



AUSTRALIAN SURF ROWERS LEAGUE (ASRL)

ENTRY CIRCULAR 29/12/2025 Version 1

Title: Australian Surf Rowers League Open 2026 Entry Circular

Audience: State/Territory Surf Sport Managers, Directors, Club Secretaries, Branches, State/Territory CEO's Sport Standing Committee

Summary: This circular contains the relevant details for entering competitors into the **Australian Surf Rowers League Open 12-15 February 2026**.

Action:

- Circulate this event information to relevant members
- Complete competitor entries via [LIVEHEATS](#) by 25/01/2026 @ 8am (normal entries) OR by 05/02/2026 9am (late entries)
- Complete [Lycra singlet ordering](#) if required by Sunday 8 February 2026

EVENT DATES: 12 - 15 February 2025

Date	Event	Beach
Thursday 12/02/2026	ASRL Masters Championship	WANDA SLSC, NSW
Friday 13/02-15/02/2026	ASRL Open Championship	WANDA SLSC, NSW
Friday 13/02/2026	SLSA Surf Boat Interstate Championships	WANDA SLSC, NSW
Saturday 14/02/2026	Trans-Tasman Test	Wanda SLSC NSW

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see below a summary of important dates related to the **ASRL Open 2026**.
(These can be subject to change)

JANUARY 2026		
02/01/2026		ASRL Open 2026 –Entries open
		First List of Officials Appointments Released
		Second Call for Officials Open Click Link
14/01/2026	7:00pm	Second Call for Officials Nominations Close
25/01/2026	7:00pm	Officials Appointments published
25/01/2026	8:00am	Normal Entries Close
05/02/2026	9:00am	Late Entries Close
FEBRUARY 2026		
12/02/2026	Midday -4:00pm	Competition Day 1: Masters
	6:00pm	Officials Dinner
13/02/2026	8:00am -4:30pm	Competition Day 2: Open's
	Midday	Welcome to Country Prior to Interstate
		Competition Day VIP Function
14/02/2026	7:30am-5:00pm	Competition Day 3: Open's
14/02/2026		Trans-Tasman Test Series
15/02/2026	7:30am-4:00pm	Competition Day 4: Open's

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the **ASRL** events team at: secretary@asrl.com.au

ENTRY PROCESS

- Club entries to the **ASRL** Open must be submitted via [LIVEHEATS](#)
- For all LIVEHEAT entry enquires please email - secretary@asrl.com.au

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

To be eligible to compete at the **ASRL** Open 2026 competitors must:

- Be registered, financial members of the club they are entering under.
- Hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion or a Non-Award award
- Non-Award holders - Members who are aged U15 to Masters may, for a maximum of 120 days from the date of joining SLSA - (Refer policy 5.04), are eligible to compete in the **ASRL** Open provided that:
 - They are a registered and current financial member of SLSA.
 - Completed the prerequisite assessment for the Bronze Medallion detailed in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual i.e. 400m pool swim in 9 mins or less.
 - Be eligible under the necessary age category.
 - Have received instruction from a current accredited SLSA Coach regarding any craft to be used in the event and the event procedure.
 - A current accredited SLSA coach supervises the Non-Award Members participation in the event.

**Note: The SLSA Interstate Championship is considered a SLSA championship event therefore non-award holders are not eligible to participate in the Inter State Championship*

ENTRY FEES

The **ASRL** Open 2026 entry fees are as follows:

Price Level	Dates	Price (Inc GST)
Normal Entry Fee	01/01/2026 – 25/01/2026	\$70
Late Entry Fee	26/01/2026 – 05/02/2026	\$95

PAYMENT

Is directly via Liveheats – clubs will be required to pay by credit card or direct deposit.

Refund Policy

Refunds will only be considered in the event of a medical withdrawal and must be supported by a valid medical certificate. An administration fee of \$10 will be deducted from any approved refund.

No refunds will be issued for change of mind, non-attendance, or personal scheduling conflicts. By submitting an entry, competitors acknowledge and agree to these conditions.

TEAM CHANGES

- Changes to already existing team entries can occur up until Late Entries close at 9:00am (AEDT), 05/02/2026 via [LIVEHEATS](#).
- Process for team changes after this date must email secretary@asrl.com.au and will incur additional administration fees.

COMPOSITE CREWS

- Requests for composite crews will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- Requests are to be emailed to secretary@asrl.com.au stating the Club and crew name and division along with the outgoing rower/sweep including and the proposed incoming rower/sweep along with their club.
- An explanation regarding the need for a composite crew is to be detailed in this request.
- The incoming rower must meet the eligibility requirement to be considered.
- All requests will be reviewed by the event committee and the outcome communicated to the crew representative as soon as possible.

COMPETITIVE TRANSFERS

- Competitors, Team Managers, and club administrators should familiarise themselves with Section 2.2.4 –Competitive Transfers rules of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- All competitors entered in the **ASRL Open 2026** must be current financial and proficient members of an affiliated club or ILS affiliate.

RESTRICTIONS ON EVENTS AND PROVOS

- The following restrictions shall apply in regard to nominations and competition in the various events:
- **AGE/GENDER CATEGORIES - SAFETY RESTRICTIONS** – Where a particular age/gender category area and/or section (including specific events) is postponed, canceled, or relocated due to safety and/or weather/sea conditions, competitors from that particular age/gender grouping are not permitted to compete in any older age category event/s.

MASTERS EVENTS

- **MASTERS AGE GROUPS** – Competitors can only compete in one combined age category.
- The aggregate ages of the four rowers will determine the age category.
- The sweep does not need to be a Master age competitor and is not included in the team's aggregate age.

ASRL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS – ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

- As detailed in Note 1 of Section 5.1(a) of the Surf Sports Manual only accredited S3 and S2 Sweeps will be eligible to sweep surf boats in these Championships. For further information please refer to the **ASRL Sweep Accreditation Document**.
- Please note Section 5.1 (f) of the Surf Sports Manual re the mandatory wearing of helmets in Surf Boats unless an acceptably low-level risk is assessed.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

Conditions of entry for international competitors:

- **ASRL** reserves the right to invite and/or accept entries from international competitors and club teams to compete in any event at the **ASRL Open**.
- International club teams must be a genuine club team (not composite teams) and must compete in club colours to be eligible to compete.
- International individual competitors may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their country, compete in their national colours.
- All international competitors and club teams must gain international clearance from their governing body and must be submitted to **ASRL** prior to competition.

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

POWERCRAFT & WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- The 2026 **ASRL** Open will see the Powercraft (IRB & RWC) rostering process continue as per last year's system.
- **ASRL** will be looking to engage active and enthusiastic Powercraft personnel across varying levels of experience and expertise to manage water safety processes across the event.

DRESS OF COMPETITORS

- In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins or Circulars.
- The 2025/2026 **ASRL** branded event lycra singlets must be worn, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Competitors will be checked at the start line, and no competitor will be allowed to compete unless they comply.

LYCRA SINGLET DISTRIBUTION

- If rowers are yet to collect their singlet for 2025/2026 season they can order online here: [ASRL Singlet Ordering](#) please ensure a unique email address is provided for each order
- Singlets can be collected at the event by a team representative. Times for collection will be circulated prior to the event along with the site maps.

DRAWS WILL BE GENERATED VIA LIVEHEATS

- Clubs will be required to check all crews in by **10am Thursday 12/02/2026** if this cannot be done in person clubs will be required to email secretary@asrl.com.au with club, and crew name no later than 10am.
- [LIVEHEATS](#) link for draws