changes are to be made to 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.

8. 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 OFFICIAL'S 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.
- Officials must remember to SIGN IN AND OUT using the SLSQ Sunshine Coast Branch QR Code. Members are required to log their hours in the portal as usual.
- If nominated officials do not attend, your club must replace them with another qualified member.

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

9. IRB & WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2 WATER AREAS

- Personnel will attend on a roster basis as provided by the coordinator and circulated with the final bulletin
- All personnel will be required to SIGN ON and OFF to comply with workplace safety and insurance purposes
- 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 and have completed the SLSQ Child Safe Awareness and Child Youth Risk Management Strategy Course

IRB/IRB Crew & Water Safety Roster

- Please refer to the 2026/27 IRB/IRB Crew and Water Safety Roster.

IRB

- 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 and Noosa Heads SLSC

IRB Crewing

AM SHIFT – 06:30 – 11:30

PM SHIFT – 11:15 – FINISH

- IRB Crews are allocated as per the **2026.27 IRB and Water safety Roster**
  - AM: Metropolitan Caloundra SLSC
  - AM + PM: Mooloolabs SLSC
  - PM: Noosa Heads SLSC

All crews must abide by the SLSA/SLSQ Water Safety Policy and clubs must provide their own PPE.

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 available throughout the carnival for immediate response if required.

10. 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.

11. TEAM MANAGERS DECLARATIONS

- 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.

12. CARNIVAL PROGRAM

BEACH EVENTS:

1km & 2km Beach Runs - Marshalling 7.15am for 7.30am Start	
Sprints and Flags Marshalling 7.45am for 8.00am Start	
Sprint Track	**Flags**
Male – Youngest to Oldest	Female - Youngest to Oldest
Female - Youngest to Oldest	Male – Youngest to Oldest
Relays – Youngest to Oldest	Officials go to Water Area 1.

WATER EVENTS: **Commence at 9.00am approximately**

BLACK WHITE		PINK	
Water Area 1		**Water Area 2**	
30-44 Yrs DOUBLE SKI	Mixed	**Tide Times**	
45-54 Yrs DOUBLE SKI	Mixed	**Low 3.52am 0.6m**	
55-64 Yrs DOUBLE SKI	Mixed	**High 10.57am 1.8m**	
65+ Yrs DOUBLE SKI	Mixed	**Low 5.35pm 0.8m**	
U17 DOUBLE SKI	Mixed		
Open DOUBLE SKI	Mixed		
70 + SURF RACE	Male	70+ SURF RACE	Female
65-69 SURF RACE	Male	65-69 SURF RACE	Female
55-64 SURF RACE	Male	55-64 SURF RACE	Female
45-54 SURF RACE	Male	45-54 SURF RACE	Female
30-44 SURF RACE	Male	30-44 SURF RACE	Female
U15 SURF RACE	Male	U15 SURF RACE	Female
U17 SURF RACE	Male	U17 SURF RACE	Female
Open SURF RACE	Male	Open SURF RACE	Female
70+ BOARD RACE	Male	70+ BOARD RACE	Female
65-69 BOARD RACE	Male	65-69 BOARD RACE	Female
55-64 BOARD RACE	Male	55-64 BOARD RACE	Female
45-54 BOARD RACE	Male	45-54 BOARD RACE	Female
30-44 BOARD RACE	Male	30-44 BOARD RACE	Female
U15 BOARD RACE	Male	U15 BOARD RACE	Female
U17 BOARD RACE	Male	U17 BOARD RACE	Female
Open BOARD RACE	Male	Open BOARD RACE	Female
70+ IRONPERSON	Male	70+ IRONPERSON	Female
65-69 IRONPERSON	Male	65-69 IRONPERSON	Female
55-64 IRONPERSON	Male	55-64 IRONPERSON	Female
45-54 IRONPERSON	Male	45-54 IRONPERSON	Female
30-44 IRONPERSON	Male	30-44 IRONPERSON	Female
U15 IRONPERSON	Male	U15 IRONPERSON	Female
U17 IRONPERSON	Male	U17 IRONPERSON	Female
Open IRONPERSON	Male	Open IRONPERSON	Female
70+ SKI RACE	Male	70+ SKI RACE	Female
65-69 SKI RACE	Male	65-69 SKI RACE	Female
55-64 SKI RACE	Male	55-64 SKI RACE	Female
45-54 SKI RACE	Male	45-54 SKI RACE	Female
30-44 SKI RACE	Male	30-44 SKI RACE	Female
U17 SKI RACE	Male	U17 SKI RACE	Female
Open SKI RACE	Male	Open SKI RACE	Female
WATER 1 TEAMS		**WATER 2 TEAMS**	
110 Yrs min SURF TEAMS	Mixed	U15 SURF TEAMS	Female
130 Yrs min SURF TEAMS	Mixed	U15 SURF TEAMS	Male
150 Yrs min SURF TEAMS	Mixed	U17 SURF TEAMS	Mixed
170 Yrs min SURF TEAMS	Mixed	Open SURF TEAMS	Mixed
190 Yrs min SURF TEAMS	Mixed	U15 BOARD RELAY	Female
110 Yrs min BOARD RELAY	Mixed	U15 BOARD RELAY	Male
130 Yrs min BOARD RELAY	Mixed	U15 BOARD RELAY	Mixed
150 Yrs min BOARD RELAY	Mixed	U17 BOARD RELAY	Mixed
170 Yrs min BOARD RELAY	Mixed	Open BOARD RELAY	Mixed
190 Yrs min BOARD RELAY	Mixed	U17 SKI RELAY	Mixed
		Open SKI RELAY	Mixed
110 Yrs min SKI RELAY	Mixed	U15 CAMERON RELAY	Female
130 Yrs min SKI RELAY	Mixed	U15 CAMERON RELAY	Male

