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2016 NSW IRB Premiership Series | 2016 NSW IRB State Championships

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches, Competitors, Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Presidents and Branch CEOs

Actioned by: Persons responsible for completing club entries

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Summary:	This circular provides information for clubs on how to enter the 2016 NSW IRB Premiership and State Championships
Key Strategic Goal:	To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement
Strategic Plan:	8.1 - Increase participation in our sport and recreational activities at a grassroots level through structured and appropriately tiered programs 8.3 - Establish best practice event management for the delivery of surf sports events 8.5 - Deliver surf sports events to our members which appeal to a broad participation base 8.6 - Strengthen development and high performance opportunities in surf sport events and activities
Action:	Clubs are asked to complete and submit entries no later than the dates outlined in this circular Clubs are also required to understand all information stipulated within this document

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1. Entry Closing Dates and Times

Clubs are advised of the entry closing dates and times as per below. **There are no late entries.**

EVENT	VENUE	EVENT DATES	ENTRIES CLOSE
Round 1	Caves Beach	7 & 8 May 2016	Sunday 1 May, 11pm
Round 2	Terrigal	21 & 22 May 2016	Sunday 15 May, 11pm
Round 3	Birubi Point	4 & 5 June 2016	Sunday 29 May, 11pm
Round 4	South Maroubra	18 & 19 June 2016	Monday 13 June, 11pm
State Championships	Mollymook	2 & 3 July 2016	Sunday 26 June, 11pm

2. EVENT RULES AND POLICIES:

Reference is made to the following circulars and bulletins issued by SLSA and SLSNSW.

a. 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual:

<http://portal.sls.com.au> - Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > SSM Section 3: Lifesaving and IRB Events Updated DEC 2015

b. SLSA – Gear & Equipment Regulations:

<http://portal.sls.com.au> - Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > IRB

- Fuel Safety and Compliance Record Check
- Hull Compliance Check Record
- IRB Competition – Gear and Equipment Guidelines
- IRB Competition Judging Guide
- Outboard Motor and Propeller Guard and Compliance Check Record
- Propeller Safety and Compliance Check Record

c. SLSA Policy 5.4 Proficiency and Patrol Hour Requirements for Competition Eligibility:

<http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/surfsports/sport-documents/competition-proficiency-slsa-policy-54.pdf>

d. SLSA IRB Motor Sealing Requirements:

<http://portal.sls.com.au> Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > IRB

e. SLSA Bulletin 3 – 13-14 Mandatory Wearing of Certified Lifejackets in IRBs – Lifesaving & Competition:

<http://sls.com.au/sites/sls.com.au/files/downloads/Sport/Surf%20Sports%20Manual%20Bulletins/Bulletin%2003%2013-14%20Mandatory%20life%20jackets%20in%20IRBs.pdf>

f. SLSA Circular 85 13-14 Approved surf helmets for surf sports competition – update:

<http://portal.sls.com.au> - Library > Bulletins, Circulars and Publications > Circulars > SLSA > 2013-14

Please note: SLSA circulars and updates are available on the members Portal. You must sign up and register to gain access to this system. However, while SLSNSW will endeavor to put as many SLSA updates on its own website, it will be up to the individual to maintain contact on the SLSA member's portal for any updates that may affect IRB competition.

3. COMMUNICATION:

Team Managers are required to register their contact details to receive Event Memos and event SMS updates for the IRB Premiership and Championships. Only 2 Team Managers contacts per club will be accepted.

Register using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016IRBTeamManagerRegistration>

Final event memos will be distributed with the first round draws at least 2 days prior to competition with updates as necessary.

Information will be posted on the Surf Life Saving New South Wales website: www.surflifesaving.com.au/irbs

4. LIFEJACKETS, HIGH VISIBILITY GARMENTS AND HELMETS:

Australian Standard Level 50 Lifejackets that are 'predominantly red and/or yellow shall be worn'. Surf Rescue branded lifejackets as approved in the SLSA gear and equipment manual are acceptable. Level 50S lifejackets in other colours (e.g. black) are unacceptable.

Due to lifejackets being required, pink high visibility vests are not required if wearing a lifejacket as stated above.

SLSNSW will not be issuing lifejackets or garments or helmets as part of the event entry fee – this is the responsibility of the individual/club.

ALL patients must wear an appropriate helmet. Random safety checks on these helmets will take place throughout the event. Helmets are not required to be worn by patients in training or competition for the IRB Rescue Tube Race only.

