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2026 NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS NOMINATIONS

Attention: Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Accredited Surf Sports Officials, Branch Secretaries/CEO's, Club Secretaries

Actioned by: Officials wishing to nominate for the 2026 NSW Country Championships

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Summary	SLSNSW is calling for accredited Officials to assist in the running of the 2026 NSW Country Championships to be held from 23-25 January 2025 at South West Rocks SLSC.
Action	Complete and submit nomination via Microsoft Forms by 11pm Sunday 5 October 2025 .

OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS

All nominations are to be submitted via [Microsoft Forms](#).

Nominations will close 11pm Sunday 5 October 2025.

Nominations should include details of the preferred roles you would like to fulfill, with preferences listed in order of priority. While every effort is made to appoint you to your preferred position, it is not always possible to do so.

SLSNSW reserves the right, in its absolute discretion to:

- A) Not appoint an Official to any position whether an Official has nominated or not;
- B) Remove an Official from any position at any time (whether before or during an SLS event).

SLSNSW is not obligated to provide reasons where it acts under this clause.

OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS

Surf Life Saving NSW is looking for accredited Officials who meet the following requirements:

- Be a current financial member of a club for 2025/26 season.
- Hold a **minimum** of a current:
 - **Core Official** accreditation for U8-U14 events.
 - **Technical Official** accreditation for Masters and Opens.

When Officials appointments have been finalised, the appointment list will be published on the SLSNSW event page and also disseminated to SLS Branches.

OFFICIALS QUOTA

Please be aware that there is an Officials Quota System applied to all Clubs for NSW Championship events on the number of Officials required to be supplied.

To fulfil your club's quota, you are required to officiate for two (2) or more days to help run a successful event. If you can only officiate for one (1) day, your club must provide another Official for one (1) day to fulfil your quota.

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
0 to 4	0 Officials
5 to 8	1 Official
9 to 15	2 Officials
16 to 25	3 Officials
26 to 35	4 Officials
36 to 50	5 Officials
51 to 65	6 Officials
66+ Competitors	7 Officials

Please be aware the quota system is based on the number of competitors entered in the event, **not the number of competitors starting**. Clubs are reminded **before** entering their competitors into the entry system that they **MUST** meet the Officials quota.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All Officials should ensure that they are physically capable of performing their required duties over the days of the Championships and are encouraged to undertake a medical check prior to the Championships.
- All Officials **must** be able to get themselves on and off the beach without requiring transport in a vehicle. Our safety guidelines currently do not include the transport of officials in the event of an emergency and therefore it is of the utmost importance that you demonstrate your capacity to fulfil your role with the parameters of our safety manual.
- Nominating does not guarantee appointment.
- All appointed Officials are encouraged to attend the Officials Briefings. All times and locations will be outlined in the Officials Appointment Memo.
- Appointed Officials are responsible for all costs associated with travel and accommodation for the Championships.
- Appointed Officials will receive one (1) officiating shirt, if required.
- Officials who nominate, and are not appointed, will be placed into the 'Officials Pool' and positions may be allocated if they become available.
- While every effort is made to appoint you to your preferred position, it is not always possible to do so. All appointments will be posted on the [event webpage](#).
- The quota system will be strictly enforced. It is the club's responsibility to provide adequate officials for the number of competitors entered.

LIVE HEATS

SLSNSW will continue using Live Heats at the 2026 Championships, and across NSW in the 2025/26 season, to enhance the on-beach experience for competitors, officials, and spectators. Marshalls, Recorders, Chief Judges and Sectional Referees will require a thorough understanding of Live Heats.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Event	Positions Available
Water Areas (x 4)	• Course Judge • Starter • Finish Judge • Recorder (Live Heats) • Marshall (Live Heats) • Competition Liaison Officer • iPad Judge
Beach Area (Sprints & Flags)	• Starter • Finish Judge • Recorder (Live Heats) • Marshall (Live Heats) • Competition Liaison Officer • iPad Judge
March Past	• Judge
Support Services	• Announcer • Appeals Committee Panel • Officials Support Coordinator
Safety & Powercraft	• Water Safety Coordinator • Powercraft Personnel (Duty IRB) • Powercraft Base Coordinator • Powercraft Area Coordinator

Positions will be published on the [event webpage](#) and updated as appointments are confirmed.