



Surf Life Saving Australia Circular

Title:	2026 SLSA Australian Short Course Surf Boat Championships – Entry Circular
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Summary:	This circular contains the relevant details for entering competitors into the Australian Short Course Surf Boat Championship 2026 & information about the ASRL Mixed Crew Championship to be held at Woolgoolga NSW on 12-13 December 2026.

1 EVENT DATE & LOCATION

Date	Event	Beach
Saturday 12 - Sunday 13 December 2026	Australian Short Course Surf Boat Championship	Woolgoolga SLSC, NSW

2 ENTRY PROCESS

Club entries to the Australian Short Course Championships must be submitted via the ASRL Liveheats page: <https://liveheats.com/asrl>

Please note, crews must be complete at time of entry.

2.1 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

To be eligible to compete at the Championships, competitors must comply with Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility and the Guidelines for Competition Eligibility document (available on the SLSA Members Area).

2.2 ENTRY FEES

The SLSA Australian Short Course Championships entry fees are as follows:

Price Level	Entries Open	Entries Close	Price (incl GST)*
Normal Entry Fee	1 October 2026	11:55PM Friday, 20 November 2026	\$ 62.50
Late Entry Fee	08:00AM Saturday, 21 November 2026	5:00PM Tuesday 1 December 2026	\$ 87.50

***Note 1: Prices are per competitor.**

2.3 REFUND OF FEES/CANCELLATION FEES

Entry fees are non-refundable.

2.5 TEAM CHANGES

Changes to already existing team entries can occur up until Normal Entries close at 11:55pm (AEDT), 20 November 2026 via LiveHeats. For changes after this date please email secretary@asrl.com.au



3 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All competitors entered in the Championships must be financial members of an affiliated club or ILS affiliate.

3.1 MEMBERSHIP, AWARD PROFICIENCIES AND PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMPETITORS

Each competitor must hold the award relevant to their entry and have completed a proficiency test for the award. The details of these requirements are detailed in SLSA's Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility and the SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility document via the SLSA Member's Area. As noted under Eligibility to Compete see above for further details.

3.2 RESTRICTIONS ON EVENTS AND PROVISOS

The following restrictions shall apply in regard to nominations and competition in the various events:

- a) Rule 2.10.2(a) New note 2: Substitution rules for surf boats are contained in Section 5
- b) Rule 2.22(f) – for dry finishes
- c) As detailed in Note 1 of Section 5.1(a) of the of Surf Sports Manual only accredited S3 and S2 Sweeps will be eligible to sweep surf boats in these Championships. For further information please refer to the SLSA Sweep Accreditation Document.
12 Month Trial period - "Where a S3 sweep replaces a S2 sweep due to Surf Risk Rating is 16 or above, the first preference is for a replacement from within the same club. However, a sweep from another club will be considered if there are no suitable replacements. Any points acquired by the crew will be fully allocated to the entry crew and club, with no points and/or final placings achieved going to the sweep or the club of the substitute sweep. If conditions abate during the event the original S2 Sweep must return for the crew to continue racing."
- d) Surf Boat Competitors are reminded to refer to the Surf Sports Manual Section 5.1(a) Note 3-5 above that details particular 'double dipping' rules that apply to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. Notes 3-5 above. The alternative rules relate to 'Double dipping' (i.e. competing in more than one division or age category of rowing) by crews will not be permitted at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships). Exceptions to this condition are as follows: New Note 7(iii): Should a member of any crew become indisposed they may be replaced subject to approval of the Carnival Referee provided the replacement crew member complies with the requirements contained in Sections 2.13 and 2.18 of the Surf Sports Manual and any special entry requirements. Once a crew member has been replaced, they are ineligible to re-enter competition within the event unless:
 - (a) A medical practitioner certifies the competitor fit to resume competition;
 - and
 - (b) The Referee approves the reinstatement.
- e) Please note Section 5.1 (f) of the Surf Sports Manual re the mandatory wearing of helmets in Surf Boats unless an acceptably low-level risk is assessed.

