



## Circular

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<b>Summary:</b> This document contains important information for Officials about the 2021 Australian Youth, Masters & Opens Surf Life Saving Championships to be held on the Sunshine Coast from Friday 16 April to Saturday 24 April 2021.

### COVID-19 UNPREDICABILITY

This document has been prepared with the best intentions based on current State Health Authority information regarding COVID-19 restrictions and related border movements. However, as has been noted over many months this information is constantly changing and as such all officials, athletes, coaches and supporters should be prepared to allow for some flexibility in their planning. SLSA will do their best to provide advance notice on the listed options and possible further amendments however, again, as has been witnessed over many months COVID-19 restrictions can be amended with little to no notice by the various State Health Authorities.

SLSA is actively working with QLD Health and the Sunshine Coast City Council to finalise the COVID Safe Plan for the Championships. Due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, and related restrictions, SLSA cannot guarantee there will be no amendments to the event and/or the timetable of races leading into and during the Championships. All endeavours are being examined and discussed to keep the event as normal as possible however SLSA acknowledges that due to the COVID-19 pandemic there are likely to be restrictions in some form placed on the Championships.

### DISTRIBUTION OF THIS CIRCULAR

It is most important that the information in this Circular be brought to the attention of carnival officials. Non-receipt of this circular will not be taken as an excuse if individuals do not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other circulars which refer to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at:

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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE AUSSIES 2021

The following two pages are a check list to help ensure all applicable documents have been reviewed by all relevant participants for The Aussies 2021.

- AUSSIES CIRCULARS** – Please ensure you are up to date with all The Aussies 2021 circulars available in the SLS members area <https://members.sls.com.au/>
  - Circular 17/20-21 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 Entry Circular
  - Circular 25/20-21 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021- Masters and Opens Officials Appointments Version 1
  - Circular 24/20-21 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021- Youth Officials Appointments Version 1
  - Circular 26/20-21 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021- Lifesaving Officials Appointments Version 1
  - Circular 29/20-21 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021- Powercraft Circular
  - Circular 30/20-21 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 Scrutineering Circular
  - Circular 28/20-21 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 - Board Riding Competition Circular
  
- TIMETABLE** - The event timetables are available on The Aussies website <https://sls.com.au/aussies/>. Please note the timetables are subject to change.
  
- EVENT MAP** – The event map is available on The Aussies website <https://sls.com.au/aussies/>.
  
- COVID-19** – updates and information will be provided on the Aussies COVID-19 webpage <https://sls.com.au/aussies/covid-19/> Please make sure you have read and check this page regularly.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Please see below a summary of important dates\* related to the Australian Youth, Masters and Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2021.

\*All below dates and times are subject to change

April 2021		
Friday 2 April	5:00pm	Limited Entries Entered (by States)
Tuesday 6 April	5:00pm	Normal entry invoices sent to clubs
Monday 12 April	9:00am-5:00pm	First day for container deliveries <b>(ANY CONTAINER DELIVERED BEFORE THIS DATE WILL BE TURNED AWAY)</b>
Wednesday 14 April	9:00am-5:00pm	Accreditation and Lycra Collection Open, Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
	5:00pm	Invoices due (All entry payments in full due)
Thursday 15 April	7:00am	First day for club tents to be erected – All Beaches
	7:00am-5:00pm	Accreditation and Lycra Collection Open, Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
	9:00am-5:00pm	Scrutineering begins: Trailer Compound
	4:00pm (Online)	Youth and Ocean Swim Team Manager and Officials Briefing
	5:00pm	Last day for container delivers
Friday 16 April	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound
	7:00am-5:00pm	Accreditation and Lycra Collection Open Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
	7:30am	Opening Ceremony Youth
	8:00am	Competition Day 1: Youth Championships
	4:00pm	Board Riding Competitor Briefing & Board Riding Marshalling – Maroochydore SLSC
Saturday 17 April	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound



