

CIRCULAR



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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2024 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships attracts competitors from all over the state, providing an opportunity to unite showcasing one of Queensland’s most iconic volunteer movements, Surf Life Saving.

A high-octane event, inflatable rescue boat (IRB) racing has a large following in Queensland as competitors fight it out for surf rescue supremacy.

Aside from the thrills of the competition the event is a real reinforcement of lifesaving skills. The races are all about simulating rescue situations and testing the abilities of drivers and crew people as they’re transferred to a competitive setting.

This year’s event will be held at Mooloolaba SLSC from 5th to 7th July 2024.

This document outlines some the final information relating to the event. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins, memos or circulars which may supersede information provided in the circular.

2. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee (CC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The CC may, in accordance with the rules contained in the current edition of the *Surf Sports Manual*, any subsequent amending bulletins and this circular, postpone, cancel and or alter any or all events at the Championships, and/or alter the venue of the competition.

The CC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on competition conditions and safety issues when required. The CC shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the event e.g. Disciplinary Committee & Coach/Athlete Panel.

POSITION	NAME
SLSQ Sport Advisor	Nigel Ward
Event Referee	Tony Carle
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	John Hamrey
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett
Venue Representative	Catherine Harding

3. SAFETY & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

A Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC) shall be appointed which must consider and advise the Referee and Competition Committee on all matters relating to competition and non-competition safety and emergency management. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Competition Committee. The composition of the SEC will be determined by SLSQ.

POSITION	NAME
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	John Hamrey
Deputy Referee	Michael Cook
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	1300 Medics
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett

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4. DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULAR

It is most important that the information in this Circular is brought to the attention of all Accredited Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors.

Non-receipt of the Circular will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or individual does not comply with the requirements outlines in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.

5. ENTRIES

Entries are now closed for 2024 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships.

Clubs will have until midnight Tuesday 2nd July to add any addition entries online which will incur a late entry fee. Under no circumstances will late or additional entries for individuals or teams be accepted for this carnival after this time.

NB: Please ensure that members entered as **Handlers are not competitors; handlers are those members that may assist during the carnival that are not actually competing. Any members entered as a Driver, Crew or Patients are able to assist as a handler without being entered as a handler.**

Team Changes:

All team changes are to be completed on the LiveHeats Team Managers Portal. Changes can be made up until the status of the race is set to LIVE.

Entry Conditions:

The conditions of entry to this event require all competitors to have met the entry requirements as detailed in the Entry Circular 074.06.2024 as well as the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual - Section 3 and any subsequent Bulletins.

NB: All clubs please remember to submit your safety hazard training logs to the SLSQ Sport Development Coordinator – Daniel Homer at dhomer@lifesaving.com.au every month. If you do not submit your training logs you will not be allowed to compete. Interstate clubs wishing to compete in Queensland IRB Carnivals must comply with Queensland standards and provide their training logs to SLSQ the week prior to the competition or entries will not be permitted.

6. COMPETITOR LISTING

The competitor listing for the 2024 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships is attached. Please ensure your Team Manager checks through the entries carefully to ensure they are all correct. **Please remove any incomplete teams.**

Clubs have until Tuesday 4th July to make any existing changes to entries.

7. EVENT ADMINISTRATION

Event Administration will be located on the beach.

8. TEAM MANAGERS

If you have a new Team Manager who was not registered for the 2024 QLD 'Ocean Roar' IRB Series, please advise kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au by Wednesday 3rd July 2024 to ensure you are linked to your teams on the Team Managers Portal.

Team Changes:

It is the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that changes to the Club's competing teams have been completed on LiveHeats and also that all competitors are correctly qualify for their nominated positions. Failure to do so will cause disqualification of their teams and possible disciplinary action. Name checks will be carried out throughout the event.

9. PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The Program of Events will be sent out on Wednesday after late entries close on Tuesday night. Please be aware that this program is subject to change.

10. MEETING & BRIEFING TIMES

Friday 5th July

Carnival Committee – 11:30am
Scrutineering Officials – 11:45pm
Scrutineering – 12:00pm – 4.00pm
IRB Duty Crews - 12.30pm
Team Managers – 4:30pm

Sat 6th & Sun 7th July

IRB Crew Duties – 6:00am
Officials Breakfast – 7:00am
Officials Briefing- 7.00am
Team Managers Meeting - 7.30am
Competition Commences - 8.00am

11. ATHLETE/COACH ADVISORY PANEL

The Carnival Committee (CC) will be appointing an Athlete/Coach Advisory Panel for this event. The Panel will be made up of a mix of athletes and coaches and will be a resource for the Carnival Referee and Sectional Referees. This Panel will also be able to take any issues to the Carnival Committee during the running of the event if necessary.

12. RESULTS

Results can be seen on LiveHeats as they finish. Results will also be emailed to all clubs and Team Managers post the event.

13. TROPHIES & POINTSCORES

SLSQ Championship medals will be awarded to team members gaining 1st (Gold), 2nd (Silver) or 3rd (Bronze) in all Championship events contested.

The point score awarded to each Champion Club, within each event's age category, will be 6 points for 1st place, down to 1 point for 6th place. If, when the event has concluded, there is a tied pointscore, the club with the most first places will be declared the winner. Failing this, the club with the most 2nd placings to 6th placings respectively will be considered to determine a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

Trophies will be awarded (1st, 2nd & 3rd) for the U23, Open and Masters (inc 35+ & 45+) divisions.

