

Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

Title:	Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold 2026 – Call for Officials Nominations
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Summary:	Call for Officials Nominations for the Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2026 to be held at Coolangatta Beach, QLD on 17-18 October 2026.

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is now calling for nominations from all currently licensed SLSA Surf Sports Officials wishing to officiate and further develop their officiating skills at the Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold 2026 to be held at Coolangatta Beach, QLD on 17-18 October 2026.

The Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold will see the following events take place, which officials will be able to nominate for:

Saturday 17 October 2026	Wave 1 Start (Sprint): 7.30AM Wave 1 Start (Gold 25.6): 10.00AM	Coolangatta Sprint Coolangatta Gold 25.6
Sunday 18 October 2026	Wave 1 Start (Dash): 7.30AM Wave 1 Start (Youth): 9.30AM	Coolangatta Dash Youth Challenge

Please find below an overview of the events:

Event	Event Overview
Coolangatta Sprint	A high-speed 12.5km format delivering action-packed racing with 7km ski, 1km swim, 2km board and 2.5km of running throughout the course.
Coolangatta 25.6	The main event of the weekend is sure to test the best with 14km of ski paddling, 2km of swimming, 4km of board paddling and 5.6km of running throughout the course, including five approximately 500m soft sand transition runs throughout the course.
Coolangatta Dash	A Run-Swim-Run short course ideal for emerging athletes and community participants. 3.25km total distance with two short beach runs and a 1km ocean swim in the middle.
Youth Challenge	The Youth Challenge is targeted at SLS members U11-U15 looking to step up to the Coolangatta Gold course. The course includes a 350m Swim, 450m Board and approximately 1km of running throughout the course.



The appointment of all officials will be made jointly by the Event Referee and Surf Lifesaving Australia's National Officials Advisor. Officials will be finalised as soon as possible after the close of nominations and all appointments will be posted on the Members Area, TeamApp and 'Event Info' section of the Coolangatta Gold website.

First round of nominations will close: **Friday, 14 August 2026**

Second round of nominations will close: **Friday, 11 September 2026**

Please note that once a role has been filled after the close of nominations (Round 1), you will no longer be able to be appointed to that position, so please do not indicate that as a preference when nominating as part of Round 2. We recommend nominating for your preferred position before the first round of nominations close on **Friday, 14 August 2026**.

Late nominating officials will be added to the 'officials pool' and duties and appointments made subject to availability of roles.

NOTE: All appointed officials will be required to attend the officials briefing to be held on Friday 16th October (TBC). There will be an additional official briefing on site at Coolangatta SLSC prior to each day of competition.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

In nominating for this event, 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 event. All Officials should undertake a medical check prior to departure for the event if they have any concerns about their health. SLSA may request Officials or 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.

All officials, unless they have a diagnosed disability, must be able to make their own way onto and off the beach, in line with out event safety plans. If you have a diagnosed disability that impacts mobility, please email officials@sls.com.au so that this can be factored into safety plans.

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 also that Officials must be able to complete all roles they are appointed to without transport assistance from event coordinators.

Nomination Procedure:

Please click the following link to nominate for the 2026 Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold:

[Shaw and Partners Financial Services Coolangatta Gold 2026 - Officials + Medical Nomination](#)

Because the event has changed in the way that transitions are organised, positions this year might vary from previous years.

Please see a list below of all Official Roles for the Saturday of the 2026 Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold (Sprint and Gold 25.6):

- Starter
- Check starter/time penalty caller



- Lead Marshalling Team
- Marshalls
- Marshalling Announcer
- Race transition guides – guiding athletes on transitions
- Race Statistician (with Multisport)
- Statisticians at hydration point on Coolangatta
- Finish Recorder
- Multisport Transition Checker
- Competition Liaison
- Presentation Coordinator
- Medical/First Aid Team

Please see a list below of all Official Roles for the Sunday of the 2026 Shaw and Partners Coolangatta Gold (Run-Swim-Run and Youth Challenge):

- Starter
- Check starter
- Lead Marshalling Team
- Marshalls
- Marshalling Announcer
- Race transition guides – guiding athletes on transitions
- Race Statistician/s (with Multisport for the Run-Swim-Run and then without for Youth Challenge)
- Finish Judges and Recorders (Youth Challenge only)
- Multisport Transition Checker
- Competition Liaison
- Presentation Coordinator
- Medical/First Aid Team

Due to changes in rules for these events there will be no Appeals Panel appointed.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE:
First Round: **Friday 14 August 2026**
Second Round: **Friday, 11 September 2026**

SLSA is aiming to publish the first round of Officials Appointments on Thursday, 10 September.

Further Information

Should further information be required please contact: officials@sls.com.au

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