	7:00am-5:00pm	Accreditation and Lycra Collection Open, Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
	8:00am	Competition Day 2: Youth Championships
	8:00am-11:00am	The AUSSIE Ocean Swim Masters – Mooloolaba Beach
	4:00pm (Online)	Masters & Opens Team Manager & Officials Briefing
Sunday 18 April	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound
	7:00am-5:00pm	Accreditation and Lycra Collection Open, Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
	8:00am	Competition Day 3: Masters Championships
	8:00am-11:00am	The AUSSIE Ocean Swim Opens & Youth – Mooloolaba Beach
Monday 19 April	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound
	7:00am-5:00pm	Accreditation and Lycra Collection Open, Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
	8:00am	Competition Day 4: Masters Championships
	8:00am-4:00pm	Golf Day
Tuesday 20 April	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound
	7:00am-5:00pm	Accreditation and Lycra Collection Open, Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
	7:30am	Opening Ceremony - Masters & Opens
	8:00am	Competition Day 5: Open Championships
	5:00pm-7:00pm	Woman’s Mentoring Event
	7:30pm - 10:00pm	Ladies Dinner
Wednesday 21 April	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound
	8:00am	Competition Day 6: Open Championships
	5:00pm	Official Presentation Ceremony, Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
Thursday 22 April	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound
	8:00am AEST	Competition Day 7: Open Championships
	12:00pm-2:00pm	Alumni Lunch
	6:30pm-10:30pm	Life Members Dinner
Friday 23 April	8:00am	Competition Day 8: Open Championships
	9:00am-4:00pm	Competition Day VIP Function: VIP Areas on Beach
Saturday 24 April	7:00am	Ecumenical Service
	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound
	7:45am	Welcome to Finals Day Ceremony
	8:00am	March Past
	8:00am-2:00pm	Competition Day VIP Function: VIP Area on Beach
	9:00am	Competition Day 9: Open Championships
	2:30pm	Closing Ceremony, Festival Zone Pierce park Maroochydore
Monday 26 April	9:00am-5:00pm	First day for container pickup
Wednesday 28 April	9:00am-5:00pm	Final day for container pickup

*All above dates and times are subject to change*



## **SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### **COVID -19 RESPONSE**

In an effort to make the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships (The Aussies) as safe and risk free as possible, whilst still delivering an exceptional championship experience, Surf Life Saving Australia has made some changes to our event day operations as per our COVID Safe Event Plan.

Our COVID Safe Plan for the Aussies has been constructed in full consultation with QLD Health.

While we hope to make The Aussies 'on beach' experience as close as possible to normal you will notice some changes leading into the event, and during the Championships. These changes will broadly affect all athletes, officials, coaches, team management, spectators, club members, event personnel, contractors and workforce.

For further information regarding our COVID response please visit <https://sls.com.au/aussies/covid-19/>. All updates relating to COVID will be made on this page. Any questions about COVID from participants please direct them to this page.

### **HEALTH SCREENING**

If any registered athlete, team manager, official, club member, event personnel, contractors and workforce or close contact have COVID-19 symptoms (click here for list of symptoms) from 1 April up to and including the start of the Aussies 16 April, we ask that you please do not attend the event. Contact us at [events@slsa.asn.au](mailto:events@slsa.asn.au) or 02 9215 8000 by 3:00pm Thursday 15 April to discuss your event entry options. Requests received after this time will not be considered.

Maintain good hygiene practices at all times, including: regular hand washing and sanitisation when entering venues, after using the bathroom and before and after handling food; and covering your mouth and nose if you need to cough or sneeze. Hand wash facilities are available through the event site. Additionally, hand sanitiser will be available at all venues and aid stations.

Download the Australian Government COVID Safe App onto your mobile phone and ensure the app is turned on. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play to download.

Important all participants register for the QLD Government Check in app [https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld#\\_business](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld#_business)

Comply with any QLD Health direction and respect event staff, security or emergency services staff.

Wearing masks can help reduce the spread of COVID-19. You may choose to wear a mask, however it is not mandatory to do so at our event.

### **MASKS**

Wearing masks can help reduce the spread of COVID-19. As per the current QLD Health advice, in all areas of Queensland you must carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave home/accommodation, unless you have a lawful reason not to. You must wear a mask in indoor spaces and it is strongly recommended you wear a mask when outdoors if you are unable to stay more than 1.5m distance from other people, such as busy walkways and thoroughfares. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/protect-yourself-others/face-masks>

SLSA strongly recommends that everyone who is attending the Aussies brings their own personnel mask so they can comply with QLD Health advice. SLSA will have a limited number of Face masks on site for anyone who requires one.

### **ACCREDITATION**

At Aussies 2021 all athletes, officials will be given an accreditation lanyard containing an RFID chip which will be automatically scanned at all designated beach entry and exit points in addition to back of beach areas.



Accreditation lanyards must be worn to gain access to any competition areas or back of beach areas.

Accreditation lanyards must be worn around the neck on the outside of all clothing, clearly visible to COVID marshalls or security who will be present at all entry and exit points.

SLSA will be operating an accreditation and check in process at the Aussies in 2021. Your Accreditation Lanyard will allow you access to the event without the need to scan the QR code on your smart phone each time you enter an area.

