

Title: Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2019 - Final Carnival Circular

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Audience: Officials, Team Managers, Presidents, State Sport Managers/Directors and Secretaries

Summary: Final Carnival Circular for the Australian & Interstate Pool Rescue Championships 2019

to will be conducted at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre.

This final carnival circular outlines the event details relating to the Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre from 9-11 August 2019 for competitors, coaches, team managers and officials.

The International Life Saving Federation (ILS) has sanctioned this event and as such the Championships will be run in accordance to current edition ILS rules and the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual plus any subsequent bulletins or circulars.

Distribution of this Circular

It is most important that the information in this circular be brought to the attention of carnival officials, team managers, coaches and competitors. Non-receipt of this circular will not be taken as an excuse if a club, team or individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other circulars which refer to Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships.

Key Information

Please ensure you and all relevant participants from your state/club are up to date with all 2019 Australian Pool Rescue and Interstates Championships circulars found on the Members Area and Australian Pool Rescue and Interstates Championships webpage and also:

- Competition Circulars
- ILS Competition Rule Book 2015 -2019 Edition Revised 2017
- Current Surf Sport Manual 35th Revised Edition (including Section 11 Pool Rescue Events)

Further Information

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SECTION 1. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEES

1.1 POOL RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Pool Rescue Championships Competition Committee (PCCC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The (PCCC) may, in accordance with the rules contained in the current edition - 35th 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 PCCC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on competition conditions and safety issues when required. The PCCC shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the Championships e.g. Disciplinary Committee.

POSITION	NAME
Chair Competition Committee / SLSA Sport Technical Adviser	Greg Allum OAM
Championship Referee	Carolyn Wilson
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Shane Daw
Event Manager	Tony Henderson
Athlete Representative (Male)	Andrew Bowden
Athlete Representative (Female)	Jennifer Parry

1.2 SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

A Safety and 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 and Emergency Management Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Organising Committee and the Competition Committee. The composition of the SEC will be determined by SLSA or the relevant Organising Committee.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Shane Daw
Deputy Championship Referee	Craig Williams
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Senior Pool Lifeguard
Event Manager	Tony Henderson

1.3 EVENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Event Organising Committee (EOC) is responsible for the logistical pre-planning and operational delivery of the Australian Pool Rescue Championships 2019.

The Event Organising Committee is responsible for the planning of the event but not the actual conduct of the competition.

POSITION	NAME
SLSA Event Manager / Organising Committee Chair	Tony Henderson
Chair, Sport	Andrew Buhk
Championship Referee	Carolyn Wilson
Deputy Championship Referee	Craig Williams
SLSA Official Advisor	Paul Kenny
SLSA Technical Advisor	Greg Allum OAM
SLSA Venue Manager	Ken Bird OAM
SLSA Event Coordinator	Kayley Stephenson



SLSA Events Coordinator	Aaron Bissett
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Shane Daw



SECTION 2. EVENT INFORMATION

2.1 ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The Administration Centre will be positioned on the upper level at the southern end of the competition pool. (see site map). This Administration Centre will be open each day of competition from 7:00am until 30 minutes after the completion of competition.

2.2 TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

The full timetable of events is listed in the Entry Circular.

Key Competitor & Official daily reporting times are summarised below:

Thursday 8 Aug 2019	
TIME	
12:00pm – 6:00pm	Dive Pool – available for warm ups
4:45pm	Safety & Emergency Committee Meeting
5:15pm	Competition Committee Meeting
6:00pm	Team Managers Briefing
6:45pm	State Team Managers Briefing
Friday 9 Aug 2019	
TIME	
6:30am	Safety & Emergency Committee Meeting
6:45am	Competition Committee Meeting
7:00am - 8:00am	Competition Pool – available for warm ups
7:00am	Officials Briefing
8:00am – 6:00pm	Warm Up Pool open – Dive Pool
8:00am	Team Managers Briefing
8:30am	Opening Ceremony
8:45am	Marshalling
9:00am	Competition commences
11:15am	Safety & Emergency Committee Meeting
11:30am	Competition Committee Meeting
3:30pm	Interstate Relays Commence
5:15pm	Competition Committee Meeting
Saturday 10 Aug 2019	
TIME	
6:45am	Safety & Emergency Committee Meeting
7:00am	Competition Committee Meeting
7:00am - 8:00am	Competition Pool – available for warm ups
7:30am	Officials Briefing
7:45am	Team Managers Briefing
8:00am – 6:00pm	Warm Up Pool open – Dive Pool
8:15am	Marshalling
8:30am	Competition commences
11:15am	Safety & Emergency Committee Meeting
11:30am	Competition Committee Meeting
5:15pm	Competition Committee Meeting
Sunday 11 Aug 2019	
TIME	
6:45am	Safety & Emergency Committee Meeting
7:00am	Competition Committee Meeting



