Circular

Title: 2020 SEQ Pool Rescue Competition Season – EOI Official Nominations
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Pool Rescue Competition attracts competitors from all over the state, providing an opportunity to unite showcasing one of Queensland's most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

Below are the dates and venues for the 2020 Pool Rescue Competition Season:

Gold Coast Competition	Saturday 15th August	Gold Coast Aquatic Centre
Sunshine Coast Pool Competition	Saturday 29th August	Venue TBA

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2020 Pool Rescue Competition Series. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in the circular.

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2. DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULAR

It is most important that the information in this Circular is brought to the attention of all Accredited Officials

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.

3. OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS

All nominating 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.

2020 Pool Rescue Competition Season – Officials Nominations

Nominations must be received the Sunday night prior to each event.

Any nominations after this date, please email Karen Degnian, SLSQ Sports Administrator – kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au.

4. COVID-SAFE

Surf Life Saving Queensland have put together some plans around how we can safely hold the 2020 Pool Rescue season.

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.

Carnival Numbers

The current restrictions allow us to hold an event will a maximum of 500 people, however this continues to change. We are also subject to restrictions at our host venues. These numbers include competitors, officials, staff, club support personnel and spectators. We will advise if we have to limit extra personnel through the Final Circular.

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.

Temperature Checks

SLSQ will be completing forehead temperature checks to all competitors, officials, staff and support personnel upon their first entry into the pool in the morning. If anybody has a temperature above 37.5 degrees they will be asked to isolate in the shade for 15 minutes before they will be allowed another check. This will be completed no more than 3 times. If someone receives 3 high temperature readings they will be asked to remove themselves from the pool.

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.

5. DRAFT TIMETABLE

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

8.00am: Officials Breakfast
8.30am: Competitors Warm Up
8.30am: Team Managers Meeting
9.00am: First event

6. OFFICIALS DRESS

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.

7. 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.

Water barrels will be available under the marshalling tents for officials, team managers and competitor use. These barrels are in place for all persons to use and fill up their own water bottles. Please note, no drinking cups will be supplied.

8. 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 36th Surf Sports Manual sections *2.27 SLSA Code of Behavior* and *2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behavior* and the Policy *6.5 Member Protection Policy* (available online at the Members Portal).

FURTHER INFORMATION

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