

Circular

Title:	Expressions of Interest to run/host SLSWA Surf Sports Carnivals/Championships in 2026/27
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Audience:	Surf Sport Directors, Club Administrators and Club Executives
Summary:	This circular is calling for an Expression of Interest from SLS clubs to run and host Surf Sports carnivals and championships in the upcoming 2026/27 season.
Action:	Interested clubs are required to complete an online booking form and submit by 5pm Thursday 4 June 2026.
Appendix:	Host Club Event Checklist

Introduction

For the 2026/27 season, SLSWA is offering interested clubs the opportunity to participate in the delivery of the SLSWA Surf Sports Season as a host club. A range of opportunities are available across the different surf sport disciplines and age categories, and the level of club involvement ranges from assisting SLSWA to deliver SLSWA owned & run events through to complete event management of SLSWA owned but club run events.

Significant financial benefits are offered to host clubs, these are determined based on the size and duration of the event and the services provided by the club. Interested clubs are requested to complete and submit the online booking form by 5pm Thursday 4 June. Clubs are also welcome to contact the SLSWA Surf Sports Team for further information if required.

1. SLSWA owned & run events

There are opportunities for clubs to host our **Championship**, pre-Championship, Selection and Surf League events for a negotiated set fee. This fee will be based on what the host club can provide in relationship to arena set up, water safety, first aid and arena pack down. The table below outlines the Championships and the maximum fee (inc gst) a club could get to host the event/s.

Proposed Date/s	Event/s	Possible fee
10 Oct 2026	Endurance Championship	\$3,000
	Surf Boat Endurance Championship – <i>could be same club as above</i>	\$1,500
8 Nov 2026	Youth/Open Carnival – State Team Selection Event	\$3,500
21 Nov 2026	Youth/Open Carnival – State Team Selection Event	\$3,500
5 Dec 2026	WA Surf League & Surf Boat Short Course Championship	\$4,000
12-13 Dec 2026	Lifesaving Championship (Champion Lifesaver & Champion Patrol)	\$4,500
19 Dec 2026	Lifesaving Championship (Champion First Aid)	\$1,000
6-7 Feb 2027	Nipper Qualifier	\$7,500
13-14 Feb 2027	Rescue Championship/Masters Championship	\$5,500
20 Feb 2027	Little Nipper Championship	\$3,750
27 Feb - 1 Mar 2027	Nipper Championship (Beach & Ocean)	\$10,500
6-7 Mar 2027	Youth/Open Championship (Beach & Double Skis)	\$4,000
13-14 Mar 2027	Youth/Open Championship (Ocean)	\$7,000
	Surf Boat Championship – <i>could be same club as above</i>	\$4,000
29 May 2027	Board Riding Championship	\$2,000
12-13 June 2027	IRB Championship	\$3,000

2. SLSWA owned but club run events

There are also opportunities for clubs to run or host interclub carnivals, throughout the upcoming season. Where possible SLSWA would like these events to be fully run and managed by the nominated club. Clubs may also consider combining with neighbouring clubs and combined EOIs may be submitted. SLSWA will assist where required and as identified during discussions with the club running the event.

SLSWA will provide the programs for these events which will be designed to aid clubs in ensuring carnivals are kept to the desired time limits of under 3 hours for Little Nipper carnivals and under 4 hours for Nipper and Youth/Open carnivals. These can be customised to some extent by clubs to include some team events, Masters age groups etc. through consultation with SLSWA.

We encourage clubs to close entries on the Thursday of the week prior to the event to provide consistency and avoid member confusion across the season. There will be no late entries accepted once the club nominated close of entry time and date has passed. This includes the adding of members into individual or team events for members already entered in the carnival. Also note:

1. A member can only compete for the club that they have competitive rights for as at close of individual entries
2. Teams that are not correctly created or constituted by their club are not considered as entered

Club Payments

Where clubs nominate to fully manage the event, they will not be paid a host fee and will instead receive 85% of the full entry fees collected minus any SLSWA expenditure related to the event such as charges associated with getting equipment to the venue. We stress, that under this model, clubs must manage and conduct all tasks themselves and will be expected to cover all costs associated with running the event including sound and catering for officials. If you require the assistance of other clubs for aspects such as water safety and first aid it is up to your club to negotiate suitable agreements with those other clubs. Also note that carnivals will have associated branding requirements in line with SLSWA partner obligations.