7:00am - 8:00am	Competition Pool – available for warm ups	
7:30am	Officials Briefing	
7:45am	Team Managers Briefing	
8:00am – 6:00pm	Warm Up Pool open – Dive Pool	
8:15am	Marshalling	
8:30am	Competition commences	
11:15am	Safety & Emergency Committee Meeting	
11:30am	Competition Committee Meeting	
5:15pm	Competition Committee Meeting	

Please note:

- The above start and finish times are subject to change based on anticipated entries for the Championships;
- Except for the initial marshalling times all other published times are indicative;
- The timetable may be subject to further changes by the Referee.

Participation Restriction for Individual Events

U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, U19 and Masters competitors must compete in their specific age category ONLY and are not eligible to compete in Open age individual events i.e. U13 and U14 age SRC award holding competitors are not permitted to compete in U15 aged individual events and (BM holding) U15, U17, U19 and Masters competitors are not eligible to compete in Open age individual events. The only exception to this is for Masters competitors when there is not an equivalent race in the Masters age group. Masters can compete in individual Open age events i.e. Super Lifesaver and Rescue Medley.

The decision for the participation restriction for individual events shall not be subject to protest.

Participation Restriction for Team Events

In the designated U12-U13, U14-U15 team events U12, U13, U14 & U15 competitors must hold a current award relevant to the age category, as a minimum. In the designated U17-U19, Open and Masters team events U17, U19, Open and Masters competitors must be proficient Bronze Medallion award holders (or holders of the equivalent ILS member country award) as a minimum.

Eligibility to compete in team events is as detailed in the current SLSA SSM rules (Section 2.3.4). Competitors for these Pool Rescue Championships may participate in:

- U12s the U12/U13 team Age group in relay events plus the U12 and/or U13 in the Line Throw.
- U13s the U12/U13 team Age group in relay events plus the U13 and/or U14 (if SRC qualified) in the Line Throw.
- U14s the U14/U15 team Age group in relay events plus the U14 and/or U15 in the Line Throw.
- U15s the U14/U15 team Age group in relay events plus the U15 in the Line Throw.
- U17s the U17/U19 plus Open team Age group in relay events plus two of the U17, U19 and Open in the Line Throw.
- U19s the U17/U19 plus Open team Age group in relay events plus the U19 and/or Open in the Line Throw.
- Opens the Open Team Age group in relay events plus the Open in the Line Throw.
- Masters One Masters plus the Open team Age group in relay events plus one Masters age and the Open in the Line Throw.



NOTE 1: No U14 or U15 age category athlete can compete in any of the U17, U19 or Open age groups even if they hold a Bronze Medallion award.

<u>NOTE 2:</u> Masters Age competitors are permitted to compete in only one Masters Age category in each Masters Team event but may compete in a different age group in each different team event. Masters competitors are also permitted to compete in Open age team events.

<u>NOTE 3:</u> Clubs are not permitted to enter composite teams to compete at these Championships. However, if lane space permits SLSA may allow representative teams to compete for team development purposes only. Such teams shall not be eligible for medals and/or placing points.

2.3 COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

SLSA will supply the Rescue Tubes, Manikins, Throw Lines and Bricks for the use of competitors during competition **only**.

During warm up and warm down, competitors are responsible for providing their own equipment. Competitors are not permitted to borrow Association (SLSA/SLSQ) equipment and if found to have taken any of this equipment they may be referred for disciplinary action.

