

Memorandum

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To	Club Presidents, Club Directors of Surf Sports, Club Powercraft Officers
From	Vicki Cuthbert – Sports Officer
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Subject	2026 NSW State Championships – Powercraft Requirements – V2

This Memo outlines information regarding the volunteer Powercraft Roster for the 2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships.

POWERCRAFT

Clubs required to provide both IRB equipment and crews have been identified based on the average number of entries from this year’s State Championship entries – **See Appendix.**

Clubs are reminded that as per the SLSNSW Regulations only volunteer members are permitted to operate powercraft at the championships. Individuals must not be in receipt of payment for any powercraft services (excluding any individuals employed directly by SLSNSW Services). Members and clubs may be subject to disciplinary action if they are in breach of this provision in addition to being uninsured and uncovered under any workers compensation normally made available to members as volunteers under the NSW Workers Compensation Act. Clubs may however undertake shifts for other clubs for a fee where the payment is made to the club and no payment is made to individual drivers and/or crew. Clubs undertaking such arrangements must advise SLSNSW in writing of these arrangements via surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au

Clubs who are unable to fulfill their IRB roster requirements can engage the services of SLSNSW Services to undertake these shifts. The fee per shift is \$725 (incl. GST) and must be advised by no later than **Friday 13th February 2026**. All requests are to be supported by a member of the Club Executive and submitted via [Microsoft Forms](#). Requests submitted via email will not be accepted.

If shift coverage is requested and arranged and then club members turn up to fill the shift on the day, the fee will still stand.

Where appropriate, Clubs are welcome to and are required to notify SLSNSW via statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au if they have organized a shift swap with another rostered Club.

If clubs do not provide required Powercraft Personnel according to the published roster, SLSNSW will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required Powercraft Personnel are present.

If a club fails to attend their rostered shift and SLSNSW are able to fill this shift using SLSNSW Services, an \$850 no show fee will be charged regardless of whether 0 or 1 member of that crew present for the shift.

A preliminary roster is attached, outlining the allocated shifts and timeslots in which Clubs are required to fulfill. Drivers and crew (Clubs) must provide their own SLS approved PFD's, helmets (option for IRBs and mandatory RWCs) and suitable wetsuits/rash shirts to ensure comfort from both sun, wind, and cold conditions. The powercraft compound **will not** be in a position to provide this equipment.

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements.

- ✓ **IRB Driver:** Be a current financial SLS member and be a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver.
- ✓ **IRB Crewperson:** Be a current financial SLS member, be a proficient IRB Crew Certificate.
- ✓ **Both IRB Driver and Crewperson:** Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and competent to deal in all surf conditions.

Powercraft crews are reminded that any filming or photography from Powercraft is prohibited within the competition arena unless approved by the SLSNSW media team.

PFD's

All PFD's must be SLS compliant.

Recent changes to the SLS branding guidelines include:

- Standardisation of roundel and Surf Rescue brand sizing and font.
- Additional provision to allow club names on the back of lifejackets.
- Additional provision to allow first names to be printed on the front of lifejackets.

All life jackets must adhere to the updated guidelines. Any personalised life jackets with either club or member names that do not meet these guidelines can no longer be used.

JUDGE IN BOAT

All members should ensure they are aware of the current role and responsibility of Judge in Boat. Please refer to section [13.22.5](#) of the Surf Sports Manual 38th Edition – October 2025.

SUMMARY

SLSNSW acknowledges and thanks the hard work of members while at the State Championships. This event cannot be delivered safely and efficiently without contribution from Clubs.

All volunteer hours for Powercraft and Water Safety can contribute to an individual's total Club water safety hours. Members will be required to confirm their hours directly with clubs should they wish to have them included.

Should members become injured during their involvement in the Championships as either a competitor, official or water safety/powercraft personnel, Members are only able to make a claim through iCare (Work Cover) if the following applies:

1. The member is a current SLNSW financial member.
2. While undertaking a genuine, authorised activity as a surf lifesaver and the member was not receiving remuneration or reward. The member must be performing the activity voluntarily and without obligation.

Should any club have any questions please contact Surf Sports at statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au or 9471 8000.

