



BEACH STORMERS

Event Information Sheet



ABSTRACT

This document provides the key information regarding the 2026-2027 Beach Stormers Series.

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1 BEACH STORMERS SERIES INFORMATION

1.1. EVENT OVERVIEW

The **Beach Stormers** is a Surf Sports Beach series run nationally, with disciplines including Distance Runs, Beach Sprints and Beach Flags. Whilst the race formats are similar to those held at any SLSA Surf Sports carnivals, there are some key differences with how these disciplines are run.

Both the Beach Sprints and Distance Runs are held in a **Round Robin** format, with variable course lengths used for each round. Beach Flags are run as per normal rules (apart from false starts as detailed below).

The series consist of 16 events overall –

- 3 x 5,000 point events in Western Australia
- 3 x 5,000 point events in South Australia
- 3 x 5,000 point events in Victoria
- 3 x 5,000 point events in New South Wales
- 3 x 5,000 point events in Queensland

The series culminates with a 10,000 point event that will be held in January 2027 at Manly (for the Beach Sprints and Flags), and at Wanda (for the Distance Runs).

1.2. EVENT DATES & LOCATIONS

The **2026/2027 Beach Stormer Series 5,000** point events are listed below -

Location	State	Date
Burleigh Heads	Queensland	Saturday, October 3, 2026
Sorrento	Western Australia	Saturday, October 10, 2026
Sorrento	Western Australia	Saturday, October 24, 2026
South Maroubra	NSW	Saturday, October 31, 2026
Metropolitan Beach TBA	South Australia	Saturday, November 7, 2026
North Steyne	NSW	Saturday, November 14, 2026
South Melbourne	Victoria	Sunday, November 15, 2026
Sunshine Coast	Queensland	Saturday, November 21, 2026
City Beach	Western Australia	Saturday, November 28, 2026
Mordialloc	Victoria	Sunday, November 29, 2026
Metropolitan Beach TBA	South Australia	Saturday, December 5, 2026
Ocean Grove	Victoria	Sunday, December 6, 2026
Gold Coast	Queensland	Saturday, December 12, 2026
Avoca	NSW	Saturday, December 12, 2026
Glenelg	South Australia	Tuesday, December 29, 2026

A final **10,000** point event will be held at **Manly, NSW** on January 15/16, 2027, and at **Wanda, NSW** on January 26, 2027, to complete the series as follows –

- the Beach Flags will be held at **Manly** on the afternoon of Friday January 15, 2027
- the Beach Sprints will be held at **Manly** on Saturday January 16, 2027
- the Distance Runs will be held at **Wanda** on the morning of Tuesday January 26, 2027

1.3. EVENT INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Final State specific event details including how to enter and final event circulars will be made available via the normal communication channels used by each State for their surf sports events e.g. SLS Websites.

Information will also be shared via the Beach Stormers social media channels (Instagram & Facebook).

1.4. EVENT FORMATS

The formats for each event in each State will vary. Event format details will be made available by the respective States in their final event circulars and advertised via their normal event channels.

1.5. SERIES PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES

The **Beach Stormer Series** is available for the following age groups (Male & Female) –

- U13
- Youth (combined U14 and U15)
- U17
- Opens
- Masters¹ (in 10 year age groups – 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+)

Competitors can only participate in one age group based on their eligibility as per the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

Note¹: There are no **Masters** Beach Flags or **Masters** Beach Sprints at the 10,000 point event at **Manly**. The Masters Beach Flags or Beach Sprints are only run at the 5,000 point events as listed above. Masters distance runs will run at the 10,000 point event at **Wanda**.

1.6. EVENT RULES

The Beach Stormers series is conducted as per the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual (SSM), with the exception of the following -

- Course distances for the Beach Sprints and Distance Runs are variable and non-standard and can change between the different rounds of an event and between different events
- There are no disqualifications for False Starts in any of the disciplines –
 - For Beach Sprints, any false start results in the competitor taking a 2 Metre penalty on the start line
 - For Beach Flags, any false start results in the competitor taking a 1 Metre penalty on the start line
 - For Distance Runs, any false start results in the competitor taking a 15 Second time penalty at the start line
 - Competitors can only compete in a single age category

2 RACING INFORMATION

2.1. BEACH SPRINTS INFORMATION

In the 5,000 point Beach Stormers events, the Beach Sprints are held in a **Round Robin** format. Each event will have **3 Rounds** and a **Final**.

If the number of competitors exceeds the number of available race lanes, heats are drawn for each of the rounds. A distributed “random” draw” for each round will ensure each competitor is able to compete with as many of the total competitors as possible in the heats.

Competitors participate in just one (1) heat per round, regardless of the number of heats.

Each competitor accumulates points in Rounds 1, 2, and 3 based on their position in each of these rounds and allocated as per the **Round Robin Points Table** below –

ROUND ROBIN POINTS	
PLACE	POINTS
1 st	25
2 nd	22
3 rd	19
4 th	16
5 th	13
6 th	10
7 th	7
8 th	5
9 th	3
10 th	1

These accumulated points are used to identify the competitors that qualify for a Final of eight (8), and also to provide an overall event place for all competitors.

Competitors by default are drawn into all 3 rounds at the start of the event, but they do not have to take part in each round. Competitors are required to be marked by the marshal as Did Not Start (DNS) for any round they do not compete in.

If there are only sufficient competitors to make up a single heat per round, only Round 1, 2 and 3 will be run and no Final, and the accumulated points from these 3 rounds will determine the event placings, and subsequent Series Point Score for each competitor.