Entry fees (per competitor) have been priced at,

	\$20 for Little Nippers
	\$25 for Nippers
	\$25 for Surf Boats
	\$25 for IRB
	\$30 for Youth and Open

Note, except where required by law, all entry fees are non-refundable.

In the table below are the current dates where clubs could run/host SLSWA Carnivals/Series Events. These dates have been determined based off SLSWA's draft planning calendar and are subject to change. By way of example the number of competitors estimated to attend, and 85% of the entry fees estimated based on those numbers are indicated.

	Proposed Date/s	Event	Number of competitors*	Entry Fee	Income from fees
	Sat 24 Oct 2026	Youth/Open Carnival	150 – 400	\$30	\$3,825 - \$10,000
	Sun 24 Oct 2026	Surf Boat Carnival	150 - 180	\$25	\$3,180 - \$3,800
	Sun 8 Nov 2026	Surf Boat Carnival	150 - 180	\$25	\$3,180 - \$3,800
	Sat 21 Nov 2026	Surf Boat Carnival	150 - 180	\$25	\$3,180 - \$3,800
	Sun 6 Dec 2026	Nipper Carnival	500 – 800	\$25	\$10,625 - \$17,000
	Sun 13 Dec 2026	Little Nipper Carnival	300 - 500	\$20	\$5,100 - \$8,500
	Sat 9 Jan 2027	Youth/Open Carnival	150 – 400	\$30	\$3,825 - \$10,000
	Sun 10 Jan 2027	Nipper Carnival	500 – 800	\$25	\$10,625 - \$17,000
	Sun 17 Jan 2027	Surf Boat Carnival	150 - 180	\$25	\$3,180 - \$3,800
	Sun 17 Jan 2027	Little Nipper Carnival	300 - 500	\$20	\$5,100 - \$8,500
	Sat 30 Jan 2027	Youth/Open Carnival	150 – 400	\$30	\$3,825 - \$10,000
	Sun 7 Feb 2027	Surf Boat Carnival	150 - 180	\$25	\$3,180 - \$3,800
	Sun 21 Feb 2027#	Youth/Open Carnival	150 – 400	\$30	\$3,825 - \$10,000
	Sun 28 Feb 2027	Surf Boat Carnival	150 - 180	\$25	\$3,180 - \$3,800
	Sun 2 May 2027	IRB Carnival	60 - 120	\$25	\$1,275 - 2500
	Sun 16 May 2027	IRB Carnival	60 - 120	\$25	\$1,275 - 2500
	Sun 30 May 2026	IRB Carnival	60 - 120	\$25	\$1,275 - 2500

* Based off last season

#This is the day after the Little Nipper Championships, ideally a club might wish to host that & run their own event the following day.

Clubs interested in running/hosting carnivals and/or series event on one or more of the nominated dates above are asked to complete an online booking form by visiting <https://www.trybooking.com/DLULY>. Please press "Book Now", purchase a ticket and then complete the online questions by 5pm Thursday 4 June 2026.

3. Club owned & run events

We are aware that several clubs have an interest in running their own event and/or series. These events are often very popular as they provide additional opportunities to our athletes. Often the success of these events is dependent on where they are placed in the calendar. As such, we encourage clubs to discuss potential dates with the SLSWA Surf Sports Team to ensure the best possible outcome for the club and members. Where possible please avoid holding events of the same type and/or including the same competitors at the same time as the SLSWA events listed on Event Calendar as SLSWA will not be able to promote your events or assist with carnival equipment where conflicts exist.

Appointment

SLSWA have complete discretion in appointing host clubs. There are no rights to appeal.



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