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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2021 QLD Pool Rescue Championships attracts competitors from Queensland, providing an opportunity to unite over two days showcasing one of Queensland’s most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

This year’s event will be held at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre on 17th & 18th July 2021.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2021 QLD Pool Rescue Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins or circulars which may supersede information provided in the circular.

2. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may, in accordance with the rules contained in the current edition - *Surf Sports Manual*, any subsequent amending bulletins and this circular, postpone, cancel and or alter any or all events at the Championships, and/or alter the venue of the competition.

The CC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on competition conditions and safety issues when required. The CC shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the event e.g. Disciplinary Committee & Coach/Athlete Panel.

POSITION	NAME
SLSQ Sport Advisor	Charles Melloy
Event Referee	Shayne Baker
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	TBA
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett

3. SAFETY & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

A Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC) shall be appointed which must consider and advise the Referee and Competition Committee on all matters relating to competition and non-competition safety and emergency management. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Competition Committee. The composition of the SEC will be determined by SLSQ.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	TBA
Deputy Referee	Karen Scotney
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	GCAC Lifeguards
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett

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4. DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULAR

It is most important that the information in this Circular is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.

Non-receipt of the Circular will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or individual does not comply with the requirements outlines in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.

5. COVID-SAFE

Surf Life Saving Queensland have put together some plans around how we can safely hold the 2021 QLD Pool Rescue Championship.

Above all else we ask that members follow safe hygiene practices and maintain 1.5m between people at all times.

Selected officials/staff will be acting as 'biosecurity officers' throughout the event and ensuring members are following these guidelines.

Attendance Logs

SLSQ will have QR Codes placed throughout the competition area that will link to survey where attendees will be required to supply their name, club, position and phone number. All must complete this survey upon arrival to the pool.

Hand Sanitiser

SLSQ will provide hand sanitiser at all access points to the carnival area & club tent area. Competitors, officials, staff and support personnel will be expected to use this hand sanitiser

Recommendations

SLSQ recommend that anyone attending an event have the COVID-Safe app and an up to date flu shot. It is also recommended that clubs attempt to clean their boats down as much as possible through the event.

Penalties

SLSQ are taking the above guidelines extremely seriously and there will be penalties to members/clubs if they are found to be breaking any of them. SLSQ needs to set an example on how to run these events successfully and safely and we need the compliance of clubs to make this possible.

6. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All competitors wishing to compete at the 2021 QLD Pool Rescue Championships must be current financial and proficient members of a Surf Life Saving Club.

Age groups will be as per the 2020/21 season.

All competitors must have completed the minimum 25 hours of beach patrol (or pro rata of hours as per the current SLSQ Patrol Operations manual).

7. ENTRY REGISTRATIONS

Club entries to the 2021 QLD Pool Rescue Championships is via the attached Nomination Form for all Clubs.

If you have any queries please contact the SLSQ Sports Administrator, Karen Degnian at SLSQ on (07) 5566 1015 or kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au.

Entries for this event close at midnight on Monday 5th July 2021.

Late Entries Close at midnight on Wednesday 7th July 2021. No entries will be accepted after this date.

8. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee per competitor will be \$37.50 (Inc. GST).

All entry fees will be payable after the event by invoice to the competing club.

Late entries will be \$87.50 (\$37.50 entry fee plus \$50.00 late entry fee) .

9. EVENT RULES

The 2021 QLD Pool Rescue Championships will be conducted under the rules as published in the relevant sections of SLSA's Surf Sports Manual and the ILS Competition Manual plus any subsequent bulletins or circulars.

The eligibility conditions for age categories, substitution and other required provisions to compete are also provided for in the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and subsequent bulletins or circulars.

A copy of these manuals can be found at www.slsa.asn.au and www.ilsf.org respectively.

Please be aware that all competitors in the tow events will need a handler. If a handler is not in position when the starter is ready, the competitor may be disqualified.

