

FINAL BULLETIN

Sunshine Coast Branch Representative Team Selection Carnival

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1. CARNIVAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries are now closed for the 2026/27 Sunshine Coast Branch Representative Team Selection Carnival. There are no late entries to the carnival. Additional entries for competitors who already entered the carnival may be done with the Marshall on the day of the carnival at no extra cost.

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 & Coach Panel.

POSITION	NAME
Referee	Barry Leek
Deputy Referee	Daniel Berry
IRB / Water Safety Officer	Dave Cumner
SSCB Deputy Director of Surf Sports	Chris Smithies

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

- U13 to U14 – Relevant age Junior Competition Skill Evaluation
- U15 – Proficient Surf Rescue Certificate
- U17 – Proficient Bronze Medallion

Continuing U14 and U15 age proficient award holding members may enter this event with their existing age award and proficiency from 2025/2026 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.

5. LIVEHEATS

Liveheats will be used throughout the duration of the Carnival. All competitors are required to wear their Liveheats wristband. 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**.

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 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 than a 25% administration fee

7. CARNIVAL MEETING AND BRIEFING TIMES

Sectional Referees/ Official	6:45am
Water Safety	7:30am
Team Managers	7:00am
Marshalling	7:45am
Start time	8:00am

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.
- 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.

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 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.

Please Note: If a nominated Official does not attend, your club must replace them with another qualified member.

10. 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 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 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.

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 throughout the entire event.
- All personnel must SIGN ON and OFF in the register provided so that hours can be logged on Surfguard.

12. EVENTS

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| 1. U13 Female Beach Flags | 15. U14 Female Ironperson | 29. U15 Male Surf Race |
| 2. U13 Female Beach Sprint | 16. U14 Male Beach Flags | 30. U15 Male Ironperson |
| 3. U13 Female Board Race | 17. U14 Male Beach Sprint | 31. U17 Female Beach Flags |
| 4. U13 Female Surf Race | 18. U14 Male Board Race | 32. U17 Female Beach Sprint |
| 5. U13 Female Ironperson | 19. U14 Male Surf Race | 33. U17 Female Board Race |
| 6. U13 Male Beach Flags | 20. U14 Male Ironperson | 34. U17 Female Surf Race |
| 7. U13 Male Beach Sprint | 21. U15 Female Beach Flags | 35. U17 Female Ironperson |
| 8. U13 Male Board Race | 22. U15 Female Beach Sprint | 36. U17 Female Ski |
| 9. U13 Male Surf Race | 23. U15 Female Board Race | 37. U17 Male Beach Flags |
| 10. U13 Male Ironperson | 24. U15 Female Surf Race | 38. U17 Male Beach Sprint |
| 11. U14 Female Beach Flags | 25. U15 Female Ironperson | 39. U17 Male Board Race |
| 12. U14 Female Beach Sprint | 26. U15 Male Beach Flags | 40. U17 Male Surf Race |
| 13. U14 Female Board Race | 27. U15 Male Beach Sprint | 41. U17 Male Ironperson |
| 14. U14 Female Surf Race | 28. U15 Male Board Race | 42. U17 Male Ski |

13. CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Whilst every effort will be made to adhere to the timetable, Team Managers should be aware that changes may be made throughout the day at the discretion of the Carnival Referee. Beach events will commence at the conclusion of the water events.

U15/U17 ARENA		U13/U14 ARENA		BEACH	
SINGLE SKI				SPRINTS	
U17 Male	H/F			U13 Male	H/F
U17 Female	H/F			U13 Female	H/F
				U14 Male	H/F
SURF RACE		SURF RACE		U14 Female	H/F
U15 Male	H/F	U13 Male	H/F	FLAGS	
U15 Female	H/F	U13 Female	H/F	U15 Male	H/F
U17 Male	H/F	U14 Male	H/F	U15 Female	H/F
U17 Female	H/F	U14 Female	H/F	U17 Male	H/F
				U17 Female	H/F
BOARD RACE		BOARD RACE			
U15 Male	H/F	U13 Male	H/F	SPRINTS	
U15 Female	H/F	U13 Female	H/F	U15 Male	H/F
U17 Male	H/F	U14 Male	H/F	U15 Female	H/F
U17 Female	H/F	U14 Female	H/F	U17 Male	H/F
				U17 Female	H/F
IRONPERSON		IRONPERSON		FLAGS	
U17 Male	H/F	U13 Male	H/F	U13 Male	H/F
U17 Female	H/F	U13 Female	H/F	U13 Female	H/F
U15 Male	H/F	U14 Male	H/F	U14 Male	H/F
U15 Female	H/F	U14 Female	H/F	U14 Female	H/F
U17 Iron finals may be repeated in reverse order if required by the selectors.					
TIDES				START TIMES	
High: 7.23am, 1.74m				Water: 8.00am	
Low: 1:26pm, 0.14m				Beach: After Water is complete.	

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

14. COMPETITOR LISTING

The full competitor listing is attached to this bulletin.

15. OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS:

POSITION	Arena 1	Arena 2		BEACH	
	PINK	BLUE	WHITE	SPRINTS	FLAGS
	U15/U17	U13/U14		B/White Area Officials	Pink Area Officials
SECTIONAL REFEREE	Kerryl Johnson	Jen Glassock			
MARSHALS	Virg Anderson	Mairead Lynch			
	Jodie Marsh (T)	Sam Morgan (T)			
STARTERS	Glenn Tolano	Dave Swanson			
	Naomi Walters-Patel	TBA			
RECORDER	Soo Smith	Katherine Latham			
CHIEF JUDGE	Greg Busse	Daniel Berry/Liset Teis			
COURSE JUDGE	Eric Winstanley				
COURSE LOGISTICS OFFICER	Phil Green	Mel Hilton			
JUDGES	Debra Marinelli	Damon Rehbein			
	Shane Shield (T)	Brenda Koning (T)			
	Carolyn Bauer (T)	Simone Arthur (T)			
	Skye Briggs				
JUDGE IN BOAT					
COMPETITION LIAISON	Peter Thomas				
SAFETY OFFICER	Dave Cumner, Dave Swanson	MENTORS		Sharleen Swan, Denis Mathison	
IRB COORDINATOR	Dave Cumner	COMMUNICATIONS			
WATER SAFETY OFFICER	Dave Cumner	OFFICIALS LIAISON		Sharleen Swan	
FIRST AID COORDINATOR	Alex Headland SLSC	ADMINISTRATION			
ANNOUNCERS				BRIEFINGS	DATE:
APPEALS COMMITTEE				SECTIONAL REFEREES	6.45am
				WATER SAFETY	7:30am (on beach)
CARNIVAL COMMITTEE	Dave Cumner, Barry Leek, Daniel Berry.			OFFICIALS	6.45am
				TEAM MANAGERS	7.00am

All Officials are strongly encouraged to always maintain a high standard of weather protection by wearing suitable apparel, eye protection, footwear and sun block.

16. 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 must 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.



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 Sunshine Coast 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 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 – as directed by the Carnival Referee and Local Council.

18. WARM UP PRIOR TO CARNIVAL

To allow safe access to the water areas for the IRBs setting up 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 this warmup 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.

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 its 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 people with a visible valid SLSQ photographers pass are permitted to take any photography 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 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](#).

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. HEALTH AND 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 include 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.

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.

24. 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 via email ssbranch@lifesaving.com.au

Yours In Sport,

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