



FINAL BULLETIN

SLS Sunshine Coast Surf Rescue Championships @ Mooloolaba SLSC 2024

**Friday 19th January, Saturday 20th January
and Sunday 21st January 2024**

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1. CARNIVAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries have now officially closed for the Branch Surf Rescue Championships to be held at Mooloolaba SLSC on Friday 19th January, Saturday 20th January and Sunday 21st January 2024.

There are no late entries to the carnival.

Qualification: Sunshine Coast Branch will automatically nominate **individuals/teams** into the SLSQ Qld Surf Rescue Championships to be held at Broadbeach SLSC on 9th, 10th & 11th February 2024.

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 & Coach Panel.

POSITION	NAME
Referee (Chair)	Sue Della Bianca
Deputy Referee	Jo Aitken
IRB/Water Safety Officer	David Cumner
Director of Surf Sports	Craig Law

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. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- This carnival will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual including Bulletins.
- The conditions of entry to this event require all competitors and clubs to have met the entry requirements as detailed in the Entry Circular circulated on **December 2023** as well as the Current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any further circulated information.
- 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 Surf Rescue Certificate or relevant age competition evaluation. 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.
- 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.
- **Reminder that Live Heats will be used for all physical events in Champion Lifesaver and Champion Patrol. Competitors that have a wrist band should bring it to the carnival, competitors that have not previously been allocated a wrist band may collect one at either of the following times only:**
 - **FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY: 5.00PM – 6.00PM**
 - **SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY: 7.00AM – 8.00AM**

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.

6. OFFICIALS/ASSESSORS/PATIENTS

- Clubs that do not supply enough officials/assessors and patients may be excluded from competing.
- All competing clubs are required to provide officials/assessors and patients for this carnival. Clubs are to provide a minimum of two officials on Saturday.
- The ratio for assessors and patients is as detailed. Clubs that do not supply enough officials/assessor and patients will be excluded from competing.
- All officials are required to hold a current Blue Card and have completed SLSQ Child Youth Risk Management Strategy and SLS Child Safe Awareness courses.
- Nominated assessors (BM, first aid and/or ART assessors) must be proficient and preferably hold their ART (AID) award. *Exceptions can be made by application to the Carnival Referee, before the closing date listed above, whereby clubs can request to nominate experienced previous competitors to assist in filling assessor roles at the event. Additionally, former competitors may be used for timing and minor judging roles, though should have a minimum 3 years previous experience as a competitor in surf rescue competition or as a coach.
- After the close of nominations on SEMS, team changes can only be made with administration on the morning of the event. Team changes must not be made with the Marshall without first seeing Administration – **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- All Assessors, patients and carnival Officials will be appointed to nominated sections and duties. Appointments will be circulated to all competing clubs via club office and club official liaison officers. The appointments will also be posted to the Branch website at this link:
<https://sqsunshinecoast.com.au/officials-appointments>
*Changes may be made on the day of competition to meet carnival and experience levels.
- All Team Managers, Competitors appointed Officials and Assessors are directed to obtain a copy of the current Surf Sports Manuals and Bulletins and make themselves familiar with the current rules.
- All competing clubs in First Aid are required to provide a minimum of three assessors per club and one patient per team (Sunday).
- All competing clubs in the Champion Lifesaver are required to provide a minimum of three assessors per club (Friday night).
- Note these requirements are above those officials nominated as part of the water activities and general carnival required positions.
- Please note that as **we will be using live patients** for all resuscitation and treatment scenarios. It is recommended to use safe hygiene practices.
- This carnival will be conducted in accordance with the Revised 37th Edition of the Surf Sports Manual. The carnival committee draws your attention to the updated Section 3 of the Surf Sports manual in regard to lifesaving events and can be found at this link: [SLSA Surf Sports Manual - Section 3 Lifesaving events](#)
- Assessor allocations will be provided at the briefing on Friday.
- Officials appointments can be found at this link: <https://sqsunshinecoast.com.au/officials-appointments>
- All Officials are strongly encouraged to maintain a high standard of weather protection at all times by

wearing suitable apparel, eye protection, footwear and sun blocks.

NOTE: If a nominated official/assessor/patient does not attend, your club must replace them with another qualified member.