All competitors are required to supply their own fins. A variation to swim fin specifications for U12 and U13 has been included for this year's Championships. Please refer to the description and images as per the Entry Circular (page 11).

Competition equipment may be subject to scrutineering checks during the event.

2.4 SWIMWEAR

In all swimming events competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in Section 2.5.1 of the current SLSA Surf Sport Manual 35th Revised Edition.

The SLSA rules are consistent with the rules contained in Section 2.10 of the ILS Competition Rule Book 2015-2019 (revised 2017) Edition.

2.5 RESTRICTIONS & PROVISOS

The following restrictions shall apply to nominations and competition in the various events:

- (a) Competitors will compete as club representatives &/or State representatives where identified to SLSA by appropriate state.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Substitution of Competitors as provided for under General Competitive Conditions in the current SLSA Surf Sports Manual, in conjunction with all current amending or clarifying Bulletins, it shall be possible for a State or Club in the event of the withdrawal of an individual competitor who has been nominated by the Club to compete in a team event to replace such a competitor in a team provided that the competitor coming into the team has not already competed for another team in the same event.

These rules are consistent with current SLSA Surf Sport Manual 35th Revised Edition Section 02 – General Competitive Conditions.

Any withdrawal, together with details of the replacement (if any) and satisfying the conditions of entry, shall be notified in writing to the Official Administration Officer by the representative of the Club nominated for this purpose, before marshalling commences for the event. The Administration Officer will in turn issue an authority for promulgation to the appropriate Carnival Official(s).



- (c) Competitors **MUST** wear identical club caps / rubber or silicone swim caps in each team event (also refer to Section 2.5.2 of the current SLSA Surf Sport Manual and Section 2.10 of the ILS Competition Rule Book).
- (d) For any event to be contested at the Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships, a minimum of one (1) starter is required. Where an event is conducted all place getters shall be awarded medals.

2.6 TEAM APP

The Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships will be using the 'Team App' smart phone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors. Please see the below instructions to understand what 'Team App' is and how to use it. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at https://www.teamapp.com/faqs.

How do I use the Team App?

Download 'Team App' from your App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for '2019 AUS Pool Championships' in the search bar at the top of the screen and click on the event to join and follow the Team Manager feed. From here you will be able to access news feeds, event timings and where to find all the latest and up to date information on the event. By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive an immediate text and email update as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information!

'Team App' is applicable for all Apple iPhones, iPads and iPods, plus most Android mobile devices.

2.7 TIME KEEPERS

Due to a chronic shortage in the number of officials nominating for this event, each Club **is required** to provide a member or members of the Club that will be act as timekeepers during their rostered shift.

The rostering of Time Keepers will be managed by the SLSA Events Team who will contact each Team Manager, as per the Team Managers online form prior to the event.

The Time Keepers Roster will be available on Team App and each Club will need to sign in at the beginning of each shift.

Note: The Carnival Committee reserves the right to penalise Clubs who do not provide a timekeeper when rostered including prohibiting a club from competing until such time as a time keeper is provided, stripping of points already accumulated, imposition of fines and any other measure deemed appropriate at the time.

2.8 MEET MANAGER / MEET MOBILE

The Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships will be using the Meet Manger / Mobile application. This will be the central spot to get live race results throughout the championship. Meet Mobile will operate as per previous years.

How do I use the Meet Mobile?



Download 'Meet Mobile' from your App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for '2019 Aust Pool Rescue Championships' in the search bar at the top of the screen and click on the event to join and follow the prompts.

Once you have access to the mobile app you will be able to access:

- Event Schedules and results
- Find swimmers and follow their progress through the championship
- Follow your club and track their results and overall club point score over the championship

'Meet Mobile' is applicable for all Apple iPhones, iPads and iPods, plus most Android mobile devices.

2.9 PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

Presentation of medals will be conducted throughout each day of competition. Any presentations remaining will be conducted at the conclusion of competition each day.

Medallists are requested to wear their club costume or team uniform and cap during medal presentations.

