



# 2026 BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS | Event Guide

## Surf Sports | IRB v1

### 1. EVENT DATES

| DECEMBER 2025         |   |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Wednesday 3 December  | 9.00am  | IRB nominations open   |
| Wednesday 17 December | 5:00pm  | Last chance to submit any questions to Branch Office   |
| JANUARY 2026          |   |  |
| Friday 16 January     | 11:00pm   | IRB Nominations close  |
| Saturday 31 January   | <b>Shift 1</b> 6.30am<br><b>Shift 2</b> 11.30am | <b>Championships Day 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Soft Sand Beach Run</li> <li>- Champion Lifesaver</li> <li>- Champion First Aid</li> <li>- R&amp;R (U10 to Opens)</li> <li>- Belts Open Championship</li> <li>- Adaptive Championships</li> <li>- Age Championships U9's &amp; U10s Beach Events</li> <li>- Surfboard Riding</li> </ul> |
| FEBRUARY 2026         |   |  |
| Saturday 7 February   | <b>Shift 1</b> 7.30am<br><b>Shift 2</b> 12.00pm | <b>Championships Day 3:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opens and Masters (including JLOTY Presentation)</li> <li>- Boats</li> <li>- March Past</li> </ul>  |
| Sunday 8 February     | <b>Shift 1</b> 7.30am<br><b>Shift 2</b> 12.00pm | <b>Championships Day 4:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age Championships U9s&amp; U10s Water</li> <li>- Age Championships U11s to U14s</li> </ul>  |

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## 2. IRB REQUIREMENTS

Clubs will be rostered to assist with IRB requirements for Day 2 at South Maroubra and Day 3 and Day 4 of the Championships, at Elouera / Wanda beaches. Clubs are to register all IRB personnel by 11:00pm Friday 16 January 2026 using the online [IRB Form](#).

Each club is to provide a driver and crewperson per boat. Below are the requirements for each club.

**If clubs do not provide IRB Drivers and Crew as per their rostered IRB requirements, Surf Life Saving Sydney will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required are present.**

|                    | DAY 2 - Branch 31st Jan | DAY3 - Branch 7th Feb   | DAY 4 - Branch 8th Feb |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                    | Sth Maroubra            | Elouera / Wanda         | Elouera / Wanda        |
| <b>530am Start</b> |                         |                         |                        |
| Boat 1             | South Maroubra          | Cronulla                | Cronulla               |
| Boat 2             | Bondi                   | Nth Cronulla            | Nth Cronulla           |
| Boat 3             | <i>Not Required</i>     | Elouera                 | Elouera                |
| Boat 4             | <i>Not Required</i>     | Wanda                   | Wanda                  |
|                    |                         |                         |                        |
| <b>930am Start</b> |                         |                         |                        |
| Boat 1             | Tamarama                | Nth Bondi               | Bronte                 |
| Boat 2             | Maroubra                | Nth Bondi               | Coogee                 |
| Boat 3             | <i>Not Required</i>     | Coogee                  | Bondi                  |
| Boat 4             | <i>Not Required</i>     | RNP                     | Maroubra               |
|                    |                         |                         |                        |
| <b>130pm Start</b> |                         |                         |                        |
| Boat 1             | South Maroubra          | Cronulla                | Cronulla               |
| Boat 2             | Clovelly                | Nth Cronulla            | Nth Cronulla           |
| Boat 3             | <i>Not Required</i>     | Elouera                 | Elouera                |
| Boat 4             | <i>Not Required</i>     | Wanda                   | Wanda                  |
|                    |                         |                         |                        |
| <b>Duty Boat</b>   |                         | Cronulla / Nth Cronulla | Wanda / Elouera        |

**NOTE:** Duty boats are required to be in place from 5:30am until carnival finishes each day.



### 3. EQUIPMENT

- Driver & Crew, their own PFD
- Water Bottle (water filling stations will be available in each area)
- Sunscreen, and sunglasses & Sunhat (if desired)

**NOTE:**

1. Host clubs will supply fully equipped IRBs for use during the championships.

### 4. SIGN ON / SIGN OFF

Each team member will be required to sign on and off with Central Control. The IRB Coordinator will advise on which area you need to attend and ensure you have all the required equipment.

### 5. CONTINGENCY PLAN / ALTERNATE VENUE

If the surf and/or weather conditions prevent the program being conducted as scheduled, a decision will be made by the Competition Committee as to contingency arrangements. If it is deemed that there is no contingency available, only events that are the Age and Open qualifying events, will be conducted as detailed by the competition committee.

In the event the Championships are either cancelled, or the program amended, prior to the day, the event details, including water safety requirements, will be emailed to Club Presidents and Secretaries and placed on the Surf Life Saving Sydney website and Facebook page.

### 6. BEHAVIOUR / MISCONDUCT

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

Parents or supporters, particularly those appointed as Officials, including water safety, are not allowed to assist competitors during the competition. Any breach of this policy may result in the disqualification of an athlete and/or club from the remainder of the competition and is at the discretion of the Referee.

Please refer to 38th Edition Surf Sports Manual sections 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.05 – Member Protection Policy (available online at Members Area > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.05).

**For any questions related to the Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Championships, please submit them by 5:00pm on Wednesday 17 December 2025.**

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