



Memorandum

To:	2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB Series Team Managers
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Subject:	Scrutineering Process for the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships

This memo provides details on the scrutineering process for the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships. Please be aware that the information outlined in this Memorandum supersedes any earlier information detailed in the [2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB Series Entry Circular](#).

Scrutineering will be conducted at the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB Championships on **Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July at Cape Hawke SLSC.**

Due to the demand of peak periods, scrutineering timeslots have been allocated based on distance to travel. The IRB scrutineering timetable can be seen below, please note these times are not flexible and cannot be changed.

However, the scrutineers will inspect your gear and equipment earlier if you are available to come to scrutineering prior to your allocated time slot and there is availability onsite.

Timeslot	Clubs
THURSDAY 4TH	
3:00pm	Bondi SBLSC, Newport SLSC
FRIDAY 5TH	
7:00am	Fingal Beach SLSC, Forster SLSC, Thirroul SLSC
8:00am	Caves Beach SLSC, Bungan Beach SLSC, Nobbys SLSC
9:00am	North Cronulla SLSC, South Maroubra SLSC, Kiama Downs SLSC,
10:00am	Ocean Beach SLSC, Maroubra SLSC, HBSP SLSC, Queenscliff SLSC
11:00am	North Avoca SLSC, Avalon Beach SLSC, Mona Vale SLSC,

**** If there are any further clubs that can attend on Thursday, please advise via email to bcooper@surflifesaving.com.au ****

Clubs need to be ready at least 30 minutes before their allocated timeslot with completed paperwork submitted to the registration desk and equipment ready for inspection. There will be no copy/print facilities available on-site. The designated drop-off/pick up location of equipment to be scrutineered will be published in the Final Event Information.

Please ensure that technically competent representatives are present to disassemble and reassemble gear and equipment for scrutineering.

Please also note the following:

- Power or electricity may not be available at scrutineering area. Clubs must make their own arrangements
- **Thursday** - Gates will close at 3:00pm on Thursday with scrutineering concluding at 4pm.
- **Friday** - Gates will close at 11.00am on Friday with scrutineering concluding at 12.00pm.
- With racing commencing from approximately 1pm on Friday - **No late arrivals will be accepted on Friday.**
- Clubs must ensure they are ready, with paperwork, at least 30 minutes prior to their above allocated timeslot.
- There will be **no formal scrutineering on Saturday**. Clubs that are unable to make scrutineering on Thursday or Friday will not be permitted to race.
- Effectively, **no unapproved modifications are permitted** to gear and equipment. Gear and equipment is to be as it was "out of the box" as per the [IRB Competition Gear and Equipment Regulations 2024](#). What this means for example, is that there are to be no enhancements or alterations to items such as:
 - Ignition System, Flywheel weight and associated components.
 - Manufacturer's Motor Seals and associated sealing wire.
 - Carburettor and Jetting.
 - Carburettor Restrictor Plate and Air Box (see below).
 - Water Pump and Impeller.
 - Gear Box Ratio.
 - Exhaust System.
 - Engine Pan and Cowling.

Throttle Recoil Mechanism & Tension Toggle

For competition use from season 2023/24, all TOHATSU and MERCURY 25hp motors will need to have the Throttle Recoil Mechanism installed and the Throttle Tension Toggle removed, in compliance with **SLSA Circular 15 23-24 IRB Motor Safety**.

Scrutineering Details

Equipment required to be presented for scrutineering will include Hulls, Motors, and Props.

(Note: It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure gear and equipment meets the manufactures and/or SLSA specifications as set out in the current [IRB Competition Gear and Equipment Regulations 2024](#).

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

At the time of Pre-Competition Scrutineering, should any gear or equipment as presented not meet technical specifications, at the sole discretion of either the Referee or Head Scrutineer, the Club may be referred to the Competition Disciplinary Committee.

Further, gear and equipment that does not meet technical specifications may be impounded for the duration of the event.

In Competition Scrutineering (Random Scrutineering)

Clubs are made aware that there will be ongoing random scrutineering and equipment reviews throughout and at the conclusion of each day of competition.

If a part or item of equipment is found to be outside of specifications or to have not been scrutineered within competition, the Club may be referred to the Competition Disciplinary Committee.

Post Competition Scrutineering

Clubs are made aware that there may be random, Full Technical Scrutineering, at the end of each day of competition (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).

If a part or item of equipment is found to be outside of specifications or to have not been scrutineered within competition, the Club may be referred to the Competition Disciplinary Committee.

Rescue Tubes

Pooled Rescue Tubes will be provided by SLSNSW and are to be used for all Rescue Tube Events during the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships. ***No scrutineering of club rescue tubes will be required.***

Prior to entering the quarantined scrutineering competition area, Clubs and Competitors are to ensure the following:

1. Hulls are to be inflated with floorboards to remain fitted.
2. Motors – air boxes are to be removed to enable inspection of carburettors and restrictor plates.
3. Carburettors and fuel float removed.
4. All motors are fitted with SLSA seals and that the sealing sheets are laminated and can be attached to each motor individually.
5. All motors are to be clearly numbered on the leg of the motor.
6. Any components that have been replaced on any boat or motor are GENUINE O.E.M. or SLSA APPROVED REPLACEMENT PARTS.
7. All fuel line fittings are covered, and no sharp edges are evident.
8. All propellers are clearly engraved, and the letters / numerals are legible when the propellers are in situ on the motor.
9. Purchase orders and receipts for any components manufactured by Mid Coast Marine (M.C.M) will need to be available to verify their date of purchase. (any components sold after January 2015 are not acceptable for use in these championships.)
10. The loops in the life lines on Arancia and Thundercat hulls are as they were produced and have not been altered.
11. The crewperson bow rope reaches the crewpersons handle and is approximately 1200 mm long with 4 figure 8 knots in situ.
12. Fuel used must be 98 octane containing NO ETHANOL, available to the public from any Ampol/BP/Shell/Mobil service station.
13. Bring all scrutineering forms. **Scrutineering documents are available online as per below links:**
 - [Hull Compliance Check Record](#)
 - [Outboard Motor and Propeller Guard Compliance Check Record](#)
 - [Propeller Safety and Compliance Check Record](#)
 - [Fuel Safety and Compliance Check Record](#)
 - ***Please Note: Scrutineering forms must have all details written down on the forms prior to entering the scrutineering area. If the details are not entered the Club will be directed to the end of the line.***

Other Notes:

- All equipment must be the Manufactures Original or Genuine Replacement part, or a part or modification that is approved and listed in latest edition of the I.R.B. Gear and Equipment Regulations.
- Starter recoil ropes must be from a currently approved Mercury/Tohatsu/Yamaha 25 HP outboard engine.
- Engine Carburettor Air boxes must be the standard part with no enlarged or addition holes.
- Outboard motor swivel bracket bushes must not display any excessive movement.
- Outboard motor steering bracket to steering shaft joint must not display any movement.

- Engine carburettor restrictor plates must not be altered and are to be installed correctly.
- All propellers must be engraved so the club identification number can be read when the propeller is installed on the outboard motor.
- Letters / Numerals should be in the exhaust hub flange and between 6mm and 8mm tall.

If you have any further questions regarding scrutineering, please do not hesitate to contact the Surf Sports Team on (02) 9471 8000 or email surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au