



2025 NSW Country Championships Final Event Information

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Introduction

The 2025 NSW Country Championships will be held at Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC. With approximately 900 competitors, 150 officials and 2,000 spectators the event is shaping up to showcase three (3) days of competition along Warilla Beach.

Important Information

The Event Page on the Surf Life Saving NSW website – [2025 NSW Country Championships](#) lists the following important documents for reference:

- Program
- Entry Circular
- Site Map
- Powercraft Roster
- Water Safety Roster
- Officials Appointments

As per the entry circular, no individual late entries will be accepted at the Championships. When additional individual events are entered for competitors, a fee of \$21.00 per event / per competitor will be charged. Note: **The competitor must be already entered into the Carnival.** Additional individual event entries must be received no later than one hour before the start of the particular event at the Carnival Administration Centre.

No late fees will be charged for team event substitutions if the substitute is already entered into the carnival.

Official Event Merchandise



Fine Designs is the Official Merchandise partner for the Country Championships. Make sure you pick up your official event merchandise from the Fine Designs stall or through the online merchandise stall.

The Fine Designs stall will be in the Vendors area outside Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC. The [online store](#) is now LIVE!

For further details, please see the [event webpage](#).

Stack Team App

Stack Team App will be used throughout the Championship as a platform to communicate important information and timetable changes to Officials, Team Managers and Competitors.

To register for these live event updates please follow the below instructions:

1. Download the “Stack Team App” application from the App Store or Google Play
2. Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications.
3. Once logged in search “2025 NSW Country Championships”
4. Click the “Become a member of this team app” icon at the top of the screen then select the appropriate group; “Competitors”, “Officials”, “Team Managers”.
5. Ensure that you have notifications enabled (check this within the app)

By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive immediate notifications and email updates as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information.

PLEASE NOTE: It is an individual’s/Club’s obligation (SSM 2.17(b)) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a Stack Team App update is not an excuse for missing events.

Live Heats

All competitors are required to have a Live Heats Race Tag with them which will be used throughout the event. Event racing will be marshalled and recorded using LiveHeats.

Team Managers will be responsible for team changes via LiveHeats throughout the competition. After completion by the club of the Team Managers declaration form, the Team Managers have been linked in Live Heats. Team Managers can now edit the entries and team rosters for athletes and teams. More info can be found [here](#).

Athletes must bring their allocated LiveHeats wristband. Replacement wristbands can be purchased from the Event Administration Centre at Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC for \$5.00 per band.

Team Managers Meeting

A **compulsory** Team Managers meeting will be held at Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC, at **4:30pm on Thursday 23 January**. It is vitally important that Team Managers and/or dedicated Club personnel are in attendance to receive vital event specific information.

If your team manager has not already registered their details, please do so ASAP by clicking here:
[Team Manager Declaration Form.](#)

Lycra Vest Collection

All competitors entered into the 2025 NSW Country Championships will be issued an official high visibility pink competition lycra vest. It is a requirement for all competitors to wear the supplied lycra vest in competition at the 2025 NSW Country Championships. See SSM 2.5.1.

Clubs must ensure that competitors wear the approved lycra vest in competition, no other branded vests may be worn. Competitors may be requested to wear the approved lycra vest as part of medal presentations.

Lycra Vests will be available for collection by **Team Managers ONLY** on the Southern side of the Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC between 3pm – 5pm on Thursday 23rd January 2025.

Event Map



Warm Ups

The water warm up times for these Championships will be as follows:

6:30am to 6:45am – swim

6:50am to 7:10am – craft

All team management need to ensure that this is followed.

All competitors warming up **MUST** wear the Pink High-Vis Rash Vest.

No warmups permitted prior to 6:30am.

Warm up location is to be advised during the Team Managers Meeting on Thursday.

Stallholder Area

Surf Life Saving NSW will be selling official merchandise during the Championships.

There are also a number of stallholders attending the event including Sharkskin, Engine, Pontoon and Fashion Fish Designs.

Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC will have a BBQ running throughout the duration of the Championships.

This will be located near the Lifeguard Tower at the top of the main beach entryway.

Travel, Drop Off & Parking

For the duration of the Championships, the main SLSC Car Park will be closed to competitors, spectators and the general public. Plenty of free and untimed street parking can be found in nearby streets.

