



Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

Title	Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027 – Medical Team Nomination Circular
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Audience	State/Territory Surf Sport Managers, Directors, Club Secretaries, Club Surf sports director, Branches, Accredited Medical personnel
Summary	This circular calls for nomination of Medical team members to assist at Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027 at Maroochydore, Alexandra Headland, Mooloolaba and Coolum Beach, Queensland

AUSSIES 2027 – MEDICAL TEAM

SLSA are looking to engage active and enthusiastic Medical personnel across varying levels of experience and expertise to manage safety processes across the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027 across all Championships.

SLSA is seeking expressions of interest for the following roles. Please note position descriptions for the roles have been included at the end this document:

- [Medical Coordinator](#)
- [Doctor](#)
- [Nurse](#)
- [Physio/Sports Trainer](#)
- [Triage Nurse](#)
- [Medical response team](#)
- [Logistics Coordinator](#)
- [Communications officer](#)
- [Medical administrator](#)
- [First responder/First Aid](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see below a summary of important dates related to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027.

Friday 9 October	Medical Nominations Open
Friday 20 November	Medical Nominations – First Round Close
Week 14 th December	First Round Appointments Published
Friday 15 January	Second Round Appointments Close
Week of 29 th March	Medical Team Compulsory Online Briefing
Saturday 10 th April	Competition Day 1 Opening Ceremony
Sunday 11 th April	Competition Day 2 The Aussies Ocean Swim
Monday 12 th April	Competition Day 3 Golf Day
Tuesday 13 th April	Competition Day 4



	Masters Legends Hall of Fame Presentation Women in Lifesaving Dinner
Wednesday 14 th April	Competition Day 5 Officials Function
Thursday 15 th April	Competition Day 6 Life Members Function Alumni Event
Friday 16 th April	Competition Day 7 Partnerships Stakeholder Function Adaptive Events
Saturday 17 th April	Competition Day 8 Adaptive Events VIP Function
Sunday 18 th April	Competition Day 9 Ecumenical Service Welcome to Finals Day Ceremony VIP Function

Please note these dates are subject to change.

NOMINATIONS

Please find below the nomination link to all available roles within the Medical Area at Aussies 2027.

Nominations at the following link:
[AUSSIES 2027 – MEDICAL NOMINATIONS](#)

- First Round Nominations close Friday 20th November 2026
- Second Round Nominations close Friday 15 January 2027

Nominations will remain open through to the event should positions still be available. Priority for appointments will be given to first round nominations.

SLSA reserves the right in its absolute discretion to:

- a) Not appoint a member to any position whether they have nominated or not;
- b) Remove someone from any position at any time (whether before or during an SLSA event)

HEALTH STATEMENT

All medical personnel should ensure they are physically capable of carrying out their important functions over the course of the Championships:

In nominating for this event, all medical team members 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 medical team members should undertake a medical check prior to departure for the event. SLSA may request medical team members to provide medical clearance if they have had a medical incident at previous SLS event or if SLSA reasonably considers such request is reasonable and/or necessary. If requested the member must provide the medical clearance.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

A Medical briefing will take place online the week of 29th March, date will be confirmed closer to the event and communicated by email. **Attendance is compulsory.**

Briefings will also take place each morning by the Medical Coordinator.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL SUBSIDY

SLSA will provide shared bunk style accommodation where appropriate for Medical personnel throughout the Championships. When allocating accommodation, considerations will be given to:



- Personnel who are available five days or more
- Preference for accommodation will be given to personnel available for consecutive days
- Those travelling from out of area
- Accommodation will be allocated on a first come first served basis

Once appointed SLSA will contact individuals to confirm arrangements if applicable. Please note, late nominations may not be eligible for accommodation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at: events@slsa.asn.au



POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

MEDICAL COORDINATOR – POSITION DESCRIPTION

Purpose:

The Medical Coordinator oversees the competition's medical and first aid services under the guidance of the Safety Coordinator, ensuring qualified personnel, proper deployment of resources, and adherence to safety plans. They assess participant fitness, manage emergencies, communicate critical medical decisions, and report on safety and welfare issues.