Every person **other than officials** (officials accreditation will be issued in the Officials area Alexandra Headland Park, Aerodrome Rd Maroochydore) who attends Aussies that pre-registers will have their Aussies accreditation available to collect from the Accreditation and lycra collect marquee (Pierce Park, next to the Admin Centre Maroochydore) from Wednesday 14 April till Tuesday 20 April 2021. Any collection after these dates can be done from the Admin Centre. The Accreditation and lycra collect marquee will operate during the following times:

**Officials will be able to collect their accreditation when they collect their uniform, they do not need to go to the accreditation marquee as their accreditation will not be there.**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday 14 April	9am till 5pm	Accreditation Marquee, Pierce Park Alexandra Parade Maroochydore
Thursday 15 April	7am till 5pm	Accreditation Marquee, Pierce Park Alexandra Parade Maroochydore
Friday 16 April	7am till 5pm	Accreditation Marquee, Pierce Park Alexandra Parade Maroochydore
Saturday 17 April	7am till 5pm	Accreditation Marquee, Pierce Park Alexandra Parade Maroochydore
Sunday 18 April	7am till 5pm	Accreditation Marquee, Pierce Park Alexandra Parade Maroochydore
Monday 19 April	7am till 5pm	Accreditation Marquee, Pierce Park Alexandra Parade Maroochydore
Tuesday 20 April	7am till 5pm	Accreditation Marquee, Pierce Park Alexandra Parade Maroochydore

#### DAILY CHECK-IN AND CONTACT TRACING

All areas of the Aussies will have designated SIGN POSTED entry and exit points. For the duration of the Championships everyone will be required to enter and exit an area via the designated points.

Entry and exit to each area will be electronically recorded via two methods:

Accreditation Lanyard – if you have registered for the event and received a lanyard you will be required to wear the lanyard on the outside of your clothing at all times. The lanyard contains an RFID chip that will be automatically scanned as you walk into and out of an area. You do not need to do anything further.

QR Code – if you are not registered for the event or you have forgotten your lanyard you will be required to scan the QR code at each entry point with your smart phone and fill in the appropriate details each time you enter an area. SLSA will be utilising the QLD Government QR code system. Signs will be appropriately displayed at each entry point.

Parts of the event site will be ‘restricted access areas’, including Officials HUB, VIP Areas, Competition Areas and the various event compounds. Where only those with the correct accreditation will be allowed access, so please keep an eye out for signage around the venue that explains this.

#### SPECTATORS

Spectators are encouraged to attend this year’s Aussies when all COVID rules and regulations are applied, such as maintaining a physical distancing requirements of 1.5m. If you do come to the event, please ensure you “check in” to the event. This can be done in two ways;

Go to the Accreditation Marquee located in Pierce Park Maroochydore, register your details and for the price of a coffee (\$5) receive an Accreditation Lanyard that will allow you to enter the Aussies on any day and ensure we can successfully contact trace your movements in and out of the venue.

For any single day visitors/spectators or a few hour visitors/spectators we will have in place QR codes at every entry and exit point to the venue. It is a requirement that you contact trace and scan the QR code when you



enter each and every area. To ensure a COVID Safe Event and to ensure we have successfully contact traced everyone who attends the Aussies it is essential that all visitors and spectators who don't have an accreditation lanyard take the time to scan the QR code and check in. Anyone who fails to check in via the QR code or doesn't have an accreditation lanyard will be asked to leave the venue.

## **SAFETY**

All Competitors and Officials are referred to the Introduction on page (i) of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and in particular but not only paragraphs (d), (e) and (f). Paragraph (d) states:

*"Surf lifesaving can be inherently dangerous. Serious accidents can and often do happen which may result in property damage, physical injury and even death. All members are assumed to have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in surf lifesaving."*

A Safety Operations Manual has been developed for use by the Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC), the Competition Committee (ACCC), officials and relevant personnel. These guides have been refined for use for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021.

Water safety as part of the competition, is ultimately the responsibility of the SEC & ACCC, based on the advice of the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator, the Championship Referee and Officials in determining postponement or cancellation of any or all events, or relocation to an alternate venue in accordance with Section 1 - Competition Safety, of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual, any subsequent amending bulletins, and this Circular.

The Championship Referee and Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator will conduct safety briefings to Officials and Team Managers before commencement of competition and during the event as required.

Risk assessors have been appointed to assist the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator to provide ongoing assessment of conditions and safety across the carnival area. They will create an effective communications channel to the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator and Competition Committee. Those Officials may seek advice from competitors and team representatives to ensure an informed opinion is provided and can be acted upon where appropriate.

Competitor/Team Manager Briefings will be conducted 30 minutes prior to the start of competition each day. These briefings will be conducted in each area by the Area Referee and/or the Sectional Referee.

