



Final Event Information Guide

Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership Round 5 24-25 June, South West Rocks SLSC

The purpose of this guide is to advise and inform all IRB Premiership competitors and officials of important information for Round 5 of the 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership Series.

Please also refer to the [Entry Circular available online for further information.](#)

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Sharkskin

Sharkskin is sponsoring the 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB Competition Season. Sharkskin will have a stall on site at South West Rocks. Check out their merchandise [here](#).

South West Rocks Competition Area (subject to change based on conditions)

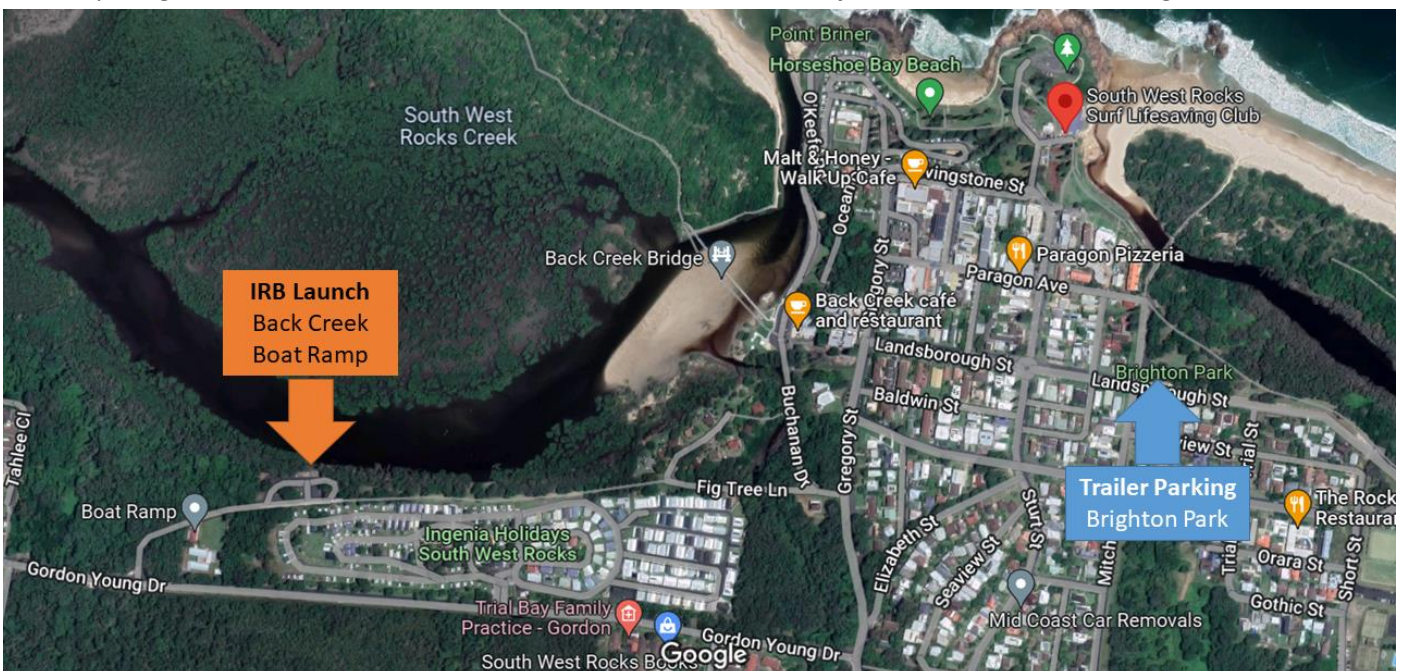


Trailer Parking

Please be aware that this location is in a public area, without security fencing. All trailers, including gear left on trailers is the responsibility and care of the Clubs. SLSNSW does not recommend craft being left on these trailers overnight.

IRB Launch

All competing clubs are to launch IRBs from the **Back Creek Boat Ramp**, located off Gordon Young Drive.



Water Stations

Officials are asked to bring their own re-fillable water bottles. South West Rocks will only supply water stations for refills.

Live Heats

SLSNSW will be using Live Heats for Round 5 of the IRB Premiership.

First round draws will be published on the event page <https://liveheats.com/events/141122>

Team App

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

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

1. Download the “Stack 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 “2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB Series”
4. Click the “Become a member of this Team App” icon at the top of the screen.
5. Therefore, once joined – also join groups or specific lists that you would like updates for as notifications will be targeted to the specific group.
6. Ensure that you have notifications enabled (check this within the app).

Order of Events

The Order of Events for Round 5 of the Premiership can be found at the end of this document.