For the final 10,000 point Beach Stormers event at **Manly**, there will be just **2 Round Robin Rounds**, and then a **Semi Final** and a **Final**. The Semi Finalists will be made up of the top 16 accumulated point scorers from the Round Robin, whilst the Final will be made up of the top 4 from each Semi Final. The exceptions to this are as follows -

- If there are insufficient competitors to run more than 2 heats in each Round Robin round, the accumulation of points from Rounds one (1) and two (2) will be used to determine a straight final of eight (8) which will be run after Rounds one (1) and two (2).
- If there are insufficient competitors to run more than 1 heat in each Round Robin round, the accumulation of points from Rounds one (1) and two (2) will be used to determine the final overall event placings for all competitors. There will be no final / Round 3.

All age categories will complete an individual round, before all age categories move onto the next round (or final).

2.1.1. BEACH SPRINTS SERIES POINTS

Beach Sprints competitors in the Final are allocated 1st to 8th Series Points based on their placings in the Final. The remaining competitors are allocated Series Points based on where they place overall in the event, using their accumulated Round Robin points.

Series Points are allocated for 1st to 50th placings. Refer to the Series Point Score table below.

2.2. DISTANCE RUNS INFORMATION

In the 5,000 point Beach Stormers events, the Distance Runs in Event 2 and Event 3 only are run in a **Round Robin** format (Distance Runs in Event 1 are single race finals).

Event 2 and Event 3 will have **3 Rounds** for the U13, Youth and Masters, whilst the U17 and Opens will have **4 Rounds**. There is no Final in the distance runs.

Each competitor accumulates points in Rounds 1, 2 and 3 based on the Round Robin Points Table below –

ROUND ROBIN POINTS			
PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
1 st	40	11 th	12
2 nd	37	12 th	10
3 rd	34	13 th	8
4 th	31	14 th	6
5 th	28	15 th	5
6 th	25	16 th	4
7 th	22	17 th	3
8 th	19	18 th	2
9 th	16	19 th	1
10 th	13	20 th	0

Note that for the Distance Runs, there are no heats involved. All competitors in an age category will compete in a single race in each round.

Competitors by default are drawn into all 3 rounds (or 4 for some age categories) at the start of the event, but they do not have to take part in each round. Competitors are required to be marked off by the marshal as Did Not Start (DNS) for any round they do not compete in.

2.2.1. DISTANCE RUNS SERIES POINTS

For Event 1, Series Points are allocated based on competitor placings from 1st to 50th position.

For Event 2 and 3 Distance Run competitors are allocated Series Points based on where they place overall in the event, using their accumulated Round Robin points.

2.3. BEACH FLAGS INFORMATION

Beach Flags will be conducted as per the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual (apart from the exceptions outlined in the Event Rules section above).

If heats are required, all heats will run down until a final of either 8 or 9 is reached.

2.3.1. BEACH FLAGS SERIES POINTS

Series Points are allocated based on competitor placings from 1st to 50th position. Refer to the Series Point Score table below.

3 SERIES POINT SCORE

Competitors in each event are allocated Series Points based on their placing for their respective discipline as per the following **Series Point Score Table** for positions 1 to 50 –

5,000 POINT SCORE TABLE		10,000 POINT SCORE TABLE	
PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
1 st	5000	1 st	10000
2 nd	4300	2 nd	8600
3 rd	3650	3 rd	7300
4 th	3350	4 th	6700
5 th	3050	5 th	6100
6 th	2915	6 th	5830
7 th	2775	7 th	5550
8 th	2640	8 th	5280
9 th	2500	9 th	5000
10 th	2440	10 th	4880
11 th	2375	11 th	4750
12 th	2310	12 th	4620
13 th	2250	13 th	4500
14 th	2190	14 th	4380
15 th	2125	15 th	4250
16 th	2065	16 th	4130
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50 th	1345	50 th	2690

Competitors can compete in as many events as they wish, and in any location, but only their top 3 event results will count towards their overall Series Point Score, no matter where they compete.

So, for example, if a competitor takes part in 3 QLD events and 3 NSW events, only their top 3 results from those 6 events will count for their overall Series Point Score.

Series category winners will be determined from a competitor's top 3 results based on Series Point accumulated across all the events participated in, as per the following categories and disciplines -

AGE CATEGORY	GENDER	DISCIPLINE/S CATEGORY WINNERS
U13	Male & Female	Distance Runs
	Male & Female	Combined Beach Sprints & Flags
Youth	Male & Female	Distance Runs
	Male & Female	Combined Beach Sprints & Flags
U17	Male & Female	Distance Runs
	Male & Female	Combined Beach Sprints & Flags
Opens	Male & Female	Distance Runs
	Male & Female	Combined Beach Sprints & Flags
Masters 30-39	Male & Female	Distance Runs
	Male & Female	Combined Beach Sprints & Flags
Masters 40-49	Male & Female	Distance Runs
	Male & Female	Combined Beach Sprints & Flags
Masters 50-59	Male & Female	Distance Runs
	Male & Female	Combined Beach Sprints & Flags

AGE CATEGORY	GENDER	DISCIPLINE/S CATEGORY WINNERS
Masters 60+	Male & Female	Distance Runs
	Male & Female	Combined Beach Sprints & Flags

NOTE: Series Points accumulated in an age category for a discipline cannot be transferred to another age category e.g. a competitor running in the U17 Beach Sprints at one event may run in the Opens Beach Sprints at another event, but the points for that competitor will be accumulated in each of those separate age groups and disciplines and not be able to be combined.