Where a RLSSA or an international competitor (or club team) finishes first in an event, they will receive a SLS Australian Pool Rescue Championship medallion(s) and other trophies equal to the placing gained. However, the first SLSA Club competitor (or club team) to finish will be awarded the Australian Pool Rescue Championship Title and a duplicate gold medallion only.

Where a RLSSA or an international competitor (or club team) finishes in second or third place in an event, they will receive an Australian Pool Rescue Championship medallion(s) and any other trophies equal to the placing gained. The second/third SLSA Club competitor to finish will be awarded the relevant duplicate medallions only as appropriate.

NOTE 1: RLSSA and International Clubs are not eligible to earn placing points in the SLSA Pool Rescue Club Point score.

NOTE 2: The above does not apply to Clubs who have dual RLSSA and SLSA affiliation. Members of such clubs are eligible for SLS Australian Pool Rescue Championship titles, medallion(s) and any other trophies equal to the placing gained and their Clubs are eligible to earn placing points in the SLSA Pool Rescue Club Point score.

2.10 CODE OF CONDUCT

All participating associations expect members involved in competition to co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship. Any incidents or behavior likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation or image of Surf Life Saving Australia will be initially managed by the referee and, as appropriate, referred to a disciplinary committee. Penalties may include censure, expulsion of individuals, teams or clubs from competition and/or the competition venue and/or other penalties as deemed appropriate.

Team Managers shall at all-times exercise control over their teams and ensure members conduct and appearance does not have adverse bearing upon the good name of their club or Surf Life Saving Australia. In addition to this the Team Manager will be held responsible to the club and to SLSA for the conduct of all team members while travelling to, during and returning home from the 2019 Australian Pool Championships. Team managers and coaches will:

- Insist that competitors understand and abide by the principles of fair play.
- Never countenance the use of drugs by competitors



- Never employ methods of practices that could involve risks, however slight, to the long-term health and physical development of their competitors.
- Not attempt to manipulate the rules in order to take advantage of their competitors or their opponents.
- Respect the regulations and authority of the Event Organisers and their association and not attempt to avoid or circumvent these regulations.
- Recognise the special role that they have to play in the establishment of standards by setting a good example of sportsmanship at all times.
- Respect the rights of competitors, coaches, officials and not exploit or deliberately act in a manner detrimental to them.
- Not endeavor to influence the result of a competition by any action not strictly within the rules and regulations, or within the fundamental precepts of fair play.

Please be aware that any practices that are deemed to be dangerous or a risk to member and/or public safety may result in disqualification of the competitor/club from the championships.

Refer also the Section 2.27.4 and 2.29 (Competing Unfairly) of the current Surf Sport Manual 35th Revised Edition.

2.11 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Misconduct

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their club. In particular please refer to Section 2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour in the current Surf Sport Manual 35th Revised Edition Section 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour and the Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy.

Competitors and/or members found tampering with equipment not belonging to themselves or their club also risk disciplinary action against themselves.

In addition to the code of conduct, any member who abuses an Official, a competitor, another member or member of the public at an event may be excluded or disqualified from that competition, carnival or an event at the discretion of the referee. The Competition Disciplinary Committee may also impose additional penalties. For the purposes of this rule 'abuse' includes, but is not limited to, making direct or implied threats or behaving in an inappropriate manner as determined by the referee and/or the relevant official in their absolute discretion.

A Competition Disciplinary Committee has been appointed with powers to "cite" or take any action as necessary as a result of misconduct. It is expected that all matters affecting participants,

supporters and spectators will normally be communicated to team management, for their transmission to members and implementation.

Gambling

Gambling by SLSA members on events in which they are participating as a competitor, official, manager or organiser is strictly prohibited. Members proven to have gambled on an SLSA Event whilst a competitor coach, official, manager or organiser of that competition will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with SLSA Regulations. Please refer to Policy 5.11 – Match Fixing available via our Members Area.



Post Event Activities

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their club.

Disciplinary matters should initially be referred to the Pool Championships Competition Committee, who will appoint the Disciplinary committee should it be deemed necessary.

