

## **FINAL EVENT INFORMATION**

### ***2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Masters & Opens Championships***

The following information relates to the conduct of the NSW Surf Life Saving Masters & Opens Championships proudly presented by Your local club.

#### **CRITICAL EVENT INFORMATION**

- 1. SLSNSW will be using Live Heats for the duration of the championships. Athletes must bring their allocated Live Heats wristband.**
- 2. Team changes can only occur via the Team Managers portal in Live Heats OR at the Admin Centre. Team changes will not be made by Officials in Marshalling.**
- 3. Team Changes will NOT be permitted once Marshalling closes.**
- 4. Adding entered athletes into additional individual events must occur by no later than 7.30am on the morning of competition at the Admin Centre. There will be a fee of \$23.50 per event. Athletes must already be entered in the State Championships.**
- 5. Parking for Club Trailers will open at 8am on Tuesday 24 February for Masters. Additional trailers for Open Championship permitted from 12pm Thursday 26 February.**
- 6. Club Tents are permitted to be installed from 8am Tuesday 24 February. Additional Club Tents can be installed from 12pm Thursday 26 February.**

#### **ENTRY CIRCULARS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Reference is made to the following:

**a) NSW State Championships Webpage**

The below resources can be downloaded from the – [2026 State Championships event page](#).

- Entry Circular
- Event Program
- Powercraft Roster
- Officials Appointments
- Area Map

**b)** As per the Entry Circular, no individual late entries will be accepted at the Championships.

**c)** SLSNSW will be using Live Heats to marshal events and record results. Competitors and Team Managers must ensure that wristbands are correctly assigned. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they are recorded correctly by the Live Heats recorders.

**d)** Once marshalling for an event has closed, late arriving competitors will not be accepted.

**e)** Distance Runs – Competitors may choose not to wear their pink lycra vest while competing in the distance runs. Competitors **MUST** however wear their lycra vest for medal presentations.

- f) SLNSW as the event organiser, reserves the right to add or delete, or change any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant doing so.

### **TEAM MANAGERS**

**Compulsory Team Managers meetings for Masters and Opens will be held online, via Microsoft Teams as follows:**

**SLNSW ask that only ONE representative from each Club is in attendance.**

#### **MASTERS**

**Monday 23 February at 6.00pm**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 482 969 942 065 92

Passcode: ff9oJ3RB

#### **OPENS**

**Tuesday 24 February at 6.00pm**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 426 097 359 043 74

Passcode: kL9fn7DW

### **STACK TEAM APP**

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

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

1. Download the "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 "2026 NSW State Championships"
4. Click the "Become a member of this Team App" icon at the top of the screen.
5. Therefore, once joined – also join groups or specific lists that you would like updates for as notifications will be targeted to the specific group.
6. 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 DO NOT RELY ON TEAM APP AS YOUR ONLY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION!** It is an individual's obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a Team App update is not an excuse for missing events.

## LIVE HEATS

SLNSW will be using Live Heats for the duration of the Championships. ALL competitors must ensure they have a correctly assigned wristband prior to the commencement of competition. Replacement wristbands can be purchased from the Event Administration Centre for \$7.00 per band. Important notes.

1. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure they have the correct tag, and their correct results are recorded.
2. Late entries into individual events will incur a fee of \$23.50 and must be made prior to the event via the Admin Centre at Swansea Belmont SLSC. Access via the courtyard.
3. Team Managers are able to make changes to teams via Live Heats prior to marshalling.

## LYCRA VEST COLLECTION

All competitors entered into the 2026 NSW Surf Life Saving 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 and warm up at the 2026 NSW Surf Life Saving 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.

Club lycra vest orders are to be collected from Swansea Belmont SLSC by Team Managers only. We will not be issuing lycra vests to individual competitors. If you require a change of size, please exchange at the Admin Centre, accessed via the courtyard of Swansea Belmont SLSC.

## COLLECTION TIMES

### Masters

Tuesday 24 February                    2.00pm – 4.30pm  
Wednesday 25 February                from 6.15am.

### OPENS

Collection Times  
Thursday 26 February                    12.00pm – 4.30pm  
Friday 27 February                        6.15am - 7.15am

## TENTS

Club Tents for both Masters & Open competitions can be bumped in on Tuesday 24 February from 8am. Additional Club Tents may be bumped in on Thursday 26 February from 12pm.

Tents already in place for Age Championships may remain. Please ensure they are dropped and secured between Championship Events.

Club tents should be set up across the beach, with 6x3m tents set across **3m ONLY**, and 3x3m tents set two deep.

## **POWERCRAFT ROSTER**

The 2026 NSW State Championships Powercraft roster can be accessed on our [event webpage](#).

