

FINAL EVENT INFORMATION

2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Surf Boat Championships

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

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday 27 February

7:30am Masters

12:30pm Reserves – Heat through to Final 12

Saturday 28 February

7:30am Boat Relay, U19s, U23s, Opens – Heats through to Final 12

Sunday 1 March

8:00am Lifesaver Relay, U19s, U23s, Opens – 12, 8, 6, Boat Relay final if required

CRITICAL EVENT INFORMATION

1. Club tents are to be on the beach as marked on the map. See page 7.
2. All crew changes must be approved by the referee prior to being implemented.
3. Team Changes will NOT be permitted once Marshalling closes.
4. Parking for Club Trailers will open at 12pm on Thursday 26 February.
5. Club Tents are permitted to be installed from 12pm on 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) Once marshalling for an event has closed, late arriving competitors will not be accepted.

d) SLSNSW 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

Clubs should ensure their Team Managers are listed in Live Heats.

SWEEPS MEETING

Sweeps meetings will be held 20 minutes before 'guns up' on each day at or near the Starters Towers.

Friday: 7:10am Masters. 11:40am Reserves

Saturday: 7:10am

Sunday: 7:40am

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.

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 at Swansea Belmont SLSC. Access to Admin via the courtyard of the SLSC.

Collection Times

Thursday 26 February	2pm – 4:30pm
Friday 27 February	6:15am – 5pm

TENTS

Club Tents for Surf Boat competitions can be bumped in on Thursday 26 February from 12pm.

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 between north 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 current SLSNSW Powercraft licence, 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. The roster can be accessed [here](#).

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 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.
 - a. Club athletes will not participate in ANY areas during the allotted club powercraft/water safety shift.

BOAT TOWER MOVEMENT ROSTER

Friday 14 March 2025	
Shift 1: 0730 - 1145	North Cronulla Collaroy Coogee Bulli
Shift 1: 1145 - end	South Curl Curl Elouera Wanda Queenscliff
Saturday 15 March 2025	
Shift 1: 0745 - 1200	Palm Beach Avoca Beach Bilgola North Narrabeen
Shift 2: 1200 - end	Mona Vale Avalon Beach North Cronulla Mollymook
Sunday 16 March 2025	
Shift 1: 0715 - 1130	Palm Beach Wanda
Shift 2: 1130 - end	Elouera South Maroubra

OFFICIALS CLOTHING

Official clothing may be collected from Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club when you register during the following times.

Thursday 26 March 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Friday 27 March 6:00am - 7:00am

Saturday 28 March 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:

- Club identification
- Branch identification
- Sponsors identification (except any recognised event sponsor)

The Officials breakfast will be held from 6:00am each morning at Swansea Belmont Surf Club.

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 administration at 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

SURF BOATS

No competitor should be within 50m of the competition 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 Warm ups 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 on the north – west corner of the trailer parking area. 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 South Steyne, Manly, Shelley, Mona Vale, Long Reef, Collaroy, and Basin Beaches. 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

Parking can be found in surrounding local 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

Surf Boat trailer parking will be located on the grassed reserve on the north side of Swansea Belmont SLSC. Access to the trailer parking area will be from 12pm Thursday 26 March 2026. Marshals will be onsite to direct clubs. All clubs are to drop off trailers and remove cars immediately. **All trailers must be parked on the grass in the trailer parking area at the direction of club volunteers.**

ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The carnival administration centre will be located inside Swansea Belmont SLSC during the following times:

Thursday 13 March	6.30am – 4.30pm
Friday 14 March	6.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday 15 March	6.30am – 4.30pm
Sunday 16 March	6.30am – 1.00pm

COMPETITION

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.

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 take no responsibility for gear and equipment if left on the beach and it is at your own risk.

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

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.

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.

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



