



Circular 3590

2019 SHARKSKIN NSW IRB Premiership Series & 2019 SHARKSKIN NSW IRB Championships

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

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Summary	This circular provides information for clubs regarding the 2019 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership Series and 2019 Sharkskin NSW IRB Championships.
Actions Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit entries via Sport Event Management System by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 1 Stockton: Monday 29 April at 11.00pm • Round 2 The Lakes: Sunday 12 May at 11.00pm • Round 3 Cape Hawke: Sunday 26 May at 11.00pm • Round 4 Caves Beach: Monday 10 June at 11.00pm • NSW IRB Championship Cape Hawke: Sunday 23 June at 11.00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Team Manager Contact Form at least 1 week prior to round 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the SR Number Survey by Sunday 28 April. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit copies of training logs for each competitor to jangham@surflifesaving.com.au by Sunday 28 April. <input type="checkbox"/> Select you Club's time preference for the State IRB Championship Scrutineering Session at this link before Friday 21 June, 2019.

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1. Entry Closing Dates and Times:

Clubs are advised of the entry closing dates and times as per below. **Please Note: there are strictly no late entries.** This is so that the draws can be completed and circulated by mid-week of an event. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

EVENT	VENUE	EVENT DATES	ENTRIES CLOSE
Round 1	Stockton	4 & 5 May, 2019	Sunday 28 April, 11pm
Round 2	The Lakes	18 & 19 May, 2019	Sunday 12 May, 11pm
Round 3	Cape Hawke	1 & 2 June, 2019	Sunday 26 May, 11pm
Round 4	Caves Beach	15 & 16 June, 2019	Monday 10 June, 11pm
Back Up Round	TBC	22 & 23 June, 2019	-
State IRB Championships	Cape Hawke	29 & 30 June, 2019	Sunday 23 June, 11pm

2. TeamApp Communication:

Team Managers are required to register their contact details to receive event updates and communications through a closed Team App group. Please complete the relevant online form **1 week prior to each round**: [Team Manager Contact Form](#)

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 via <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/resources/2019-irb-season>

Team App will be used throughout the IRB Competition as a platform to communicate important information and timetable changes to Team Managers and Competitors.

To register for these event updates please follow the below instructions:

1. Download the "Team App" application from the App Store or Google Play
2. Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications
3. Once logged in search "**2019 Sharkskin IRB Competition**"
4. Click the "Become a member of this team app" icon at the top of the screen then select the "competitors" group.
There will also be an "officials" group and a closed "team managers" group.

By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive notifications and email updates as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information.

Please be aware that SLSNSW is trialing team app as a communication tool. It is an individual's/Clubs obligation (SSM 2.17) to ensure they listen for announcements and marshalling. Not receiving a TeamApp update is not an excuse for missing events.

3. Officials Quota:

To support the on-going delivery and development of IRB competition, a quota will be implemented in 2019 based on Clubs individual entries per Round/Championship to grow the number of IRB technical officials. The below officials quota will be enforced:

Competitors Entered:	Minimum Officials Required:
1 to 10	1 Official
11 to 18	2 Officials
19+	3 Officials

First call officials appointments have been made and **are now ongoing**. **Nominations can be made via this [link](#).**

Please refer to the [Officials Nominations Circular 3587](#), released March 2019 and **Memo released 24 May 2019** for further details.

4. Event List:

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

DIVISION	RESCUE TUBE	MASS RESCUE	TEAMS	RESCUE	RELAY*
Open Male	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Open Female	✓	✓	✓	✓	
U23 Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	
35+ Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	
45+ Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rookie		✓		✓	
Open					✓

Note: Relay does not contribute to Overall Club Premiership Point score. Relay may only be run if time / conditions permit.

The following events will be conducted at the State IRB Championships:

DIVISION	RESCUE TUBE	MASS RESCUE	TEAMS	RESCUE	RELAY*
Open Female	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Open Male	✓	✓	✓	✓	
U23 Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	
35+ Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	
45+ Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rookie		✓		✓	
Open					✓

Note: Unlike the Premiership, the Relay contributes to Overall State IRB Championship Point score. Relay may only be run if time / conditions permits.

