



# Surf Life Saving Australia Circular

<b>Title</b>	2024-25 Australian IRB Interstate Championships - Entry Circular
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<b>Audience</b>	State/Territory Surf Sport Managers, Directors, Club Secretaries, Branches, State/Territory CEO's, Team Managers
<b>Summary</b>	This Circular contains the relevant details for entering the Australian Interstate IRB Championships, to be held on Wednesday 16 July.

The 2024/25 Australian IRB Interstate Championships will be held on Wednesday, 16 July 2025 at South West Rocks SLSC, alongside the 2024/25 SHARKSKIN Australian IRB Championships.

States must submit entries via SEMS and provide their team list to SLSA by Tuesday, 8 July 2025.

All medal & trophy presentations for the 2024/25 Australian IRB Interstate Championships will occur at the conclusion of racing on Wednesday, 16 July, once the point score is checked and confirmed.

## TEAM TRAVEL, EQUIPMENT & DRESS

- States will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams and making arrangements for travel and accommodation.
- States are also responsible for making the appropriate arrangements regarding equipment, outfitting and so on for their teams.
- A shirt, shorts, headwear, costume and competition cap are the recommended uniform for each team.

## TEAM COMPOSITION/SIZE

- The 2024/25 Australian IRB Interstate Championships will hold both Open and U23 events
- The overall Interstate Champions will be the team with highest cumulative points for the Open and U23 events combined
- Each Open Team will consist of a maximum of 18 competitors. Each U23 Team will consist of a maximum of 18 competitors. Total team size: 36
- Competitors must compete for the whole of the Championships in either the Open or U23 events. They are not permitted to compete outside of their chosen division.

## TEAM MANAGEMENT

For event management purposes, SLSA will recognise five (5) team management officials for each State/Territory team. The positions to be recognised are:

- Manager (1)
- Assistant Team Manager (1)
- Coach (1)
- Assistant Coach (1)
- Patient Coordinator (1)

## TEAM SELECTION

- States/Territories are responsible for the selection of their teams.
- States/Territories are permitted to select "State of Bronze Medallion Origin" athletes based on where the member first gained their Bronze Medallion Award OR select for the State/Territory on the basis of where the member's current club is (if the member wishes to be selected). SLSA will complete an audit of each team to ensure all teams comply with these rules.
- All team selections and individual event allocations will need to be received by SLSA no later than close of business Tuesday, 8 July 2025. **Entries must be complete via SEMS.**

**Note 1:** "Current club and State" - this means the club and State in which the member currently has his/her competitive rights.

**Note 2:** It is the member's choice whether they wish to be considered for selection by their "State of Bronze Medallion Origin" or their "Current State of Membership".



## TEAM SHEETS

Team managers are required to complete the team entries via the Sports Event Management System (SEMS), team management and event configuration in the attached electronic template (word doc) and send to SLSA ([events@slsa.asn.au](mailto:events@slsa.asn.au)) no later than close of business, Tuesday, 8 July 2025.

**Note 1:** Changes after this date will only be permitted subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances. No changes to any team entries shall be permitted once the first event has commenced although teams may substitute within the team as required. Evidence **MUST** be provided in the form of a medical certificate or relevant documentation.

**Note 2:** In the event of an athlete withdrawing from a team. Team Management must

- Gain approval from the Competition Committee to replace the withdrawn team member (contact SLSA who will send to Competition Committee Chair)
- Ensure the new team member complies with the rules set out above under Team Selection

## INTERSTATE EVENT LIST

INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIP	
Event Name	Team Composition
U23 Female Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
U23 Male Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
U23 Female Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
U23 Male Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
U23 Female Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
U23 Male Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
U23 Female Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
U23 Male Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
U23 Mixed IRB Relay	1 Team of 16 (5 Drivers, 5 Crew and 6 Patients)
Open Female Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Open Male Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Open Female Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
Open Male Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
Open Female Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
Open Male Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
Open Female Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Open Male Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Open Mixed IRB Relay	1 Team of 16 (5 Drivers, 5 Crew and 6 Patients)

## LIVEHEATS & DRAWS

- SLSA will be utilising LiveHeats for the marshalling and recording process.
- All results and draws will be posted on [liveheats.com/slsa/](https://liveheats.com/slsa/)
- All events shall be conducted as finals unless otherwise advised by the Championship Referee.
- Prior to the event SLSA will undertake a random draw for beach positions for the first event to be conducted. Beach positions for the second and subsequent events shall be determined by a 'rolling draw' format whereby all teams shall move sideways one beach position for each event conducted in the area i.e. if all States/Territories enter the Interstate IRB Championships, after the first event the State drawn in position 1 will move to position 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4, 4 to 5, 5 to 6, 6 to 7 and the State drawn in position 7 moves to position 1. Should a State not compete in an event, the lane shall be vacant for the event.
- The Championship Referee or their delegate will undertake any other ballots required on the beach on the day of the competition.



