



Final Event Information Guide

Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships 27th – 29th July 2025, Cape Hawke SLSC

The purpose of this guide is to advise and inform all IRB State Championship competitors and officials of important information for the 2025 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 2025 Sharkskin NSW IRB Competition Season. Sharkskin will have a stall on site at Cape Hawke. Check out their merchandise [here](#).

Cape Hawke SLSC and Competition Area (subject to change based on conditions)

The 2025 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships will be hosted by Cape Hawke SLSC.

Trailer Parking

Trailer Parking will be located in Palmgrove Place, next to Cape Hawke SLSC. Cape Hawke SLSC workforce will be on hand to assist with transporting IRB's onto the beach. 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 Cape Hawke SLSC car park, Cliff Road, Underwood Road and surrounding streets.

Water Stations

Officials and Competitors are asked to bring their own re-fillable water bottles.

Hospitality

Cape Hawke SLSC café opens daily at 6:30am. Food service closes at 2:00pm with the café closing at 3:00pm.

A coffee van will also be onsite on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Cape Hawke SLSC will be running a BBQ on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The bar, located upstairs at Cape Hawke SLSC, will be opened at the conclusion of racing each day.

Cape Hawke SLSC will also be hosting a Competitors After Party on Sunday night from 6.30pm.

Purchase tickets [here](#).

See flyer at the end of this event information.

Cape Hawke Competition Area (subject to change based on conditions)



Event Schedule

Thursday 26 June 2025 - Scrutineering	
11:30	Scrutineering set up
12:15	Scrutineering Officials Briefing
13:00	Scrutineering Commences
17:00	Scrutineering Concludes
Friday 27 June 2025 – Scrutineering & Competition	
06:00	Scrutineering Set Up
06:15	Scrutineering Officials Briefing
07:00	Scrutineering Commences
09:00	Beach Set Up
09:30	Safety/Competition Committee Meeting
10:00	Scrutineering Concludes Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
10:00	Team Managers Meeting (Max 2 x TM/club)
10:15	Officials Briefing / Tool Box
10:20	SMAR Role Call & Briefing Marshalling Commences
10:40	Officials in position
10:45	Welcome, Athlete and Officials Oaths
11:00	Competition Commences
16:00	Competition Concludes
16:30	Officials Debrief
Saturday 28 June 2025	
06:00	Beach Set Up
From 06:00	Officials Breakfast
06:30	Safety/Competition Committee Meeting
06:45	Officials Briefing / Tool Box
07:00	Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
07:15	Team Managers Meeting SMAR swimmers to sign on at Admin by 07:20
07:25	Officials in position
07:30	Marshalling Commences
07:45	Competition Commences
16:00	Competition Concludes
16:30	Officials Debrief
Sunday 29 June 2025	
06:00	Beach Set Up
From 06:00	Officials Breakfast
06:30	Safety/Competition Committee Meeting
06:45	Officials Briefing / Tool Box
07:00	Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
07:15	Team Managers Meeting SMAR swimmers to sign on at Admin by 07:20
07:25	Officials in position
07:30	Marshalling Commences
07:45	Competition Commences

13:00	Competition Concludes
Approx 14:30	2025 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championship Medal Presentation <i>This will commence 1.5 hours after the conclusion of competition.</i>

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.

Stack Team App

Stack 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 "2025 Sharkskin NSW IRB Series"
4. Click the "Become a member of this Stack 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

The first Team Managers' meeting will be held on the grass outside Cape Hawke SLSC at 10:00am Friday. Team Managers must also 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 2025 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships.

Please note that SLSNSW will NOT provide rescue tubes. Clubs are to present their own rescue tubes for scrutineering.

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

Sunday 29 June 2025 approx. 2:30pm (approx. 1-1.5 hours after conclusion of competition)

The presentation of individual events and overall point score for the 2025 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships will be held from approximately 2:30pm on Sunday outside Cape Hawke 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 2024/25 Proficiency Requirements as well as the minimum patrol hours as per their membership category. **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:

- Be a minimum of fifteen year of age as at the date of competition and be a currently proficient Bronze Medallion holder.
- Hold the IRB crewpersons certificate and be currently proficient as required by SLSA.
- 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.

Safety & Technical Infringements

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

- 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.
- 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.
- If a competitor receives more than once safety infringement in any one competition, they shall be disqualified from the entire competition.

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 bringing appropriate wet suits, warm clothing, hot drinks or soup etc and layering up appropriately. ***It is the responsibility of both competitors and Team Managers to ensure their own and teams safety in the predicted cold temps***

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.

Refueling

All refueling must be conducted in the approved area outside Cape Hawke 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**.

Inshore Search and Rescue

The inshore search and rescue team from Round 1 will **be in place for the 2025 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 at 10:20am on Friday 27 June. **On Saturday and Sunday** SMAR swimmers **must sign on at the Admin Tent on the beach by 7:20am**, there will be no formal briefing, instructions will remain as per the briefing conducted on Friday.

First Aid Support

Australian Event Safety Services (AESS) will be providing First Aid during the event and will be operational from 10:00am Friday and 7am Saturday/Sunday. Please refer to the event map for the precise location of the First Aid Tent.

