

2026 SLSSNB BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT INFORMATION

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Summary:	Key information regarding the running of the 2026 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Championships.
Action Required:	Event information for all SLSSNB members wishing to compete in the 2026 Branch Championships appropriate club members

BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND VENUE INFORMATION

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Champion Lifesaver Championships (All Ages) (Resus and Theory Only)	Freshwater SLSC (Evening)	Wed, Jan 28 th 2026
Champion Patrol (U17's, Opens) (Resus and Theory Only)	Freshwater SLSC (Evening)	Thu, Jan 29 th 2026
Champion First Aid (U14, U15 & U17)	Freshwater Beach	Sat, Jan 31 st 2026
Champion First Aid (U19 & Opens)	Freshwater Beach	Sat, Jan 31 st 2026
Champion Lifesaver (Physical Events)	Freshwater Beach	Sun, Feb 1 st 2026
Champion Patrol (Physical Events, Scenario)	Freshwater Beach	Sun, Feb 1 st 2026
Distance Runs (Junior, Open & Masters)	Queenscliff Beach	Fri Evening, Feb 6 th
Open Championships (Beach & Water)	Queenscliff Beach	Sat, Feb 7 th 2026
Masters Championships (Beach & Water)	Queenscliff Beach	Sat, Feb 7 th 2026
March Past Championships	Queenscliff Beach	Sat, Feb 7 th 2026
Rescue & Resuscitation Championships	South Maroubra	Sun, Jan 31 st 2026
Surf Boats Championships	Queenscliff Beach	Sat, Feb 7 th 2026
Junior Championships (Beach & Water)	Queenscliff Beach	Sun, Feb 8 th 2026

CARNIVAL ENTRY

Entries will only be accepted via Liveheats. Contact the Branch office if you have any difficulty in accessing the system.

ENTRY FEES

- \$32.00 (inc GST) per competitor for Opens & Masters
- \$115.00 (inc GST) per crew for Surf Boats
- \$25.00 (inc GST) per competitor for Juniors
- Free (inc GST) per competitor for Lifesaving/First Aid
- \$100.00 (inc GST) per Open March Past Team

- No entry fee for Junior March Past Teams (i.e. no fee for Junior competitors if they are only competing in the March Past)
- Competitors doing both Water (Swim, Craft) and Beach events (Sprints/Flags/Relays/1 & 2 Km runs) which are held on different days will only be charged the one Branch Championships entry fee. Note that for logistical reasons these events may be setup as different carnivals in Liveheats system.

Note that there are no Late Entries for the Branch Championships.

ENTRY CLOSE OFF

Entries for the respective events will close off at the following dates/times -

Champion Lifesaver (Resus & Theory Only)	11:00 PM Monday 19 th January 2026
Patrol Competition Championships (Resus & Theory Only)	11:00 PM Monday 19 th January 2026
First Aid Championships (All Age Groups)	11:00 PM Monday 19 th January 2026
Champion Lifesaver Championships	11:00 PM Monday 19 th January 2026
Patrol Competition Championships	11:00 PM Monday 19 th January 2026
Distance Runs (Junior, Open & Masters)	11:00 PM Monday 2 nd February 2026
Junior Championships (Beach & Water)	11:00 PM Monday 2 nd February 2026
Open Championships (Beach & Water)	11:00 PM Monday 2 nd February 2026
Masters Championships (Beach & Water)	11:00 PM Monday 2 nd February 2026
March Past Championships	11:00 PM Monday 2 nd February 2026
Surf Boats Championships	11:00 PM Monday 2 nd February 2026
Rescue & Resuscitation Championships (Sydney Branch)	11:55 PM Tuesday 13 th January 2026

COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

ALL members entered in the Branch Championships **MUST** be Proficient and Financial members as of 31st December 2025.

Any competitor found to be a non-financial member, not proficient or not have the correct age-appropriate award will not be eligible to compete at the Branch Championships. SLSSNB reserves the right to conduct a random and detailed audit of any Club Entries.

LIVEHEATS

LiveHeats will be used to run Junior (Beach and Water) Carnivals and Open & Masters (Beach and Water) Carnivals.

All competitors must wear a LiveHeats Wristband to participate in the above carnivals. If you are yet to receive one, you can collect one prior to the start of the carnival.

Surf Boats, Champion Lifesaver, Patrol Comp, March Past, First Aid and R&R will not use Live Heats.

MEDALS AND POINTSCORE

Medals and points and places will only be awarded in events where there are 2 or more competitors or teams starting in the event. Surf Boats will only require one starter for medals to be awarded but no points will be awarded.

Medals will be presented during the various events at designated times that will be advertised closer to the events.

COMPOSITE TEAMS

Composite Teams will be permitted and can participate under the guidelines outlined in **Circular 202601-08 - SLSSNB Branch Championships Composite Teams** which is to be read in conjunction with this Entry Circular.

OFFICIALS & WATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

A Quota System will be used for Officials and Water Safety will be applied to clubs for the Junior, Open / Masters, Surf Boats Championships to ensure that an adequate number of Accredited Officials and Proficient Water Safety resources are available to conduct the events in a safe and efficient manner.

For the Junior and Open / Masters Championship, the following guide will be used as a starting point for officials' quotas for clubs.

Note: At least 40% of officials must be nominated for Beach events

COMPETITORS ENTERED	OFFICIALS REQUIRED
0 to 4	-
5 to 8	1 Official
9 to 16	2 Officials
17 to 24	3 Officials
25 to 32	4 Officials
33 to 40	5 Officials
41 to 48	6 Officials
48+	1 per 8 entries

Note that for the Junior Championships, once the entries have been closed off, the officials' quotas for clubs will be calculated based on the actual number of competitors entered by each club as a percentage of the overall carnival entry numbers. This final official requirement information will be provided to clubs as soon as entries close. The same methodology will be applied to Water Safety, starting with a 1:10 ratio, and based on previous years' and expected participation numbers from clubs.

Clubs are to ensure that prior to entering competitors into the Branch Championships, they have enough accredited officials available to meet their officials' quota. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of events or areas run, and competitors from those clubs not meeting their officials' quota may be prevented from participating in selective events.

CRAFT SCRUTINEERING

SLSSNB scrutineers may conduct random safety checks of craft during the running of the Branch Championships. This may include craft that have already been scrutineered this season.

Any craft found to not pass safety checks will not be permitted to be used during the Branch Championships, unless the safety faults are addressed, and the craft has been presented back to the scrutineers for a re-check, prior to being used. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disqualification from the Branch Championships, and/or disciplinary action.