At the conclusion of each race, each competitor may be issued with a decal, regardless of their placing, including those that have completed the race outside qualifying competitors, disqualified competitors and those that did not finish. Competitors that do not start the race will also be recorded. Each competitor must present the decal in person to the Area Recorder.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- All competitors participating in The Aussies 2021, **must** wear a **yellow** Lycra vest. Failure to comply with this safety measure may result in disciplinary action against the individual and club.
- For warm up and training competitors may wear pink lycras. In all competition **YELLOW LYCRAS** must be worn.
- For the duration of the Championships, Surf Life Saving will provide water safety from 7.00am to 8.00am for the purpose of water safety during warm ups.
- Powercraft & water safety requirements are set in place for the duration of the Championships, inclusive of Youth, Masters & Opens Championships.

### **INCIDENT PROCEDURES**

Surf Life Saving Australia has a range of incident protocols in place for Aussies 2021 including designated search and response teams. In the event of a shallow water search, event organisers may seek further assistance from some competitors who hold a Bronze Medallion.

### **DRONES ON SITE**

Please ensure that all competitors and travelling family members are aware that no unauthorised drones are permitted at the 2021 Championships, including all respective arenas and surrounding locations.





## CONTINGENCY PLANNING

A contingency plan has been developed as part of SLSA risk management planning and its duty under the Work Health and Safety Act and regulations to ensure health and safety risks are eliminated so far as reasonably practicable.

In the presence of natural or man-made hazards, particularly unfavourable weather and / or surf conditions preventing the conduct of part, or the whole of the competition events, it is essential that a clear and simple Contingency Plan be established to relocate events to alternate locations.

The decision to enact this Contingency Plan is the responsibility of the ACCC. The Championship Referee and the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator are responsible to the ACCC for recommendations concerning competition safety. The Safety Operations Manual developed for this event is to be applied when considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities (i.e. Sunshine Coast Council and SLSQ).

A review of the following will be conducted at each ACCC meeting:

- a) Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach
- b) Injury management statistics
- c) Current weather predictions
- d) Competition Statistics

## CONTINGENCY OPTIONS

The ACCC have a number of contingency options available to consider, these are:

### Option 1 – Reschedule Program

This option allows the ACCC to change the program to suit the prevailing conditions that may be experienced during competition. This may require rescheduling of one or all of the competition arenas, including changes to courses, starts and finishes.

### Youth Championship Events

Given the limited time frame for the conduct of the Youth Championships once underway priority will be given to concluding any events that have commenced and then to the conduct of events that can be completed in the allotted time. The carnival committee will however have total discretion in what events are conducted.

### Masters Championship Events

The carnival committee will have total discretion in what events are conducted should there be a need to rationalise the events conducted. The age and number of competitors in each event will be a consideration in the priority given to which events may or may not be included in a reduced program for the Masters Championships although once underway priority will be given to concluding any events that have commenced and then to the conduct of events that can be completed in the allotted time.

### Open Championship Events

Open events will be given priority over age events then decreasing in age.

Priority	Event	Rationale
A(1)	Surf Race, Board Race, Ski Race, Ironperson, Beach Sprint, First Aid	Core individual events High media interest Allows competitors from smaller clubs without teams to compete Generally easy to marshal and simple to run
A(2)	Taplin Relay, Surf Boats	Premier Teams' events, Showcases the strength of a club across a broad range of disciplines
B(1)	Beach Relay Beach Flags, March Past, 1 & 2 km Runs	Non-water events
B(2)	Board Relay, Ski Relay,	Core Teams events



	Surf Teams	
<b>B(3)</b>	Board Riding, Champion Lifesaver, Patrol Team	Remote Area Events that may be able to run only if appropriate support is available
<b>C(1)</b>	Double Ski, Mixed Double Ski, Surfboat Relay	Core Team events Craft that can result in heightened risk management issues in larger surf conditions.
<b>C(2)</b>	Board Rescue Rescue Tube Rescue Belt Races RnR	All Rescue style of events Length of time to complete events from heats through to finals is long. Achieving a fair course, at times, can be difficult i.e. 50m of straight beach and even water is required Setting the course at a distance longer than the SSM maybe required.
<b>D</b>	Lifesaver Relay Short Course Surfboats Ocean Swim	Low competitor numbers - could be regarded as a duplication (i.e. similar in nature) of the Taplin Relay. Large numbers including members of the public of unknown ability and logistically difficult to reschedule or relocate

Where events are relocated to alternative sites then the program must be amended to ensure the safe completion of the competition.

