

Bulletin

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| Title: | 2026 Surf Life Saving WA Pool Rescue Championships |
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| Audience: | Club Administrators, Club Surf Sports Management, Team Managers, Competitors and Officials |
| Summary: | This bulletin outlines event and general competition conditions for affiliated clubs for the 2026 Surf Life Saving WA Pool Rescue Championship events. |
| Action: | Clubs are to note Entry Conditions and Restrictions. |

| VENUE | EVENT DATE & VENUE | ENTRIES CLOSE | TEAM MAKEUP CLOSE |
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| Perth HPC, Claremont | Saturday 4 July – Sunday 5 July 2026 | Thursday 25 June, 11.59pm | Monday 29 June, 11.59pm |

BULLETINS BINDING ON MEMBERS

Amendments, alterations, interpretations, or other changes to SLSWA regulations shall be advised to Members of the Association by means of Bulletins approved by the Chief Executive Officer. Affiliated Clubs shall take reasonable steps to distribute information in the Bulletins to Individual Members. Such inclusions in the Bulletins are binding upon all Members.

It is most important that the information in this Bulletin is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors. Non-receipt of this Bulletin will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or Individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.



James O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer

GENERAL

This Championship will be guided by the 2023 Edition ILS Competition Rule Book and the Rules and Regulations of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 38th Edition (Revised October 2025) and subsequent amendments. These can be accessed via the link:

- www.mybeach.com.au/members/surf-sports/surf-sports-manuals

ENTRY CONDITIONS

PROFICIENCY OF COMPETITORS

Each competitor must hold the award relevant to their entry and have completed a proficiency test for the award for the 2025-26 season. For further information please view the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 38th Edition (Revised October 2025), section 2.2.1 Competition Qualifications.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

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

Note: U14 age competitors do not need to fulfil patrol hour/service obligations to be eligible to compete in the Championships in U14 individual events and U15 Team events but must meet all other requirements of Policy 5.04.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

These following notes compliment the rules and regulations of the events. Please see below for a complete list of events that will be conducted in each age group.

NOTE 1: For any event to be contested at the 2026 Surf Life Saving WA Pool Rescue Championships (see Table of Events below), a minimum of three (3) teams and individual from two (2) different clubs is required. As such, for all events, medals will be awarded as follows: Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.

NOTE 2: Age groups are calculated as of 30th September of the year preceding the Championships, namely 30th September 2025.

NOTE 3: Only proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion holders may contest the U17, U19, Open and master's age groups. Only proficient SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) holders may contest U14 and U15 events. U10, U11, U12 and U13 competitors must have completed their relevant age group nipper competition skills evaluations.

NOTE 4: For Individual Events, athletes must compete in their **actual age group** for the duration of each Championship. For example, U13 or U14 competitors cannot compete up in U15 individual events. The exceptions are U17, U19 and Masters, who can compete in the Open division.

NOTE 5: Designated U10/U11, U12/U13, U14/U15, U17/U19 team events may be contested by any combination of the involved age group competitors. i.e., for the U12/U13 Medley Relay event: 2xU12s + 2xU13s, 3xU12s + 1xU13, 1xU12 + 3xU13s, 4xU12s, 4xU13s combinations will be permitted. Competitors cannot age up into higher age groups, except U17/U19's can do the Open team events.

NOTE 6: As the Line Throw is an age and gender specific team event, the participant must be the same age group and gender as the rescuer.

NOTE 7: All events shall be timed. For efficient timetabling, multiple age events may be conducted simultaneously, and results declared based on times achieved in each division.

NOTE 8: U10 to U13 Age categories are restricted to rubber fins only. U14 and U15 age categories are permitted to use Fins as detailed in Section 10.11 of ILS Rules.

PART A – PROGRAM OF EVENTS (4 JULY 2026 – DAY 1)

