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2026 NSW SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS, PROUDLY PRESENTED BY YOUR LOCAL CLUB 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 Surf Life Saving Championships

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Summary	This is a first call by SLSNSW for accredited Officials to assist in the running of the 2026 NSW State Championships.
Action	Complete and submit nomination via Microsoft Forms by 11pm Sunday 2 November 2025. <i>Please note there are separate nomination forms for each Championships.</i>

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue	Referee	Deputy Referee
13-15 Feb 21-22 Feb	Lifesaving	Swansea Belmont Caves Beach	Adrienne Lowe	Steve Haggett
19-22 Feb	Age	Swansea Belmont	Darren Moore	Tara Neal & Louis Tassone
25-26 Feb	Masters	Swansea Belmont	Peter Carney	Jeff Mowbray
27 Feb – 1 March	Opens	Swansea Belmont	Michael Wasley	Michael Day
27 Feb – 1 March	Surf Boats	Swansea Belmont	Dave Thompson	Mick Lang

OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS

Please note that there will be separate Official Nomination forms for each of the 2026 State Championships.

All nominations are to be submitted online via the links below:

- [Age Championships Nominations Form](#)
- [Open Championships Nominations Form](#)
- [Masters Championships Nominations Form](#)
- [Lifesaving Championships Nominations Form](#)
- [Surf Boat Championships Nominations Form](#)
- [Safety/Back of Beach Nominations Form](#)

Nominations will close 11pm Sunday November 2025.

Nominations should include details of the preferred roles you would like to fulfill, with two (2) 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.

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 Age Championships.
- Hold a **minimum** of a current Technical Official accreditation for all other Championships.

The appointment of Officials will be made after the close of nominations and published on the [SLSNSW event webpage](#).

OFFICIALS QUOTA

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

For the Age Championships the quota will apply separately to both beach and water entry totals.

LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champion Lifesaver

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
0 to 3	1 Officials
4 to 6	3 Officials
7 to 9	4 Officials
10 to 12	5 Officials
13 to 15	6 Officials
16 to 18	7 Officials
19 to 21	8 Officials
21 and above	9 Officials

Champion Patrol

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1 Team	1 Official
2 Teams	2 Officials
3 – 4 Teams	3 Officials
5 – 6 Teams	4 Officials

First Aid

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1 Team	2 Officials
2 Teams	3 Officials
3 Teams	4 Officials
4 Teams	5 Officials
5 – 6 Teams	6 Officials

AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

****This quota will apply to both beach and water entries****

Example: If you have 45 competitors in water and 15 competitors in the beach, you require 4 officials in the water area and 1 official in the beach area per day.

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1 to 4	0 Officials
5 to 20	1 Official
21 to 30	2 Officials
31 to 40	3 Officials
41 to 50	4 Officials
51 to 70	5 Officials
71 to 90	6 Officials
91 to 110	7 Officials
111 to 130	8 Officials
131 and above	9 Officials

MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1 to 4	0 Officials
5 to 10	1 Official
11 to 15	2 Officials
16 to 40	3 Officials
41 to 50	4 Officials
51 and above	5 Officials

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
1 to 4	0 Officials
5 to 10	1 Official
11 to 20	2 Officials

21 to 30	3 Officials
31 to 40	4 Officials
41 to 50	5 Officials
51 to 60	6 Officials
61 to 70	7 Officials
71 to 100	8 Officials
101 to 150	9 Officials
151 and above	10 Officials

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

Clubs **MUST** meet their required quotas, if required officials do not show for their appointed role, SLSNSW will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required officials are present.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- In nominating for these events, all Officials warrant that they are, and must remain, mentally and physically capable of carrying out all the functions of their appointed role(s) over the course of the event. All Officials should undertake a medical check prior to the event. SLS NSW may request Officials to provide medical clearance if the Official has had a medical incident at a previous SLS event or if SLSNSW reasonably considers such a request is reasonable and/or necessary. If requested the Official must provide the medical clearance. SLS NSW 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 NSW event)
- You must be able to get yourself to and from the beach without 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.
- SLSNSW is not obligated to give reason where it acts under this clause.
- All appointed Officials are encouraged to attend the Official's Briefings.
- Appointed Officials are responsible for all costs associated with travel and accommodation for the Championships.
- Officials are expected to wear a SLSNSW Country or State Championships Officials shirt.