**The Championship Referee has autonomy to make minor changes to the program but must advise the Chairman of the ACCC at the earliest opportunity.**

**Option 2 – Use of an Alternative Competition Arena at Event Beach**

The ACCC may see fit to change the competition arenas allocated to the various Age Groups or Events. The ACCC may consider these options due to hazardous conditions requiring a safer location for less experienced competitors.

**Option 3 – Move to Carnival Arenas North or South along the beach**

This option is for the movement of the competition arenas north or south along the current beach. This option may be considered due to environmental issues being identified, e.g. lack of beach. This option may require the movement of one arena or all of the arenas.

**Option 4 – Partial Relocation away from Event Beach**

This option allows the majority of the Championships support infrastructure, TV, sponsors' signage and other Championships infrastructure to remain at the Championships Beach. Such items are not considered essential to the conduct of the competition. Following a risk assessment, if conditions are deemed unsafe for particular events, those events will then be relocated to an alternative venue where conditions are more suitable.

**Primary and secondary alternative locations may be considered for this option where appropriate.**

**Option 5 – Complete Relocation of Championships**

Complete relocation of the Championships including sponsors' signage and TV, etc. The entire carnival infrastructure will be duplicated, where practical, at the alternate site except for the TV commentary stand.

**This option is planned to occur only at the primary alternative surf location.**

**ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS – CONTINGENCIES**

These locations have been identified as suitable for relocation of all or a large component of the Championships. This does not preclude individual events being relocated to these sites if appropriate. Infrastructure will be installed at these sites prior to the commencement of the Championships and comprehensive plans developed to facilitate any move.

**Surf Location**

- Mooloolaba - All events can be conducted at this venue
- Kings Beach

**Protected Water Location**



- Kawana Lakes

A final decision regarding the use of any contingency site will be dictated by a risk assessment at that site.

SLSA have also investigated other beaches along the QLD coastline as potential contingency venues and have ruled them out due to unavailability, not suitable for Aussies, unable to gain permission from local authorities to hold our event, distance, etc.

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

### CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEES

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 are managed by four committees.

The committees include:

- Australian Event Organising Committee (AEOC)
- Australian Championships Competition Committee (ACCC)
- Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC)
- Event Operations Committee (EOC)

### APPOINTMENTS

Version 2 of the Official Appointments has been released and can be found on the Members Area via the following tabs: Document Library>>Circulars and Publications or on the Aussies webpage <https://sls.com.au/aussies/>

All Officials should check their appointments and ensure they understand their appointed role and responsibilities. All officials should be familiar with Section 13 Officials & their Duties of the Surf Sports Manual.

If any Officials have issues with their appointment or have not been given an appointment, then please contact [events@slsa.asn.au](mailto:events@slsa.asn.au)

### SURF SPORTS MANUAL

Please ensure you are up to date with the revised 36<sup>th</sup> edition of the Surf Sports Manual as well any updates. The Surf Sports Manual can be found in the Members Area or via the SLS Publication App.

### OFFICIALS UNIFORM

Officials will be able to collect their uniform from the Officials area Alexandra Headland Park, Aerodrome Rd Maroochydore (Southern side of Sea Breeze Caravan Park) from 7am Thursday 15 April 2021.

Officials will be issued with items of clothing relevant to their position, including:

- Long sleeve event Officials shirt (quantity dependent on time officiating)
- 1 x SLS event jacket – **NEW!**
- 1 x SLS cap – **NEW!**
- 1 x Water Bottle – **NEW!**
- 1 x Lunch Bag – **NEW!**
- 1 x Contact lanyard
- 1 x Accreditation Pass

SLSA will happily provide Officials with the required uniform items above, however it is asked that if Officials have a current Surf Life Saving Official's long sleeved polo shirt (2018, 2019 only those with no dates or locations) that they bring with them to the event to assist the cost of providing uniforms for every event, every year.

SLSA is constantly looking at ways to re-invest money for Officials to ensure that they have the best and correct gear and equipment to perform their role successfully. If Officials do not require another Aussies shirt the cost to produce will be reduced and money reallocated to other Official areas that require it i.e. 2021 will see Officials receive a high quality jacket suitable for all conditions. To ensure consistency and presentation, if anyone does not have a Surf Life Saving design polo shirt please see the team at the Uniform collection point.



All appointed Officials will be able to collect their packs from the uniform distribution donga located next to the Officials Marquee at Alexandra Headland Park, Aerodrome Rd Maroochydore (Southern side of Sea Breeze Caravan Park). This area will act as the Officials Hub and will be the location for breakfast each morning and the Officials Dinner among other collection points.