Key Responsibilities:

- Act under the supervision of Safety Coordinator in emergencies.
- Oversee the recruitment and coordination of medical personnel required for the event with the support of the SLSA Events Team.
- Assist the SLSA Events Team with on-site induction process
- Create and manage a day-by-day roster for the medical team, ensuring appropriate coverage is maintained across all competition and event areas.
- Ensure all medical equipment, treatment areas, vehicles and other medical resources are appropriately set up, operational and fit for purpose throughout the event.
- Ensure appropriate medical supplies and consumables are available and replenished as required and that stocktake are completed.
- Liaise with the Safety Team on medical and safety matters and contribute to the identification and management of medical risks.
- Monitor the welfare of medical personnel and volunteers throughout the event, providing appropriate support and escalating concerns to the relevant Peer Support or wellbeing services where required.
- Ensure all medical interventions are appropriately documented and reported during the event, including maintaining accurate medical incident records.
- Participate in emergency management exercises, briefings and debriefs as required.
- Review and make recommendations to emergency management plans, medical plans and other relevant safety documents as requested by the SLSA Events Team.
- Contribute to post-event debriefs and provide recommendations for improvements to medical operations, resources, staffing and emergency response procedures.
- Ensure medical operations are delivered in accordance with relevant SLSA policies, event requirements and applicable legislation and professional standards.

Essential Skills & Qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience in surf lifesaving operations, particularly in medical coordination.
- Strong organisation skills
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- Ability to manage high-pressure situations and respond effectively to emergencies.
- Familiarity with SLSA competition rules and safety protocols.

Reports To:

Safety Coordinator, SLSA Site Operations Manager

Direct Reports:

Medical Team

Role Requirements

Date on Site	Departure Date
Thursday 8 April 2027	Monday 19 April 2027

This role requires attendance prior to competition to support the safe and efficient setup of the medical compound.

Meeting Schedule

Pre Event :



- Traffic Light Meeting - Attend monthly weekday evening meetings (Meeting may become fortnightly in the last month prior to event) with Powercraft, Safety and Medical team
- Medical Team members briefing- Chair the once off meeting prior to the event explain roles and responsibilities.

During Event

- Medical Toolbox Talk – Host daily briefing each day
- Safety Meetings – Attend daily in person meetings. Time TBC

INDUSTRY ACCREDITED MEDICAL PERSONNEL – POSITION DESCRIPTION

SLSA encourages members with clinical skills to join the team including:

- Physio, Sport Trainer
- Doctor
- Nurse
- Paramedics

These members operating in this capacity may require insurance and registration should they be working independently outside of SLSA guidelines.

LOGISTICS COORDINATOR – POSITION DESCRIPTION

The medical logistics coordinator oversees the planning, distribution, and maintenance of medical equipment, supplies, and resources. They ensure clinical teams are fully supported by managing inventory, coordinating restocking, and resolving logistical issues in real time. This role is essential for maintaining readiness, efficiency, and continuity of care throughout the event.

MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Medical Communications Officers is responsible for monitoring and managing radio communications for the medical team and deploying assets if required. They will work directly with the Medical Coordinator for all operational/rostering and event planning. This position is based in the Event Control Centre and works directly with the safety team, Medical and officials, as well as water police and event management.

TRIAGE NURSE – POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Triage nurse is responsible for rapidly assessing patients, identifying the severity of their conditions, and prioritising care to ensure timely medical attention. They provide immediate first aid, stabilisation, and coordination with onsite medical teams and medical coordinator to engage external emergency services as required. This role supports the safe delivery of the event by managing patient flow, maintaining accurate records, and ensuring a high standard of clinical care in dynamic, fast-paced environments

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATOR – POSITION DESCRIPTION

A medical administrator manages patient documentation, coordinates communication between clinical teams, and ensures all medical processes run smoothly. They support triage and treatment areas by maintaining accurate records, managing logistics, and facilitating efficient patient flow. This role helps uphold compliance, organisation, and operational efficiency within the event's medical footprint.

MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM – POSITION DESCRIPTION

The two-person medical response team must include at least one registered paramedic capable of delivering advanced pre-hospital care, complex decision-making, and high-acuity patient management. The second team member should be a qualified first responder, nurse, or paramedic who can support assessments, treatments, and patient movement. Together, the team must be able to rapidly deploy, stabilise patients, and coordinate with onsite medical and emergency services to ensure effective and timely clinical response.

FIRST RESPONDERS/FIRST AID OFFICERS – POSITION DESCRIPTION

A first responder/first aid team member stationed in each competition area provides immediate frontline care, including basic life support, wound management, and rapid assessment of injuries. They act as the first point of contact for competitors and spectators needing medical attention, ensuring quick intervention



and escalation when required. This role supports overall event safety by maintaining a constant, visible presence and facilitating prompt communication with higher-level medical teams. This role requires a minimum award of bronze + first aid certificate.