5. Entry Conditions:

Team Managers are responsible to ensure that competitors comply with the pre-requisites and entry requirements at the completion of close of entries. The club will be notified of any non-compliant competitors and those competitors may be excluded from the event. To avoid any issues, Team Managers or the person completing the entries must check each competitors Bronze proficiency, IRB Driver or Crew proficiencies and patrol hours prior to the close of entries. **Handlers must also be entered in SEMS.**

Quick Reference for Determining Minimum Age:

Refer to the SSM for the full descriptions, provided here as a quick reference only.

POSITION:	SSM:	DESCRIPTION:
Driver	3.3.2.4, a, (i)	Be minimum age of 17 years of age as at the date of competition (each round/State)
Crewperson	3.3.2.4, b, (i)	Be minimum age of 16 years of age as at the date of competition (each round/State)
Patient	3.3.2.4, c, (i)	Be a minimum age of 15 years of age before October 01 in the (18/19) season. (30/10/18)
Handler	3.3.2.4, d, (i)	Be a minimum age of 15 years of age before October 01 in the (18/19) season (30/10/18)

Quick Reference for Determining Age Groups:

DIVISION	SSM:	DESCRIPTION:
... all competitors must have a common birthday calculated as at midnight on 30 th September in that competition season (18/19)		
U23	2.3.10	Members shall be eligible to contest the U23 division after attaining the minimum ages - refer to 3.3.2.4, a (i, ii). Members shall be no older than 22 years of age as at the 30th September 2018.

35+	2.3.14 a	<p>Note 2: In Masters Team events, Masters may compete in only one Masters Team age category in each event discipline conducted at a competition. Further, Masters Teams are permitted to compete only in their own Masters Team/crew age category in which their team/crew qualify by way of ages unless there are insufficient starters. In such cases the team may compete in the next youngest Masters Team age category. Where a Masters Team event consisting of two competitors is conducted (e.g. double surf ski), the age of the younger competitor shall determine the age category; additionally where an event with three or more competitors is conducted the combined ages of the team members shall apply.</p> <p>Note: An example is a member must choose to compete in the 35+ Tube or 45+ Tube but cannot compete in both. However a member may compete in the 35+ Tube and the 45+ Rescue as an example as they are different disciplines.</p>
45+	2.3.14 a	

5.1. Competitor Audits

All competitors will be audited after the close of entries to all rounds and the State IRB Championships to ensure the compliance with relevant rules set out in the Surf Sports Manual (SSM) and SLSA Policies (see appendix for a list of the most relevant).

Team Managers shall refer specifically to the following sections of the SSM:

- 3.3.2.4 Competitor Pre-Requisites (a-e)
- 3.3.2.5 Entry Limitations (a-g)

All entrants must meet SLSNSW award and proficiency requirements as detailed in the 2018/19 Proficiency Requirements. **It is a Clubs responsibility to check and ensure that all members comply.**

5.2. Rookie Division

Note: Formally known as the novice division.

- 5.2.1. The Rookie Division events are restricted to entry by IRB Drivers in their first 2 seasons of IRB competition.
- 5.2.2. Rookie IRB Drivers are encouraged to utilise an experienced crewperson, however a Rookie crewperson is also permissible.
- 5.2.3. Rookie events will not contribute to the overall point score at any round/event.
- 5.2.4. If you compete in Rookie Division as a **Driver** you cannot compete in any other category/events (as a Driver)
- 5.2.5. If you compete in the Rookie Division as a **Crewperson** or **Patient** you can compete in any other division in the same events as long as it complies with 3.3.2.5 Entry Limitations (a-g).

5.3. Composite Teams:

Refer to SSM Section 12.1 (d) (vii).

In the interest in fostering and developing IRB competition, SLSNSW will allow composite teams in the 2019 IRB Premiership and 2019 State IRB Championships under the arrangements as outlined in this Circular. Please note that composite team arrangements are intended to be temporary to allow for developing and/or emerging Clubs to participate in IRB competition with the longer term view of becoming a standalone club team.