Age Determination and Restrictions

Members must be aged 10 years or older as at 30 September 2020 and be currently proficient in their relevant age award in order to be eligible to compete in individual events in Pool Rescue events. U10 members may compete in U11 team events only (eg. Patient Tow, Line Throw, Medley Relay, Obstacle Relay & Brick Relay)

A competitor's age group is determined by their age as at midnight on 30th September 2020. For example, a member who is aged 13 years on the 30 September 2020 is eligible to compete in the U14 age group.

A member who is aged 14 years on 30 September 2020 is not eligible to compete in the U14 age category (and must compete in the U15 age category).

Members may compete in age groups individual and team events as detailed below:

- U10s may compete in U11 team events only
- U11s may compete in U11 individual and team events only
- U12s may compete in U12 individual and U12/U13 team events only.
- U13s may compete in U13 individual and U12/U13 team events only.
- U14s may compete in U14 individual and U14/U15 team events only.
- U15s may compete in U15 individual and U14/U15 team events only.

Note 1: No U13 or U14 age member is permitted to compete in U/15 age individual events.

Note 2: No U13 age member is permitted to compete in U/14/U15 age team events.

Note 3: No U15 age member is permitted to compete in any U17 or above individual or team events.

Where there are specific age group events for both male and female teams, there are to be **NO** mixed gender teams to be entered or allowed to compete.

These combined age groups i.e. U12/U13 and U14/U15 have been adopted in accordance with the 2020 National Championships. Surf Life Saving Queensland has received no advise on what the age groups will

be for the 2021 Championships but if this changes SLSQ will endeavor to adopt any national changes as soon as practicable to allow teams to compete as they would at the national championships.

10. EVENT EQUIPMENT

SLSQ will supply the Rescue Tubes, Obstacles, Ropes, Bricks & Manikins for the use of competitors during competition. All competitors are required to supply their own fins.

All equipment must comply with the ILS specifications as specified in the ILS Sports Manual section 11. Competition equipment will be subject to random scrutineering checks during the event.

SLSQ equipment will not be made available for training prior to or during the event due to losses incurred in the past. Competitors or teams found to be in possession of SLSQ equipment outside the competition may be referred for disciplinary action.

Event Equipment and Specifications

All competitors are required to supply their own swimwear, fins, and caps. The swimwear and caps must comply with the SLSA specifications as specified within the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

The swim fins used by U14 to masters competitors must comply with the specifications as detailed in the Sections 2 and 4 of the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual. These specifications are identical with ILS specifications.

The swim fins used in events for U13 and under aged events are restricted to soft/flexible rubber type fins used for swimming training similar to the styles depicted below:



Please note that fins that do not meet this general profile or are specific purpose diving or surfing/bodyboarding fins and/or with stiff and/or elongated blades, will not be permitted for use in U13 and under aged events.

The swim fins shall comply with the following dimensions:

- Maximum 50cm overall length including the shoe.
- Maximum 25cm width at the widest point of the blade.

Swim fins are to be measured with the shoe or ankle strap extended but not stretched. Swim fins will not be permitted to be used if they do not conform to the specifications or if they are considered to be safety hazard.

Note: Fins are measured while not being worn.

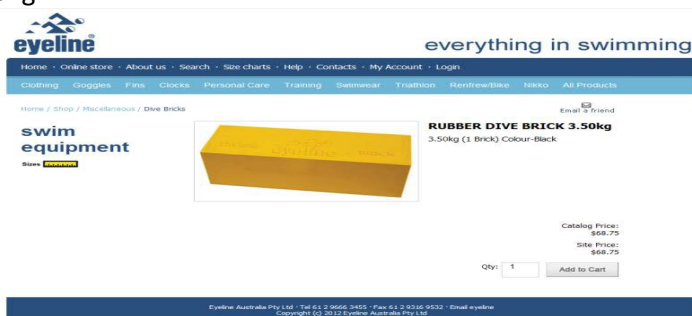
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The obstacles, manikins, line throw ropes, rescue tubes etc. will comply with ILS specifications and shall be provided by SLSQ for the competition. The specifications for this equipment may be found in Section 10 of the ILS Competition Manual.

