



Memorandum

To:	2026 NSW Country Championships – Competition Liaisons & Appeals Panel
From:	Belinda Cooper, Competition & Event Staging Coordinator
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Thank you for volunteering your time to officiate as Competition Liaison or a member of the Appeals Panel for the 2026 NSW Country Championships. With the responsibility of these roles comes expectations which are part of our welfare and safety plans and also our service to the Surf Sports community. The standards listed below are minimum requirements for your roles.

If you feel you cannot meet these, please let me know.

1. Competition Liaisons will be allocated to specific competition areas and will be expected to be on the beach in these appointed areas during competition.
2. There will be an Appeals tent on the beach at South West Rocks and you will be expected to be there during competition, or in another close location ON the beach, not at the clubhouse.
3. **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.
4. Concerns have been raised previously about expectations of free food and drinks throughout the day. You are expected to collect your lunch or have your lunch delivered in the same manner as all other technical officials. If the food provided is not sufficient, please bring or buy your own.
5. As a member of the Appeals Panel and/or Competition Liaison, you are expected to have a thorough knowledge of all aspects of competition and be up to date with rules, particularly any that have recently changed. You need either a printout of the latest rules OR have [electronic access](#) to them individually i.e. each panel member requires a copy. These must be the current October 2025 version. **Please note changes as per [SLSA Bulletin 03/25/26](#).** We would also expect you to have an open mind if tasked with an appeal, declare any conflict of interest with a club or competitor involved, and be non-adversarial in your approach. An open mind is key.
6. Please make sure you read all relevant documentation for the carnival, which will be on the Stack Team App and on our [website](#).

Could you please email surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au to confirm your acceptance of appointment and agreement to the requirements of these positions.

Once again, thank you for joining our team for the 2026 NSW Country Championships.