What to do:

1. Powercraft personnel are to sign on 1 hour prior to the start of each shift at the IRB compound located on the north side of Swansea Belmont SLSC.
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 their personal compliant PFD, helmet, 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.**

Any issues from competitors, team managers or officials regarding powercraft must be raised with the Powercraft Coordinator.

## **FAILURE TO FULFILL POWERCRAFT REQUIREMENTS.**

Provision of personnel to fulfill powercraft requirements are essential to ensuring the safety of competition participants. The following will occur if clubs do not report for duty at the specific time.

1. The clubs Team Manager will be notified and will report to the Powercraft and/or Water Safety Coordinator immediately.
2. The Team Manager will be given 30 minutes to rectify the indiscretion.
3. Failure to rectify will result in all Club athletes being stood down from all competition, until the indiscretion is rectified.
4. Discussions will be minuted in the presence of the Championship Committee.
5. If the indiscretion is not remedied by the Club and/or Team Manager, Club athletes will not participate in ANY areas during the allotted club powercraft/water safety shift.

## **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 officials' allocation.

**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.**

### OFFICIALS CLOTHING

Official clothing may be collected from Swansea Belmont SLSC when you register during the following times.

Tuesday 24 February	3.00pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 25 February	6.00am - 7.00am
Thursday 26 February	6.00am – 7.00am 3.00pm – 4.30pm
Friday 27 February	6.00am – 7.00am
Saturday 28 February	6.00am – 7.00am

### OFFICIALS DRESS CODE

All Surf Sports Officials will be provided with 1 x 2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships officials shirt. All Surf Sports Officials must wear their red accreditation name badges.

It is imperative that **NO** Surf Sports Official enters the competition arena with any:

- a. Club identification
- b. Branch identification
- c. Sponsors identification (except any recognised event sponsor)

The Officials breakfast will be held from 6.00am each morning upstairs in Swansea Belmont SLSC.

Please ensure you bring a refillable water bottle. Morning Tea will need to be collected at breakfast.

### PRESENTATION / MEDAL COLLECTION

Medals will be collected and presented in your competition area immediately after the completion of a finals race. Medals not collected, will be available from the Admin Centre in Swansea Belmont SLSC the following day for those who were absent. SLSNSW will not send medals to home, Club or Branch addresses after the conclusion of the Championships.

### WARM UPS

#### MASTERS

##### Wednesday 12 March

- 7:35am to 7:50am – SWIM
- 7:55am to 8:10am – BOARD
- 8:15am to 8:20am – SKI

##### Thursday 13 March

- 7:05am to 7:20am – SWIM
- 7:25am to 7:40am – BOARD
- 7:45am to 8:00am – SKI

## **OPENS**

### **ALL DAYS**

- 7:00am to 7:15am – SWIM
- 7:15am to 7:30am – BOARD
- 7:30am to 7:45am – SKI

No competitor should be within 50m of the water areas whilst the courses are being set by the SLSNSW IRB powercraft team. This is not only a safety issue, but it ensures that the courses are correct. Any members/clubs that do not adhere to this may face a disciplinary committee. It is recommended that all clubs continue with their risk assessments prior to entering the water for warm up activities.

**All competitors warming up must wear Pink High – Visibility Rash Vest. No Warmups to occur prior to the listed times.**

### **FIRST AID**

First Aid will be provided during the event and will be operational from 7:00am each day of competition. The Central First Aid Centre will be located in the first aid room of Swansea Belmont SLSC, bottom level, access via courtyard. There will be multiple First Aid locations between water areas and beach areas. Please refer to the event map for precise locations on beach. If a competitor is unable to walk to a First Aid location because of an injury, please advise an official who will contact First Aid member to attend. If an Ambulance is required to attend the event for an injury sustained, this will be arranged through the championship Safety team.

### **CONTINGENCY LOCATIONS**

The contingency locations for this event will be Redhead and Caves Beach. As per usual the Competition Safety and Emergency Committee (SEC) will communicate any change or update via Club Team Managers.

### **Aim and Principles of Relocation:**

The aim of relocating part or all 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 Committee is responsible for assessing the situation and deciding 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 used.

### **PARKING**

Please refer to the overview map on final page.

Event parking will be available in local surrounding streets.

Please be respectful of residents and only park in designated areas. Parking will be enforced by Lake Macquarie City Council with fines issued to those people who disobey parking regulations imposed by the council.

### **TRAILER PARKING**

The trailer parking area will be available from 12pm Tuesday 24 February 2026. On competition days, access must be before 7:00am and exit only after completion of competition.

Access to the trailer parking area is via Gommeria St.

**All trailers to be parked at the direction of the trailer parking attendant.**

### **SECURITY**

There will be security onsite, overnight for the duration of the carnival. Although security is present, any valuables and/or craft should not be left in Club tents or in the vicinity of the Club house. All craft should be taken with you at the end of the day.