To assist with judging, as per 2015 IRB competition, coloured long sleeve rash shirts for each lane will be worn under the lifejacket. This will apply to the IRB Driver only.

5. IRB SURF RESCUE REGISTRATIONS:

All IRBs taking part in the NSW IRB Premiership and NSW IRB Championships must be registered with SLSNSW and carry the appropriate 'SR' number. If you have any questions regarding registering of IRB's with SLSNSW please contact SLSNSW on 9471 8000.

6. SCRUTINEERING:

IRB Premiership: Round 1

Unlike previous years there will be no formal scrutineering prior to the carnival on Saturday Morning.

Team Managers MUST complete Scrutineering forms for Motors/Hulls/Fuel/Propellers with all the required information and submit the forms to the scrutineering registrar prior to entering the competition area.

During competition (on Saturday & Sunday) random scrutineering will take place in the competition area and some clubs may be selected to present all their equipment to the scrutineering team for a detailed technical examination at the end of the day.

IRB Premiership: Rounds 2/3/4

Any equipment that is to be used at these rounds and was not registered at round 1 or any new clubs entering the Premiership MUST have scrutineering form/s completed and submitted to the registrar prior to entering the competition area.

During competition, (on Saturday & Sunday) random scrutineering will take place in the competition area and some clubs may be selected to present all their equipment to the scrutineering team for a detailed technical examination at the end of the day.

Training Logs: At the close of entries for each round, please submit copies of training logs for each competitor to surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au. These will be checked against entries for that Round.

State IRB Championships:

There will be NO scrutineering on Friday July 1. Scrutineering will take place on Saturday July 2 from 7am and during and at the end of competition each day or as required.

Any clubs found to be using equipment in the 2016 Premiership rounds or 2016 State championships that does not meet manufacturers or SLSA specification as set out in the current SLSA Bulletin Surf Sport IRB Competition-Gear and Equipment Regulations could be excluded from the event and may face disciplinary action.

7. EVENT LIST:

The following events will be conducted at each round of the Premiership events and State Championships:

	RESCUE TUBE	MASS RESCUE	TEAMS	RESCUE
35+	✓	✓	✓	✓
U23	✓	✓	✓	✓
Female	✓	✓	✓	✓
Male	✓	✓	✓	✓
Novice *		✓		✓

*Note:

1. Novice events are restricted to entry by IRB Drivers in their 1st year of IRB competition.
2. Novice IRB Drivers are encouraged to utilise an experienced crewperson, however a novice crew is also permissible.
3. Novice events will not contribute to the overall point score at any round/event.
4. If you compete in Novice Mass Rescue or Novice Rescue you cannot compete in any other category in these events

7. ENTRY CONDITIONS:

Proficiency and Patrol Requirements for all Competitors.

Refer to SLSA Policy 5.4 Proficiency and Patrol Requirements for Competition Eligibility

8. HOW TO ENTER:

Club entries to the 2016 IRB Premiership and State Championships must be submitted using the SLSA Carnival Manager System –

<http://sportnsw.carnival.sls.com.au/>

For Carnival Manager Log in Usernames, Passwords or entry assistance, **contact SLSNSW on 9471 8000 or contact the SLSA Helpdesk on 1300 724 006**

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award and proficiency requirements as detailed in the 2015/16 Proficiency Requirements. **It is a Clubs responsibility to check and ensure that all members comply. SLSNSW will continue to audit entries to ensure compliancy.**

Entries may be altered by clubs at any time up to the closing date of each round listed in this Circular.

NOTE: Clubs that have more than one team in any event are asked to **give each team a name** rather than a letter or number **for the duration of the Premiership.** TEAM NAMES MUST BE ALPHA CHARACTERS ONLY AND MUST NOT CONTAIN NUMBERS OR NON ALPHA CHARACTERS SUCH AS EXCLAMATION MARKS OR COMMAS.

If a team composition is changed from round to round, it is asked that clubs use the same team names as the previous round. If a new team is created and that team would like to accumulate points from a previously named team, a new team name must be created and entered.

9. ENTRY FEES:

The cost of entry per competitor is \$37.10 (incl. GST) per Premiership round and per State Championships.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR TEAMS AND CREWS AFTER THE CLOSING DATES OUTLINED IN THIS ENTRY CIRCULAR DUE TO THE IMPACT ON THE FIRST ROUND DRAWS.

The only entries accepted after the closing date will be for athletes replacing other athletes that have already been entered at that round.

Additional entries will incur a fee of \$19.20 per competitor. Entry fees are **not** refundable if members do not take part in these events. Entry fees are not refundable if the events are transferred to a contingency date and/or location.