The rubber bricks to be used in the U11, U12 and U13 50m Brick Carry events have the following specifications:

Measurements: 230mm x 80mm x 80mm

Weight: 3.5kg



The bricks will be available through SLSA's Shop (refer: <http://www.sls.com.au/shop>) or at some specialised sport stores or swim shops.

SLSQ shall supply the bricks to be used in competition.

11. EVENT LIST

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Saturday			
Number	Age Group	Gender	Event
1	U12/U13	Female	100m Patient Tow with Fins
2	U12/U13	Male	100m Patient Tow with Fins
3	U11	Female	100m Patient Tow with Fins
4	U11	Male	100m Patient Tow with Fins
5	U12/U13	Female	4 x 50m Medley Relay
6	U12/U13	Male	4 x 50m Medley Relay
7	U11	Female	4 x 50m Medley Relay
8	U11	Male	4 x 50m Medley Relay
9	U13	Female	50m Brick Carry
10	U13	Male	50m Brick Carry
11	U12	Female	50m Brick Carry
12	U12	Male	50m Brick Carry
13	U11	Female	50m Brick Carry
14	U11	Male	50m Brick Carry
15	U12/U13	Female	4 x 25m Brick Relay
16	U12/U13	Male	4 x 25m Brick Relay
17	U11	Female	4 x 25m Brick Relay

18	U11	Male	4 x 25m Brick Relay
19	U13	Female	Line Throw
20	U13	Male	Line Throw
21	U12	Female	Line Throw
22	U12	Male	Line Throw
23	U11	Female	Line Throw
24	U11	Male	Line Throw
25	U13	Female	100m Obstacles
26	U13	Male	100m Obstacles
27	U12	Female	100m Obstacles
28	U12	Male	100m Obstacles
29	U11	Female	100m Obstacles
30	U11	Male	100m Obstacles
31	U12/U13	Female	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
32	U12/U13	Male	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
33	U11	Female	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
34	U11	Male	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
35	U15	Female	200m Super Lifesaver
36	U15	Male	200m Super Lifesaver
37	U17	Female	200m Super Lifesaver
38	U17	Male	200m Super Lifesaver
39	U19	Female	200m Super Lifesaver
40	U19	Male	200m Super Lifesaver
41	Open	Female	200m Super Lifesaver
42	Open	Male	200m Super Lifesaver
43	U15	Female	100m Rescue Medley
44	U15	Male	100m Rescue Medley
45	U17	Female	100m Rescue Medley
46	U17	Male	100m Rescue Medley
47	U19	Female	100m Rescue Medley
48	U19	Male	100m Rescue Medley
49	Open	Female	100m Rescue Medley
50	Open	Male	100m Rescue Medley

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Sunday

Number	Age Group	Gender	Event
51	U14	Female	200m Obstacles
52	U14	Male	200m Obstacles
53	U15	Female	200m Obstacles
54	U15	Male	200m Obstacles
55	U17	Female	200m Obstacles
56	U17	Male	200m Obstacles
57	U19	Female	200m Obstacles
58	U19	Male	200m Obstacles
59	Open	Female	200m Obstacles
60	Open	Male	200m Obstacles
61	30-39	Female	200m Obstacles
62	30-39	Male	200m Obstacles
63	40-49	Female	200m Obstacles
64	40-49	Male	200m Obstacles
65	50-59	Female	200m Obstacles
66	50-59	Male	200m Obstacles
67	60+	Female	100m Obstacles
68	60+	Male	100m Obstacles
69	U14/U15	Female	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
70	U14/U15	Male	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
71	U17/U19	Female	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
72	U17/U19	Male	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
73	Open	Female	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
74	Open	Male	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
75	Masters	Female	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
76	Masters	Male/Mixed	4 x 50m Obstacle Relay
77	U14	Female	Line Throw
78	U14	Male	Line Throw
79	U15	Female	Line Throw
80	U15	Male	Line Throw
81	U17	Female	Line Throw
82	U17	Male	Line Throw
83	U19	Female	Line Throw
84	U19	Male	Line Throw
85	Open	Female	Line Throw
86	Open	Male	Line Throw
87	Masters	Female	Line Throw
88	Masters	Male	Line Throw
89	U14	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
90	U14	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins

