



Memorandum

To:	IRB Team Managers, Officials, Coaches & Competitors
From:	Surf Sports
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Subject:	2026 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership & Championships – Event Update

On 1 April 2026, the Chair of the IRB Competition Committee convened a meeting with the four Athlete Representatives, Referees, and other key stakeholders to discuss options for the IRB Premiership and State Championships considering the current fuel challenges affecting Australians.

Discussions focused on several key considerations, including:

- Retention of members who have trained for several months
- The increased cost of travel to venues due to elevated fuel prices
- Availability of fuel at, or near, competition locations
- The ability to cancel pre-booked accommodation and obtain refunds
- The association of Ampol as an SLSA sponsor and the broader optics of fuel usage for non-rescue activities

The following outcomes have been determined, noting that all arrangements remain **subject to ongoing review** depending on Government directives and fuel availability:

1. Round 3 has been rescheduled to **Saturday 30 May and Sunday 31 May 2026**.
2. The venue for Round 3 is **yet to be confirmed** but is likely to be within one of the following Branches: Hunter, Central Coast, or Sydney Northern Beaches.
3. All other rounds remain **confirmed at this time** and will proceed as scheduled:
 - Round 1 – Warilla
 - Round 2 – Terrigal
 - Round 4 – Swansea Belmont



- State Championships – Fingal Bay

This stakeholder group will reconvene in three weeks, or earlier if required, to reassess the situation.

SLSNSW remains committed to delivering the full IRB Premiership series and State Championships. However, it must be acknowledged that any further **deterioration in fuel availability, or Government intervention**, may require changes. Should this occur, all participants will be advised at the earliest opportunity.

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