- 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 page.
- All clubs will be required to provide a combination **both** water and beach officials to ensure the carnival can operate efficiently.
- Officials will be allocated to available positions. If the number of nominations exceed the positions available, those not selected will be placed into the 'Officials Pool' and positions may be allocated if they become available.
- Any late nominations will also be placed into the 'Officials Pool' and positions may be allocated if they become available.
- Appointed Officials will receive one (1) officiating shirt per championship officiated. I.e., One (1) for Age only, two for Age and Masters Championships. However, requested sizes are not guaranteed. If you have an official's shirt, we encourage you to bring it along.
- 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. Some roles will require a level of understanding of the Live Heats system. Please keep this in mind when applying.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Event	Positions Available		
NSW Lifesaving Championships 13-14 Feb Champion Lifesaver 15 Feb Champion Patrol 21-22 Feb First Aid	<i>Champion Lifesaver</i> Judge – Dry Caller/Timekeeper - Dry Isolation - Dry Recording - Dry Competition Liaison Starter – Beach Starter – Water Recorder –Beach/Water Marshall – Beach/Water Judge – Beach/Water Chief Judge – Beach Set up – Beach	<i>Champion Patrol</i> Judge – Dry Caller/Timekeeper – Dry Isolation – Dry Recording – Dry SurfCom Operator/Ambulance Competition Liaison Officer Starter – Water Recorder – Beach/Water Marshall – Water Judge – Water	<i>First Aid Competition</i> Judge Caller/Timekeeper Isolation Recording Competition Liaison Officer SurfCom Operator/Ambulance
19-22 Feb NSW Age Championship	<i>Water (4 Areas)</i> Starter (per area) Marshall (per area) Recorder (per area) Judge (per area) Course Supervisor (per area) Competition Liaison Officer (per area)	<i>Beach (Sprints)</i> Starter Judge Recorder Marshall Competition Liaison Officer <i>Beach (Flags – 2 flag areas)</i> Starter (per area) Judge (per area) Recorder (per area) Marshall Competition Liaison Officer	<i>R & R</i> Starter/Commands Marshall Recorder Timekeeper Judge Competition Liaison Officer <i>March Past</i> Judge
25-26 Feb NSW Masters Championship	<i>Water (3 Areas)</i> Starter (per area) Marshall (per area) Recorder (per area) Judge (per area) Course Supervisor (per area) Competitor Liaison Officer (per area)	<i>Beach</i> Starter Judge Recorder Marshall Competitor Liaison Officer	

27 Feb – 1 March NSW Open Championship	Water (4 Areas) Starter (per area) Marshall (per area) Recorder (per area) Judge (per area) Course Supervisor (per area) Competitor Liaison Officer (per area)	Beach Starter Judge Recorder Marshall Competitor Liaison Officer	R & R Starter/Commands Marshall Recorder Timekeeper Judge Competitor Liaison Officer March Past Judge
27 Feb – 1 March NSW Surf Boat Championship	2 Areas Course Supervisor (per area) Starter (per area) Check Starter (per area) Course Judge (per area) Marshall (per area) Tower Judge (per area) Recorder (per area) Competition Liaison Officer (per area)		

SAFETY & SUPPORT SERVICES

Event	Positions Available	
28 Feb - 2 March NSW Lifesaving Championship 6 - 9 March NSW Age Championship 12 - 13 March NSW Masters Championship 14 - 16 March NSW Open Championship NSW Surf Boat Championship	Safety Water Safety & SMAR Coordinator Water Safety Area Officers Powercraft Base Coordinator Powercraft Area Coordinators Duty Boat Drivers Compound Personnel	Support Announcers Appeals Committee Panel

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

Our partners at Ingenia Holiday Parks are here to support you on your NSW Surf Life Saving Championships journey. Every member who books a stay of 3 or more nights at their Lake Macquarie Park between the dates of: 12th Feb - 3rd March, 2026 will receive a 25% discount on their stay using promo code [SLSNSW25](#).