Application process for a Composite IRB Team:

Members considering entering a composite team must advise SLSNSW in writing of the following and be endorsed by the Club (of each composite team member) and Branch:

- Full names of all competitors and their Clubs
- Full name and contact details of the Team Manager

- c. Events to be entered into
- d. Premiership round(s) attending
- e. Organisation to represent (i.e.; Club or Branch competition cap)
- f. Organisation to receive entry invoice and responsible for payment of entries (e.g. Club or Branch)
- g. Overview of the development plan to transition from a composite team to a standalone club team
- h. Inclusion of an official associated with the composite team

SLSNSW requests that applications to enter a composite team(s) are received a minimum 2 weeks prior to the close of entries for the appropriate Premiership round please email jlangham@surflifesaving.com.au

Composite teams **are eligible** for Premiership Points, prizes and medals but are not permitted to contribute to a Club Overall Point Score at any round.

Composite teams **are not eligible** for points or medals or prizes at the NSW State IRB Championships. Composite teams **are not** permitted to contribute to a Club Overall Point Score.

Composite teams are required to wear one consistent cap as per (e) above. Any arrangements for gear and equipment are the responsibility of the composite Clubs.

Composite IRB Relay at Round 3:

For the purpose of growing participation in the IRB relay event SLSNSW will allow for composite teams to be able to enter the IRB relay at Round 3 – Cape Hawke only. The following conditions apply;

1. Individual Clubs will be eligible to combine and enter a composite team to this event, restricted to Clubs with 10 competitors or less entered into the carnival.
2. Team Managers are to notify Jessica Langham, jlangham@surflifesaving.com.au of the members in the composite team by the close of Round 3 entries on **Sunday 26 May 2019**.
3. **A composite team will need to be created in SEMS** by the close of Round 3 entries on **Sunday 26 May 2019**.
4. No medals or contribution to the point score will be eligible for a composite team.
5. To clarify, a single Club team is eligible for medals however points are not included in the overall Premiership pointscore.
6. IRB relay composite teams will not be eligible for Rounds 1, 2, 4 and the IRB State Championships.

6. Entry Process:

6.1. Sport Event Management System

Club entries to the 2019 IRB Premiership and State Championships must be submitted using the new **Sport Event Management System (SEMS)** via <https://sems.sls.com.au/>

Please view the SEMS Club Entry Guide for IRB Competition.

To be assigned SEMS functions the user must have an active Members Area log in account. If you have already been assigned access, please login to SEMS using your Members Area login details

If you do not have access to SEMS, kindly complete a [SLSA Form49](#) requesting SEMS access and submit this Form to ithelp@slsa.asn.au

If you need assistance with your entries/using SEMS then please email sems@slsa.asn.au

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

6.2. Team Names

Clubs that have more than one team in any event should **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-alphanumeric characters such as exclamation marks or commas. This affects the reports generated impacts on the calculation of the point score. SLSNSW reserves the right to reject team names deemed offensive.

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.

7. Finance:

7.1. Competitor Entry Fee

The cost of entry per competitor is \$39.30 (incl. GST) per Premiership round and per State IRB Championships. **Members who are entered as handlers only are \$0.**

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR TEAMS AFTER THE CLOSING DATES OUTLINED IN THIS ENTRY CIRCULAR DUE TO THE IMPACT ON THE FIRST ROUND DRAWS, however there is some flexibility to Clubs entering Round 1 & 2 due to the new SEMS system being used.

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

Entry fees are **not** refundable if members withdraw or do not take part in these events. Entry fees are not refundable if the events are transferred to a contingency date and/or location.

7.2. Additional entries

Additional entries will incur a fee of \$20.30 per competitor. Entry fees are **not** refundable if members do not take part in these events.

7.3. Invoicing

SLSNSW will forward an invoice to each club after the close of entries. Clubs will be able to view a summary of the fees that are due within **SEMS**. Do not pay until the invoice is received.

7.4. 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.

