

CIRCULAR



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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2023 North Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships attracts competitors from Queensland and Northern Territory, providing an opportunity to unite over three days showcasing one of Queensland’s most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year’s event will be held as follows

Friday 27th October 2023 - Mackay Aquatics and Recreation Complex, 193 Boundary Road Ooralea.

Saturday 28th October – Sunday 29th October 2023 - Mackay Harbour Beach

This document outlines some key information relating to the North Australian Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent circulars which may supersede information provided in the circular.

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 Championships, and/or alter the venue of the competition.

The CC may consult and seek advice from 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/Athlete Panel.

POSITION	NAME
SLSQ Sport Officer	Nigel Ward
Event Referee	Kurt Goodwin
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Kye Yeabsley
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
Venue Representative	Peter Marshall

3. SAFETY & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

A Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC) shall be appointed which must consider and advise the Referee and Competition Committee on all matters relating to competition and non-competition safety and emergency management. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Competition Committee. The composition of the SEC will be determined by SLSQ.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Kye Yeabsley
Deputy Referee	TBA
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Mackay SLSC
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
IRB/Water Safety Coordinator	TBA

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4. DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULAR

It is most important that the information in this Circular is brought to the attention of all Accredited Officials. 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 Bulletins and Circulars.

5. OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS

All nominating officials will be required to be current accredited SLSA officials and be the holder of a current BlueCard.

If an official would like to nominate for the event please follow the below link.

2023 North Australian Lifesaving Championships - [LINK](#)

Nominations must be received COB on Friday 22nd September, 2023. Any nominations received after this date will not receive an event polo.

6. VOLUNTEER (OFFICIAL) NOTES

All persons nominating should make their own arrangements regarding travel and accommodation.

All Officials should be aware that whilst meals such as morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided during the duration of the Championships, breakfast will only be supplied to Carnival Officials on Saturday and Sunday morning.

The Mackay SLSC will be selling breakfast as per usual.

A debriefing (nibbles and drinks) for Officials will be held at the completion of Saturday's competition.

7. DRAFT TIMETABLE

The below timetable is only a draft and is subject to change.

Friday 27th October 2023

Pool Rescue Competition Officials	1000 Hours	Competition Start	1100 Hours
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Saturday 28th October 2023

Officials' Briefing	0700 Hours	Competition Start	0800 Hours
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Sunday 29th October 2023

Officials' Briefing	0730 Hours	Competition Start	0830 Hours
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*Surf Boat officials to be appointed at the Championships

Attendance at these briefings is compulsory for all Officials, and anyone not in attendance may be replaced at the discretion of the Carnival Referee

All Officials will be advised prior to the carnival of their respective appointment/position. If an Official is unable to fulfil their appointment, please advise kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au

8. OFFICIALS DRESS

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.

9. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors and officials is of paramount importance and athletes or their Parent/guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

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.

In addition, SLSQ 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.

SLSQ 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.

Water barrels will be available under the marshalling tents for officials, team managers and competitor use. These barrels are in place for all persons to use and fill up their own water bottles. Please note, no drinking cups will be supplied.

10. 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 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).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the Sport Team at:

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