Overall Pointscore: To calculate this pointscore we will allocating 12 – 11 – 10 – 9 etc for the clubs that place in the different age categories (U23, Open & Masters). For example, a club that wins the U23 pointscore and comes 2nd in the Open and Masters will gain 34 points.

14. GEAR TRAILER/VEHICLE PARKING

All club, competitors and officials are to read and obey the parking signs set up by the Sunshine Coast Council and the Carnival Committee and any vehicles that are illegally parked that results in an infringement notice will be the responsibility of the vehicles owner, SLSQ will take no responsibility.

Gear trailers will be towed onto the beach from the front of Mooloolaba SLSC. Please unhook your trailers here and a host club/SLSQ vehicle will tow your gear onto the beach. No vehicles are to be parked on the grass or beach.

15. PATIENT BOAT ROSTER

Below is the patient boat roster for the event. A reminder that all patient boats must be in good condition. If boats are unsatisfactory they will be removed and the club asked to supply another before they are permitted to compete.

Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships	
Saturday	
Clubs to supply IRBs	
Mooloolaba SLSC (Duty Boat)	Mooloolaba SLSC (Duty Boat)
Alexandra Headland SLSC	Coolum Beach SLSC
Kawana SLSC	Mudjimba SLSC
Patient Boat Driver Roster	
Morning (6.30am to 11.30am)	Afternoon (11.30am to 4.30pm)
Broadbeach SLSC	Broadbeach SLSC
Southport SLSC	Tallebudgera SLSC
Kirra SLSC	Miami Beach SLSC
Kurrawa SLSC	Kurrawa SLSC

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Kawana SLSC	Mudjimba SLSC

Patient Boat Driver Roster	
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	Kirra SLSC
	Alexandra Headland SLSC
	Point Lookout SLSC
	Miami Beach SLSC

16. DRESS OF COMPETITORS

Drivers and Crew must wear competition caps for all events for these championships. “Peeked” caps may be worn but only under the club competition cap.

Drivers, Crew and Patients must wear Lifejackets during all events as per SLSA Bulletin 12/14-15 as well as per the updated Surf Sport Manual Section 3 covering the Lifesaving events of which IRB’s are included (must be in good condition and maintaining its hi vis colour). Patients under SLSA Bulletin 5/12-13 as well as the updated Sport Manual are required to wear an approved helmet for all events (other than the Rescue Tube Race).

Drivers will be supplied with a lane coloured belt to assist with judging. As this carnival will promote Surf Life Saving Queensland’s image to the general public it is of the utmost importance that the standard of dress for both officials and competitors is maintained at the highest possible level.

17. MEDIA & PHOTOGRAPHY

Drones:

For the safety of competitors, officials and spectators SLSQ prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at this event by members and/or public unless approved by SLSQ, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operation manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements. SLSQ may utilise the use of our own drones to conduct aerial surveillance and monitor hazards.

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the event used for promotional material by SLSQ.

Photographers within the carnival area must have a visible photographer’s pass as well as their BlueCard.

18. SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering will be held on Friday 5th July from 12.00pm – 4.00pm. **Please ensure all officials and members within this area are wearing enclosed footwear at all times.** For engines the Air boxes are to be removed, whilst for IRB’s the floorboards are to be left in and all clubs will need to show a current registration for all boats. Any club that has a question about this please email the Sport team at SLSQ. For all details regarding Scrutineering forms and procedures please refer to the documents that were attached in a previous email.

Random scrutineering will take place Saturday afternoon/evening. All teams MUST have tools and personnel that have the knowledge to remove and replace engine components at the request of the referee. An independent technical scrutineer will also be present.

Please Note: All clubs competing in the Assembly teams that the fuel bags that are used in the assembly teams' event must have unmodified manufacturers flaps over the fuel clip eyelet

19. HEALTH & WELLBEING

The welfare of all competitors and officials is of paramount importance and athletes or their Parent/guardian in the case of underage competitors should seek advice prior to the competition from a qualified professional for any health concerns if required.

Any competitor or official who suffers illness or injury prior to or at the event must seek a medical clearance before resuming their normal activities which includes training and competition.

In addition, SLSQ may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate in the competition. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of the athlete concerned and fellow competitors while also ensuring all parties and SLSQ are not placed at risk.

SLSQ will be supplying adequate shade tents at all marshalling areas for officials and competitors throughout the event. It is highly recommended that all athletes ensure they carry with them adequate apparel to assist with reduction of sunburn/cold exposure, along with recommended use of sunscreen throughout the day.

Water barrels will be available under the marshalling tents for officials, team managers and competitor use. These barrels are in place for all persons to use and fill up their own water bottles. Please note, no drinking cups will be supplied.

20. ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING

Through affiliation with SLSA, SLSQ supports the Australian Government, Sport Australia, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sport Integrity Australia in their efforts to eradicate match-fixing and the use of drugs in sport.

It is strongly recommended that all coaches and Team Managers complete the Sport Integrity Australia Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course (formerly Level 1) as well as the Sport Integrity Australia Introduction to Match Fixing Course. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport.

These courses can be accessed at: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>

21. BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT

Any misconduct while at the event will not be tolerated. This includes the days leading into the competition and any official social activities following the conclusion of the event. Offending members risk disciplinary action against both themselves and their Clubs.

Please refer to the current Surf Sports Manual sections *2.27 SLSA Code of Behaviour* and *2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour* and the Policy *6.5 Member Protection Policy* (available online at the Members Portal).

22. PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Liaison Officer in each Area in accordance with procedures set down in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based.

Protest Forms are available from the Liaison Officer. An 'Appeals Fee' of \$110 must accompany all documentation when the process is officially submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the Sport Team at:

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