



2026 Southern Cross Diving International

GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA
FEBRUARY 9TH- 15TH, 2026

Hosted by



Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Marine Parade, Southport, Queensland, Australia 4215



Introduction

Diving Australia are pleased to announce the re-emergence of the historical Southern Cross Diving International. This event will be held in Gold Coast, Australia from the 9th - 15th February 2026.

The Southern Cross Diving International will be held at the site of the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre. This fantastic outdoor venue on the sunny Queensland coast, will serve as a great test or introduction for any athletes aiming towards LA28, and an exciting opportunity for all competitors to experience something different than the traditional indoor event.

Diving Australia would be delighted to host your teams, offering travelling members the very best experience of Australia, in a wonderful part of our country.

Federations from all around the world are invited to attend and enjoy our excellent facilities and dryland. A full range of Olympic events will be contested on 3m springboards and 10m platform. A team event will also be hosted. World Aquatics Diving Rules will apply for all events.

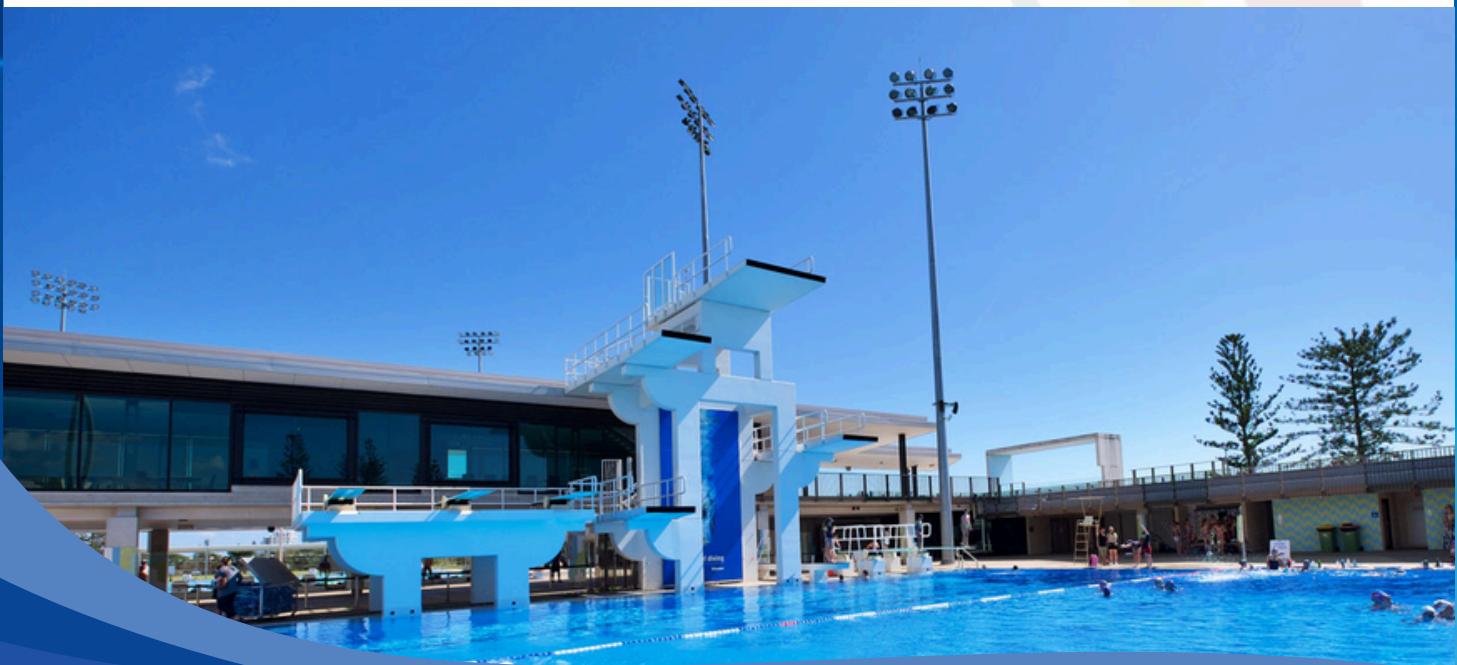
About the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast, located in Queensland, Australia, is renowned for its stunning beaches, world-class attractions, and vibrant atmosphere.