2.12 THEFT

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by the venue, Surf Life Saving Australia, or another Surf Life Saving Club or competitor will be immediately reported to police and that person/s will be brought before the SLSA Judiciary. Please note that automatic disqualification of the team/club from the championship may occur if any member has any instance of misconduct before, during or after the Championships. Such acts will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their clubs.

2.13 PHOTOGRAPHY

No club/branch photographer passes will be issued for the event – this is in line with SLSA Photography Policy – Policy 6.21.

Official photographers will be on site throughout the Championships. In accordance with the above policy, only accredited media will be granted access to the competition area.

2.14 MEDIA ENQUIRIES

Only accredited media will be granted access to the pool competition area (in accordance with the above policy). All media enquiries should be directed to the SLSA Media Team.



SECTION 3. COMPETITION INFORMATION

3.1 PROTEST & APPEALS

Protests will be handled in accordance with the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 35th Revised Edition and any subsequent Bulletins and Circulars.

Protest forms will be available from the Administration Centre or Competition Liaison Officer.

The Competition Appeals Committee will deal with all the protests referred to it by the Referee or Deputy Referee. The appeals process is detailed in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 35th Revised Edition and any subsequent Bulletins and Circulars.

The Competition Appeals Committee shall consider the protest or appeal and make a decision. It may uphold or dismiss a protest or appeal. **The cost of lodging an appeal is \$150 Inc. GST.** If an appeal is upheld the fee shall be returned forthwith. This fee is only accepted as CASH.

The decision of the Competition Appeals Committee is final and there is no right of appeal against that decision.

3.2 SLSA ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an Anti-Doping Policy which will be adhered to for this event.

Please note that any athletes who break an open or youth world record at the Australian and Interstate Pool Rescue Championships are required to perform a drug test to sanction their world record. SLSA have engaged ASADA to be on standby if any world record is broken. Please also be aware that random drug testing could take place during the event.

It is highly recommended each Club team member (including management and staff) complete the ASADA online e-learning program (Level 1) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping. The link to access this e-learning program is http://elearning.asada.gov.au. Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activities as a group. In addition, it is recommended each Club team member (including management and staff) utilise the ASADA Check Vour Substances reference site, or phone 13000 ASADA (1300 027 232).

3.3 ATHLETE NUMBERING

All competitors **must** be numbered in order to compete in the championships. A list will be provided to the team managers at the briefing with corresponding numbers for all competitors. Please ensure you have a marker pen and all competitors are numbered correctly before arriving on pool deck.



4.1 COMPETITION AND WARM UP POOL

The competition pool and warm up pool (Dive Pool) are both located at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre. The pools will be accessible from:

DATE	COMPETITION POOL	WARM UP POOL (DIVE POOL)
Thursday 8 August	N/A	12.00PM – 6.00PM
Friday 9 August	7.00AM – 8.00AM	8.00AM – 6.00PM
Saturday 10 August	7.00AM – 8.00AM	8.00AM – 6.00PM
Sunday 11 August	7.00AM – 8.00AM	8.00AM – 6.00PM

4.2 ACCESS

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Marine Parade, Southport QLD. The main entrance to the Centre is at the intersection of Nind Street and Marine Parade, Southport. To gain free entry into the Aquatic Centre officials, team managers competitors and spectators are to enter the Aquatic Centre via the "Event Entry" entrance. An SLSA representative will be managing this entrance and provide officials, team managers competitors and spectators with a coloured wrist band.

4.3 PARKING

Please be advised that there is a cost for parking at and around the complex. Officials, competitors and teams will be responsible for their own parking costs and for any fines that are incurred. There is also parking available in and around Australia Fair Shopping Centre. Alternatively, if you park further north on the Gold Coast Highway where parking is free and catch the tram in (short walk from the tram) stop. The following link provides a guide to parking restrictions and costs on the Gold Coast: http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/thegoldcoast/city-parking-942.html