Appendix 1 - Clubs Required to Bring IRB Equipment

Clubs Required to bring IRBs
Avoca Beach
Coogee (NSW)
Cooks Hill
Elouera
Manly
North Bondi
Queenscliff
Redhead
South Maroubra
Swansea Belmont x2
Terrigal
The Lakes
Wanda

**Subject to Change*

Note:

1. Clubs will be required to bring an IRB, Motor and Fuel Cell. **Please ensure all items are marked with the Club name.**
2. IRB engines must be either Mercury or Tohatsu to ensure inter-operability across the IRB fleet during the championships.
3. It is requested all engines are a **maximum of four (4) years of age** and recently serviced to ensure driver and crew safety.
4. **All IRB's must be fully inflated and functional ready for scrutineering at the time of drop-off.**
5. The IRB compound is located on the grassed area on the northern side of Swansea Belmont SLSC with access via the SLSC car park.
6. Please drop off your IRB at the compound between 12pm – 4pm on Wednesday 18 February 2026.
7. **Clubs must print and bring pages 4-7 of this document pre-filled with Club details.**

2025 State Championships Hull Check List

Club Name: _____

Date: _____

Club Contact: _____

Contact Details: _____

(Name of Person Responsible for Equipment)

(Mobile Number)

IRB Hull Details

Hull Make & Model: _____

Registration Number: **SR** _____

(Class 3 IRB's Not Accepted)

HULL AND FUEL CELL MUST BE PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION THAT WILL NOT WASH OFF.

HULLS FOUND TO HAVE UNDERLYING DEFECT AFTER INSPECTION MAY HAVE INSPECTION FAILED.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR ITEMS NOT PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION

ALL EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE PASSED RECENT GEAR INSPECTION AND ENTERED IN SURFGUARD GEAR AND EQUIPMENTM LIST.

Please circle the following:

Permanently Marked Club Identification	Yes	No	
Hull Appearance:	Clean	Dirty	
Safety Equipment removed:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Crewmen's' bow rope:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Crew and Driver handlers:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Lifeline ropes and eyelets:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Foot Straps:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Floor Board/ RIB Hull Condition:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
4 x Side Lift Handles:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Front Lift Handle:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Pontoons & Keel holding pressure	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Engine Safety Cable on Hull:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Visible Hull Wear:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Pre-Use Hull Inspection:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Re - Inspection Date: _____	Pass	Fail	Reason _____

DROP OFF - IRB HULL INSPECTION PASSED BY:

DATE:

PICK UP - IRB HULL INSPECTION ACCEPTED BY CLUB

YES / NO

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mobile: _____

Comments: _____

IRB HULL INSPECTION SHEET

IRB HULL AND FUEL CELL MUST BE PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION THAT WILL NOT WASH OFF. NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR ITEMS NOT PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB ID. HULLS FOUND TO HAVE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS AFTER INITIAL INSPECTION MAY HAVE INSPECTION FAILED.

IRB HULL PERMANENTLY MARKED: YES / NO,

MARK ANY EXISTING WEAR / DAMAGE: OK / FAIR / FAIL



2025 State Championships Engine and Fuel Cell Check List

Club Name: _____

Date: _____

Club Contact: _____

Contact Details: _____

(Name of Person Responsible for Equipment)

(Mobile Number)

IRB Engine Details

Engine Make & Model: Tohatsu M25 / Mercury ME25 circle

Manufacturer Engine Serial Number: _____

(Yamaha 25XMHS NOT ACCEPTED, Product has ceased)

ENGINE, ENGINE COWL & FUEL CELL MUST BE PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION.

ENGINE or CELL FOUND TO HAVE UNDERLYING DEFECT AFTER INSPECTION MAY HAVE INSPECTION FAILED.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR ITEMS NOT PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION.

ALL EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE PASSED RECENT GEAR INSPECTION AND ENTERED IN SURFGUARD GEAR AND EQUIPMENTTM LIST.