As a premier holiday destination, it boasts over 70 kilometers of pristine coastline, popular theme parks, high-end shopping, and diverse dining experiences, making it a favorite for families and adventure seekers alike.

Beyond its appeal as a tourist hotspot, the Gold Coast is the perfect setting for a diving event. Its combination of sun, sea, and top-notch facilities, including world-class sporting venues, provides the ideal environment for athletes to perform at their best. With its warm climate and lively atmosphere, both competitors and spectators can enjoy thrilling diving performances, as well as the city's iconic beaches and local attractions. The Gold Coast's unique blend of sport, entertainment, and natural beauty makes it an unforgettable location for any diving competition.

Please note, all information in this booklet is subject to change and will be confirmed closer to cutoff and competition dates



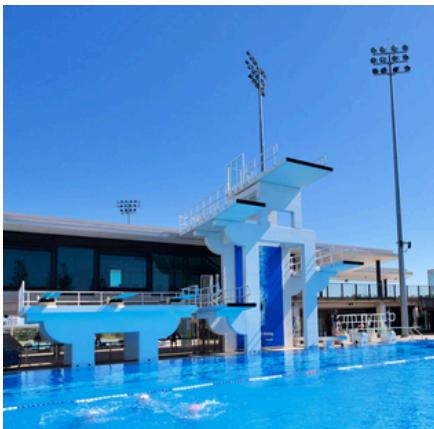


Competition Details

Event Name	Southern Cross Diving Event
Event Host	Diving Australia
Event Dates	February 9th – February 15th
Event Location	Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Marine Parade, Southport, Queensland, Australia, 4215
Technical Meetings	A technical meeting for all officials and team managers will be held on Thursday 12th February (Time TBC) A judges meeting will be held on Thursday 12th February, immediately after the technical meeting
Judges	Each team to provide a World Aquatics-A or G qualified judge with teams of four or more
Post event Function	A buffet dinner event will be held on the evening of Sunday 15th February for all divers, officials and volunteers
Awards	Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three placings in each event
Competition Cost	Event costs are listed below in the competition package details

Competition Venue

Diving Australia is proud to invite you to Gold Coast Aquatic Centre.
Marine Parade, Southport, Queensland, Australia, 4215
[Google Maps](#)



DIVING POOL

Springboards

- Two x 1 meter board
- Three x 3 meter boards

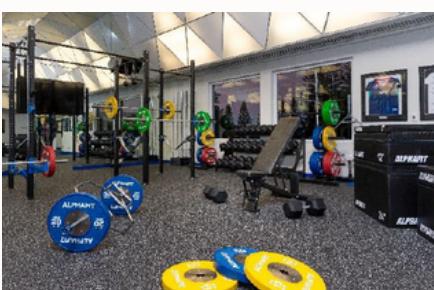
Platforms

- 3 meter, 5 meter, 7.5 meter and 10 meter



DRYLAND

- Foam pits
- Three trampolines
- Four dive boards and two platforms



GYMNASIUM

We will have full access to the gymnasium at the RACV Royal Pines Resort. The resort offers the latest cardiovascular machines, resistance training equipment, free weights and functional training tools all readily available for your team.

Please click [HERE](#) for a full list of equipment





Local Organising Committee

Host

Diving Australia (DA)

Website

Diving.org.au

Event Manager

Zoe Andrews
E: events@diving.org.au

Chief Referee

TBC

**World Aquatics
Delegate**

TBC

Welcome desk & Accreditation

There will be a welcome desk located at the Gold Coast airport, at the front entrance of the event venue and at the host hotel. Accreditations will be handed by the hotel manager upon arrival at the hotel if payment has been received by the LOC.