4.4 FIRST AID AND MEDICAL SERVICES

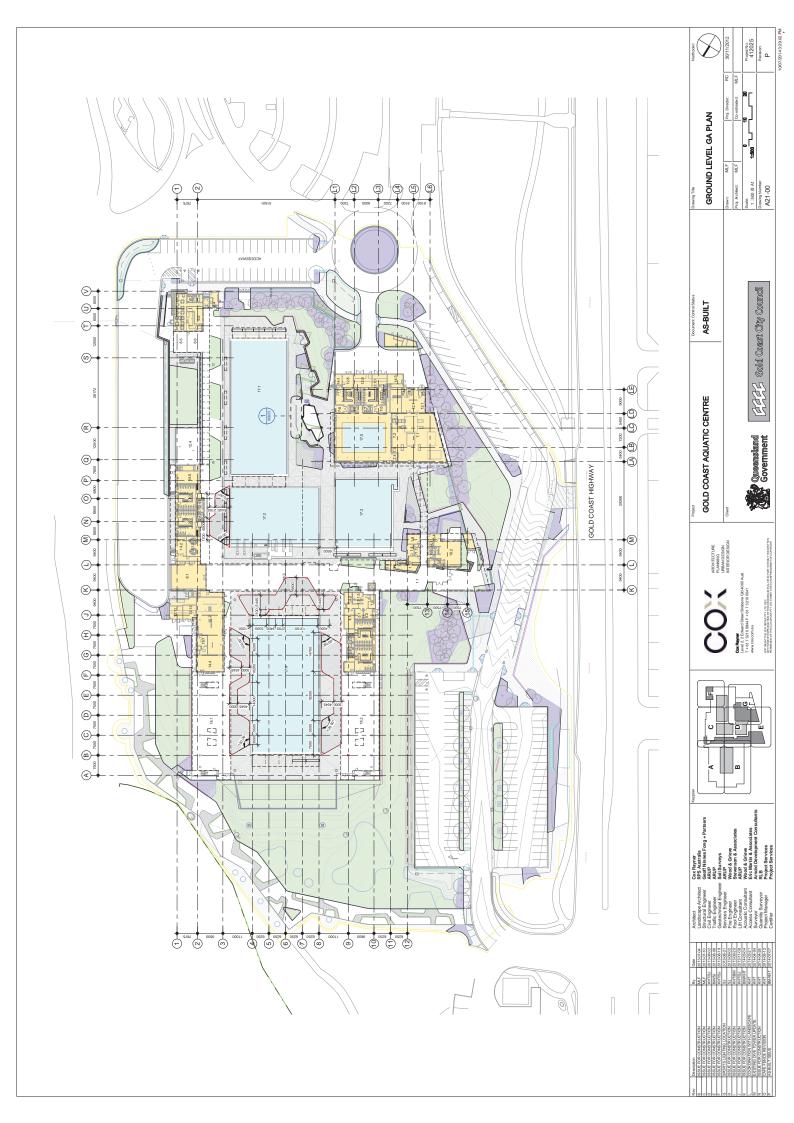
The Aquatic Centre will provide First Aid support with their lifeguards on duty. The Aquatic Centre, in consultation with the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator, will be responsible for contacting any outside emergency services. Competitors are to follow any directions given by the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator or Aquatic Centre staff. The health and safety of the competitors and all personnel is a priority, throughout the Championships.

