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Final Event Information Guide

Sharkskin SLSNSW IRB Premiership Round 1 2-4 May, Ocean Beach SLSC

The purpose of this guide is to advise and inform all IRB Premiership competitors and officials of important information for Round 1 of the 2025 Sharkskin SLSNSW IRB Premiership Series.

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

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Sharkskin

Sharkskin is sponsoring the 2025 Sharkskin NSW IRB Competition Season. Sharkskin will have a stall on site at Ocean Beach. Check out their merchandise [here](#).

Ocean Beach SLSC and Event Parking

The 2025 NSW Sharkskin IRB Premiership Round 1 will be hosted by Ocean Beach SLSC.

Trailer Parking

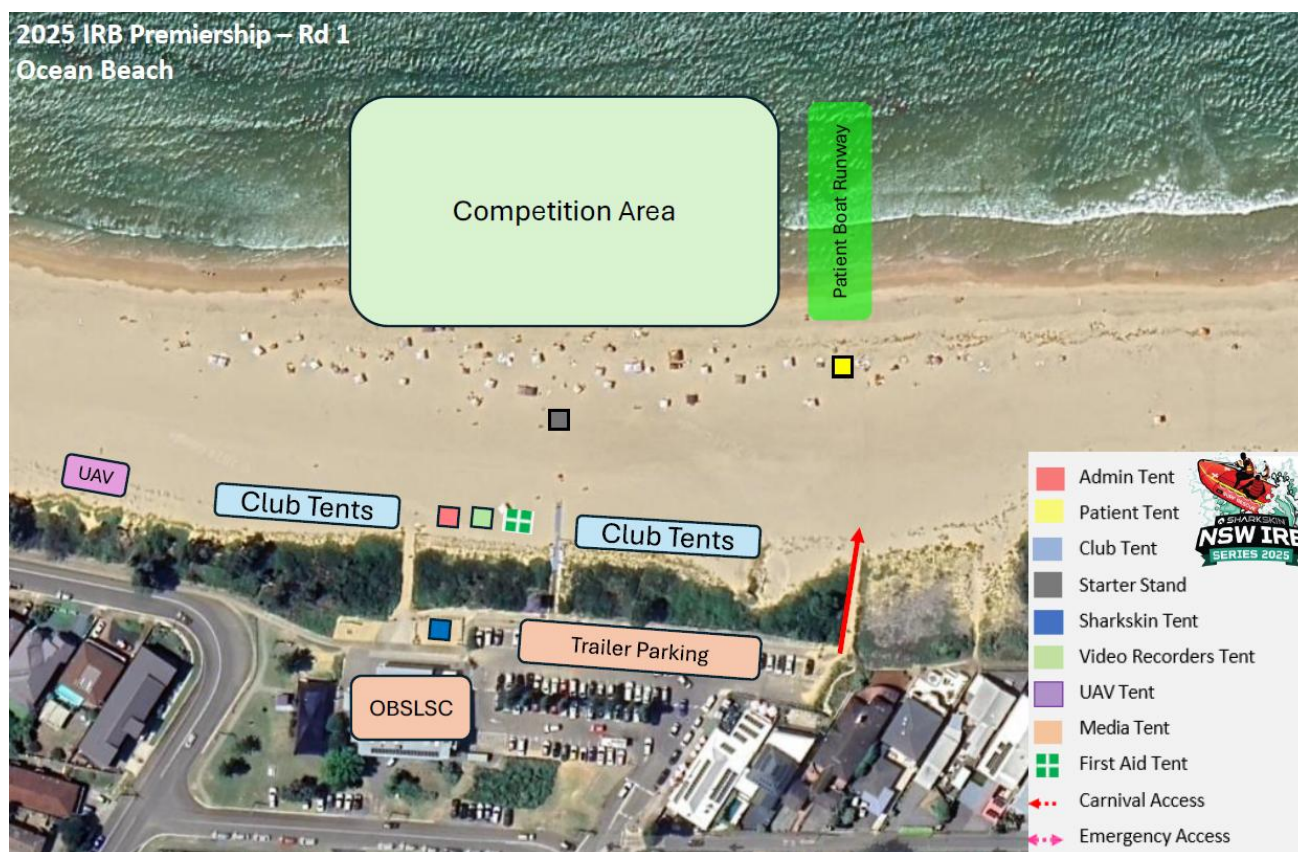
Ocean Beach workforce will be on hand to assist with transporting IRBs into the trailer parking area using SSVs. Access is via the car park to the south of the club.

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.

Event Parking

Free street parking is available in the car park and surrounding streets.

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



Order of Events

The Order of Events for Round 1 of the Premiership can be found at the end of this document.

Event Schedule

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May	
06:00	Setup Beach
06:00	Officials Breakfast
06:00	Safety Committee Meeting
06:15	Competition Committee Meeting
06:30	Referees Briefing & Area/Sectional toolbox Briefing
06:45	Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
07:15	Team Managers Meeting
07:25	SMAR Role call & Briefing
07:30	Marshalling Commences
07:45	Competition Commences
16:00	Competition Concludes
17:00	Officials Debrief

Note: The above event schedule is subject to change.