A Drop Off Zone has been created on the eastern side of Osborne Pde, directly in front of WBPSLSC. This is a drop off zone only, please do not leave your vehicle. Unload passengers and then find parking nearby.



PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday 26 January, Shellharbour City Council will be hosting its Australia Day Breakfast from 8am – 12pm at Reddall Reserve, Lake Illawarra, a short distance from Warilla Beach. This will have an impact on traffic flow and parking on this day. Road closures will be in place along Reddall Pde between Shellharbour Road and Osborne Pde.

Trailer Parking

Trailer Parking will be on the grassed area directly to the south of the Warilla Beach SLSC car park. Entry and exit will be via the car park entry, at the direction of Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC personnel. Trailer Parking available from 8am Thursday.





Timetable

Thursday 23 January 2025	
Time	Description
8:00am	Trailer Parking Opens
3:00pm – 5.00pm	Administration Desk Open
3:00pm – 5.00pm	Collection of lycra vests (Southern side of WBPSLSC Gear Shed) Collection of Officials Shirts (Southern side of WBPSLSC Gear Shed)
4:30pm	Team Managers Meeting (Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC)
Friday 24 January 2025	
Time	Description
6:00am	Administration Centre Opens
6:00am	Officials Breakfast & Briefing
7:00am	Board Riding report for 7:30am start
7:15am	Competitor and Officials oaths to be read
7:15am	All Water Areas report for 7:30am Start
7:30am	U8 Beach Events report for 8:00am Start
9:45am	U17-Masters Beach Events report
5:00pm	Estimated day finish
Saturday 25 January 2025	
Time	Description
5:45am	U11 – Masters Distance Runs report for a 6:00am start
5:45am	Administration Centre Opens
6:00am	Officials Breakfast & Briefing
7:00am	All Age Beach and Board Relays report for a 7:30am start
7:30am	Water Areas report for 8:00am start
7:30am	Beach Sprints report
7:30am	Board Riding report for 8:00am start
8:00am	Beach Flags competitors report for 8:30am start
5:00pm	Estimated day finish
Sunday 26 January 2025	
Time	Description
6:30am	Administration Centre Opens
6:30am	Officials Breakfast & Briefing
7:30am	March Past report for 8am start
7:45am	Welcome to Country
8:00am	Water Areas report for 8:30am start
1:00pm	Estimated day finish

Note: SLSNSW as the event organiser, reserves the right to add, delete or amend any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant.



Competition Information

Requirement for all events: ALL COMPETITORS must have their age group on their arm e.g. 30-39, U14. They will not be able to start unless this happens.

Clashing of Events

While every effort will be made by the Event Referees to avoid clashes in the timetable, athletes may have to decide to contest one event or the other.

Competitor Liaison Officers have been appointed in most areas to assist competitors. Clashing of events is not anticipated in the finals however, some clashes may be experienced during the heats. Any competitor who finds that their event clashes with another event should consult their Team Manager, who in turn should consult the Competitor Liaison Officer in the relevant area.

Competitor Liaison Officers will liaise with the various Sectional Referees to arrange deferments of heats, if possible, to enable competitors to obtain the maximum possible opportunity to compete.

These arrangements will only apply between areas and not between events in the one area. Events will not be held up for competitors competing outside their age group.

Officials and Event Safety Personnel

Officials Quota

Clubs are reminded that there is a quota system for clubs to provide accredited officials based upon the number of competitors entered. Further information is provided in the Entry Circular and Officials Nomination Circulars which can be found on the [SLSNSW Event Webpage](#).

Clubs have been allocated to positions where they did not meet the required quotas via the individual nomination process. Please ensure clubs allocate officials to these positions.

If clubs do not provide sufficient officials according to the provided quotas, SLSNSW will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required officials are present.

Powercraft Roster

To ensure the safety of all competitors competing in the Championships, a Powercraft roster has been implemented. Further information is provided in the [Entry Circular](#) and [Powercraft Roster](#).

Event Safety

Water Safety

Clubs on the Water Safety Roster are required to provide a minimum of 2 water safety personnel per shift to monitor the Ages (U8 to U14). Water safety personnel will need to supply their own lunch/food, orange high vis rash vest, cap, fins and rescue tube. All water safety personnel must have a minimum current proficient Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed) and be a current financial SLS member (2024/25).

