



Officials Alumni Program – Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2027

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This circular is for long-serving officials who have helped shape the Aussies over many years, and who would like to remain part of the Aussies experience, whilst stepping back from officiating duties.

Firstly, thank you very much for the many years of officiating you have done at Aussies!

SLSA recognises that, for many officials, the Aussies has been an integral part of their officiating journey.

SLSA also acknowledges that the Sunshine Coast is a split venue, with Ocean events at Maroochydore; Boats, Lifesaving, and RNR at Alexandra Headland; Beach, March Past, Ocean Swim, and Adaptive Events at Mooloolaba; and Board Riding events at Coolum. This arrangement creates additional challenges for officials, including more daily travel, longer walks between venues and debrief areas, and extended officiating days.

For the first time, you can choose an alternative to officiating at the upcoming Australian Surf Life Saving Championships by nominating as an inaugural member of the SLSA Officials Alumni.

SLSA Officials Alumni Program – Pilot Project

If you are eager to attend the Aussies because of social connections and a love of the sport and you do not feel that you can manage some of the challenges we face at the Aussies, particularly at a split venue, please consider nominating for the new **SLSA Officials Alumni**.

The Alumni program welcomes officials who can no longer officiate at the Championships, allowing them to reconnect with friends/colleagues and watch Australia's best athletes compete.

It also acknowledges the significant contribution you have made to the Aussies over many years and allows you to remain a part of the Aussies family.

What does this mean?

If you nominate for the Alumni, you can attend up to two Championships (Youth, Masters, Open) and be a part of the Aussies Experience, watch racing and attend the Officials Debrief.

You will register at the Officials Welcome Area as you would when officiating. You will receive an Aussies cap and Officials Alumni lanyard and may attend the daily debrief at your chosen venues. You must provide your own meals during the day, but food and drinks will be provided at the debrief.

Deciding whether to officiate, or to join the Alumni this year, is up to you. To help you choose, we have included a short safety self-assessment, developed in conjunction with our Event Safety Team.

If you decide to nominate for the Alumni and be part of this very special group of officials, please use this link.



Need help deciding? Ask yourself the following questions, can I:

- *walk a kilometre on sand or sand/footpaths at least a couple of times per day?*
- *climb 3 or 4 steps on a ladder to get on a judging tower?*
- *concentrate for 5-6 hours with short breaks between races?*
- *recall the names of 4-5 clubs in order?*
- *stand for 4-5 hours?*
- *cope with weather variations (rain, wind, hot sun)?*
- *see clearly, with sun glare, 200 metres out to sea?*

If you are unsure of your ability to do some of these, please consider the alumni as an option for you this year!

Nomination

If you would like to nominate for the Aussies 2027 Officials Alumni Program, please follow this link:
[The Aussies 2027 - Officials Alumni Program](#)

Nominations close:

Friday, 15 January 2027