8. Event Cancellation/Suspension:

8.1. Background

In recent years, NSW IRB competitions have been affected by adverse weather conditions making it challenging to run some rounds. It is acknowledged that SLSNSW officials and staff have strived to deliver the events to schedule despite weather challenges. However, this has led to last minute event cancellations, usually when all competitors, officials, spectators have arrived on site ready to commence competition. This has resulted in disappointment and undue costs incurred by the membership, especially when many felt the decision to cancel could have been reached sooner.

Therefore, in 2019 SLSNSW will trial a new “Go” or “No Go” cancellation process for each event in the Sharkskin NSW IRB competition season.

The intent is to provide fair and timely communications to avoid undue costs/impact to members travelling to an event where it is subsequently cancelled **before** the scheduled competition start time. It is noted that some members will not be able to access refunds for accommodation and although beyond the control of SLSNSW this new process aims to provide members with enough time to make alternative arrangements.

This builds on the standard risk assessment process in place and given that conditions change, there is still the possibility of cancellation or suspension of competition even after “Go” decision. The difference is the earlier notification.

Go Decision

This refers to the event going ahead as per plan and/or with a modified order of events (e.g. reduced programme to one day). A Go Decision is determined by the organisers* being confident as at 3pm Thursday prior, that the event is able to start safely with a likelihood of completion within the scheduled timeframe.

No Go Decision

This refers to the event not going ahead as per plan. A No Go Decision is determined by the organisers* having a low confidence in the event starting and/or reduced likelihood of completion within the scheduled timeframe due to weather, surf or other environmental conditions.

** The Competition Safety Committee will be a valuable and important function of this process, however SLSNSW reserves the right for the SLSNSW Sport Manager or Sport Events Coordinator to hold accountability for the final decision.*

8.2. Timeline

Pre Competition

- **Monday – Wednesday:**
 - Daily - As per usual, monitor weather conditions and forecasts using inputs from host venue club and forecasting sites, including but not limited to: Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and Coastal Watch.
- **Thursday:**
 - 3pm - Competition Safety Committee (CSC) to meet via teleconference to determine a Go or No Go decision for Saturday & Sunday.
 - 5pm - Go or No Go decision communicated to Team Managers and posted in the TeamApp.
 - If Go decision is made;
- **Friday:**
 - 4pm - Competition Safety Committee (CSC) to meet on site and further risk assessments conducted.
 - 5pm - Update communicated to Team Managers and posted in the TeamApp.
- **Saturday/Sunday:**
 - 6.30am - Competition Safety Committee (CSC) to meet on site and further risk assessments conducted.
 - 7.25am - Decision relayed to Team Managers at the Team Managers Meeting.

8.3. Refund Policy

- No refunds if the competitor withdraws or did not compete.
- No refunds in the event a **Go Decision** is made and subsequently competition is suspended or postponed.
- If a **No Go Decision** is made;
 - Premiership Rounds
 - Entry fees for members entered in that specific Round will be carried over to the Back Up Round only.

- In the event that the No Go round cannot be run, 75% of the fees will be credited to the Club (invoice will be reversed and fees paid will be returned). 25% will be retained for administration costs.
- If more than one round is designated “No Go”, 75% of the fees of the affected round(s) will be credited to the Club (invoice will be reversed and fees paid will be credited). 25% will be retained for administration costs.
- State Championships
 - 75% of the fees will be credited to the Club (invoice will be reversed and fees paid will be returned). 25% will be retained for administration costs.

9. Back Up Round:

In 2019 a Back Up Round has been scheduled as a contingency should the a No Go Decision be made.

All hosting locations in 2019 are also designated back up locations as well as Terrigal. This gives the SLSNSW the opportunity to utilise the best location for the predicated conditions.

It does not mean necessarily that a cancelled round will be held at the original location.

SLSNSW will advise of the back up round location as soon as is practical, however it is envisioned that this will occur at the latest prior to Round 4.

10. Point Scores:

10.1. Premiership Point Score

Points will be awarded from 1st to 8th in each event point score:

(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 (except rookie events and relay) carry 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.

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.

10.2. State IRB Championships Point Score

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.