| Event No. | Event | Age | Gender |
|-----------|----------------------|---------|--------|
| 1 | 200m Obstacles | Open | F |
| 2 | 200m Obstacles | Open | M |
| 3 | 200m Obstacles | U19 | F |
| 4 | 200m Obstacles | U19 | M |
| 5 | 200m Obstacles | U17 | F |
| 6 | 200m Obstacles | U17 | M |
| 7 | 200m Obstacles | U15 | F |
| 8 | 200m Obstacles | U15 | M |
| 9 | 200m Obstacles | U14 | F |
| 10 | 200m Obstacles | U14 | M |
| 11 | 200m Obstacles | 30+ | F |
| 12 | 200m Obstacles | 30+ | M |
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| 13 | 100m Obstacles | U13 | F |
| 14 | 100m Obstacles | U13 | M |
| 15 | 100m Obstacles | U12 | F |
| 16 | 100m Obstacles | U12 | M |
| 17 | 100m Obstacles | U11 | F |
| 18 | 100m Obstacles | U11 | M |
| 19 | 100m Obstacles | U10 | F |
| 20 | 100m Obstacles | U10 | M |
| | | | |
| 21 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | Open | F |
| 22 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | Open | M |
| 23 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | U17-U19 | F |
| 24 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | U17-U19 | M |
| 25 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | U14-U15 | F |
| 26 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | U14-U15 | M |
| 27 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | 30+ | F |
| 28 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | 30+ | M |
| 29 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | U12-U13 | F |
| 30 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | U12-U13 | M |
| 31 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | U10-U11 | F |
| 32 | 4x50m Obstacle Relay | U10-U11 | M |
| | | | |
| 33 | 12.5m Line Throw | Open | F |
| 34 | 12.5m Line Throw | Open | M |
| 35 | 12.5m Line Throw | U19 | F |
| 36 | 12.5m Line Throw | U19 | M |
| 37 | 12.5m Line Throw | U17 | F |
| 38 | 12.5m Line Throw | U17 | M |
| 39 | 12.5m Line Throw | U15 | F |
| 40 | 12.5m Line Throw | U15 | M |
| 41 | 12.5m Line Throw | U14 | F |
| 42 | 12.5m Line Throw | U14 | M |
| 43 | 12.5m Line Throw | 30+ | F |
| 44 | 12.5m Line Throw | 30+ | M |

| Event No. | Event | Age | Gender |
|-----------|-------------------------|------|--------|
| 45 | 10m Line Throw | U13 | F |
| 46 | 10m Line Throw | U13 | M |
| 47 | 10m Line Throw | U12 | F |
| 48 | 10m Line Throw | U12 | M |
| 49 | 10m Line Throw | U11 | F |
| 50 | 10m Line Throw | U11 | M |
| 51 | 10m Line Throw | U10 | F |
| 52 | 10m Line Throw | U10 | M |
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| 53 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | Open | F |
| 54 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | Open | M |
| 55 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | U19 | F |
| 56 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | U19 | M |
| 57 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | U17 | F |
| 58 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | U17 | M |
| 59 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | U15 | F |
| 60 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | U15 | M |
| 61 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | U14 | F |
| 62 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | U14 | M |
| 63 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | 30+ | F |
| 64 | 100m Manikin Tow w Fins | 30+ | M |
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| 65 | 100m Patient Tow w Fins | U13 | F |
| 66 | 100m Patient Tow w Fins | U13 | M |
| 67 | 100m Patient Tow w Fins | U12 | F |
| 68 | 100m Patient Tow w Fins | U12 | M |
| 69 | 100m Patient Tow w Fins | U11 | F |
| 70 | 100m Patient Tow w Fins | U11 | M |
| 71 | 100m Patient Tow w Fins | U10 | F |
| 72 | 100m Patient Tow w Fins | U10 | M |
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| 73 | 200m Super Lifesaver | Open | F |
| 74 | 200m Super Lifesaver | Open | M |
| 75 | 200m Super Lifesaver | U19 | F |
| 76 | 200m Super Lifesaver | U19 | M |
| 77 | 200m Super Lifesaver | U17 | F |
| 78 | 200m Super Lifesaver | U17 | M |
| 79 | 200m Super Lifesaver | U15 | F |
| 80 | 200m Super Lifesaver | U15 | M |
| | | | |
| 81 | 50m Manikin Carry | Open | F |
| 82 | 50m Manikin Carry | Open | M |
| 83 | 50m Manikin Carry | U19 | F |
| 84 | 50m Manikin Carry | U19 | M |
| 85 | 50m Manikin Carry | U17 | F |
| 86 | 50m Manikin Carry | U17 | M |

