



Final Event Information Guide

Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships
7th – 9th July 2023, Ocean Beach SLSC

The purpose of this guide is to advise and inform all IRB State Championship competitors and officials of important information for the 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championship.

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 Ocean Beach. Check out their merchandise [here](#).

Ocean Beach SLSC and Competition Area (subject to change based on conditions)

The 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships will be hosted by Ocean Beach SLSC.

Trailer Parking

Ocean Beach workforce will be on hand to assist with transporting IRB's onto the beach. Club ATV's will tow your IRB/trailer onto the beach. Trailer parking is on a first come, first served basis. Trailers will need to be parked along the front of the car park, between the tower and the furthest access point. All cars will need to be parked elsewhere. Please be aware that this location is in a public area, without security fencing. All trailers, including gear left on trailers, are the responsibility and care of the Clubs. SLSNSW does not recommend craft being left on these trailers overnight. **Clubs must not drive their own vehicles onto the beach.**

Event Parking

Free parking is available in the Ocean Beach SLSC car park and surrounding streets.

Water Stations

Officials are asked to bring their own re-fillable water bottles. Ocean Beach will only supply water stations for refills.

Hospitality

Ocean Beach SLSC café and bar will be open. Ocean Beach SLSC recommend booking to help plan and prepare.

The café will be open from 5am and upstairs will be serving food from 2pm on Saturday and 12pm on Sunday.

Bar will be open from 12pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Ocean Beach Competition Area (subject to change based on conditions)





Event Schedule

Friday 7 July 2023 (Scrutineering, Ocean Beach SLSC)	
9:00	Scrutineering Officials Briefing and Set Up
10:00	Ocean Beach SLSC, Mona Vale SLSC, North Avoca SLSC
11:00	Helensburgh-Stanwell Park SLSC, Terrigal SLSC, Bungan Beach SLSC
12:00	South Maroubra SLSC, Coogee SLSC, Caves Beach SLSC
13:00	Queenscliff SLSC, Newport SLSC, Nobbys SLSC
14:00	North Cronulla SLSC, Kiama Downs SLSC, Maroubra SLSC
15:00	Bondi SLSC, Thirroul SLSC, Avalon SLSC (gates close)
16:00	Scrutineering Concludes Scrutineering Officials Debrief (clubhouse)
Saturday 8 July	
06:00	Setup Beach
From 06:00	Officials Breakfast
06:00	Safety & Competition Committee Meeting
06:30	Officials Briefing
06:45	Officials 'Toolbox' meetings
07:00	SMAR Role call & Briefing
	Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
07:15	Team Managers Meeting
07:30	Opening Ceremony: Welcome to Country, Athlete and Officials Oaths
07:40	Marshalling Commences
07:45	Pre-Competition Safety/Risk Review
07:55	Competition Commences
15:45	Competition Concludes
16:00	Officials Debrief
Approx. 16:30	2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership Medal Presentations & State Team Announcement
Sunday 9 July	
06:00	Setup Beach
From 06:00	Officials Breakfast
06:00	Safety & Competition Committee Meeting
06:30	Officials Briefing
06:45	Officials 'Toolbox' meetings
07:00	SMAR Role call & Briefing
	Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
07:25	Team Managers Meeting
07:40	Marshalling Commences
07:45	Pre-Competition Safety/Risk Review
07:55	Competition Commences
15:30	Competition Expected Finish Time
15:30	Officials Debrief
Approx 16:00	2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championship Medal Presentation

Note: The above event schedule is subject to change



Live Heats

SLSNSW will be using Live Heats for the Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships.

First round draws will be published on the event page <https://liveheats.com/events/145709>

Team App

Team App will be used throughout the State Championships as the 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).

Team Managers Meeting

There will be no Team Managers meeting on Friday evening. Team Managers must attend the meetings on Saturday and Sunday morning as per the event schedule.

Scrutineering

Please refer to the [Scrutineering Memo](#) for all information regarding scrutineering at the 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships.

Please note that SLSNSW will provide a pool of rescue tubes for all Tube Rescue events.

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.