#### Uniform Collection Times

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Youth Championships</b>		
Thursday 15 April 2021	7:00am – 3:00pm	Officials HUB at Alexandra Headland Park, Aerodrome Rd Maroochydore <i>(Southern side of Sea Breeze Caravan Park)</i>
Friday 16 April 2021	8:00am – 5:00pm	
<b>Masters Championships</b>		
Saturday 17 April 2021	7:00am – 3:00pm	Officials HUB at Alexandra Headland Park, Aerodrome Rd Maroochydore <i>(Southern side of Sea Breeze Caravan Park)</i>
Sunday 18 April 2021	8:00am – 5:00pm	
<b>Open Championships</b>		
Monday 19 April 2021	7:00am – 3:00pm	Officials HUB at Alexandra Headland Park, Aerodrome Rd Maroochydore <i>(Southern side of Sea Breeze Caravan Park)</i>
Tuesday 20 April 2021	8:00am – 3:00pm	
Wednesday 21 April 2021	8:00am – 3:00pm	

#### OFFICIALS CATERING

In 2019 SLSA conducted a very successful new catering process and in 2021 we will be conducting a similar catering system that will once again reduce waste and provide Officials with the food they like to eat.

For the Youth, Masters and Open Championship Officials will need to select their morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea items at the Officials breakfast each morning. Catering staff will be on hand to assist to ensure food is not handled by multiple people and we remain COVID Safe.

Set up each morning from 6am till 9am at the Officials Marquee will be:

- Main Lunch Item (Wrap, Sandwich, or Salad)
- Fresh Fruit
- Snack Items

Officials will be asked to select their food for the day and catering staff will pack them into their personal cooler bag. A limited number of Ice bricks will be available, so Official will be able to keep their lunch cool all day on the beach and eat their food when they choose. Officials are to take their ice brick home once they have completed their shift to refreeze overnight and return to the Officials Marquee at the conclusion of the championships.

For those Officials who normally do not attend breakfast each morning, we ask that you either find 10mins to go to the Officials Marquee to collect your lunch pack or arrange to have another Official attend for you and collect your lunch on your behalf.

#### WATER STATIONS

Water Stations will be clearly marked on beach and will be set up in each area (You will have the ability to fill up your personal SLSA metal water bottle on the beach). We advise that you write your name on your water bottle so it doesn't go missing and you can distinguish it.

We are excited to once again roll out this system as it will not only provide a quick and easy water supply to Officials when they need it, but also significantly reduce the number of single use plastic water bottles at Aussies and significantly reduce the amount of waste produced at the Aussies.

#### ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The main Championships Administration Centre will be located in the Festival Zone at Pierce Park, Alexandra Parade, Maroochydore. There will be a noticeboard at the administration center with general information, event draws, maps, timetables, shuttle services etc.



The administration center will be open from 7:00am – 5:00pm, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April.  
Admin Centre contact details: Phone: 0460 717 946

### **MANDATORY OFFICIALS BRIEFING**

The Championship Referees have requested that Officials briefings for Youth, Masters and Opens Championships be held for general instruction on requirements and conditions for the conduct of these championships online.

Due to COVID-19 the officials briefings will take place online. Login details will be sent out closer to the time explaining how to access these.

<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	<b>BRIEFING</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Thursday 15 April 5.00pm AEST	Youth Officials Briefing	Online
Thursday 15 April 6.00pm AEST	Ocean Swim Officials and Team Managers Briefing	Online
Saturday 17 April 5.00pm AEST	Masters & Opens Officials Briefing	Online

As part of the Australian Championships safety procedures, the safety, COVID-19 and contingency plans will be communicated in detail at this briefing. As part of SLSA's administration processes, the briefings will be recorded.

### **SEARCH & RESCUE EXERCISE (SAREX)**

SLSA will hold a Search and Rescue Table Top Exercise for all Senior Officials and key safety and operational Officials. Those Officials who are required to attend will be sent an invitation outlining the details of the SAREX. However, we encourage any Official who wishes to attend and learn to email [events@slsa.asn.au](mailto:events@slsa.asn.au) to reserve a seat. Due to COVID 19 restrictions we have capacity limits that must be adhered to.

The SAREX will be held on Thursday 15 April at 9:00am at the Officials Marquee Alexandra Headland Park, Aerodrome Rd Maroochydore (*Southern side of Sea Breeze Caravan Park*).

### **OFFICIALS DINNER**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are having to do something different this year. SLSA did not want to cancel the officials' dinner as we want to be able to thank you for all your hard work, however due to COVID-19 restrictions we cannot host all officials in the officials' marquee at one time.

SLSA will be splitting the dinner over two nights and we ask you select which night best suits your availability. You may only attend one dinner and we ask that you carefully consider your choice prior to nominating as due to catering requirements you will not be permitted to change nights.