Event Schedule

| Saturday 24 June | | Sunday 25 June | |
|------------------|--|----------------|--|
| 06:00 | Setup Beach | 06:00 | Setup Beach |
| 06:00 | Officials Breakfast | 06:00 | Officials Breakfast |
| 06:15 | Safety Committee Meeting | 06:15 | Safety Committee Meeting |
| 06:15 | Competition Committee Meeting | 06:15 | Competition Committee Meeting |
| 06:35 | Referees Briefing & Area/Sectional toolbox Briefing | 06:35 | Referees Briefing & Area/Sectional toolbox Briefing |
| | Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only | | Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only |
| 07:25 | Team Managers Meeting | 07:25 | Team Managers Meeting |
| 07:25 | SMAR Role call & Briefing | 07:25 | SMAR Role call & Briefing |
| 07:40 | Marshalling Commences & Officials in position | 07:40 | Marshalling Commences & Officials in position |
| 07:55 | Competition Commences | 07:55 | Competition Commences |
| 15:00 | Competition Concludes | 14:00 | Competition Concludes |
| 16:00 | Officials Debrief | 15:00 | Officials Debrief |

Note: The above event schedule is subject to change.

Team Managers Meeting

There will be no Team Managers Meeting on Friday evening. Team Managers must attend the meeting at 7:25am on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Prizes

Overall Premiership medals and prizes will be presented at the conclusion of State Championships on Sunday 9 July.

Scrutineering

During competition random scrutineering may 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.

Any equipment (including fuel) that has not passed scrutineering requirements shall be referred to the Head Scrutineer and Carnival Referee for adjudication (in their absolute discretion).

In the event that any IRB Gear and Equipment is found to be non-compliant, SLSNSW (or Officials on behalf thereof) has the right to investigate the circumstances and take the appropriate course of disciplinary action (as per the competition rules and surf sports manual). This may include (but not limited to), equipment being impounded and not being further used for the competition and the Club (in part or in total), being immediately suspended from competition.

Entry Conditions

SLSNSW will be checking competitor's proficiency to ensure they are complying with relevant rules that are set out in the Surf Sports Manual (SSM) and SLSA Policies.

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 2022/23 Proficiency Requirements. **It is a Clubs responsibility to check and ensure that all members comply.**

Handlers

As a reminder and as per the Surf Sports Manual, handlers, as the date of competition are required to:

- I. Be a minimum of fifteen year of age as at the date of competition and be a currently proficient Bronze Medallion holder.
- II. Hold the IRB crewpersons certificate and be currently proficient as required by SLSA.
- III. Be a member of the same club or team as the crews and be entered at the competition (exemption may be given by the Referee for a member of another club or team to be a Handler provided that the Handler is entered in the competition).

Inshore Search and Rescue

The inshore search and rescue team at Round 1 will **be in place for the remainder of the competition season**. There will be a roll call after the team managers meeting on both competition days.

Twenty SMAR swimmers are required for competition safety. ALL Clubs must provide at least 1 SMAR swimmer. Please email surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au by midday Thursday 25 May with your nominated swimmer.

There will be a compulsory role call and briefing held each morning of competition at 07:25am.

Safety Considerations

Event Attendees are asked to be mindful of the following safety considerations and risks:

- Ocean Swimmers or Surfers near & around the competition area

- Manual Handling of Gear & Equipment- Teams to use adequate people to lift & carry items.
- Limited Sand Area behind Competition Area – no tents or blockages to allow safe access for all involved.
- Cold weather expected – Please make sure you and your team plan accordingly by bring appropriate wet suits, warm clothing, hot drinks or soup etc.

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.

Safety Infringements

A strong emphasis will be placed on safe driving, crewing and patient safety practices. All competitors must complete each event in a safe and controlled speed and manner or will face immediate disqualification from the event, and/or issue of a safety infringement and consideration for further penalties.

Safety - PPE

Please refer to the Entry Circular in regard to:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- High Visibility Garments
- Helmets

To assist with judging, SLSNSW has replaced coloured lane vests with coloured rash shirts. Coloured lane rash shirts must be worn over the lifejacket. This will apply to the IRB Driver only. In the teams and mass events only the second (or finishing) driver must wear the rash vest and is a pre-requisite to completing the course as defined. No rash vest = no finish.

First Aid Support

Each host club has a dedicated first aid team on site. If you have members with professional background willing and interested in being part of the First Aid Support Team, please email surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au

Warm-Ups

Warm-ups will not be permitted within the competition area. As per the entry circular, competitors who enter the competition area and 'warm up' will be deemed to have committed an unsafe practice. Warm-ups can occur south of the competition area.

Contingency Location

The contingency location for this event will be Trial Bay. As per usual, the Competition Safety Committee will communicate any changes or update via Club Team Managers.

SLSNSW will also notify via TeamApp of any changes.

Aim and Principles of Relocation:

The aim of relocating part or all of an event is to attempt to ensure that the competition is safely conducted within the set timeframe.

Assessment of Conditions and Investigation of Alternative Venues:

The Competition Committee is responsible for assessing the situation and making a decision as to whether part or the entire event is relocated.

Relocation Timings:

The decision to relocate part or all of an event will be made as early as possible.

If the event is to be relocated, a decision must be made as to the following:

- The events to be moved.
- The timings to commence the relocated events.
- The alternative location to be used.

Security

There will not be any security on site for the duration of the event.

Clubs must take all gear and equipment with them after competition on Saturday afternoon. SLSNSW and South West Rocks SLSC accept no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to equipment.