11. Approved Gear and Equipment:

11.1. IRB Surf Rescue Registrations:

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

Prior to Round 1 all Clubs will be required to submit the SR numbers of the vessels which will be used throughout the Premiership and Championships. Please Complete the [SR Number Survey](#) by **Sunday 28 April**.

11.2. Scrutineering:

IRB Premiership: Round 1

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. Round 1 Scrutineering will take place on Saturday morning, prior to competition.

Date / Times;

- Saturday 4 May from 7am – 9am

Note: Competition Commences by 10am (or earlier) if all Clubs have completed scrutineering.

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.

State IRB Championships

Due to feedback received in the post event surveys, The IRB State Championships will require '**Full Technical Scrutineering**'. As a result scrutineering will take place on Friday, the day before competition.

Date / Times;

- Friday 28 June 10am – 4pm

Due to the demand of peak periods, scrutineering timeslots have been allocated based on distance to travel. Clubs are to be ready 30 minutes prior to their below mentioned timeslot with completed paperwork and equipment ready for inspection:

10am: Lower North Coast Branch Clubs and Hunter Branch Clubs (5 clubs)

11am: Central Coast Branch Clubs (4 clubs)

12pm: Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Clubs (5 clubs)

1pm: Sydney Branch Clubs (5 clubs)

2pm: Illawarra Branch Clubs (4 clubs)

3pm: South Coast Branch Clubs (1 club)

*** The above time allocations are not flexible. Late arrivals of clubs on Friday will not be accepted and there will be no scrutineering on Saturday to ensure competition runs on time.**

Any clubs found to be using equipment in the 2019 Premiership rounds or 2019 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.

More detailed information about scrutineering will be provided in a subsequent Memo to be released in due course and may supersede any information detailed above.

11.3. Training Logs:

At the close of entries for IRB Round 1, please submit copies of training logs for each competitor to jangham@surflifesaving.com.au. These will be checked against entries for that round and/or the State IRB Championships.

11.4. One Hull Policy

From January 1, 2024, SLSA sport will implement the one hull policy in IRB sport racing. NSW IRB competition Clubs are reminded of this transition whereby all hulls in competition shall be as per the one hull policy applicable to the IRB competition season of 2024. Clubs using previous models of Class 1 soft hull and former Class 2 rigid hull IRB's, will be allowed to continue to use these hulls for surf sport purposes until 1 January 2024. Approved technical specifications are available online in the Members Area <http://portal.sls.com.au> - Library >Lifesaving > Equipment >SLSA

12. Safety:

The purpose of this section of the circular is to provide awareness of the various safety components related to IRB competition. To be clear, competitors & team management shall refer to the appropriate sections of the current Surf Sports Manual for full reference.

12.1. Safety Essentials

WARNING: IRB competition can be inherently dangerous. IRB competition participants acknowledge that they are exposed to certain risks during IRB competition including but not limited to leg, spinal and neck injuries, physical exertion, contact with the IRB, temperature, weather and water conditions and even drowning. IRB competition participants acknowledge that accidents can and often do happen which may result in IRB competition participants being injured or even killed. All members through their participation in IRB events agree with, acknowledge and understand this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in IRB competition.

12.2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Note: In all training and competition it is compulsory for competitors to wear high visibility (conspicuous colour) SLSA approved level 50 Australian Standard (AS4758) lifejackets or Type 2 (AS1499-1996) lifejackets. (Level 50S lifejackets unless listed on the SLSA Approved Gear and Equipment List are not approved.) It is not required for high visibility safety vests to be worn over the top of lifejackets. See also Section 2 of the Surf Sports Manual.

SLSNSW will not be issuing lifejackets – this is the responsibility of the individual/club.

12.3. High Visibility Garments

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

Handlers are required to wear a competition cap and shall be required to wear a distinctive high visibility pink coloured vest if entering the water beyond knee depth. Alternatively, handlers may wear a high visibility (conspicuous colour) SLSA approved level 50 Australian Standard (AS4758) lifejacket or Type 2 (AS1499-1996) lifejackets. (Level 50S lifejackets unless listed on the

SLSA Approved Gear and Equipment List are not approved.) It is not required for high visibility safety vests to be worn over the top of lifejackets.

