



## Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

Title:	The Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2026 – Call for Officials Nominations
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Subject:	Officials Nominations – Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2024
Summary:	Call for the Officials Nominations for the Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2026 to be held at South Australian Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Adelaide from 7-9 August 2026.

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is now calling for nominations from all currently accredited SLSA Surf Sports Officials wishing to officiate and further develop their skills in officiating at the Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2026 to be held at South Australian Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Adelaide from 7 August – 9 August 2026.

The appointment of Officials will be made jointly by the Championship Referee, the Deputy Referees and Surf Lifesaving Australia's National Officials Advisor. Officials' appointments will be finalised as soon as possible after the close of nominations and all appointments will be posted on the SLSA Members Area and the 'event info' section of the Australian Pool Rescue Championships web page, as well as emailed directly to appointed officials. Late nominating Officials will be added to the 'Officials Pool' and duties and appointments made subject to availability of roles.

### PLEASE NOTE:

In nominating for these Championships, all Officials warrant that they are, and must remain, mentally and physically capable of carrying out all the functions of their appointed role(s) over the course of the entire Championships.

All Officials should undertake a medical check prior to departure for the Championships. SLSA may request Officials to provide medical clearance if the Official has had a medical incident at a previous SLS event or if SLSA reasonably considers such request is reasonable and/or necessary. If requested, the Official must provide the medical clearance.

SLSA reserves the right in its absolute discretion to:

- a.) Not appoint an Official to any position whether an Official has nominated or not;
- b.) Remove an Official from any position at any time (whether before or during an SLSA event)

SLSA is not obligated to give reason where it acts under this clause.

**NOTE:** All appointed Officials should be able to officiate the **full three days**, beginning Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August and until the completion of competition on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August.

**NOTE:** All appointed Officials will be required to attend the Officials Briefing, prior to the competition. All times and locations will be outlined in the Officials Appointment Circular distributed at a later date. Non-attendance could lead to your being stood down from your appointed role.

**NOTE:** SLSA will be appointing only the required number of Officials.



The following senior officials have already been appointed to the 2026 Australian Pool Rescue Championships:

- Championship Referee – Richard Crowe
- Deputy Referee – Carolyn Wilson
- Deputy Referee – Natalie Cumming

### **Nomination Procedure**

Please click the following link to nominate for the Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2026:

[Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2026 - Officials Nominations](#)

**Please see a list below of all roles that you are able to nominate for:**

#### **Technical Roles**

- Event Director
- Starter
- Chief Technical Judge
- Technical Judge
- Chief Timekeeper
- Timekeeper
- Finish Judge
- iPad Judge
- Turn Judge
- Announcer
- Marshall
- Competition Liaison
- Appeals Convenor
- Appeals Panel
- Presentations
- Results Recorder
- Gear & Equipment

### **Officials Scholarship Program**

Officials play a vital role in Surf Life Saving Sport. The Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Officials Scholarship Program aligns with the SLSA Participant Development Pathway, ensuring officials are trained and supported to continue their officiating progression. The Scholarship Program will increase opportunities and create a progressive pathway for our aspiring officials.

This will be achieved by providing the recipients with the opportunity to gain officiating experience at the Australian Pool Rescue Surf Life Saving Championships.

If you wish to apply for the Officials Scholarship Program, please refer to the respective Circular ([Circular 81/ Officials Scholarship Circular Australian Pool Rescue Championships 2026](#))

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Wednesday 10 June 2026**

#### **Further Information**

Should further information be required please contact the events team at: [officials@sls.com.au](mailto:officials@sls.com.au)