Once the capacity of each event has been reached you may be allocated to the remaining date.

#### **Options for Officials Dinner:**

##### **Option 1**

Thursday 15th April 2021, 6pm – 9:30pm, Officials Marquee

##### **Option 2**

Saturday 25th April 2021, 6pm – 9:30pm, Officials Marquee.

A formal invite has been sent to you with details of how to rsvp for these events. If you have not received your invite please contact [events@slsa.asn.au](mailto:events@slsa.asn.au)

We advise if you are officiating at Youth or Master's Championships to attend option one, if you are officiating at the Opens Championships we advise you to attend option two.



## **YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The first round draws for youth ironman and ironwoman will be available at the youth team manager briefing to assist with marshalling before and during the Opening Ceremony.

All Youth Team Events will be run over the Under 15 Course for respective events. All Youth Events will be run under the 'no break' rule.

## **WARM UP/TRAINING – WATER SAFETY**

To continue safety improvements in 2021, separate swim/craft warm up areas before competition commences each day will continue to apply. The following competition areas can be used specifically for either swim warm-ups or craft warm-ups:

Swim – Solid color areas i.e. Pink

Craft – Split color areas i.e. Black & White

Lycras are to be worn by anyone swimming before or after competition for training/warm up purposes. High-Vis lycras may be worn for training and warm up. All participants wanting to enter the water (e.g. competitors, Team Managers, coaches officials, etc.) are recommended to bring old lycras from previous competitions for this purpose as additional lycras will not be distributed.

Competitors are asked to work with referees and officials if they wish to warm up/down between events and cannot get specified areas.

## **VIDEO EQUIPMENT & PLAY BACK FACILITIES**

Where available throughout The Aussies 2021, video equipment and play back facilities will continue to be used at some finish lines and judging areas for the boat, swim, craft and beach competition areas.

## **PROTEST/APPEALS**

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures outlined in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual upon which the protest is based.

Protest/Appeal Forms will be readily available from the Competitor Liaison Officers located in the various competition areas. A fee of \$150.00 AUD per appeal (incl. GST), must be paid to lodge an appeal with the Appeals Committee. Should the appeal be successful, the fee will be refunded.

## **SCRUTINEERING**

Team Managers and competitors have been strongly advised to ensure that their skis and boards, reels and surf belts, surf lines, swim fins, rescue tubes and surf boats, etc. strictly comply with the SLSA Policy Statements as applicable, before departure for these Championships.

Team Managers have been asked to read and understand the instructions in the Scrutineering Circular 31/20-21 and ensure that their competitors do likewise. Having no knowledge of the procedures and requirements of Scrutineering Circular 31/20-21 will not be an excuse if the directions contained therein are not followed.

## **DRESS OF COMPETITORS/OFFICIALS**

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the 36th edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins or Circulars.

Approval may be granted by the Championship Referee for a club or competitor to wear a singlet or vest different to the supplied singlet provided it complies with the SLSA Sponsorship Policy 6.28 (available via the SLSA Member's Area). This approval is subject to colour and visibility of the club/competitor singlets being fluoro yellow **ONLY**. This must be presented for approval at the Team Managers' Briefings. The approved lycra singlets may only then be worn during the heats. For the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals the SLSA branded event lycra singlets must be worn; **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Competitors will be checked at the start line and no competitor will be allowed to compete unless they comply.



SLSA Staff, Championship Referee, Area Referee and/or Sectional Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID or logos in conflict with the Championships sponsor and/or the SLSA Sponsorship Policy 6.28.

### SPONSORED EVENTS/COMMERCIAL IDENTIFICATION

It is a condition of entry to the 2021 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships that competitors may be required to carry sponsor logos/identification on craft, boats, and equipment. However, if this occurs every effort will be made not to cover other signage, provided it does not conflict with sponsors of the Championships. For further details regarding sponsorship, refer to Policy 6.28 – Sponsorship available online in the Members Area.

The Championships have major partner and event partner sponsors that contribute and support the running of the championships. The following details clarify the requirements of all sponsored competitors/clubs participating in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021.

- Finalists in the sponsored events may be required to carry event sponsor signage affixed on craft or equipment.
- Finalists in all ski craft events will be required to affix Seadoo sponsor sticker on the front of the craft, as outlined in figure A. This sticker will be given to competitors when marshalling for these events.
- Club/individual's sponsor signage on craft and equipment will not be covered unless, when fitting the event sponsor signage, it is unavoidable. All competitors in these sponsored Championship events will also be required to wear lycras provided by SLSA.
- No competitor, handler and/or club is permitted to have any signwriting, logos or corporate ID on either clothing, competition apparel, gear, equipment or on the person in the competition area (including marshalling areas) which is deemed not in "good taste".
- It may be possible that TV interviews will be undertaken with prominent competitors, and in such cases, they may be asked to wear one of the official sponsor caps.