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by SLSNSW, or its sponsors will immediately be brought before a Carnival Disciplinary Committee or a SLSNSW 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 Swansea Belmont SLSC takes no responsibility for gear and equipment if left on the beach and it is at your own risk.

### **ADMINISTRATION CENTRE**

The carnival administration centre will be located on bottom level of Swansea Belmont SLSC with access from the courtyard, during the following times:

Tuesday 24 February	2pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 25 February	6:15am – 4.30pm
Thursday 26 February	6:15am – 4.30pm
Friday 27 February	6:15am – 4.30pm
Saturday 28 February	6:15am – 4.30pm
Sunday 1 March	6:15am – 1pm

### **CLASHING OF EVENTS**

**Note:** While every effort will be made by the Event Referees to avoid clashes in the timetable, athletes may have to choose one content over another.

Competitor Liaison Officers have been appointed 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 deferment 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.***

### **FOLLOW THE EVENT**

SLSNSW will be posting selected results, updates and uploading pictures from the event on our Facebook, Twitter accounts and through the event manager entry system.

Follow us on [Facebook](#)

Instagram - @slnsw

Results – follow via [www.liveheats.com](http://www.liveheats.com)

### **PHOTOGRAPHY AND 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. SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or team management. Professional photographers will be attending, and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Club Team Management 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 about the Championships will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

#### **Drones:**

For the safety of competitors, officials, and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements. SLSNSW will be utilising

Lifesaving UAVs to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards. Drones or UAVs will be used for media during this event.

### **COMPETITION AREA ACCESS**

Entry to the competition arena will be via the marshalling areas. No member, Coach, or Team Manager will be permitted to enter the competition arena unless escorted by a Competition Official.

### **SPECTATOR AREA**

The spectator area where possible, will be directly behind the competition arenas together with a pedestrian walkway. The competition arena will be "out of bounds" for everyone except the competitors in the events being conducted.

### **HANDLERS**

Only one handler per competitor (ironman, etc.) will be permitted in the competition arena during competition in progress.

**All competitors and handlers must leave the arena with all equipment at the conclusion of their events. High visibility vests/bibs and club caps are required to be worn by handlers.**

### **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 will be readily available from the Liaison Officer or online. An Appeals' Fee of \$150.00 must accompany all when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

SLSNSW expects that all members involved in competition will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.

Any incidents or behavior likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of surf sports competition will be managed as described in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

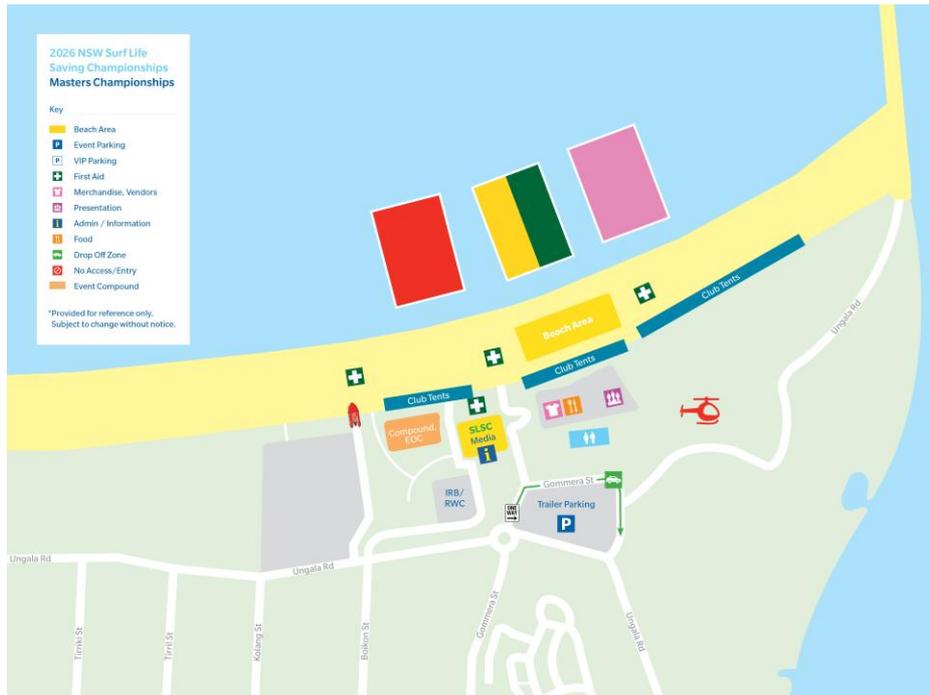
### **MERCHANDISE / VENDORS**

Surf Life Saving NSW will be selling official merchandise during the Championships. The Stallholder village will be located on the southern side of Swansea Belmont SLSC.

Fine Designs is the Official Merchandise partner for the State Championships. Make sure you pick up your official event merchandise from the Fine Designs stall or through the [online store](#).

**EVENT MAP**

**MASTERS**



**OPENS**