7. IRB and WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1 Water Area

- 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 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

IRBs

- The host club will provide 2 x fully serviced and operational IRB's

IRB Crewing

- 1 IRB duty boat crew will be provided and rostered by the Branch
- 1 IRB Safety Boat crew will be provided by the host club for the duration of the event
- 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 provide by competing clubs at a ratio of 1:15
- Water safety personnel must arrive with SLSA approved water uniform and rescue tube

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

WATER SAFETY ROSTER Water safety personnel must arrive with SLSA approved water safety uniform and a rescue tube
Clubs rostered 0730 - FINISH Mooloolaba—1 Branch--1
IRB CREWS ROSTER Includes 1 driver & 1 crew
2 X IRB'S 6.00am-FINISH—Mooloolaba
All crews must abide by the SLSA/SLSQ Water Safety Policy and clubs must provide their own PPE

8. 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.

CHAMPION LIFESAVER	
Friday 19th January 2024	
Officials Briefing (Resuscitation Judges only) Team	5.00pm
Managers Briefing	5.30pm
Competitor Marshalling (U14, U15 & U17)	5.30pm
Resuscitation Commences (U14, U15 & U17)	6.00pm
Competitors Marshalling (U19/Open/Masters)	7.00pm *
Resuscitation Commences (U19, Open & Masters)	7.30pm *
Competition Concludes	9.00pm
Saturday 20th January 2024	
Officials Briefing	6.45am
Team Managers Briefing	7.30am
All Competitors Report	7.30am
Theory Paper	8.00am
Physical Events Commence	9.15am approx.
Competition Concludes	12.00pm approx.
CHAMPION PATROL	
Saturday 20th January 2024	
Competitors Marshalling	1.00pm
Water events commence	1.30pm
Resuscitation Assessors briefing	2.00pm *
Resuscitation events commence	2.30pm *
Competition Concludes	4.00pm approx.
Sunday 21st January 2024	
Officials Briefing	6.45am
Competitors Marshalling	7.30am
Theory Event Commences	8.00am
Lifesaving Task Commences	9.00am
Competition Concludes	2.00pm approx.
FIRST AID	
Saturday 20th January 2024	
Officials Briefing	6.45am
Open Competitor Marshalling	7.15am
Patient Marshalling	7.30am
Open Team Briefing	7.30am
Open Competition Commences	8.30am
U19 Competitor Marshalling	11.45am
U19 Patient Marshalling	12.00pm
U19 Team Briefing	12.00pm
U19 Competition Commences	12.30pm
Sunday 21st January 2024	
Officials Briefing	6.45am
U15 Competitor Marshalling	7.15am
Patient Marshalling	7.30am
U15 Teams Briefing	7.30am
U15 Competition Commences	8.30am
U17 Competitor Marshalling	11.45am

U17 Patient Marshalling	12.00pm
U17 Team Briefing	12.00pm
U17 Competition Commences	12.30pm
Competition Concludes	2.00pm approx.

*** Please note the times listed are approximate. Numbers of assessors/officials in attendance may have an influence on the timing of events.**

ASSESSORS will be required Friday night and Saturday afternoon for resuscitation and Sunday for scenarios.

FIRST AID OFFICIALS will be required Saturday and Sunday.

OFFICIALS / ASSESSORS who are also officiating will need to be in attendance on Saturday.

MARSHALLS, ISOLATION JUDGES AND OFFICIALS completing paperwork will be needed for all sessions.

EVENT TIMETABLE AND PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE CARNIVAL REFEREE BE IT DUE TO CHANGE IN CONDITIONS OR AVAILABILITY OF COMPETITORS IN MULTIPLE EVENTS.

9. COMPETITOR LISTING

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

10. 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.

11. 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 Referee and Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

12. REPORTING TIMES

Reporting times are as per the program.

Note:

- Assessors are needed on Friday night (Saturday pm if time permits) and Sunday.
- Officials (including assessors who are also officials) will be needed Saturday.
- First Aid Assessors and Officials are needed Saturday and Sunday.
- Event scorers, marshals, isolation judges will be needed for the entire weekend or as per roster once released depending on numbers.

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

13. 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.

14. PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photographers within the carnival area must have a visible SLSQ photographer's pass as well as their BlueCard.

15. 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* (available online at the Members Portal).

16. 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.

17. 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 across the entire event.

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

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