Figure A - A minimum two (2) Seadoo stickers anywhere within the shaded area below on their ski



Please note the following sponsors related to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021:

- **Strategic Partner:** Tourism and Events Queensland
- **Major National Partners:** Ampol, DHL and Westpac
- **Event Partners:** BRP, FINZ and Sunshine Coast Council
- **Event Supports:** Nutri-Grain, Perki, Sport Australia, and Waterman

All SLSA Staff, Sectional Referees, Area Referees and the Championship Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID or logos in conflict with carnival sponsors.

Refusal to comply with any of the above will render the clothing, competition apparel, or equipment ineligible for the competition, and the competitor (and/or team) may be ineligible for further participation in the Championships.

### ALCOHOL FREE ZONE

In 2021, The Aussies will be a dry event. The entire event footprint, including Maroochydore Beach, Alexandra Headland, Mooloolaba and surrounding back of beach areas including all container and gear storage areas are alcohol free zones. The only exception to this are licensed premises.



QLD Police will be monitoring this closely, so please ensure your teams and supporters are aware and follow this guideline.

### POST EVENT ACTIVITIES

Misconduct before during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against them themselves and their club. QLD Police will be closely monitoring behavior during and after competition each day.

### SHUTTLE BUS

SLSA with the support of the Sunshine Coast Council will operate a free shuttle bus service that will transport competitors, team managers and spectators to the three event sites. The shuttle bus will operate on loop services with pick up and drop off locations as indicated on the Event Site Maps

Buses will operate on a continuous loop service with some buses operating concurrently to meet consumer demands, especially during peak times.

### ACCESS TO COMPETITION AREA

Under no circumstances will unauthorised personnel be allowed into any competition area. The same instruction applies to competitors who loiter around the area after competing. Many people will have travelled quite some distance to witness this major event and the area at all times must project an area befitting an Australian Championships carnival. A dedicated team under the control of the Championship Referee will ensure this direction will be adhered to. The cooperation of all competitors and visitors is sincerely sought in this regard. Coaches, club officials and supporters are not permitted in the competition area; however, they may accompany their competitors into the marshalling areas.

### TEAM APP

Aussies 2021 will be using the 'Team App' smart phone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors. Download 'Team App' from your App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for '**Aussies 2021**' in the search bar at the top of the screen and click on the event to join. From here you will be able to access event documentation, timetables and where to find all the latest and up to date information on the event. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/faqs>.



### PHOTOGRAPHY

As a condition of entry, all officials agree that any photography taken during the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 can be used for promotional material by SLSA. This is:

*I understand that as a official I am participating in competition which is of national significance and agree:*

- a) to be filmed, televised, photographed, interviewed and otherwise recorded for the duration of the competition, under the conditions and for the purposes authorised by SLSA;*
- b) that SLSA owns all rights in the photos and recordings taken in accordance with (a) and SLSA has the right to reproduce these.*

SLSA has appointed an Official Host Photographer to cover The Aussies 2021 – Harvpix will be on site throughout the Championships, with photographs including presentations of trophies where possible will be made available on [www.harvpix.com](http://www.harvpix.com).

### MEDIA ENQUIRIES

Only accredited media will be granted access to the competition area and The Aussies 2021 Media Centre.

All media enquiries should be directed to: Surf Life Saving Australia Media Team – [aussiesmedia@slsa.asn.au](mailto:aussiesmedia@slsa.asn.au)

### THE AUSSIES FESTIVAL ZONE

The Aussies 2021 Festival Zone is the place to experience the sponsor activations, competitions and giveaways, get your Aussies 2021 official merchandise and enjoy a selection of the race action live on the Big Screen. Officials Awards will be presented on the main stage in the Festival Zone on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 5-





6pm. All officials are welcome to come and watch.

### **MERCHANDISE**

The Aussies merchandise store is now open! Check out the wide variety of Aussies products on offer this year  
[Click Here](#)

### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the SLSA Events team:

**Email:** [events@slsa.asn.au](mailto:events@slsa.asn.au)

**Phone:** 02 9215 8000 or 0460 717 946 (Available from Monday 12 April 2021)

**Onsite:** Administration Marquee Festival Zone, Pierce Park Alexandra Pde, Maroochydore.

We look forward to seeing you on the Sunshine Coast from 16 April – 24 April at Aussies 2021.