



**Surf Life Saving Australia
National Events
Call for Expressions of
Interest (EOI) to host:
Australian Pool Rescue Championships
2024 - 2026**

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INTRODUCTION

About Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA)

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is Australia's peak coastal water safety, drowning prevention and rescue authority. With 181,572 volunteer members and 314 affiliated Surf Life Saving clubs, Surf Life Saving Australia represents the largest volunteer movement of its kind in Australia. Since Surf Life Saving (SLS) was established in 1907, over 670,000 lives have been saved. In 2020/21 our Surf Life Saving active members were involved in over 8,064 rescues, 53,466 first aid treatments and over 1.75 million preventative actions. Our volunteers carried out more than 1.34 million patrol hours. SLS is a unique not-for-profit community cause that exists through community donations, fundraising, corporate sponsorship and government grants.

Surf Life Saving exists **to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities**. Australia has over 11,500 beaches dispersed along 36,000km of coastline and receive an estimated 100 million visitations annually. Despite significant advancements in technology, techniques and knowledge, people still drown on the coast in unacceptable numbers. Surf Life Saving exists to save lives, and we are committed to reducing the coastal drowning toll.

The Surf Life Saving movement creates a safe environment on and off Australian beaches through a range of support operations. These operations include: 24/7 emergency response groups; rescue helicopter services; jet rescue boats; offshore rescue boats; rescue waters crafts; surveillance systems; radio control and coordination centres; and volunteer lifesaving services. Surf Life Saving, through the State and Territory Centres, operates the Australian Lifeguard Service, the country's largest lifeguard service, providing cost recovery lifesaving services to local government and other coastal land managers.

SLSA National Events – Expressions of Interest

Surf Life Saving Australia is seeking expressions of interest from Promoters, affiliated Surf Life Saving Clubs and Local Government Authorities who may be interested in hosting the Australian Pool Rescue Championships in 2024, 2025 and 2026:

The successful host venue(s) will be selected by Surf Life Saving Australia based on the pool and surrounding area meeting the venue requirements as stated in this document. Selection is also dependent on the relevant factors such as, location, venue, pool and local community facilities available and any value add and commercial opportunities presented through the EOI process.

Interested parties are invited to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to SLSA for the Australian Pool Rescue Championships. Interested parties may select one or multiple year options as part of their EOI. This document sets out the minimum requirements to host the Australian Pool Rescue Championships including the information required from interested parties in an EOI:

1. **Section 1** outlines a brief overview description of the Australian Pool Rescue Championships.
2. **Section 2** outlines a timetable associated with the completion of the Expression of Interest.
3. **Section 3** outlines the venue specifications / requirements for the Australian Pool Rescue Championships.
4. **Section 4** outlines the host benefits.