150 Yrs min SKI RELAY	Mixed	U15 CAMERON RELAY	Mixed
170 Yrs min SKI RELAY	Mixed	U17 TAPLIN RELAY	Mixed
190 Yrs min SKI RELAY	Mixed	Open TAPLIN RELAY	Mixed
110 Yrs min TAPLIN RELAY	Mixed	30-44 Yrs BOARD RESCUE	Mixed
130 Yrs min TAPLIN	Mixed	45-54 Yrs BOARD RESCUE	Mixed
150 Yrs min TAPLIN RELAY	Mixed	55-64 Yrs BOARD RESCUE	Mixed
170 Yrs min TAPLIN	Mixed	65+ BOARD RESCUE	Mixed
190 Yrs min TAPLIN RELAY	Mixed	U15 BOARD RESCUE	Female
		U15 BOARD RESCUE	Male
		U17 BOARD RESCUE	Mixed
		Open BOARD RESCUE	Mixed

Whilst every effort will be made to stick to the timetable, Team Managers should be aware that changes may be made throughout the day at the discretion of the Carnival Referee. Priority will be given to qualifying events.

13. 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 wristband 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.

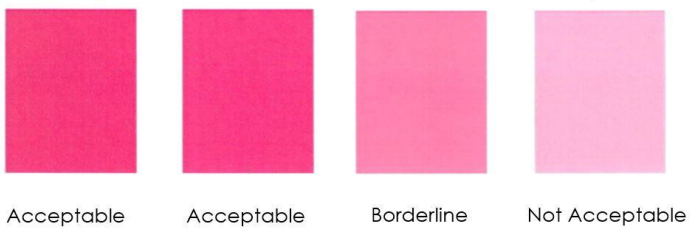
Finals will generate points according to the traditional 6 to 1 point for the top 6 places in each group.

14. COMPETITOR LISTING

The full competitor listing is attached to this bulletin, or clubs may download their own Club reports from Liveheats.

15. DRESS OF COMPETITORS

Competitors must be dressed as per the conditions outlined in the current Edition of the Surf Sports Manual and our bulletins/amendments. Competitors should 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. OFFICIALS APPOINMENTS

Officials' appointments can be found below. All Officials are strongly encouraged to always maintain a high standard of weather protection by wearing suitable apparel, eye protection, footwear and sunscreen.

SUNSHINE COAST Queensland

CARNIVAL: Senior Branch Championships **VENUE: Noosa Heads SLSC**

REFEREE: Barry Leek			**Date: Saturday 14th November 2026**		
	BLACK	**WHITE**	**PINK**	**SPRINTS**	**FLAGS/LONG RUNS**
POSITION	**Water Area 1**		**Water Area 2**	**Water Area 2 Officials**	**Water Area 1 Officials**
SECTIONAL REFEREE	Jen Glassock		Gary Jones		
MARSHAL	Virg Anderson		Aleesha Gooderham		
CHECK MARSHAL	Carolyn Bauer (T)		Brenda Koning (T)		
STARTER	Glen Tolano		Kate Tarrant		
CHECK STARTER	Phoenix Bailey (T)		Simone Arthur (T)		
RECORDER	Naomi Barrett		Soo Smith		
COURSE JUDGE	TBA				
COURSE STATISTICIAN	Nicole Woods		Robert Clements		
CHIEF JUDGE	Damon Rehbein		Zena Boakes		
JUDGES	Jackie Watson		Karen Parsons		
	Hayley Evans		Alison Fisk		
	Debra Smith		Gina Lynch		
	Stephanie Blacket (T)		Brigid Duncanson (T)		
COMPETITION LIAISON	Santo Della Bianca				
			MENTORS	Barry Leek, Sharleen Swan	
			COMMUNICATIONS		
SAFETY OFFICER	David Swanson		**OFFICIALS LIAISON**	**Barry Leek**	
IRB COORDINATOR	Ross Hutton		**ADMINISTRATION**		
FIRST AID COORD'R	Noosa Heads SLSC			**BRIEFINGS**	
ANNOUNCERS				**Sectional Referee**	**6:45am**
APPEALS COMMITTEE				**Officials**	**6:45am**
CARNIVAL COMMITTEE	David Swanson		Barry Leek	**Team Managers**	**7:00am**
	Karen Scotney			**Water Safety**	**7:30am on the beach**

17. CLUB TENTS AND CARNIVAL PARKING

Parking on nature strips, areas of open space and parkland is not permitted, 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 dunal areas is prohibited during the event. To protect the dunal area, only formal beach access means 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.

18. WARM UP PRIOR TO CARNIVAL

Warm up times will be:

Swim 7:00 - 7:20

Craft 7:20 - 7:40

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

NOTE: Due to late start to water events warm ups may continue but water safety is required during this period.

19. 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.

20. 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 people with a visible valid SLSQ photographers pass are permitted to take any photographs inside the carnival arena.

21. 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 Behavior* and *2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behavior* and the Policy *6.5 Member Protection Policy* .

22. 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.

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.

For any further enquires please contact Sunshine Coast Branch on 5414 1600 or ssbranch@lifesaving.com.au

Yours in Sport,

Santo Della Bianca	**Barry Leek**	**Karen Scotney**
Director of Surf Sports	**Carnival Referee**	**Deputy Carnival Referee**
Sunshine Coast Branch	**Branch Championships**	**Branch Championships**