## INTERSTATE POINTSCORE

- All events conducted shall be of equal points and the State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the competition shall be declared the winner in each of the point score categories. The State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the Championships shall be declared the winner.
- Points shall be allocated on a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> for each event contested. Nil points will be earned in the case of a Did not Start (DNS), disqualification or Did not Finish (DNF) result.
- If an Interstate event has less than six teams competing, points will only be allocated for the quantity of teams competing (i.e. only NSW, QLD, VIC, WA competing, points to be allocated on a 4, 3, 2, 1 basis for the positions 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>).
- Where a dead heat occurs in the final of an event the States/Territories involved will share the placing and placing points relative to the finish placing. The next State/Territory to finish will receive the relative placing and placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals/teams finish equal 1<sup>st</sup> both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each. The next placing individual/team shall be awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 4 points.
- If, when the Championships have concluded there is a tied point score, the State/Territory with the most 1<sup>st</sup> placings will be declared the winner. Failing this, the State/Territory with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> places to 6<sup>th</sup> places respectively will be considered to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the point score will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

## EVENT CONDITIONS

The general competitive conditions, as detailed in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) and any subsequent Bulletins, shall apply to the conduct of all events except where amended by these Championship rules..

## COMPETITION EQUIPMENT & SPECIFICATIONS

- Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their own equipment.
- Pooled Rescue Tubes will be available for competition.
- All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications.
- Random scrutineering of equipment may occur during the SLSA Interstate Championships.

## PROTESTS

- All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Members Area > Document Library > Sports > Surf Sports Manual 37<sup>th</sup> Edition) and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based. Protest Forms will be available from the Competition Liaison.
- An appeals fee of \$150 cash (Inc. GST) must accompany all appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

## COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

A briefing for team managers will be conducted by the Event Referee at 11:30am on Wednesday, 16 July. States/Territories should have a minimum of one and maximum of two personnel attend the briefing.

## TROPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

- All presentations will occur at the conclusion of competition on Wednesday afternoon.
- Teams will be competing for the IRB Interstate Championship trophy which will be awarded to the team who scores the highest point score
- In addition, teams placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the point score shall receive SLSA Australian Interstate Championship medallions for all team members.

### Alan Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield

The result of the Australia IRB Interstate Championship will contribute to the Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield (for the overall point score of Ocean, Pool, Surf Boat and IRB Interstate Championships). The point score for this Shield shall be determined by the overall placing result recorded by States/Territories in each of the Interstate Championships. In this regard States/Territories shall be allocated points on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for their relative 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> placing in each Interstate Championship (Ocean, Boat, Pool, IRB). The State/Territory with the highest



aggregate of points shall be declared winner of the Shield.

In the event of tied points, a count back of best overall results in the four championships (Ocean, Boat, Pool, IRB) will determine the winning State/Territory (that is, number of 1<sup>st</sup> overall placings. If still equal, number of 2<sup>nd</sup> placings and so on until a winner is declared). If this method cannot separate States/Territories, joint winners will be declared.

### **SLSA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- SLSA expects that all members involved in competition will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.
- The SLSA Code of Conduct, Competing Unfairly and Abuse/Inappropriate clauses etc. are contained in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Members Area > Document Library > Sports > Surf Sports Manual 37<sup>th</sup> Edition) and any subsequent Bulletins.
- Any incidents or behaviour likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of lifesaving competition will be managed as prescribed in the current edition of SLSA's Rules, Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

### **MEDIA STATEMENTS**

- States/Territories shall be permitted to promote the event and or their State/Territory team within their own state (subject to SLSA approval). However, no competitor, Team Manager, official or spokesperson for a State/Territory, shall make media statements that could bring the Interstate Championships, its sponsor, or officials, into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.
- Complaints regarding the organisation of the championship, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

### **THEFT**

- Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia, the hosting authority, states or another individual may be immediately reported to police and that person/s be brought before a SLSA Disciplinary Committee.
- Please note that automatic disqualification of the team from the Championship may occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

### **COMPETITION MANIPULATION**

The SLSA National Policy on Competition Manipulation and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs including special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.

### **ANTI- DOPING**

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an anti-doping policy, which will be adhered to for this event.

- Please be aware that random drug testing could take place during the event
- It is highly recommended all competitors and state team members (including coaches, and support personnel) complete the SIA online e-learning program (Anti-Doping Fundamentals) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping. The link to access this e-learning program is: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au>. Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activity as a group.
- It is recommended all competitors and club members (including coaches, handlers, and support personnel) utilise the SIA Check Your Substances reference site, or phone 1300 027 232.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Should further information be required please contact the events team at [events@slsa.asn.au](mailto:events@slsa.asn.au)