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 Pacific Palms SLSC. As per usual, the Competition Safety Committee will communicate any changes or update via Club Team Managers.

SLSNSW will also notify via Stack Team App 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

Security will be in place on the beach on Friday and Saturday night. Tents may be left in place overnight but will need to be dropped.

Clubs must take all gear and equipment with them after competition on Sunday afternoon. SLSNSW and Cape Hawke 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.

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](#) outlines the behavior 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 [Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition](#).

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.

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.

Event #	Events	Qualifiers
1-10	Open Male Rescue (10 x Heats) (83) (7x8,3x9)	4 from each to Round 2 (40)
11-15	Open Female Mass (5 x Heats) (41) (4x8,1x9)	4 from each to Quarters (20)
16-23	Open Male Mass (8 x Heats) (68) (4x8,4x9)	4 from each to Quarters (32)
24-28	Open Male Teams (5 x Heats) (39) (4x8,1x7)	4 from each to Quarters (20)
29-33	Open Female Rescue (5 x Heats) (44) (1x8,4x9)	4 from each to Quarters (20)
34-38	Open Male Rescue (5 x Heats) (40) (5x8)	4 from each to Quarters (20)
39-41	Open Female Tube (3 x Quarters) (24) (3x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
42-44	Open Male Tube (3 x Quarters) (25) (2x8,1x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
45-47	45+ Open Mass (3 x Quarters) (24) (3x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
48-50	U23 Female Mass (3 x Quarters) (24) (3x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
51-54	U23 Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (35) (3x9,1x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
55-57	Rookie Mass (3 x Quarters) (19) (1x7,2x6)	4 from each to Semi (12)
58-60	Open Female Mass (3 x Quarters) (20) (1x6,2x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
61-64	Open Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (32) (4x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
65-67	Open Female Teams (3 x Quarters) (22) (2x7,1x8)	4 From each to Semi (12)
68-70	Open Male Teams (3 x Quarters) (20) (1x6,2x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
71-73	45+ Open Rescue (3 x Quarters) (25) (2x8,1x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
74-76	U23 Female Rescue (3 x Quarters) (25) (2x8,1x9)	4 from each to Semi (12)
77-80	U23 Male Rescue (4 x Quarters) (35) (3x9,1x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
81-83	Rookie Rescue (3 x Quarters) (21) (3x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
84-86	Open Female Rescue (3 x Quarters) (20) (1x6,2x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
87-89	Open Male Rescue (3 x Quarters) (20) (1x6,2x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
90-91	45+ Open Tube (2 x Semi) (15) (1x7,1x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
92-93	35+ Male Tube (2 x Semi) (14) (2x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
94-95	U23 Female Tube (2x Semi) (17) (1x8,1x9)	4 from each to Final (8)
96-97	U23 Male Tube (2 x Semi) (18) (2x9)	4 from each to Final (8)
98-99	Open Female Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
100-101	Open Male Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
102-103	45+ Open Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
104-105	35+ Male Mass (2 x Semi) (17) (1x9,1x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
106-107	U23 Female Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
108-109	U23 Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
110-111	Rookie Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
112-113	Open Female Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
114-115	Open Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
116-117	U23 Male Teams (2x Semi) (15) (1x7,1x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
118-119	Open Female Teams (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
120-121	Open Male Teams (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)

122-123	45+ Open Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
124-125	35+ Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (17) (1x9,1x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
126-127	U23 Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
128-129	U23 Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
130-131	Rookie Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
132-133	Open Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
134-135	Open Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
136-137	Open IRB Relay (2 x Semi) (14) (2x7)	4 From each to Final (8)
138	45+ Open Tube Final (8)	
139	35+ Female Tube Final (8)	
140	35+ Male Tube Final (8)	
141	U23 Female Tube Final (8)	
142	U23 Male Tube Final (8)	
143	Open Female Tube Final (8)	
144	Open Male Tube Final (8)	
145	45+ Open Mass Final (8)	
146	35+ Female Mass Final (9)	
147	35+ Male Mass Final (8)	
148	U23 Female Mass Final (8)	
149	U23 Male Mass Final (8)	
150	Rookie Mass Final (8)	
151	Open Female Mass Final (8)	
152	Open Male Mass Final (8)	
153	45+ Open Teams Final (10)	
154	35+ Female Teams Final (3)	
155	35+ Male Teams Final (10)	
156	U23 Female Teams Final (9)	
157	U23 Male Teams Final (8)	
158	Open Female Teams Final (8)	
159	Open Male Teams Final (8)	
160	45+ Open Rescue Final (8)	
161	35+ Female Rescue Final (9)	
162	35+ Male Rescue Final (8)	
163	U23 Female Rescue Final (8)	
164	U23 Male Rescue Final (8)	
165	Rookie Rescue Final (8)	
166	Open Female Rescue Final (8)	
167	Open Male Rescue Final (8)	
168	IRB Relay Final (8)	



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

Competition will commence on Friday 27 June 2025.

The 2025 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 schedule is from 11:00am to 4:00pm on Friday and 7:45am to 4:00pm 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:

- 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.

2025 SHARKSKIN NSW
IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMPETITORS' AFTER PARTY

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SUNDAY 29 JUNE
6.30 PM - 11.00 PM
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