PART A – PROGRAM OF EVENTS (5 JULY 2026 – DAY 2)

| Event No. | Event | Age | Gender |
|-----------|---------------------------|------|--------|
| 87 | 50m Manikin Carry | U15 | F |
| 88 | 50m Manikin Carry | U15 | M |
| 89 | 50m Manikin Carry | 30+ | F |
| 90 | 50m Manikin Carry | 30+ | M |
| | | | |
| 91 | 35m Manikin Carry | U14 | F |
| 92 | 35m Manikin Carry | U14 | M |
| | | | |
| 93 | 50m Brick Carry | U13 | F |
| 94 | 50m Brick Carry | U13 | M |
| 95 | 50m Brick Carry | U12 | F |
| 96 | 50m Brick Carry | U12 | M |
| 97 | 50m Brick Carry | U11 | F |
| 98 | 50m Brick Carry | U11 | M |
| 99 | 50m Brick Carry | U10 | F |
| 100 | 50m Brick Carry | U10 | M |
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| 101 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | Open | F |
| 102 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | Open | M |
| 103 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | U19 | F |
| 104 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | U19 | M |
| 105 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | U17 | F |
| 106 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | U17 | M |
| 107 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | U15 | F |
| 108 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | U15 | M |
| 109 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | U14 | F |
| 110 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | U14 | M |
| 111 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | 30+ | F |
| 112 | 100m Manikin Carry w Fins | 30+ | M |
| | | | |
| 113 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | Open | F |
| 114 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | Open | M |
| 115 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U19 | F |
| 116 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U19 | M |
| 117 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U17 | F |
| 118 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U17 | M |
| 119 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U15 | F |
| 120 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U15 | M |
| 121 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U14 | F |
| 122 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U14 | M |
| 123 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | 30+ | F |
| 124 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | 30+ | M |
| 125 | 50m Freestyle W Fins | U13 | F |
| 126 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U13 | M |
| 127 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U12 | F |
| 128 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U12 | M |
| 129 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U11 | F |
| 130 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U11 | M |

| Event No. | Event | Age | Gender |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| 131 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U10 | F |
| 132 | 50m Freestyle w Fins | U10 | M |
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| 133 | 100m Rescue Medley | Open | F |
| 134 | 100m Rescue Medley | Open | M |
| 135 | 100m Rescue Medley | U19 | F |
| 136 | 100m Rescue Medley | U19 | M |
| 137 | 100m Rescue Medley | U17 | F |
| 138 | 100m Rescue Medley | U17 | M |
| 139 | 100m Rescue Medley | U15 | F |
| 140 | 100m Rescue Medley | U15 | M |
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| 141 | 4x25m Brick Carry Relay | U12-U13 | F |
| 142 | 4x25m Brick Carry Relay | U12-U13 | M |
| 143 | 4x25m Brick Carry Relay | U10-U11 | F |
| 144 | 4x25m Brick Carry Relay | U10-U11 | M |
| | | | |
| 145 | 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay | Open | F |
| 146 | 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay | Open | M |
| 147 | 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay | U17-U19 | F |
| 148 | 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay | U17-U19 | M |
| 149 | 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay | U14-U15 | F |
| 150 | 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay | U14-U15 | M |
| 151 | 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay | 30+ | F |
| 152 | 4x25m Manikin Carry Relay | 30+ | M |
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| 153 | 4x50m Medley Relay | Open | F |
| 154 | 4x50m Medley Relay | Open | M |
| 155 | 4x50m Medley Relay | U17-U19 | F |
| 156 | 4x50m Medley Relay | U17-U19 | M |
| 157 | 4x50m Medley Relay | U14-U15 | F |
| 158 | 4x50m Medley Relay | U14-U15 | M |
| 159 | 4x50m Medley Relay | 30+ | F |
| 160 | 4x50m Medley Relay | 30+ | M |
| 161 | 4x50m Medley Relay | U12-U13 | F |
| 162 | 4x50m Medley Relay | U12-U13 | M |
| 163 | 4x50m Medley Relay | U10-U11 | F |
| 164 | 4x50m Medley Relay | U10-U11 | M |
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| 165 | 4x50m Lifesaver Relay | U17-U19 | Mixed |
| 166 | 4x50m Lifesaver Relay | Open | Mixed |

ENTRIES

DECLARATION

- a) It is a condition of entry and by using the entry system that clubs declare that the competitors entered are financial, proficient and the entries are in all other ways in accordance with SLSWA requirements and club regulations.
- b) As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have any photography taken during the 2026 Surf Life Saving WA Pool Rescue Championships which is used for promotional material by SLSWA. This is in accordance with the SLSWA Surf Sports Media Policy. If a member wishes not to be photographed for any reason, please communicate this to SLSWA via media@swwa.com.au prior to the close of entries of the Championships.