What to do:

1. Water safety personnel are to sign on 20 minutes prior to the start of each shift at the Surf Club.
2. You will be provided with a briefing.
3. Proceed to your assigned area and inform the Sectional Referees of your presence.

Any issues from competitors, team managers or officials regarding water safety must be raised with the Water Safety Coordinator. Water Safety Roster can be accessed [here](#).

Powercraft Roster (IRB)

The 2025 NSW Country Championships Powercraft roster can be accessed [here](#).

What to do:

1. Powercraft personnel are to sign on one (1) hour prior to the start of each shift at the Surf Club.
2. You will be provided with a briefing.
3. Proceed to your assigned area.

All IRB Drivers and Crew personnel must also bring with them a personal compliant PFD, and appropriate clothing.

Clubs that fail to meet their rostered requirements: SLSNSW will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required powercraft personnel are present AND undertaking their required shift.

Powercraft Roster (RWC)

The 2025 NSW Country Championships RWC roster can be accessed [here](#).

Contingency Location

Should the competition be moved due to unforeseen circumstances, the contingency locations are the Southern or Northern ends of Warilla Beach. The Championships Competition Committee will communicate any change or update via Club Team Managers.

Aim and Principles of Relocation:

The aim of relocating part or all of an event is to attempt to ensure that the competition is safely conducted within the set timeframe.

Assessment of Conditions and Investigation of Alternative Venues:

The Competition Safety Committee is responsible for assessing the situation and making recommendations to the Championships Competition Committee as to whether part or the entire event is relocated.

Relocation Timings:

The decision to relocate part or all an event will be made as early as possible.

If the event is to be relocated, a decision must be made as to the following:

- The events to be moved.
- The timings to commence the relocated events.
- The alternative location to be use.

Medal Collection

Medal Presentations will be conducted on beach immediately after each final. There will be a podium set up in front of the Surf Club should competitors wish to take photos on the podium.

All medals must be collected at the Championships, they will not be posted or available for collection after the Championships.

Follow the Event

SLSNSW will be posting selected results, updates and uploading pictures from the event on our Social Media accounts and Live Heats.

Follow us on Stack Team App - [2025 NSW Country Championships](#)

Follow us on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/surflifesavingnsw>

Follow us on Twitter – www.twitter.com/SLSNSW

Follow us on Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/slsnsw/>

Photography & Media

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW.

SLNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or Clubs.

Professional photographers will be in attendance and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Clubs are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area.

Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

Media:

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the State Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding the State Championships will be made by authorised spokespeople.

Drones:

For the safety of competitors, officials, and spectators SLNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public. SLNSW and its telecast production contractors will be operating UAVs for both surveillance and capturing of event footage.

Security

There will be security on site for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Although security is present, any valuables should not be left in Club tents and should be taken with you at the end of the day.

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by SLNSW, or its sponsors will immediately be brought before a Carnival Disciplinary Committee or a SLNSW Judiciary for further action.

Please note that automatic disqualification of the team/club from the championship may occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

Surf Life Saving NSW and/or Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC takes no responsibility for gear and equipment if left on the beach and it is at your own risk.

Anti-Doping & Match Fixing

It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete both the [Sport Integrity Australia](#) Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. Both courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport.

Moving forward, SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great addition to the structure of any touring team and/or squad and is vital for elite competition and athlete development.

SLSNSW fully supports the new SLSA Anti-Doping and Match Fixing policies (SLSA Members Area > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.1.1 & 5.02). Following the completion of each course, a completion certificate/email must be forwarded to Surf Sports surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au. SLSNSW have organised with SLSA to have these courses uploaded on to SurfGuard as an award. Once completed, the courses do not have to be completed again, unless there is an update in information from the organisations. If anyone has previously completed either course, proof must be sent through to Surf Sports in order to be recognised.

Protests

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the SLSA 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 \$110.00 must accompany all documentation when the process is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

Shellharbour City Council

Shellharbour Council proudly welcomes the 2025 NSW Country Championships!

There are plenty of accommodation options on offer for competitors and guests from caravan parks, hotels/motels, and self-contained homes.

Why not extend your stay and further explore this unique and scenic coastal region of NSW?

For more information please visit – [Shellharbour City Council](#)