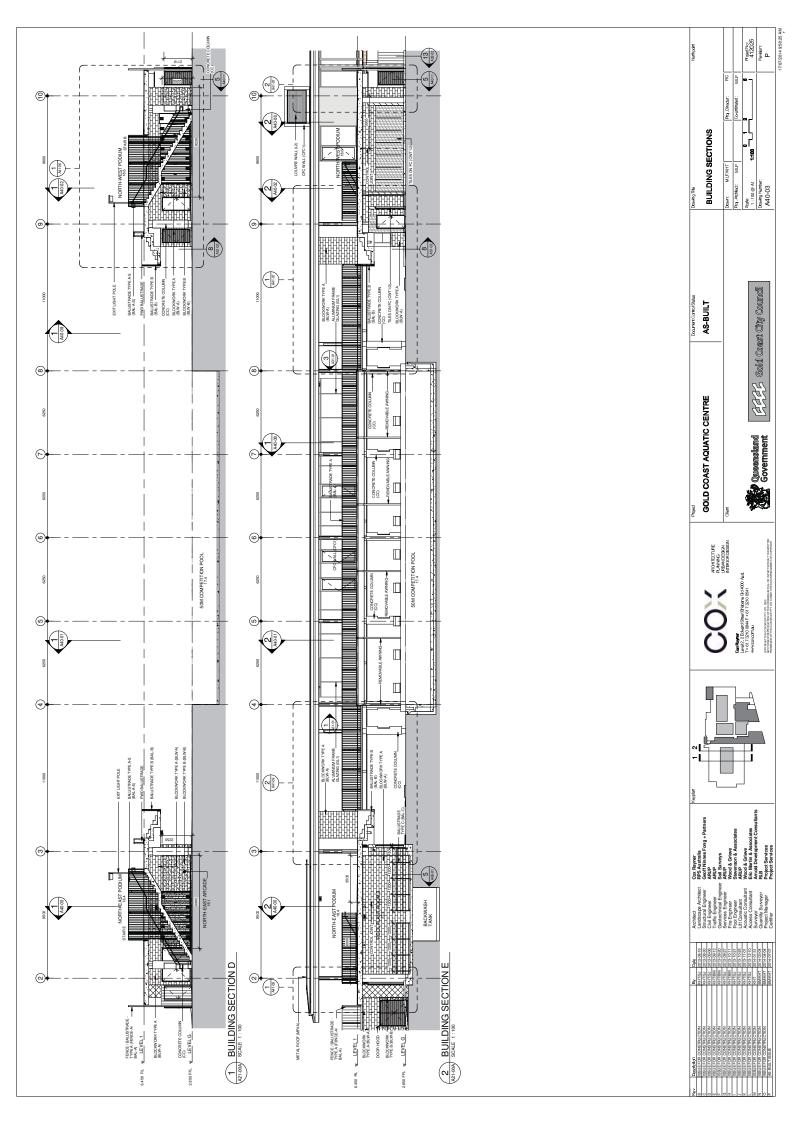
4.5 PEER SUPPORT/COUNSELLING

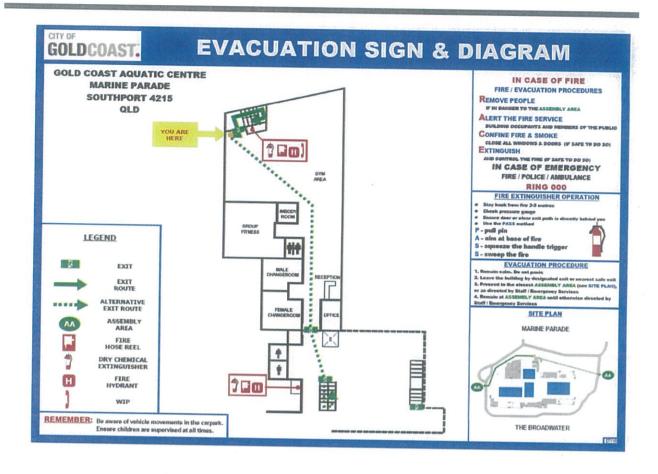
SLSA are able to provide both peer support and counselling services to all competitors, SLSA members, officials, family members or any other person. To access these services please lodge your details via the Administration Centre and a staff member will then ensure to contact the SLSA Event Manager, Tony Henderson. The services of LSC (Life Saving Chaplaincy) Chaplains may also be available on request.

4.6 CLUB BANNERS/FLAGS/TENTS

Clubs are encouraged to bring their clubs banners/flags of their club signage only (not sponsor signage). Please note club banners, flags, towels and clothing must not cover any emergency exit signage, Gold Coast Aquatic Centre signage, sponsor signage or SLSA signage. In addition, club tents are not permitted to be tied to any of the railings or pool structures. If clubs are requested to move or remove their signage or tents, they must follow direction of SLSA, Centre Staff or Officials.







6.5 Assembly area

Note: The Emergency Coordinator may direct occupants to an alternative assembly area depending on the nature of the incident.