Registration and Important Dates

The following forms will need to be submitted by the overseas federations by email to

ENTRY	DEADLINE	FORM DOWNLOAD
Expressions of Interest form	October 27, 2025	HERE
Preliminary accommodation and entry form	December 1, 2025	HERE
Judges Nomination form	TBC	Coming Soon
Final registration & Sport entries	January 10, 2026	HERE
Final Accommodation form	January 17, 2026	Coming Soon
Travel details	February 2, 2026	Coming Soon
Earliest Arrival	February 8, 2026	Coming Soon
Official Training days	February 9-11, 2026	Coming Soon
Technical Meeting	February 12, 2026	Coming Soon
Competition Dates	February 13-15, 2026	Coming Soon
Latest Departure	February 16, 2026	Coming Soon

- To ensure the event has sufficient participants and to help with planning, we require early Expressions of Interest by form linked above.
- Team reservations will only be confirmed upon receipt of the 50% deposit and will be allocated on a first in basis.
- Cancellation dates and policies:
 - Any cancellations after December 20, 2025 are subject to a 50% cancellation fee.
 - Any cancellations after January 14, 2026 are subject to a 100% cancellation fee.



Travel information

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

All arrivals and departures must be done to and from Gold Coast airport (OOL) or Nerang train station (you can catch the airtrain from Brisbane airport to Nerang Station). Diving Australia volunteers will meet you at the airport or train station with your transport plans to the Hotel.

VISA AND ETA PROCESS

When entering Australia, all travellers are required to carry a valid passport and, in most cases, a visa or an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA), depending on their nationality. If you need an invitation letter for your visa application, please reach out to the event manager for assistance.

As part of the entry process, every traveller must also complete an Incoming Passenger Card (IPC), which is provided during your flight or by the Australian Border Force upon arrival. This card collects important details such as your personal information, flight details, and customs declarations. Properly completing this card is essential, as it helps Australian authorities mitigate various risks to the country and ensures compliance with the country's strict biosecurity and immigration laws.

POOL TRANSFERS

Diving Australia will provide transport for all athletes, coaches and accompanying persons having booked the official event hotel with the LOC.

GETTING AROUND THE GOLD COAST

Getting around the Gold Coast is easy, with a variety of convenient transport options. The G light rail system runs along the coast, connecting key locations from Helensvale to Broadbeach, including Surfers Paradise. Buses are frequent and serve most areas, while taxis and rideshare services like Uber are readily available. For those who prefer flexibility, car rentals are popular, allowing easy access to both the beaches and hinterland. Cycling is also a great option, with scenic bike paths stretching along the coastline.



Competition Information

RULES AND FORMAT

The Southern Cross Diving International will be conducted under AQUA diving rules. Click [HERE](#) to see the World Aquatics rules and format.

The Southern Cross Diving International will consist of the following events:

- Individual - Men/ Women - 3 meter springboard and 10 meter Platform
- Synchronised Diving - Men/Women - 3 meter Springboard and 10 meter Platform
- Team Event

PARTICIPATION

- The Southern Cross Diving International is open to all World Aquatic Member Federations
- Individual Events - Entries are limited to a maximum of six (6) participants per individual event per nation. These events will include a preliminary session, a repechage round, and a final. Further details are below.
- Synchronised Events - Entries are limited to a maximum of two (2) teams per synchronised event per nation. These events will consist of a finals round only.
- Team event - 1 team per country

JUDGES

Each team to provide a World Aquatics-A or G qualified judge with teams of four or more. A Chief Referee will be appointed for this event closer to the competition

Competition Format

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

3M and 10M events for both men (6 dives without limit) and women (5 dives without limit) will be contested. These events will include a preliminary session, a repechage round, and a final.

ADVANCED SESSIONS		
PRELIMINARY	REPECHAGE	FINAL
<p>Entries are limited to a maximum of six (6) participants per individual event per nation.</p> <p>A maximum of 2 divers per nation can automatically qualify for the final from the prelims.</p>	<p>From the preliminary, divers ranked 9th to 20th, regardless of nationality, will qualify for the repechage session.</p> <p>Athletes displaced from Top-8 in the prelims due to the nationality quota will be part of the 12 divers in the repechage.</p> <p>The Top 4 divers from the repechage, regardless of nationality, will earn qualification to the final, resulting in a 12-person final.</p>	<p>From the preliminary, the Top 8 divers (with a maximum of 2 per nation), and the Top 4 divers from the repechage (regardless of nationality) will be included in the final.</p> <p>Each final will include a total of 12 athletes.</p> <p>Should any qualified athlete withdraw from the final, the next best ranked diver from the repechage will be allocated their spot, regardless of nationality.</p> <p>Medals will be awarded to the Top 3 divers, regardless of nationality.</p>

In summary, for individual events:





Tentative Schedule

The below will be updated closer to the event once preliminary entries have been received.

