

Final Event Information
2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships
Champion Lifesaver & Patrol Competition
Swansea Belmont SLSC 13-15 Feb 2026

The following information relates to the conduct of the Champion Lifesaver & Patrol Competition at the 2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships proudly presented by Your local club.

ENTRY CIRCULARS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Reference is made to the following:

a) NSW State Championships Webpage

The below resources can be downloaded from – [2026 SLSNSW State Championships](#)

- Entry Circular
- Event Timetable

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

c) While every effort is made to ensure the results are accurate, it is the competitors' own responsibility to ensure that they have their name, club and position correctly recorded.

The Online Theory Component will take place electronically, all competitors must bring their own device (phone, tablet, laptop). Further information on the Online Theory Component will be published separately.

SLSNSW as the event organiser, reserves the right to add or delete, change any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant to do so.

TEAM MANAGERS

SLSNSW will use Stack Team App to communicate all critical event information. Please ensure you have joined Stack Team App and are allocated as a Team Manager in Live Heats.

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 "Stack 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 Stack Team App" icon at the top of the screen.

5. 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 STACK 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

SLSNSW 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. Team changes must be made by Team Managers prior to the 1st Marshalling Call. No team changes will be made in marshalling.
2. Officials will not be permitted to make changes for clubs.
3. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure they have the correct tag, and their correct results are recorded.
4. Late entries into additional individual events will incur a fee of \$23.50 and must be made no later than 1 hour prior to competition.

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 sufficient officials are not provided by clubs 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 DRESS CODE

All Surf Sports Officials will be provided a 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 6:30am each morning at Swansea Belmont SLSC.

TRAFFIC FLOW / PARKING

Parking will be available in the car park and local surrounding streets.

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

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](#)

Follow us on Twitter – www.twitter.com/SLSNSW

Instagram - @slsnew

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 also 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.

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 \$110.00 must accompany all when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

CODE OF CONDUCT

SLNSW 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 behaviour 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.

As a reminder, all competitors, officials, parents should treat each other with respect. If this does not occur, you will be subject to the disciplinary committee and may face further action.

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

MERCHANDISE

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 at Swansea Belmont SLSC or through the online store.

EVENT MAP