SLSNSW will not be supplying High Visibility Garments – this is the responsibility of the individual/club.

To assist with judging coloured rash shirt sleeves or belts for each lane will be worn with the lifejacket. This will apply to the IRB Driver only. SLSNSW will be providing these garmets.

12.4. Helmets

The wearing of approved helmets is compulsory for patients in all events (other than the Rescue Tube Race). IRB patients are to wear helmets in both training and in competition. See also Section 2 of the Surf Sports Manual.

SLSNSW will not be issuing helmets – this is the responsibility of the individual/club.

12.5. Safety Infringements

(a) A strong emphasis will be placed on safe driving, crewing, patient and handlers' safety practices. All competitors shall compete in each event in a safe manner with controlled speed and may face disciplinary action which can consist of immediate disqualification from the event, and/or issue of a safety infringement and consideration for further penalties.

(b) A safety infringement shall be issued to any competitor deemed to have committed an unsafe practice. This may result in immediate disqualification of the competitor and their entire team (i.e. crew and patient/s) from the event in which the infringement occurred. The name of the competitor and the details of the infringement shall be logged through the safety infringement register of the relevant State and National Office.

(c) If a competitor receives more than one safety infringement in any one competition they shall be disqualified from the entire competition.

(d) Should a history of safety infringements be identified by an SLSA office or official in a twelve month period, the matter shall be referred to the relevant state or national officer/s for consideration of further penalties or disciplinary action.

12.6. Warm Up Areas

Competitors who enter the competition area and 'warm up' will be deemed to have committed an unsafe practice in terms of section 3.5 above. A designated 'warm up' area will be communicated closer to each event.

12.7. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Drones

SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at IRB competition by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements.

12.8. Injuries & Return to Surf Duties

Members who receive treatment from First Aid are to ensure their details are recorded in an incident report. The below link explains the steps where Workers Compensation may be payable under the Workers Compensation Act.

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/resources/workers-compensation>

Members who seek further medical treatment/advice will be required to complete the [Return to Surf Duties](#) process.

13. Prizes:

SLSNSW is again providing fantastic prizes throughout the 2019 IRB Competition Season, giving clubs a terrific incentive and reward to all competing in the 2019 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 with the support of Lakeside Marine.

13.1. Premiership Prizes

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 Motor).

Sharkskin and SLSNSW are proud to announce that for the 2019 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership, the overall winners in each category/division will receive Sharkskin store credit to the value of \$200, with the winners of the relay receiving \$500! Terms and Condition apply and can be found [here](#).

DIVISION	RESCUE TUBE	MASS RESCUE	TEAMS	RESCUE	RELAY*
Open Male	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	
Open Female	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	
U23 Mixed	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	
35+ Mixed	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	
45+ Mixed	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	
Rookie		\$200		\$200	
Open					\$500

13.2. State IRB Championships Prizes

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

	1st	2nd	3rd	Random Draw
State IRB Championships	IRB Motor* Or \$200 Voucher*	\$150 Voucher	\$100 Voucher	\$50 Voucher

*(Note: The same club cannot win both the Premiership Motor and State Championships Motor. If the State Champion club is also the Premiership Club, then a \$200 voucher will be the prize and the IRB Motor will be awarded to the second placed Club at the State IRB Championships).

14. SLSA Rules and Policies Index:

Reference is made to the following circulars and bulletins issued by SLSA and SLSNSW. This is not an exhaustive list and SLSA circulars and updates are available on the Members Portal. It will be up to the individual to review the SLSA Member's Portal for any updates that may affect IRB competition.

35th REVISED Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM):

<http://portal.sls.com.au> - Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > SSM Section 3: Lifesaving and IRB Events Updated FEB 2018

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

SLSA – Approved Gear & Equipment List:

<http://portal.sls.com.au> - Library > Lifesaving > Equipment > SLSA

SLSA Policy 5.04 - Eligibility to Compete in SLSA Competitions:

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/downloads/slsa-504-eligibility-compete-slsa-competition-october-2016>

SLSA - IRB Motor Sealing Requirements:

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

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>

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