ENTRIES

Entries must be registered via [SurfTec](#) by the respective closing dates.

ENTRY CLOSURE

- a) Entries for all individual members competing will close on Thursday 25 June, 11.59pm. Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered. A member can only compete for the club they have competitive rights for as at the close of individual entries.
- b) Once individual entries close, clubs will be responsible for creating teams from those members entered. (Members must have their competitive rights with that club at close of individual entries). Teams must be entered in the online system by the by 11:59pm Monday 29 June. Once team entries close **individuals unassigned to teams, unnamed teams and incomplete teams will be deleted.**

ENTRY FEES

- (a) There is an administration cost of \$15 which is charged with the first event entered.
- (b) The cost for each individual event entered is \$10
- (c) The cost to compete in one or more team events is \$10. **The member or club (completing the entry on behalf of the member) must ensure that Team Event Entry is selected prior to close of individual entries otherwise the club will be unable to select them for teams.**
- (d) If a member or club (completing the entry on behalf of the member) forget to enter someone in a specific individual event or the Team Event Entry they will need to go back into SurfTec and complete an entry for the missed event prior to close of individual entries noting, they will be charged an additional administration fee.
- (e) Entry fees are non-refundable, if members do not take part or if the Championships, some events are subsequently cancelled or if the club does not select a member into teams.
- (f) All prices outlined in this circular include GST.

TEAM ENTRIES AND CHANGES

No Mixed Club Teams are allowed to compete. The composition of the teams will be taken as they are entered in SurfTec. As outlined above **individuals unassigned to teams, unnamed teams and incomplete teams will be deleted from SurfTec.** If a team change is required on the day, please complete the *Team Changes Notification Form* at the end of this Circular and hand to the Marshall. Up to 5 changes are permitted per change form with a fee of \$25 which will be invoiced to Club's post event. Note, this form cannot be used to enter new competitors into the Championships.

EVENT INFORMATION

COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

SLSWA will supply the Manikins, Bricks and Lines for the use of competitors during competition. All competitors are required to supply their own fins and rescue tubes. Athletes will need to provide their own lines for practice/warm up only. All equipment must comply with the ILS specifications as specified in the ILS Sports Manual section.

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships, including tampering with signs, fences or PA system equipment will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action.

PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the Referee in accordance with the procedures set down in the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 38th Edition](#), (Revised October 2025) section 14 – PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual upon which the protest is based. A fee of \$150 will be charged to lodge an appeal.

TIMEKEEPERS

To assist with timing each competing club is asked to supply one timekeeper for the Championships. The timekeepers can be rotated with other volunteers from the rostered club throughout the day.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

Championship medals in gold, silver and bronze will be awarded at the conclusion of each of the disciplines that have been completed (e.g., All the Obstacles events), those medals will be available at the presentation dais. Any medals not collected at that time will be collated and mailed out to the recipient's club.

If any athlete is required to report for another event before or during presentations, it is the club's responsibility to send a proxy to marshalling. That event will be reasonably delayed with heats being shuffled slightly to accommodate a proxy; however, a proxy must step out once the event is on the start line. Please ensure that all three place getters are at the presentation area at this time in order to receive their medal. **COMPETITORS NOTE:** Your stand-in/proxy must remain until you return to the competition area.

In the event of a medal winner not reporting to the dais, the presentation will proceed. The missing medallist will be able to collect their medal from the appropriate presentation area any time during the day. **Please note there will not be a presentation for a single medallist.**

The Championship results will be live via [SurfTec Results](#).

SURF LIFE SAVING WA CHAMPIONSHIPS BANNER

Presented to the Club with the highest total point score overall at the 2026 Surf Life Saving WA Pool Rescue Championships. The WA Pool Rescue Champion Club will incorporate results from all applicable age groups (Youth/Open, Nippers and Masters).

If possible this will be presented at the completion of Sunday's racing.



TEAM CHANGES NOTIFICATION FORM

| Club Name: | | | | |
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| Event No | Name of Event (Include Age/Gender e.g., U17F; Open M) | Team Name | Competitor Out | Competitor In |
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*FEE \$25 per form completed. Each form can have up to and including five event team changes.
Please note, team changes made due to injuries will be considered on a case-by-case basis and the fee may be waived.*



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