SLSNSW will forward an invoice to each club at the conclusion of each round. Clubs will be able to view a summary of the fees that are due within the SLSA Carnival Manager System via pro forma invoice report.

Team Substitutions/Changes

The replacement of a team member who is already entered into the competition is provided for under the General Competitive Conditions in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual. Notification of any team member replacement **MUST** be made by notifying the event administration officer by filling out the substitution form no later than 1 hour prior to the competition commencement.

10. POINT SCORE AND PRIZES:

a. Event Point Score

IRB Premiership only

The first eight place getters in each event final will be awarded points towards the event point score i.e. 1st = 10 points; 2nd = 8 points; 3rd = 6 points; 4th = 5 points; 5th = 4 points; 6th = 3 points, 7th = 2 points and 8th = 1 point.

In each Premiership, the finals of each event carries points towards the overall club point score of that Round. Therefore, the club with the highest point score at the end of the Round will receive 10 points towards the Club Premiership.

For Example;

Carnival ABCD

1 st	Club A	154 points	Premiership Points gained	10
2 nd	Club B	97 points	Premiership points gained	9

The winner of the club point score will be determined after the final round at the IRB Premiership. This will be the club with the highest point score.

The top placed crew from each club in the final will only receive points towards the overall point score. i.e. If Forster A finish 1st, Forster B finish 2nd and Windang A finish 3rd, only Forster A will receive points towards the overall point score, Forster B will not and Windang will get points for 3rd. The next highest placed club will be awarded the points for the consecutive places.

If a team is disqualified or fails to finish an event then that team fails to gain points for the event and club point score.

Where a dead heat (as defined in Section 2 of the SSM Manual) occurs in the final of an event the teams will share the placing points. The club of the next teams to finish will receive the relative placing points based on the number of teams finishing ahead of them. E.g. a tie for 4th will see both teams awarded 5 points each.

The overall point scoring winner for each event in the **Premiership** will be the team who accrues the greatest number of points in all the carnivals. In the event of a tied overall point score, a 'count back system' will be enforced where the club with the greater number of first or higher placing positions will determine the winner.

State IRB Championships only

Points will be awarded from 1st to 6th in each final:

(1st place = 6 points | 2nd place = 5 points | 3rd place = 4 points | 4th place = 3 points | 5th place = 2 points | 6th place = 1 point).

Where a dead heat (as defined in Section 2 of the SSM Manual) occurs in the final of an event the teams will share the placing points. The club of the next teams to finish will receive the relative placing points based on the number of teams finishing ahead of them. E.g. a tie for 1st will see both teams awarded 6 points each.

Unlike the IRB Premiership, if 2 crews from the same club earn points from a final, both teams **will be** eligible for points towards the club point score. If a team is disqualified or fails to finish an event then that team fails to gain points for the event and club point score. The Club with the highest accumulated total at the completion of all finals will be deemed the Overall Champion Club.

b. Prizes

SLSNSW is again providing fantastic prizes throughout the 2016 IRB Competition Season, giving clubs a terrific incentive and reward to all competing in the 2016 IRB season with Clubs in the running to win vouchers to the value of \$150. The overall club point score winners for the Premiership or the State Championships will receive 1x IRB Motor courtesy of Lakeside Marine*

IRB Premiership

Overall Premiership point score medals will be presented at the completion of Round 4 in each event

In addition, the overall champion club at the conclusion of the Premiership will receive a new IRB Motor that they will be able to pick up from Lakeside Marine.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Random Draw
Round 1	\$150 Voucher	\$100 Voucher	\$50 Voucher	N/A
Round 2	\$150 Voucher	\$100 Voucher	\$50 Voucher	N/A
Round 3	\$150 Voucher	\$100 Voucher	\$50 Voucher	N/A
Round 4	\$150 Voucher	\$100 Voucher	\$50 Voucher	N/A
Final Point Score	IRB Motor*	N/A	N/A	\$150 Voucher

(* **Note:** The same club cannot win both the Premiership Motor and State Championships).

State IRB Championships

Championship Medals will be awarded at the State Championships for each event at the conclusion of competition.

State Championships	IRB Motor* Or \$150 Voucher*	\$150 Voucher	\$100 Voucher	\$50 Voucher
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*(**Note:** The same club cannot win both the Premiership Motor and State Championships. If the State Champion club is also the Premiership Club, then a \$150 voucher will be the prize and the IRB Motor will be a random draw of all other Clubs entered for the State Championships)