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by SLSNSW or its sponsors will immediately be brought before a Carnival Disciplinary Committee or a SLSNSW Judiciary Meeting for possible further action.

Please note that automatic disqualification of the team/club from the Championship will occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

Photography & Media**Photography:**

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Premiership Series and State Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW. SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or team management. Professional photographers will be attending and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Club Team Management are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area. Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

Media:

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the Premiership Series or State Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding the Championships will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

Drones:

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships 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 a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements.

Order of Events - subject to change

Round 5: South West Rocks 24 - 25 June 2023

| Event # | Events | Qualifiers |
|---------|---|------------------------------|
| 1 - 5 | Open Male Mass (5 x Heats) (43) (3x9, 2x8) | 5 from each to Quarters (25) |
| 6 - 12 | Open Male Rescue (7 x Heats) (55) (1x7, 6x8) | 5 from each to Quarters (35) |
| 13 - 15 | Open Male Tube (3 x Quarters) (27) (3x9) | 4 from each to Semi (12) |
| 16 - 18 | U23 Male Mass (3 x Quarters) (22) (2x7, 1x8) | 4 from each to Semi (12) |
| 19 - 21 | Rookie Mass (3 x Quarters) (22) (2x7, 1x8) | 4 from each to Semi (12) |
| 22 - 24 | Open Female Mass (3 x Quarters) (27) (3x9) | 4 from each to Semi (12) |
| 25 - 27 | Open Male Mass (3 x Quarters) (25) (2x8, 1x9) | 4 from each to Semi (12) |
| 28 - 30 | Open Male Teams (3 x Quarters) (24) (3x8) | 4 from each to Semi (12) |
| 31 - 33 | U23 Male Rescue (3 x Quarters) (22) (2x7, 1x8) | 4 from each to Semi (12) |
| 34 - 36 | Rookie Rescue (3 x Quarters) (22) (2x7, 1x8) | 4 from each to Semi (12) |
| 37 - 40 | Open Female Rescue (4 x Quarters) (31) (3x8, 1x7) | 4 from each to Semi (16) |
| 41 - 44 | Open Male Rescue (4 x Quarters) (35) (3x9, 1x8) | 4 from each to Semi (16) |
| 45 - 46 | 45+ Tube (2 x Semi) (11) (1x6, 1x5) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 47 - 48 | U23 Male Tube (2 x Semi) (17) (1x9, 1x8) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 49 - 50 | Open Female Tube (2 x Semi) (15) (1x8, 1x7) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 51 - 52 | Open Male Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 53 - 54 | 45+ Mass (2 x Semi) (18) (2x9) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 55 - 56 | 35+ Male Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 57 - 58 | U23 Female Mass (2 x Semi) (15) (1x8, 1x7) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 59 - 60 | U23 Male Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 61 - 62 | Rookie Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 63 - 64 | Open Female Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 65 - 66 | Open Male Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 67 - 68 | Open Female Teams (2 x Semi) (13) (1x7, 1x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 69 - 70 | Open Male Teams (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 71 - 72 | 45+ Rescue (2 x Semi) (18) (2x9) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 73 - 74 | 35+ Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 75 - 76 | U23 Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (15) (1x8, 1x7) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 77 - 78 | U23 Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 79 - 80 | Rookie Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 81 - 82 | Open Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 83 - 84 | Open Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8) | 4 from each to Final (8) |
| 85 - 86 | IRB Relay (2 x Semi) (10) (2x5) | 3 From each to Final (6) |

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| 87 | 45+ Tube Final (8) | |
| 88 | 35+ Female Tube Final (2) | Run in conjunction with Event 87 |
| 89 | 35+ Male Tube Final (10) | |
| 90 | U23 Female Tube Final (9) | |
| 91 | U23 Male Tube Final (8) | |
| 92 | Open Female Tube Final (8) | |
| 93 | Open Male Tube Final (8) | |
| 94 | 45+ Mass Final (8) | |
| 95 | 35+ Female Mass Final (3) | |
| 96 | 35+ Male Mass Final (8) | |
| 97 | U23 Female Mass Final (8) | |
| 98 | U23 Male Mass Final (8) | |
| 99 | Rookie Mass Final (8) | |
| 100 | Open Female Mass Final (8) | |
| 101 | Open Male Mass Final (8) | |
| 102 | 45+ Teams Final (6) | |
| 103 | 35+ Female Teams Final (2) | Run in conjunction with Event 104 |
| 104 | 35+ Male Teams Final (6) | |
| 105 | U23 Female Teams Final (4) | |
| 106 | U23 Male Teams Final (8) | |
| 107 | Open Female Teams Final (8) | |
| 108 | Open Male Teams Final (8) | |
| 109 | 45+ Rescue Final (8) | |
| 110 | 35+ Female Rescue Final (3) | |
| 111 | 35+ Male rescue Final (8) | |
| 112 | U23 Female Rescue Final (8) | |
| 113 | U23 Male Rescue Final (8) | |
| 114 | Rookie Rescue Final (8) | |
| 115 | Open Female Rescue Final (8) | |
| 116 | Open Male Rescue Final (8) | |
| 117 | IRB Relay Final (6) | |