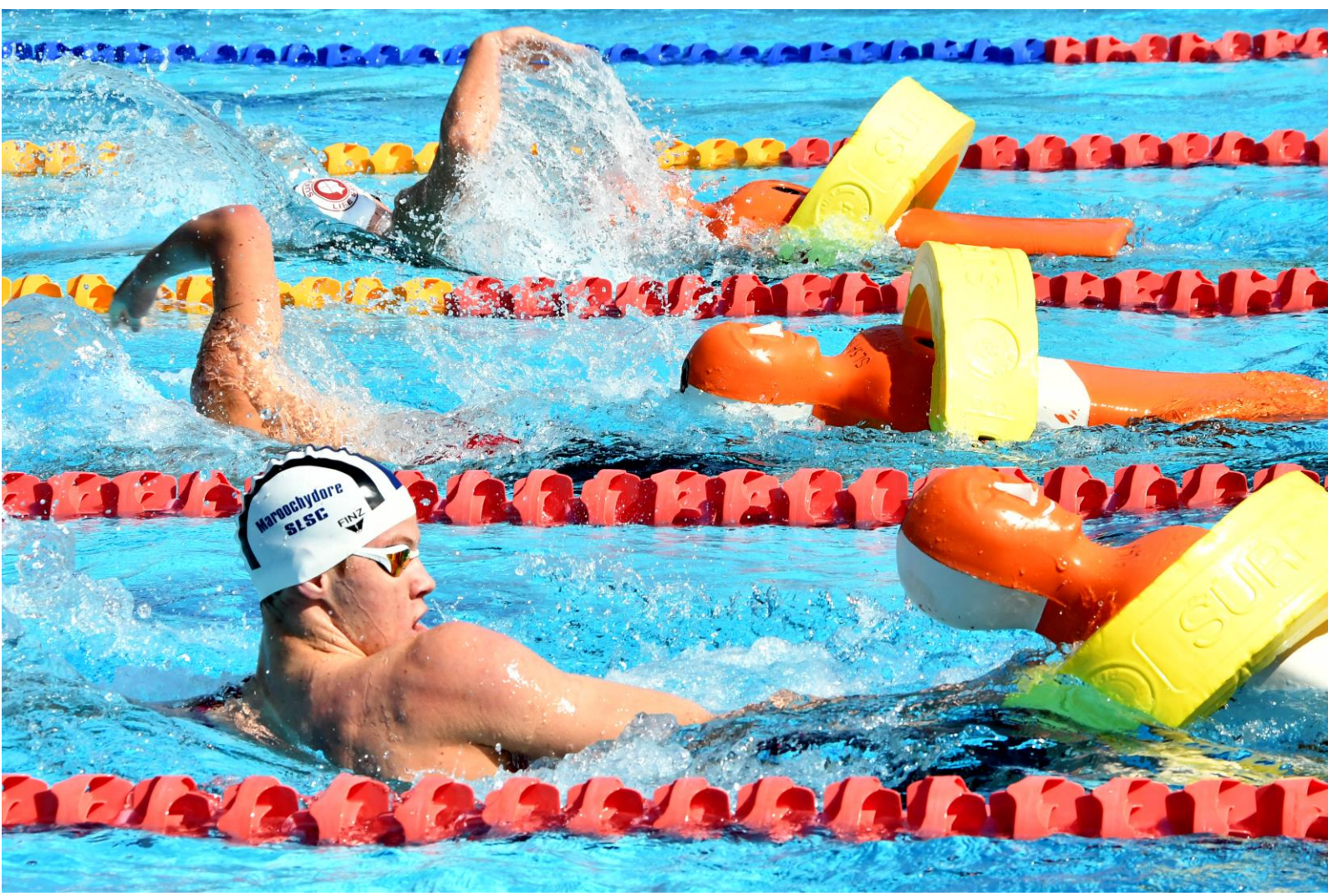
SECTION 1 – OVERVIEW OF EVENTS

Australian Pool Rescue Championships

The Australian Pool Rescue Championships is an event conducted in a 50m Olympic specification pool where lifesavers test their Pool Rescue speed, skill, fitness and agility across a series of disciplines including obstacle swimming, manikin carrying and towing, line throw rescue and various relay and rescue events.

Attracting over 500 athletes from around Australia, for a total of approx. 2,500 individual race starts, the Pool Rescue Championships are contested over a Friday, Saturday and Sunday format with Australian Championships medals being awarded for each event as well as an overall club point score.

The Australian Pool Rescue Championships is one of the key selection events for our national lifesaving teams. It is also an opportunity for our lifesavers to showcase the skills that keep them rescue ready for the start of patrol season.





SECTION 2 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

2.1 Expression of Interest Timetable

Period	Action
July 2022	Expression of Interest document distributed
July 2022 – October 2022	Briefings conducted between SLSA and interested parties if/as required
Sunday 30 October 2022	Expressions of Interest close with SLSA
November 2022	Expressions of Interest distributed to SLSA bid assessment panel
November 2022 – December 2022	Site visits / bid assessments completed
February 2023	Decision communicated to key parties and announced.

2.2 General information

2.2.1 Each Expression of Interest (EOI) submitted should accept the conditions of EOI document and address the requirements outlined in this document.

2.2.2 The EOI submission should clearly identify the submitting organisation including local government organisation(s), SLSA affiliated surf life saving club(s) and any other party included as part of the EOI.

2.2.3 The EOI submission should provide the name and contact information of one key person whom SLSA representatives can liaise with regarding the bid including arranging a site visit and EOI meeting if required.

2.2.4 The EOI submission should clearly identify which events and which year's the EOI is for by completing the EOI cover sheet provided in this document (appendix A).

2.2.5 All EOI's should be marked "Private and Confidential" and submitted by, *Sunday 30th October 2022 to:*
Bradley Dean
Event Manager
Surf Life Saving Australia
PO Box 7773
Bondi Beach NSW 2026

By Email: bdean@slsa.asn.au

2.2.6 SLSA will respect the strict confidentiality of EOI's submitted and will not disclose any aspect of an EOI submitted by one interested party to any other interested party

2.2.7 Formal EOI questions from interested parties should be submitted to the designated EOI email address: bdean@slsa.asn.au



2.3 Notification of successful Expression of Interest

2.3.1 SLSA will look to announce the successful EOI's by February 2023.

2.4 Contract documents

2.4.1 The EOI document has not been prepared as a legal document; however, it is the intention that this will form the basis of a formal contract that will be required between SLSA and the preferred host community (i.e. local council authority(s) and/or host club(s)).

