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2027 NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
OFFICIALS NOMINATIONS – 2nd CALL

Attention: Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Accredited Surf Sports Officials, Branch Secretaries/CEO's, Club Secretaries
Actioned by: Officials wishing to nominate for the 2027 NSW Country Championships
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Summary	SLSNSW is issuing a **2nd call** for nominations for Officials positions for the 2027 NSW Country Championships to be held at South West Rocks SLSC from 22-24 January 2027.
Action	Complete and submit nomination via Microsoft Forms by **11pm Sunday 22 November 2026.**

INFORMATION

SLSNSW is issuing a 2nd call for nominations for Officials for the 2027 NSW Country Championships at **South West Rocks SLSC from 22-24 January 2027**

Officials appointments will be made by the Officials Advisory Panel (OAP) in consultation with the Referee/Deputy Referee. Appointment lists will be published on the SLSNSW event page. To see list of available positions please refer to page two (2) of this document.

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OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS

All nominations are to be submitted via: Microsoft Forms

Nominations will close 11pm Sunday 22 November 2026

Nominations should include details of the preferred roles you would like to fulfill, with two (2) preferences listed in order of priority. While every effort is made to appoint you to your preferred position, it is not always possible to do so.

The appointment of Officials will be made after the close of nominations and appointments will be posted on the event webpage.

OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS

Surf Life Saving NSW is looking for accredited Officials who meet the following requirements:

- Be a current financial member of a club for 2026/27 season.
- Hold a **minimum** of a current:
    - **Core Official** accreditation for U8-U14 events.
    - **Technical Official** accreditation for Masters and Opens.

OFFICIALS QUOTA

Please be aware that there is an Officials Quota System applied to all Clubs for NSW Championship events on the number of Officials required to be supplied.

To fulfil your club's quota, you are required to officiate for two (2) or more days to help run a successful event. If you can only officiate for one (1) day, your club must provide another Official for one (1) day to fulfil your quota.

Please note that Officials are required to fulfil full days of officiating. Officiating duties cannot be split between two Officials on the same day to meet quota requirements.

Competitors Entered	Officials Required
0 to 4	0 Officials
5 to 8	1 Official
9 to 15	2 Officials
16 to 25	3 Officials
26 to 35	4 Officials
36 to 50	5 Officials
51 to 65	6 Officials
66+ Competitors	7 Officials

Please be aware the quota system is based on the number of competitors entered in the event, not the number of competitors starting. Clubs are reminded **before** entering their competitors into the entry system that they **MUST** meet the Officials quota.

If sufficient Officials are not provided by clubs according to the above quotas, SLSNSW will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required officials are present.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All Officials should ensure that they are physically capable of performing their required duties during the Championships and are encouraged to undertake a medical check prior to the Championships.
- All appointed Officials must attend the Officials Briefings. All times and locations will be outlined in due course.
- Appointed Officials are responsible for all costs associated with travel and accommodation for the Championships.
- Appointed Officials will receive one (1) Officials shirt per Championship. Requested sizes are not guaranteed.
- While every effort is made to appoint you to your preferred position, it is not always possible to do so.
- Completion of the nomination form does not guarantee appointment.
- The quota system will be strictly enforced. It is the club's responsibility to provide adequate officials for the number of competitors entered
- SLSNSW reserves the right, in its absolute discretion to:
  1. Not appoint an Official to any position whether an Official has nominated or not;
  2. Remove an Official from any position at any time (whether before or during an SLS event).

  SLSNSW is not obligated to provide reasons where it acts under this clause.

LIVE HEATS

SLSNSW will continue using Live Heats at the 2027 Championships, and across NSW in the 2026/27 season, to enhance the on-beach experience for competitors, officials, and spectators. Marshalls, Recorders, Chief Judges and Sectional Referees will require a thorough understanding of Live Heats.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Event	Positions Available
Water Areas (x 4)	• Course Judge • Starter • Finish Judge • Recorder (Live Heats) • Marshall (Live Heats)
Beach Area (Sprints & Flags)	• Starter • Finish Judge • Recorder (Live Heats) • Marshall (Live Heats) • Competition Liaison Officer
March Past	• Judge
Support Services	• Announcer

Positions will be published on the event webpage and updated as appointments are confirmed.