91	U15	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
92	U15	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
93	U17	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
94	U17	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
95	U19	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
96	U19	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
97	Open	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
98	Open	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
99	30-39	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
100	30-39	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
101	40-49	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
102	40-49	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
103	50-59	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
104	50-59	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
105	60+	Female	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
106	60+	Male	100m Manikin Tow with Fins
107	U14	Female	50m Manikin Carry
108	U14	Male	50m Manikin Carry
109	U15	Female	50m Manikin Carry
110	U15	Male	50m Manikin Carry
111	U17	Female	50m Manikin Carry
112	U17	Male	50m Manikin Carry
113	U19	Female	50m Manikin Carry
114	U19	Male	50m Manikin Carry
115	Open	Female	50m Manikin Carry
116	Open	Male	50m Manikin Carry
117	30-39	Female	50m Manikin Carry
118	30-39	Male	50m Manikin Carry
119	40-49	Female	50m Manikin Carry
120	40-49	Male	50m Manikin Carry
121	50-59	Female	50m Manikin Carry
122	50-59	Male	50m Manikin Carry
123	60+	Female	50m Manikin Carry
124	60+	Male	50m Manikin Carry
125	U15	Female	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
126	U15	Male	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
127	U17	Female	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
128	U17	Male	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
129	U19	Female	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
130	U19	Male	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
131	Open	Female	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
132	Open	Male	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
133	30-39	Female	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
134	30-39	Male	100m Manikin Carry with Fins

135	40-49	Female	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
136	40-49	Male	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
137	50-59	Female	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
138	50-59	Male	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
139	60+	Female	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
140	60+	Male	100m Manikin Carry with Fins
141	U14/U15	Female	4 x 25m Manikin Relay
142	U14/U15	Male	4 x 25m Manikin Relay
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144	U17/U19	Male	4 x 25m Manikin Relay
145	Open	Female	4 x 25m Manikin Relay
146	Open	Male	4 x 25m Manikin Relay
147	Masters	Female	4 x 25m Manikin Relay
148	Masters	Male/Mixed	4 x 25m Manikin Relay
149	U14/U15	Female	4 x 50m Medley Relay
150	U14/U15	Male	4 x 50m Medley Relay
151	U17/U19	Female	4 x 50m Medley Relay
152	U17/U19	Male	4 x 50m Medley Relay
153	Open	Female	4 x 50m Medley Relay
154	Open	Male	4 x 50m Medley Relay
155	Masters	Female	4 x 50m Medley Relay
156	Masters	Male/Mixed	4 x 50m Medley Relay

12. DRAFT TIMETABLE

The below timetable is only a draft and is subject to change. The Program of Events will go out with the Final Circular.

7.00am:	Officials Briefing
7.30am:	Competitor Warm Up
7.30am:	Team Managers Meeting
8.00am:	First event

13. DRESS OF COMPETITORS

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

SLSQ staff, the Event Referee, Area Referee and/or Sectional Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID, or logos in conflict with any event sponsors and/or the SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy.

14. EVENT MEDALS, TROPHIES & POINTSCORE

SLSQ Championship medals will be awarded to individuals and team members gaining 1st (Gold), 2nd (Silver) or 3rd (Bronze) in all Championship events contested.

Overall Pointscore (1st, 2nd & 3rd) and Handicap Pointscore (1st, 2nd & 3rd) trophies for the top 3 clubs in each will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

The point score awarded to each Champion Club, within each event's age category, will be 6 points for 1st place, down to 1 point for 6th place. If, when the event has concluded, there is a tied pointscore, the club with the most first places will be declared the winner. Failing this, the club with the most 2nd placings to 6th placings respectively will be taken into account to determine a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

Note: International clubs (and/or non SLSA affiliated clubs) are not eligible to earn points towards the overall and handicap pointscores.