2.5 Bid Assessment Panel

2.5.1 The SLSA bid assessment panel, which will consider each EOI and make a recommendation to SLSA consists of:

1. Chief Operating Officer - SLSA
2. Sport Manager – SLSA
3. Event Manager – SLSA
4. Venue Manager - SLSA
5. SLSA Chairperson, Sport
6. Current Event Referee
7. Current Aussies Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator

2.6 Expression of Interest Format

2.6.1 EOI's must address each element of the essential and desirable criteria and reference the applicable venue reference code for each criteria item outlined in this EOI document.

SECTION 3 – EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

Essential Criteria - Summary

The specification outlined below is for the hosting rights for an Australian Surf Life Saving Pool Rescue Championships event. A summary of the key essential requirements for the event is as follows:

3.1 Australian Pool Rescue Championships – Venue Requirements

3.1.1 SLSA's pool requirements are aligned to the International Lifesaving Federation's specification outlined on its website www.ilsf.org.

3.1.2 Being able to contest the Australian Pool Rescue Championships in a fully compliant pool is highly desirable in order for official Championship, Australian and World records to be contested.

3.1.3 Specific requirements to complete all events within the program are outlined in appendix 2 "Pool Requirements".

3.1.4 All EOI's for hosting of the Australian Pool Rescue Championships should have completed a self-assessment of the proposed pool facility and indicate any event specific requirements that the pool does not meet.

3.1.5 In addition, the EOI submitter should also complete and submit a general venue assessment on the form provided as appendix 3 "Pool Venue Assessment Form"

3.1.6 Length - The pool shall be 50m between the automatic officiating equipment touch panels at the starting end and the wall or touch panels at the turning end. A tolerance of plus 30mm and minus 0.00mm in each lane is allowed.

3.1.7 Lanes - There shall be a minimum of eight lanes that shall be at least 2.5m wide, with two spaces of at least 200mm outside the first and last lanes. There shall be lane ropes on both sides of each lane that extend the full length of the course. Each lane rope will consist of floats placed end-to-end having a minimum diameter of 50mm to a maximum of 150mm. The lane ropes shall be firmly stretched.

3.1.8 Starting Platform - The height of the platform above the water surface shall be from 500mm to 750 mm. The surface area shall be at least 500mm x 500mm and covered with non-slip material. The maximum slope shall not be more than 10 degrees. The starting platform may have an adjustable setting back plate and starting grips for both platform and in-water starts. If necessary any exposed ends on starting grips, etc. should be covered.

3.1.9 Automatic Officiating Equipment - The pool shall be equipped with automatic officiating equipment to record the time of each competitor and to determine the place of each competitor in race events.

3.1.10 Water - The pool water shall meet the clarity standards and the bacteriological and chemical standards of the applicable local health regulations in the host area. The water temperature shall be 25 to 28 degrees Celsius.

3.1.11 Depth - For each event conducted, the pool shall comply with ILS event-specific depth standards. Except as specified in event-specific standards, a minimum depth of 1.0m is required. A pool with a 1.8m – 3.0m depth is preferable.



3.2 Financial, Logistics and Infrastructure Support

3.2.1 Those bids, which have government involved and providing a minimum level of financial support will be look upon favourably. SLSA will provide, confidentially, the minimum required financial offer for the specific year or years under consideration to officers of such governmental organisations interested in submitting an EOI. In addition, the logistics and infrastructure support, by way of cash and/or value-in-kind as outlined in Sections 3.2 of this specification are expected to be provided.

3.2.2 If a bidder wishes to submit options to more than 1 year, the minimum financial requirement can be provided confidentially by SLSA.

3.2.3 The value-in-kind infrastructure and support services referred to in Section 3.2.7

3.2.4 For the event(s) you wish to express an interest in hosting, please confirm the proposed venue(s) facilities and any additional infrastructure against the following essential and desirable venue criteria as listed in 3.1.