Presentations

Saturday 8 July 2023 approx. 4.30pm

The presentation of individual events and overall point score for the 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership will take place from approximately 4.30pm on Saturday 8 July at Ocean Beach SLSC.

At this time the State Team will be announced and presented with uniforms.

Sunday 9 July 2023 approx. 4.00pm

The presentation of individual events and overall point score for the 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships will be held from approximately 4.00pm (or at the conclusion of competition) on Sunday 9 July at Ocean Beach SLSC.

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).

Double-Dipping

Please note, clubs may be audited to confirm there is no double-dipping of competitors in all disciplines.

Protest & Appeals

A protest against a competitor or a team or against a decision of an Official must be lodged verbally with the Competition Liaison Officer within 5 minutes of the completion of the event or the announcement of the result of an event.

A written protest must then be lodged with the Competition Liaison Officer within 15 minutes of the verbal protest being lodged. Protest forms can be obtained from the Competition Liaison Officer. The result of an event, if not already announced, will be withheld until the protest and any subsequent appeal is decided. The Competition Appeals Committee will deal with all protests referred to it by the Referee in terms of Section 14 of the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

Team Managers are reminded that both the Championship Referee and the Appeals Committee will not entertain frivolous appeals, the decision for a disqualification will go through the Officials, Judge in boat and the Chief Judges before being posted so unless explicit evidence to that contrary will be classed as frivolous and dismissed by the Championship Referee. In this regard, please note that SSM (Clause 14.3.3b) states:



“Where the Referee or the Area Referee or the Sectional Referee considers (in their absolute discretion) that a protest is frivolous, or not of a serious nature, they may choose not to accept the protest.”

Please also note that the Team Manager retains the right (under SSM Clause 14.3.3b) to appeal the matter but the Appeals Committee will also consider whether the matter is frivolous in assessing the grounds for appeal.

An appeals fee of \$150.00 (incl. GST) must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication. If an appeal is upheld the fee shall be returned forthwith. The decision of the Competition Appeals Committee is final and there is no right of appeal against that decision.

More information pertaining to protests and appeals can be found in Section 14 'Protests, Appeals and Discipline' of the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

Code of Conduct for Athletes, Officials and Spectators

The Member Code of Conduct ([Code](#)) outlines the behaviours expected of, and by, members and persons involved in, and interactions between, all such persons in the Surf Lifesaving community.

These expectations and requirements are reflected under the rules for competitions in the SLSA constitution, regulations and the 37th Edition of the [Australian Surf Sports Manual](#).

Australian National Anti-Doping Policy

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) has adopted and implemented the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy (ANADP) which reflects the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code and amendments to Australian anti-doping legislation. The purpose of the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy is to have a single and consistent set of anti-doping rules across all sports in Australia.

[This Policy](#) is made under clause 39 of the SLSA Constitution. It is binding on SLSA and all its member or affiliate organisations, as well as all Surf Sports Athletes and other Persons. This Policy is to be interpreted in accordance with the SLSA Constitution.

The Australian Anti-Doping Policy can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia [website](#) and is endorsed as the anti-doping policy for surf sports.

Inshore Search and Rescue

The inshore search and rescue team from Round 1 will **be in place for the 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships**.

Twenty SMAR swimmers are required for competition safety. ALL Clubs must provide at least 1 SMAR swimmer.

There will be a compulsory role call and briefing held each morning of competition at 07:00am.

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 areas – 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 Terrigal SLSC. 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 Ocean Beach 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