3.3 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

Conditions of entry for international competitors:

- a) SLSA reserves the right to invite and/or accept entries from international competitors and club teams to compete in any event at the Australian Championships.
- b) International club teams must be a genuine club team (not composite teams) and must compete in club colours to be eligible to compete.
- c) International individual competitors may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their country, compete in their national colours.
- d) All international competitors and club teams must gain international clearance from their governing body and must be submitted to SLSA prior to competition.



4 GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

4.1 LIVEHEATS

The Australian Short Course Surf Boat Championships will be utilising LiveHeats for draws, recording and results. Events will be able to be viewed at the following link once entries have closed and draws published: <https://liveheats.com/ASRL>

Please note, there is no requirement for Liveheats wristbands to be used for Surf Boat competition.

4.2 NAMES OF TEAMS IN TEAM EVENTS

SLSA/ASRL reserves the right to change any team name deemed inappropriate.

4.3 DRESS OF COMPETITORS

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the [current edition of the Surf Sports Manual](#) and any subsequent Bulletins or Circulars.

SLSA Staff, Championship Referee, Area Referee and/or Sectional Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID, or logos in conflict with the Championships sponsor and/or the SLSA Sponsorship Policy 6.28.

4.4 ASRL SINGLET ORDERING

The nominated high vis singlet for all racing is the [26/27 Wingman ASRL Singlet](#).

If you have not already placed your order, please do so by **Sunday 22nd November** to ensure they are available for collection at the event.

Place your singlet order at the following link:

5 COMPETITION MANIPULATION AND ANTI-DOPING

5.1 COMPETITION MANIPULATION

The SLSA National Policy on Competition Manipulation covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs includes special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.

5.2 ANTI-DOPING

Members participating in the Australian Surf Boat Short Course Championships have responsibilities under SLSA Policies, specifically [Policy 5.02 Australian National Anti-Doping Policy](#) and [Policy 6.23 Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine in Sport](#).

It is strongly recommended that all participants including competitors, team managers, handlers and coaches complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module and conduct at least one (1) Anti-Doping education course. (*Clean Sport 101 and Anti-Doping Fundamentals*).
<https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/education>.



6 ASRL MIXED CREW CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT DETAILS

The ASRL Mixed Crew Championship will occur alongside the Australian Short Course Surf Boat Championships on 12-13 December 2026 at Woolgoolga, NSW.

6.1 ENTRY INFORMATION

Club entries to the ASRL Mixed Crew Championships must be submitted via the <https://liveheats.com/ASRL>. For all LiveHeats enquires please email secretary@asrl.com.au

6.2 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

To be eligible to compete at the Championships, competitors must comply with Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility and the Guidelines for Competition Eligibility document (available on the SLSA Members Area).

Note: as this is not an SLSA Championship event, members holding the award: Award for non-award holders will be eligible to participate

6.3 TEAM COMPOSITION

To compete in the ASRL Mixed Crew Championship, teams must comprise of 2 male and 2 female crew. Teams may also be composite from different clubs.

6.4 ENTRY FEES

The ASRL Mixed Crew Championships entry fees are as follows:

Price Level	Entries Open	Entries Close	Price (incl GST)*
Normal Entry Fee	1 October 2026	11:55PM Friday, 20 November 2026	\$21
Late Entry Fee	8:00AM Saturday, 21 November 2026	5:00PM Tuesday 1 December 2026	\$33

***Note 1: Prices are per CREW.**

6.5 PAYMENT

Payment is via LiveHeats

6.6 REFUND OF FEES/CANCELLATION FEES

Once an invoice has been generated, **entry fees are non-refundable.**

6.7 TEAM CHANGES

Changes to already existing team entries can occur until Normal Entries close at 11:59pm (AEDT), 20 November 2026 via LiveHeats. For changes after this date please email secretary@asrl.com.au