3.2.5 The minimum anticipated rights fee for the Australian Surf Life Saving Pool Rescue Championships, is available from SLSA to interested parties and is payable to SLSA as follows:

- 25% on execution of the contract
- 25% six (6) months prior to the event
- 25% one (1) month prior to the event
- 25% one (1) month after the event

3.2.6 An interested party must appoint a dedicated liaison officer to participate in the event management group with a particular focus to:

- Liaise between SLSA, the event host, government authorities' agencies, business and community organisations
- Ensure logistics infrastructure support is provided in a timely manner

3.2.7 An interested party must also consider providing financial and/or in-kind support for the following infrastructure and services:

Ref Code	Requirement	Details
LG2	Radio Hire	30 two-way radios with ear piece and microphone
LG5	Toilet and change room facilities	Combination of permanent on-site and portable facilities to meet local regulations to cater for up to 5,000 people at the primary venue.
LG8	Seated public viewing of main competition arena	1,000 seats spectators
LG18	Tables and chairs	Min 50 trestle tables and 100 chairs
LG21	Cleaning of administration area, toilets, official's briefing area and VIP hospitality	Daily - For the duration of the event including bump in and bump out.
LG22	Electricity	Install sufficient to provide power for all on-site and temporary infrastructure 3 phase
LG23	Security	A minimum of 120 hours of onsite security
LG31	Rubbish removal	Daily - For the duration of the event including bump in and bump out.
LG32	Rubbish bins	Min 10 throughout the site
LG33	Dedicated on-call contractors – emergency site requirements throughout event.	



3.3 Officials & Media Communications Support

3.3.1 The host state is expected to provide a minimum 50% of the officials who nominate for key official position. These officials will be considered, and the appointments of all Officials will be made jointly by the Championship Referee and the National Officials Advisor.

3.3.2 The interested party must also consider providing volunteer support in non-technical/accredited roles this includes but not limited to:

- Administrative support
- Site set up and pack down
- Gear & equipment
- First Aid & Medical
- Presentations and Function support

3.3.3 In addition any host state/club is expected to work with SLSA to promote and market the event to local and/or regional areas. This may include, but not limited to;

- Providing local media contacts in print, digital or radio networks
- Provide information and insight to local athletes/areas which may be promoted broadly to members
- Promote the event locally via state/club channels to increase local member and public engagement
- Drive interest for local members and public to attend events in person





SECTION 4 – HOST BENEFITS

4.1 – Host Benefits

The successful host will be provided with a full suite of benefits in return for their investment.

These rights will be delivered to ensure the host is able to leverage their association and partnership with the event as approved by SLSA.

4.1.1 Below provides an outline of the categories under which Surf Life Saving may provide benefits. A full suite of benefits will be provided in consultation with the successful host and be contingent on any investment level made into the event(s).

- Recognition of host as a Major Partner
- Use of Event Brand via print, radio and digital channels
- Acknowledgement of brand and destination through the below channels:
 - Brand Awareness
 - Marketing Collateral
 - Communications and Public Relations
 - Signage
 - Event Merchandise
 - At Event Announcements
 - Corporate Hospitality
 - Broadcast Integration
- Consumer promotions to promote products and/or events (subject to SLSA and council approval)





APPENDIX A: EOI COVER SHEET

NAME:			
POSITION:			
ORGANISATION:			
PHONE NUMBER:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING PARTIES:			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
PLEASE INDICATE WHICH EVENT(S) YOU WISH TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN HOSTING.			
Australian Pool Rescue Championships	2024	2025	2026
EOI's may be for one-off hosting or multiple year hosting – please indicate your preference below			
One-off hosting		Multiple year hosting	
Please attach the following documentation to this cover sheet to complete an EOI:			
	Checklist of how the venue in the EOI meets SLSA venue requirements		
	Letters of support from local authorities, SLS clubs, event supporters etc.		
	Identified any "value add" opportunities such as aligning events with other local festivals, concerts or activities of note		
	Any other information that you believe is relevant for the EOI bid assessment panel to know (such as club jubilees etc.)		

Expressions of Interest are due to SLSA by, Sunday 30 October 2022

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By Email: bdean@slsa.asn.au



APPENDIX 2 – POOL REQUIREMENTS

INTERNATIONAL LIFE SAVING FEDERATION (ILS) SPORT COMMISSION

FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT STANDARDS AND SCRUTINEERING PROCEDURES

Reference: Section 8, ILS Competition Manual 2019 Edition

INFORMATION ON THE HOST FACILITY

Only Affiliate Members in a good financial standing with ILS may apply. Please use uppercase letters to fill-in this form.