DEAD HEATS – Where a dead heat (as defined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual) occurs in the final of an event, the clubs of individuals/teams will share the placing points and medal relative to the finish placing. The club of the next individuals/teams to finish will receive the relative placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals finish equal 1st, both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each and the gold medal. The next placing individual/team shall be awarded the 4 points and the bronze medal for coming 3rd.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITOR MEDALS – If an international competitor (or club team) place (1st, 2nd or 3rd) in a Championship they will be awarded the medal equal to the placing gained.

However, the Australian competitor/s (or club team/s) to who place will be awarded the QLD Championship Title/Placing and the equivalent medal.

15. OFFICIALS

All appointed officials will be required to be current accredited SLSA officials and be the holder of a current BlueCard. If an official would like to nominate for the event please follow the below link.

2021 QLD Pool Rescue Championships - [LINK](#)

Nominations must be received by Sunday 4th July 2021.

It is imperative that the appearance of competition officials/judges is of a high standard, therefore appointed officials are asked to give a high degree of attention to their quality of uniform.

It is preferred that all officials wear the generic white and blue officials' shirt.

16. TEAM MANAGERS

Each club must have a Team Manager complete the online [TEAM MANAGER DECLARATION LINK](#) before their club is eligible to compete at this event.

Team Managers must ensure they complete the above online Team Managers Declaration for this event by Wednesday 7th July 2021.

It is the Team Managers responsibility to ensure the changes to the Club's competing teams have been registered with the appropriate officials, and that all their competitors are correctly entered in the event.

It is compulsory for all Team Managers (in their official roles) to wear clearly identifiable apparel that highlights their club name and the wording 'Team Manager'. Anyone not displaying this ID will be asked to leave the competition area.

17. TIMEKEEPERS

All clubs competing at the 2021 QLD Pool Rescue Championships must be prepared to provide at least 2 timekeepers. The timekeepers do not need to be accredited officials. The more timekeepers you can provide the less time they will have to be on the pool deck however clubs will need to be responsible for any rotation in personnel ensuring each new time keeper reports to the Chief Timekeeper prior to taking up their position. **Timekeepers should be available from 30 minutes prior to the commencement of competition**

18. SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering at this event will be conducted randomly throughout this event by appointed scrutineering officials.

19. MEDIA & PHOTOGRAPHY

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSQ prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at this event by members and/or public unless approved by SLSQ, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements. SLSQ may utilise the use of our own drones to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards.

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the event used for promotional material by SLSQ.

Photographers within the carnival area must have a visible photographer's pass as well as their BlueCard.

20. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors and officials is of paramount importance and athletes or their Parent/guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

Any competitor or official who suffers illness or injury prior to or at the event must seek a medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

In addition, SLSQ may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate in the competition. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of the athlete concerned and fellow competitors while also ensuring all parties and SLSQ are not placed at risk.

SLSQ will be supplying adequate shade tents at all marshalling areas for officials and competitors throughout the event. It is highly recommended that all athletes ensure they carry with them adequate apparel to assist with reduction of sunburn, along with recommended use of sunscreen throughout the day.

21. ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

Through affiliation with SLSA, SLSQ supports the Australian Government, Sport Australia, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sport Integrity Australia in their efforts to eradicate match-fixing and the use of drugs in sport.

It is strongly recommended that all coaches and Team Managers complete the Sport Integrity Australia Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course (formerly Level 1) as well as the Sport Integrity Australia Introduction to Match Fixing Course. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport.

These courses can be accessed at: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>

22. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Any misconduct while at the event will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into the competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the event. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves and their Clubs.

Please refer to the Surf Sports Manual sections *2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour* and *2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour* and the Policy *6.5 Member Protection Policy* (available online at the Members Portal).

23. PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with procedures set down in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins, and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based.

Protest Forms are available from the Liaison Officer. An 'Appeals Fee' of \$110 must accompany all documentation when the process is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the Sport Team at:

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