Please circle the following:

Permanently Marked Club Identification	Yes	No	
Engine Appearance:	Clean	Dirty	Reason _____
Engine Safety Cable on Engine:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Spark Plugs and Leads:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Choke Operation:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Throttle Operation:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Recoil Cord and Operation:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Engine Cowl Fitting Properly:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Prop Guard and 4 Blade Prop:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Fuel Cell, Hose, Fittings & Club I.D.:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Engine Start and Run in Tank:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Visible Engine Wear:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Pre-Use Engine Inspection:	Pass	Fail	Reason _____
Re – Inspection Date: _____	Pass	Fail	Reason _____

DROP OFF – ENGINE & CELL INSPECTION PASSED BY: _____ Date: _____

PICK UP

IRB Engine & Cell Inspection Accepted By Club

YES / NO

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mobile: _____

Comments: _____

IRB Motor Inspection

ENGINE, ENGINE COWL AND FUEL CELL MUST BE PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION THAT WILL NOT WASH OFF. NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR ITEMS NOT PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION.

ENGINE OR FUEL CELL FOUND TO HAVE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS AFTER INITIAL INSPECTION MAY HAVE INSPECTION FAILED.

MARK ANY EXISTING WEAR / DAMAGE OK / FAIR / FAIL

CLUB ID. ON COWL _____ *

YES / NO

CLUB ID. ON ENGINE _____ *

YES / NO

CLUB ID. ON FUEL CELL

YES / NO



AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS IRB ROSTER – please arrive 30mins before shift at Powercraft Compound

Thursday 19 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cronulla - SLS Services	Bronte - SLS Services	Wanda	North Bondi	Manly
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Coogee	South Maroubra	Umina	Wamberal	Shelly Beach
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cronulla - SLS Services	Bronte - SLS Services	Wanda	North Bondi	Manly
Friday 20 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Coogee	South Maroubra	North Curl Curl	Avoca Beach	Freshwater
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Warilla Barrack Point	Bulli	North Avoca	Queenscliff	<u>Copacabana</u>
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Coogee	South Maroubra	North Curl Curl	Avoca Beach	Freshwater
Saturday 21 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Elouera	Terrigal	Wanda	North Bondi	Manly
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cudgen Headland	Avoca Beach	North Avoca	Queenscliff	Redhead
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Elouera	Terrigal	Wanda	North Bondi	<i>Collaroy</i>
Sunday 22 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)			Redhead	Stockton	
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)			Cooks Hill	The Lakes	
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)					

MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS IRB ROSTER – please arrive 30mins before shift at Powercraft Compound

Wednesday 25 February 2026				
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Bondi - SLS Services	North Bondi	Coogee	Queenscliff
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Bondi - SLS Services	Port Macquarie	Manly	Wamberal
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Bondi - SLS Services	North Bondi	Coogee	Queenscliff
Thursday 26 February 2026				
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Redhead	Shelly Beach	Manly	The Lakes
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Avoca Beach	North Bondi	Freshwater	Newport
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Redhead	Shelly Beach	Manly	The Lakes

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IRB ROSTER - please arrive 30mins before shift at Powercraft Compound

Friday 27 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Manly - SLS Services	Cronulla - SLS Services	Wanda	Avoca Beach	Wollongong City
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Terrigal	Newport	Redhead	South Maroubra	North Bondi
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Manly - SLS Services	Cronulla - SLS Services	Wanda	Avoca Beach	Wollongong City
Saturday 28 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Manly - SLS Services	Warilla Barrack Point	Cudgen Headland	Wanda	
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Bondi	Newport	Redhead	Coogee	
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Manly - SLS Services	Warilla Barrack Point	Cudgen Headland	South Maroubra	
Sunday 1 March 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Bondi	Newport	Wanda		
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Terrigal	Cooks Hill	Redhead		
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)					

SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS IRB ROSTER - please arrive 30mins before shift at Powercraft Compound

Friday 27 February 2026			
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Cronulla	Palm Beach - SLS Services	
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	South Curl Curl	Collaroy	
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Cronulla	Palm Beach - SLS Services	
Saturday 28 February 2026			
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	South Curl Curl	Palm Beach - SLS Services	Wanda
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Queenscliff	Elouera	Coogee
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	South Curl Curl	Palm Beach - SLS Services	Wanda
Sunday 1 March 2026			
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Cronulla	Elouera	
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Queenscliff	Avoca Beach	
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Cronulla	Elouera	