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Event #	Events	Qualifiers
1 - 7	Open Male Mass (7x Heats) (57) (6x8,1x9)	4 from each to Quarters (28)
8 - 15	Open Male Rescue (8 x Heats) (67) (5x8, 3x9)	4 from each to Quarters (32)
16 - 18	Open Female Tube (3 x Quarters) (21) (3x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
19 - 22	Open Male Tube (4 x Quarters) (28) (4x7)	4 from each to Semi (16)
23 - 25	45+ Mass (3 x Quarters) (27) (3x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
26 - 28	U23 Male Mass (3 x Quarters) (25) (2x8, 1x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
29 - 31	Rookie Mass (3 x Quarters) (27) (3x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
32 - 35	Open Female Mass (4 x Quarters) (33) (3x8,1x9)	4 from each to Semi (16)
36 - 39	Open Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (28) (4x7)	4 from each to Semi (16)
40 - 43	Open Male Teams (4 x Quarters) (37) (3x9, 1x10)	4 from each to Semi (16)
44 - 46	45+ Rescue (3 x Quarters) (27) (3x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
47 - 49	U23 Male Rescue (3 x Quarters) (25) (2x8, 1x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
50 - 52	Rookie Rescue (3 x Quarters) (27) (3x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
53 - 56	Open Female Rescue (4 x Quarters) (35) (3x9, 1x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
57 - 60	Open Male Rescue (4 x Quarters) (32) (4x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
61 - 62	45+ Tube (2 x Semi) (14) (2x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
63 - 64	35+ Male Tube (2xSemi) (13) (1x7,1x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
65 - 66	U23 Male Tube (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
67 - 68	Open Female Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
69 - 70	Open Male Tube (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
71 - 72	45+ Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
73 - 74	35+ Male Mass (2 x Semi) (15) (1x8,1x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
75 - 76	U23 Female Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
77 - 78	U23 Male Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
79 - 80	Rookie Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
81 - 82	Open Female Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
83 - 84	Open Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
85 - 86	35+ Male Teams (2 x Semi) (11) (1x6, 1x5)	4 from each to Final (8)
87 - 88	Open Female Teams (2 x Semi) (15) (1x8, 1x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
89 - 90	Open Male Teams (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
91 - 92	45+ Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
93 - 94	35+ Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (15) (1x8, 1x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
95 - 96	U23 Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
97 - 98	U23 Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
99 - 100	Rookie Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
101 - 102	Open Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
103 - 104	Open Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
105 - 106	Open IRB Relay (2 x Semi) (11) (1x6, 1x5)	4 From each to Final (8)



107	45+ Tube Final (8)	
108	35+ Female Tube Final (4)	
109	35+ Male Tube Final (8)	
110	U23 Female Tube Final (9)	
111	U23 Male Tube Final (8)	
112	Open Female Tube Final (8)	
113	Open Male Tube Final (8)	
114	45+ Mass Final (8)	
115	35+ Female Mass Final (4)	
116	35+ Male Mass Final (8)	
117	U23 Female Mass Final (8)	
118	U23 Male Mass Final (8)	
119	Rookie Mass Final (8)	
120	Open Female Mass Final (8)	
121	Open Male Mass Final (8)	
122	45+ Teams Final (7)	
123	35+ Female Teams Final (3)	
124	35+ Male Teams Final (8)	
125	U23 Female Teams Final (4)	
126	U23 Male Teams Final (9)	
127	Open Female Teams Final (8)	
128	Open Male Teams Final (8)	
129	45+ Rescue Final (8)	
130	35+ Female Rescue Final (4)	
131	35+ Male Rescue Final (8)	
132	U23 Female Rescue Final (8)	
133	U23 Male Rescue Final (8)	
134	Rookie Rescue Final (8)	
135	Open Female Rescue Final (8)	
136	Open Male Rescue Final (8)	
137	IRB Relay Final (8)	

Competition Priorities and Tiering of Events – *subject to change*

Competition will commence on Saturday 8th July 2023.

The 2023 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships will be conducted within strict and challenging time frames.

In order to meet these timeframes, in their sole discretion the IRBCCC and the Championship Referees, a decision may be needed to adjust the order, draws and priority of events and priority of the Championships completion.

The competition time schedule is from 7.30am to 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday. All teams need to be available to compete within these time frames.

This also includes:

- Cuts in rounds in excess of the numbers as outlined in the Australian Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition
- Moving to block racing per discipline to ensure results in events

The priority/tiering of Championships (from highest to least) is seen as :

- Opens
- U23's
- Masters
- Rookies

The priority tiering of events from (highest to least) is seen as:

- Surf Rescue
- Mass
- Teams
- Tube
- Relay

In the event of adverse conditions or time restraints impacting on the timely completion of the Championships, some age categories and events may be removed from the schedule as per the above.