Member or Organization: _____

Address: street & number: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Host Representative: _____

Position/Title: _____

Meet Manager: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

FACILITY

Date of Inspection: _____

The Facility and Equipment complies with the specifications indicated in the ILS Competition Manual 2019 Edition. A certified surveyor or other Qualified official appointed or approved by the ILS Management Committee. Arrangements for testing and verification for World Records according to the WADA procedures for a negative doping test certification.

Meet Manger's name: _____

Meet Manager's signature: _____

**FACILITY FEATURES (include copy of certified surveyor if available):**

Name of Pool Facility: _____

Deck or overhead Obstructions (describe): _____
_____Deck fittings (location from deep-end wall i.e. false start): _____

Starting platforms style: _____ Height of platform above water: _____

Lane ropes style: _____

Bulkhead width: _____ Suitable for Line Throw: _____

Water Temperature: _____ Warm up / cool down pool availability: _____

Electronic timing style (deep and shallow): _____

Pool Tank Measurements in meters:

Length: _____ Width: _____ # of Lanes: _____ Width of lanes: _____

Width from outside wall to lane: _____ Gutter style: _____

Summary Depths of Pool Tank from deep-end wall at:

0.0m _____ 1.0m _____ 2.0m _____ 6.0m _____ 10.0m _____

10.5m _____ 12.0m _____ 12.5m _____ 14.5m _____ 16.5m _____

18.5m _____ 23.0m _____ 24.0m _____ 25.0m _____ 25.5m _____

26.0m _____ 27.0m _____ 31.5m _____ 33.5m _____ 37.5m _____

38.0m _____ 39.5m _____ 40.0m _____ 44.0m _____ 48.0m _____

49.0m _____ 50.0m _____

EQUIPMENT SCRUTINEER (Meet Manger checks and verifies compliance):Manikins - ☐, Initial: _____Rescue Tubes - ☐, Initial: _____Obstacles - ☐, Initial: _____Fins - ☐, Initial: _____Throw Lines - ☐, Initial: _____



POOL EVENTS (Meet Manager checked and verifies eligible for Word Records):

Dive Start:

0.0m _____ 1.0m _____ 6.0m _____ and/or 44.0m _____ 49.0m _____

48.0m _____ 49.0m _____ 50.0m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth 1.35m.

Obstacle Swim* - ☐ 200m, ☐ 100m, Initial: _____

10.5m _____ 12.5m _____ 14.5m _____ 25.5m _____ 37.5m _____

39.5m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth is 1.8m.

Manikin Carry* - ☐ 50m, Initial: _____

24.0m _____ 26.0m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth is 1.8m.

Rescue Medley* - ☐ 100m, Initial: _____

16.5m _____ 18.5m _____ and/or 31.5m _____ 33.5m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth is 1.8m.

Manikin Carry with Fins* – ☐ 100m, Initial: _____

2.0m _____ and/or 48.0m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth is 1.8m.

Manikin Tow with Fins* – ☐ 100m, Initial: _____

2.0m _____ and/or 48.0m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth is 1.8m.

Super Lifesaver* – ☐ 200m, Initial: _____

2.0m _____ 24.0m _____ and/or 26.0m _____ 48.0m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth is 1.8m.

Line Throw - ☐ 12m, Initial: _____

10.0m _____ 12.0m _____ and/or 38.0m _____ 40.0m _____

Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth is 1.8m.

Manikin Relay – ☐ 4 x 25m, Initial: _____

0.0m _____ 1.0m _____ 2.0m _____ 23.0m _____ 25.0m _____ 27.0m _____

and/or 48.0m _____ 49.0m _____ 50.0m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall.

Minimum depth is 1.0m at the start wall and 1.8m in the middle and the turning wall.



Obstacle Relay* – ☐ 4 x 50m, Initial: _____

10.5m _____ 12.5m _____ 14.5m _____ 25.5m _____ 37.5m _____

39.5m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth is 1.8m.

Lifesaving Medley* – ☐ 4 x 50m, Initial: _____

0.0m _____ 1.0m _____ 2.0m _____ 6.0m _____ and/or 44.0m _____

48.0m _____ 49.0m _____ 50.0m _____ Depth measured from deep-end wall. Minimum depth 1.35m at the starting wall and 1.8m at the turning wall.

Note* - Events beginning with a dive start are required to adhere to those depths indicated for dive starts.