



Final Event Information Guide

Sharkskin SLSNSW IRB Premiership Round 3

31 May – 1 June, Avoca Beach SLSC

The purpose of this guide is to advise and inform all IRB Premiership competitors and officials of important information for Round 3 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](#).

Avoca Beach SLSC and Event Parking

The 2025 NSW Sharkskin IRB Premiership Round 3 will be hosted by Avoca Beach SLSC.

Trailer Parking

Trailer Parking will be in the car park outside the surf club. Approved parking spots are alongside the grassed area (as per map). Avoca Beach workforce will be on hand to direct traffic and assist with transporting IRBs from the trailer parking area using SSVs. Access is via the car park next to the Surf Club.

Due to the recent wet weather, there will be no access to parking on the grass area in Hunter Park.

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.

Round 3 – Avoca Beach – TRAILER PARKING



Event Parking

Untimed free parking is available in the area. Due to likely location of the competition area, we recommend competitor parking be along Avoca Drive and the surrounding side streets. Please ensure you are parked legally and be mindful of the local community.

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



Order of Events

The Order of Events for Round 3 of the Premiership can be found at the end of this document.

Event Schedule

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 May	
06:00	Beach Setup
06:00	Officials Breakfast
06:15	Safety/Carnival Committee Meeting
06:30	Referees Briefing & Area/Sectional Toolbox Briefing
06:45	Warm-Ups Permitted in designated areas only (advised via Team App on Friday)
07:00	Team Managers Meeting
07:20	SMAR Role call & Briefing
07:30	Marshalling Commences
07:45	Competition Commences
16:00	Competition Concludes
16:30	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 7:00am on Saturday morning.

Scrutineering

Random scrutineering will take place throughout the weekend within the competition area and 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).

If 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 Entry Circular, 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 Requirement, as well as the minimum patrol hours as per their membership type. Please refer to the Amended Entry Circular. **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 from Round 1 will **remain in place for the remainder of the competition season**. There will be a roll call following 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.

There will be a compulsory role call and briefing held each morning of competition at 07:20am.

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, acknowledge and understand this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in IRB competition.

Safety & Technical Infringements

Attention is drawn to the SSM, Section 3.3.2.3 and relevant paragraphs:

- a) A strong emphasis will be placed on safe driving, crewing and patients' 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 infringements and consideration for further penalties.
- b) A safety infringement shall be issued to any competitor deemed to have committed an unsafe practice. This will result in the immediate disqualification of the competitor and their entire team (ie., crew and patient/s) from the event in which the infringement occurred.
- c) If a competitor receives more than once safety infringement in any one competition, they shall be disqualified from the entire 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.

Refueling

All refueling must be conducted in the approved area outside the Avoca Beach SLSC. No refueling is to be undertaken at trailers or on the beach.

Heating Devices

The use of any heating device utilising combustible material inside and/or around club tents is **Prohibited**.

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. Warm-ups must only take place in the designated area as advised by the Carnival Referee.

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 TeamApp and Club Team Managers.

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 Avoca 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 SLA 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 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*

Event #	Events	Qualifiers
1-7	Open Male Mass (7 x Heats) (57) (6x8, 1x9)	4 from each to Quarters (28)
8-15	Open Male Rescue (8 x Heats) (66) (6x8, 2x9)	4 from each to Quarters (32)
16-18	U23 Male Tube (3 x Quarters) (19) (2x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
19-21	Open Female Tube (3 x Quarters) (19) (2x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
22-24	U23 Female Mass (3 x Quarters) (23) (2x8, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
25-28	U23 Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (35) (3x9, 1x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
29-32	Open Female Mass (4 x Quarters) (36) (4x9)	4 from each to Semi (16)
33-36	Open Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (28) (4x7)	4 from each to Semi (16)
37-40	Open Male Teams (4 x Quarters) (33) (3x8, 1x9)	4 from each to Semi (16)
41-43	45+ Open Rescue (3 x Quarters) (19) (2x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
44-47	U23 Female Rescue (4 x Quarters) (25) (3x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (16)
48-51	U23 Male Rescue (4 x Quarters) (35) (3x9, 1x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
52-54	Rookie Rescue (3 x Quarters) (19) (2x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
55-58	Open Female Rescue (4 x Quarters) (35) (3x9, 1x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
59-62	Open Male Rescue (4 x Quarters) (32) (4x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
63-64	45+ Open Tube (2 x Semi) (13) (1x7, 1x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
65-66	35+ Male Tube (2x Semi) (11) (1x6, 1x5)	4 from each to Final (8)
67-68	U23 Female Tube (2x Semi) (15) (1x8, 1x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
69-70	U23 Male Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
71-72	Open Female Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
73-74	Open Male Tube (2 x Semi) (17) (1x9, 1x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
75-76	45+ Open Mass (2 x Semi) (18) (2x9)	4 from each to Final (8)
77-78	35+ Male Mass (2 x Semi) (15) (1x8, 1x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
79-80	U23 Female Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
81-82	U23 Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
83-84	Rookie Mass (2 x Semi) (18) (2x9)	4 from each to Final (8)
85-86	Open Female Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
87-88	Open Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
89-90	U23 Male Teams (2x Semi) (13) (1x7, 1x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
91-92	Open Female Teams (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
93-94	Open Male Teams (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
95-96	45+ Open Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
97-98	35+ Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
99-100	U23 Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
101-102	U23 Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
103-104	Rookie Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
105-106	Open Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
107-108	Open Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
109-110	Open Mixed Relay (2 x Semi) (13) (1x7, 1x6)	4 From each to Final (8)

111	45+ Open Tube Final (8)	
112	35+ Female Tube Final (6)	Straight Final
113	35+ Male Tube Final (8)	
114	U23 Female Tube Final (8)	
115	U23 Male Tube Final (8)	
116	Open Female Tube Final (8)	
117	Open Male Tube Final (8)	
118	45+ Open Mass Final (8)	
119	35+ Female Mass Final (9)	Straight Final
120	35+ Male Mass Final (8)	
121	U23 Female Mass Final (8)	
122	U23 Male Mass Final (8)	
123	Rookie Mass Final (8)	
124	Open Female Mass Final (8)	
125	Open Male Mass Final (8)	
126	45+ Open Teams Final (8)	Straight Final
127	35+ Female Teams (3)	Straight Final
128	35+ Male Teams Final (5)	Straight Final
129	U23 Female Teams Final (9)	Straight Final
130	U23 Male Teams Final (8)	
131	Open Female Teams Final (8)	
132	Open Male Teams Final (8)	
133	45+ Open Rescue Final (8)	
134	35+ Female Rescue Final (9)	Straight Final
135	35+ Male Rescue Final (8)	
136	U23 Female Rescue Final (8)	
137	U23 Male Rescue Final (8)	
138	Rookie Rescue Final (8)	
139	Open Female Rescue Final (8)	
140	Open Male Rescue Final (8)	
141	Open Mixed Relay Final (8)	



IRB LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS FRIDAY 30 MAY - SUNDAY 1 JUNE

*at the Surf Club
Avoca Beach*

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