

ENTRY BULLETIN

Sunshine Coast Branch Rainbow Beach Junior Carnival

Saturday 24th October 2026 at Rainbow Beach SLSC

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1. CARNIVAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries Close on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 10.00am.

Team Manager Declarations and Officials nominations are due on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at midnight.

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

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:

U8-U14:

- Relevant age Junior Preliminary Skills Evaluation and Competition Evaluation

U15:

- Surf Rescue Certificate

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 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.**

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 for competitors who already entered 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	6:45 am
Official/Water	7:00 am
Team Managers	7:15 am
Marshalling	7:45 am
Start time	8:00 am

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.

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.
- If a nominated official does 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.

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

Officials' nominations are due no later than midnight on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

10. IRB & WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

4 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 & Water Safety

- Please refer to the 2026/27 IRB/IRB Crew and Water Safety Roster - [IRB/IRB Crew & Water Safety Roster](#)

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.

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 midnight on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

13. EVENTS

U8 Female Beach Flags
U8 Female Beach Sprint
U8 Female Wade Race
U8 Female Deep Wade
Relay

U8 Male Beach Flags
U8 Male Beach Sprint
U8 Male Wade Race
U8 Male Deep Wade Relay

U9 Female Beach Flags
U9 Female Beach Sprint
U9 Female Board Race
U9 Female Surf Race
U9 Female Wade Race
U9 Female Cameron

U9 Male Beach Flags
U9 Male Beach Sprint
U9 Male Board Race
U9 Male Surf Race
U9 Male Wade Race
U9 Male Cameron

U10 Female Beach Flags
U10 Female Beach Sprint
U10 Female Board Race
U10 Female Surf Race
U10 Female Cameron

U10 Male Beach Flags
U10 Male Beach Sprint
U10 Male Board Race
U10 Male Surf Race
U10 Male Cameron

U11 Female Beach Flags
U11 Female Beach Sprint
U11 Female Board Race
U11 Female Surf Race
U11 Female Cameron
U11 Female Ironperson

U11 Male Beach Flags
U11 Male Beach Sprint
U11 Male Board Race
U11 Male Surf Race
U11 Male Ironperson
U11 Male Cameron

U12 Female Beach Flags
U12 Female Beach Sprint
U12 Female Board Race
U12 Female Surf Race
U12 Female Ironperson
U12 Female Cameron

U12 Male Beach Flags
U12 Male Beach Sprint
U12 Male Board Race
U12 Male Surf Race
U12 Male Iron Person
U12 Male Cameron

U13 Female Beach Flags
U13 Female Beach Sprint
U13 Female Board Race
U13 Female Surf Race
U13 Female Ironperson
U13 Female Cameron

U13 Male Beach Flags
U13 Male Beach Sprint
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U13 Male Ironperson
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U15 Male Cameron

14. 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.

ORDER OF EVENTS – Saturday 24 th October 2026						
High Tide: 11:42am Low Tide: 5:17am						
Water 1	Water 2	Water 3	Water 4	Sprints	Flags	
U14/U15	U12/U13	U8/U9/U10/U11			Arena 1	Arena 2
U15 M Surf Race	U13 M Surf Race	U11 M Surf Race	U11 F Surf Race	U9 Male	U8 Male	U8 Male
U15 F Surf Race	U13 F Surf Race	U10 M Surf Race	U10 F Surf Race	U9 Female	U8 Female	U8 Female
U14 M Surf Race	U12 M Surf Race	U11 M Board	U11 F Board	U8 Male	U9 Male	U9 Male
U14 F Surf Race	U12 F Surf Race			U8 Female	U9 Female	U9 Female
		U9 M Wade	U9 F Wade	U15 Male	U10 Male	U10 Male
U15 M Board	U13 M Board	U10 M Board	U10 F Board	U15 Female	U10 Female	U10 Female
U15 F Board	U13 F Board	U9 M Board	U9 F Board			
		U8 M Wade	U8 F Wade			
U14 M Board	U12 M Board	U9 M Surf Race	U9 F Surf Race	U11 Male	U14 Male	U14 Male
U14 F Board	U12 F Board			U11 Female	U14 Female	U14 Female
U15 M Iron	U13 M Iron	U11 M Iron	U11 F Iron	U14 Male	U15 Male	U15 Male
U15 F Iron	U13 F Iron	U10 M Cameron	U10 F Cameron	U14 Female	U15 Female	U15 Female
U14 M Iron	U12 M Iron	U11 M Cameron	U11 F Cameron	U13 Male	U13 Male	U13 Male
U14 F Iron	U12 F Iron	U9 M Cameron	U9 F Cameron	U13 Female	U13 Female	U13 Female
U15 M Cameron	U13 M Cameron	U8 M Deep Wade Relay	U8 F Deep Wade Relay	U10 Male	U12 Male	U12 Male
U15 F Cameron	U13 F Cameron			U10 Female	U12 Female	U12 Female
U14 M Cameron	U12 M Cameron			U12 Male	U11 Male	U11 Male
U14 F Cameron	U12 F Cameron			U12 Female	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.

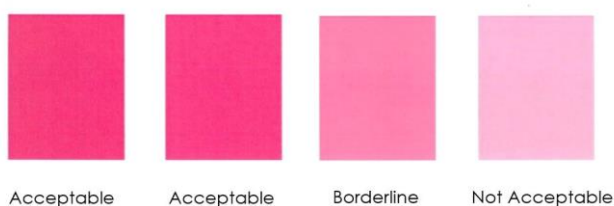
No places are recorded for U8-U10 competitors, and no points will be allocated.

If competitors have been allocated a nipper day wrist band, this will be the one they can use for carnivals. The wristband must be registered in live heats prior to competing. This is in addition to the nipper app (Sundays). The SAME wristband is capable for both.

Any competitor who has not yet been allocated a LiveHeats wristband can collect wristbands and register for the event on Saturday morning from 7am, located TBA (please listen for announcements).

16. 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.



17. CLUB TENTS AND CARNIVAL PARKING

Parking on nature strips, areas of open space and parkland are 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 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.

18. 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 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 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.

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 utilize 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 persons 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 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 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. If the appeal is dismissed the fee is retained by Sunshine Coast Branch.

23. 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.

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. First Aid Personnel will be supplied by the host club throughout the entire event.

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

Yours in Sport,

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