Team Managers Meeting

Team Managers Meeting will be held on Friday 2 May at 5pm at Ocean Beach SLSC

Scrutineering

Scrutineering of props and motors will be conducted from 11am on Friday 2 May 2025. Scrutineering timeslots have been allocated to clubs. Clubs are to present all motors and props that they intent to race with this season, noting 2 motors per hull and 2 props per motor. Please arrive with all paperwork at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled time.

Please refer to the [Round 1 Scrutineering Process Memo](#).

During competition, 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.

Any equipment (including fuel) that does not pass 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 2024/25 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).

Traffic Light System Introduction

The traffic light system will be further trialled for Round 1 at Ocean Beach SLSC. The unit will be controlled by the starter under the direction of the Referee and SEMC.

Start of the day

At the start of the day as the course is being set by the officials the “Red Light” will be displayed, when the “Red Light” is flashing boats and crews are to stay out of the competition area both on water and beach.

When the course has been set up and handed to the starter the “Green Light” will be displayed, boats and crews can then proceed to set up for their event.

During the events

In the event of a roll over or crew dislodgement the starter and or SEMC may make a determination on the next course of action. If they believe that there is no major threat to any competitor and the race should not be stopped then the “Amber Lights” will be displayed. Crews are to complete their event as per the defined course but ensure it is done safely.

If the Starter, SEMC or Referee determines that there is a threat to someone’s safety then a call on the radio will be called “Red Light Red Light Red Light” then the “Red Light” will be displayed followed by a siren/horn continuing until all crews stop and/or return to the beach. The same process will be conducted in the event of a “Rescue Rescue Rescue” call.

When all is safe as determined by the SEMC and Referee then the “Green Light” will be displayed.

When a course change is required during the day the “Red Lights” will be displayed, during this time all boats must stay out of the competition area in the water and also maybe asked to be removed from the shoreline if deemed by the course setter and /or the Referee.

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 nominate your swimmers via [Microsoft Forms](#).

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 - 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

Australian Event Safety Services (AESS) will be providing First Aid during the event and will be operational from 6:45am on both days of competition. Please refer to the event map for the precise location of the First Aid Tent.

Warm-Ups

Warm-ups will commence at 6:45am on both days of competition and 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.

Contingency Location

The contingency location for this event will be Terrigal. 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 are urged to take all gear and equipment with them after competition on Saturday afternoon. SLSNSW and Ocean Beach SLSC accept no responsibility for and 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 about 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*

** IRB Relay Semi Finals will be marshalled at 3pm on Saturday, irrespective of where the program is up to.

Event #	Events	Qualifiers
1-7	Open Male Mass (56) (7x8) – 7 Heats	4 from each to Qtr (28)
8-15	Open Male Rescue (64) (8x8) – 8 Heats	4 from each to Qtr (32)
16-18	Open Female Tube (21) (3x7) – 3 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (12)
19-21	Open Male Tube (21) (3x7) – 3 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (12)
22-24	U23 Female Mass (23) (2x8, 1x7) – 3 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (12)
25-28	U23 Male Mass (36) (4x9) – 4 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (16)
29-32	Open Female Mass (33) (3x8, 1x9) – 4 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (16)
33-36	Open Male Mass (28) (4x7) – 4 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (16)
37-40	Open Male Teams (30) (2x8, 2x7) – 4 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (16)
41-44	U23 Female Rescue (27) (3x7, 1x6) – 4 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (16)
45-48	U23 Male Rescue (37) (3x9, 1x10) – 4 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (16)
49-52	Open Female Rescue (34) (2x9, 2x8) – 4 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (16)
53-56	Open Male Rescue (32) (4x8) – 4 Qtr Final	4 from each to Semi (16)
57-58	45+ Open Tube (13) (1x7, 1x6) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to final (8)
59-60	35+ Male Tube (11) (1x6, 1x5) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to final (8)
61-62	U23 Female Tube (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
63-64	U23 Male Tube (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
65-66	Open Female Tube (12) (2x6) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
67-68	Open Male Tube (12) (2x6) - 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
69-70	45+ Open Mass (17) (1x9, 1x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
71-72	35+ Male Mass (15) (1x8, 1x7) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
73-74	U23 Female Mass (12) (2x6) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
75-76	U23 Male Mass (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
77-78	Rookie Mass (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
79-80	Open Female Mass (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
81-82	Open Male Mass (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
83-84	35+ Male Teams (10) (2x5) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
85-86	U23 Female Teams (10) (2x5) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
87-88	U23 Male Teams (15) (1x8, 1x7) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
89-90	Open Female Teams (15) (1x8, 1x7) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
91-92	Open Male Teams (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
93-94	45+ Open Rescue (17) (1x9, 1x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
95-96	35+ Male Rescue (15) (1x8, 1x7) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
97-98	U23 Female Rescue (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
99-100	U23 Male Rescue (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
101-102	Rookie Rescue (18) (2x9) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
103-104	Open Female Rescue (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
105-106	Open Male Rescue (16) (2x8) – 2 Semi Final	4 from each to Final (8)
107-108	IRB Relay (13) (1x7, 1x6) – 2 Semi Final *	4 from each to Final (8)

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