DAY	DATE	Events
MONDAY	Feb 9	Arrival day
TUESDAY	Feb 10	Official Training Day 1
WEDNESDAY	Feb 11	Official Training Day 2
THURSDAY	Feb 12	Official Training Day 3 Technical Meeting/ Judges Meeting
FRIDAY	Feb 13	Prelim's TBC Finals TBC
SATURDAY	Feb 14	Prelim's TBC Finals TBC
SUNDAY	Feb 15	Prelim's TBC Finals TBC
MONDAY	Feb 16	Departure Day



Accommodation RACV Royal Pines Resort

ROOMING OPTIONS

Single Room - 1 king bed

Twin Room - 2 double beds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Check in: 2:00pm

Check out: 11:00am

Late Check out: Any departure after 11am to 5:00pm will incur an additional charge of \$20 per hour/per room. Departures after 5pm will incur an additional night's room rate.

FACILITIES

Complementary resort wide Wi-Fi

Gym Access - includes large cardio and weights gym

Hotel Laundry facilities are available and operated with gold coin (\$1 or \$2)

Double ice baths - \$140 per use

Heated 26 degree resort Pool

Additional onsite Restaurants and bar - at own cost

LOCATION

Ross St, Benowa QLD 4217

**Distance from the
Gold Coast Airport**

32km -

approx 40 minutes

**Distance from
Nerang Train
Station**

6km -

approx 10 minutes

**Distance from the
Pool**

8.6km -

approx 20 minutes



Competition Package

The competition package includes Accommodation, 3 meals per day, transport and competition entry fees. All divers, support team and officials are required to register for the competition package.

Meals will include 3 meals per day starting with Dinner on arrival day and finishing with breakfast on departure day. All breakfast and Dinners will be at RACV Royal Pines Resort, Lunch will be a mix of at the pool and hotel.

Payment is required in Australian Dollars however we have included USD and NZD for reference.

ROOM TYPE	AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS (AUD)	US DOLLARS (REFERENCE ONLY)	NEW ZEALAND DOLLARS (REFERENCE ONLY)
Single Room (1 bed)	\$450	\$305	\$495
Twin Room (2 beds)	\$350 per person	\$236	\$385

Prices are per person, per day.



Useful Information

Below is some useful information to consider when preparing for the trip.

WEATHER

Top of 29 degrees Celsius
Low of 21 Degrees Celsius

TIME ZONE

Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST), UTC +10

LANGUAGE

Australians primarily speak English, which is the official and most widely spoken language in the country. Additionally, there are several Indigenous Australian languages spoken by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

POWER SOCKET

Australia uses Type I power sockets. The standard voltage is 230V, and the standard frequency is 50Hz.

MONEY

Australian Dollars (AUD)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram: @divingaus
Facebook: Diving Australia

SPECTATORS & TICKETS

Diving Australia is not charging a spectator fee for this event, however, spectators may need to pay the pool entry fee upon entry to the venue.

LOCAL LAWS

Although Australia is known as a laid back country, we do have some lesser known local laws. To avoid misunderstanding or fines, we have noted a few below:

- No mobile phone use while driving
- Helmets are required when riding bikes and scooters.
- No smoking indoors. Follow all smoking signs
- Jaywalking is fined. Cross at crossings
- Feeding Wildlife is prohibited

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 000

MEDICAL SERVICES

Gold Coast university Hospital

Address: 1 Hospital Blvd, Southport QLD 4215
Phone: +61 7 5687 0000

Southport Central Medical Centre

Address: 2 Nerang St, Southport QLD 4215
Phone: +61 7 5591 7900

Priceline Pharmacy

Address: 42 Marine Pde, Southport QLD 4215
Phone: +61 7 5591 2277



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