



Memorandum

To:	IRB Team Managers, Officials, Coaches & Competitors
From:	Surf Sports
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Subject:	2026 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership – Round 3 Update

On 20 April 2026, a further meeting of the select committee was convened, comprising three Athlete Representatives (with the fourth providing written input), Referees, and other key stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting was to consider options for the delivery of Round 3 of the IRB Premiership.

At the initial meeting, potential locations within the Hunter, Central Coast, and Sydney Northern Beaches Branches were discussed. Given that other rounds are already scheduled within the Hunter and Central Coast regions, members of the committee were tasked with identifying suitable venues, including contingency options, within the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch.

It is pleasing to report that several clubs expressed interest in hosting the event. However, due to a range of constraints, a number of these venues were ultimately deemed unsuitable or unavailable.

Following further assessment, the subgroup recommended Queenscliff SLSC as the preferred venue, with Freshwater SLSC identified as the backup location after consideration of alternative options.

Queenscliff SLSC demonstrated strong commitment to hosting the event, including rescheduling their presentation evening to accommodate Round 3.

EVENT LOGISTICS

Accommodation

The following clubs have offered clubhouse accommodation:

- Newport SLSC – Contact: Guyren Smith (gs@kbguyren.com.au)
- Queenscliff SLSC – Contact: Jayson (jayson@thepartystarters.com.au)
- North Steyne SLSC – Contact: Chris Gibbs Stewart (president@northsteyneslsc.com.au)



Additional accommodation is available at:

- The Big 4 Lakeside Holiday Park, North Narrabeen <https://sydneylakesideholidaypark.com.au/>

Parking

- Hinkler Park will be available for officials, competitors, and spectators.

Trailer Parking

- Grass area to the south of the Queenscliff IRB shed.

SELECT COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

Following discussion, the select committee formally endorsed the subgroup's recommendation – **Round 3 will be held on Saturday 30 – Sunday 31 May at Queenscliff SLSC**. This decision aligns with the Competition Committee's commitment to ensuring that all rounds of the Premiership proceed as scheduled. The committee is satisfied that the key concerns raised have been appropriately addressed to support a successful event.

OFFICIALS

With the change of date and venue, additional opportunities may now exist for officials to participate. **All Officials are required to re-submit their nominations via the new [Nomination Form](#)**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Competition Committee extends its appreciation to the select committee members and the subgroup for their work in reaching this outcome. While it is acknowledged that the decision may not satisfy all stakeholders, the alternative of not conducting Round 3 was not considered acceptable.

Special recognition is also given to the four Athlete Representatives, who once again demonstrated their value through strong advocacy and a solution-focused approach in representing the competitor cohort.

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