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2027 NSW Sharkskin IRB Premiership Series Expression of Interest (EOI) to Host

Attention: Club Presidents and Secretaries, IRB Competition Team Managers

Actioned by: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Club Carnival Organisers

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We are Looking for Clubs to host a Round

Surf Life Saving NSW is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from clubs interested in hosting Round 2 or Round 3 of the 2027 NSW Sharkskin IRB Premiership Series. The series attracts approximately 350–450 competitors, more than 60 officials and hundreds of supporters at each round.

The five competition disciplines include;

IRB Rescue

IRB Tube Rescue

IRB Mass Rescue

IRB Relay

IRB Teams Rescue

The final competition divisions and event format to be confirmed.

Note: Clubs **do not need to have an active IRB competition team** to be eligible to host a round of the NSW Sharkskin IRB Premiership Series. SLSNSW encourages all clubs with suitable beaches and facilities to submit a EOI submission.

Two Rounds are available

Round 2: Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 May 2027

Round 3: Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 May 2027

Why Host an IRB Premiership Round?

Benefits for your club

- Showcase your club to the wider Surf Life Saving community.
- Create fundraising opportunities through BBQs, canteen and refreshments.
- Engage members during the off-season.
- Strengthen relationships with local councils and sponsors.

Support from SLSNSW

- Hosting fee and officials catering fee.
- Event delivery support from SLSNSW.
- A shared workforce model across competing clubs for 2027.

What's NEW for 2027

For the 2027 NSW Sharkskin IRB Premiership Series, a new Workforce Model will be introduced to support the delivery of each round. Under this model, every competing club will be required to provide one to two volunteers per round to assist with event set-up and pack-down, competition area operations, and equipment handling throughout the event.

This collaborative approach reduces the reliance on the host club, distributes the workload more evenly across participating clubs, and fosters a shared sense of ownership and responsibility for the successful delivery of the Premiership Series.

Clubs without an IRB Racing Team are eligible to host a round of the series and are encouraged to submit an EOI submission.

At EOI stage, we are looking for a good fit - Not a completed Event Plan

You do not need to have every technical requirement confirmed before submitting an EOI. Tell us about your club, the venue you are proposing and why you would like to host. Detailed EOI Support Pack with specific operational requirements will be sent through to interested clubs.

What should your venue have?

- A suitable beach and competition area (approximately 300m long) with suitable water access.
- Pedestrian and vehicle access to the beach.
- Basic event facilities including first aid, toilets and IRB wash-down access.
- Suitable parking, storage and space for competition operations.
- A potential contingency location nearby if conditions prevent competition at the main venue.

Not sure whether your venue meets every requirement? Submit an EOI anyway and we can work through the details with you.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR EOI

- Choose Round 2, Round 3 or either round.
- Tell us about your proposed venue, facilities and local support.
- Submit the EOI by **Friday 28 August 2026**.
- SLSNSW will work with interested clubs with specific details on venue and operational requirements.

EOI Information Request

Question	Your response
Club name / Venue Location	
Primary contact / email / phone	
Round preference	☐ Round 2 ☐ Round 3 ☐ Either
Does the venue broadly meet the requirements?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
Potential contingency venue?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
Why would your club like to host?	

EOI closing date

Friday 28 August 2026

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