

CIRCULAR



Title:	2024 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships – Official Appointments
Document ID:	090.07.2024
Department:	Sport
Audience:	All SLSQ Clubs, All SLSQ Branches, Team Managers, Officials & QLD Sport Committee
Summary:	Official Appointments for 2024 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships
Date:	1 st July 2024

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 – 7th July 2024.

This document outlines some key information relating to the event. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins or circulars which may supersede the information provided in this 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
State IRB Competition Advisor	Scott Stephenson
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 Referees	Michael Cook
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	1300 Medics
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	INTRODUCTION.....	1
2.	COMPETITION COMMITTEE.....	1
3.	SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.....	1
4.	DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULAR.....	3
5.	DRAFT TIMETABLE.....	3
6.	OFFICIALS DRESS.....	3
7.	OFFICIALS ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK.....	3
8.	ATHLETE/COACH ADVISORY PANEL.....	4
9.	PARKING.....	4
10.	HEALTH & WELLBEING.....	4
11.	ANTI-DOPING & MATCH FIXING.....	4
12.	BEHAVIOUR/MISCONDUCT.....	4
13.	OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.....	5

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. DRAFT TIMETABLE

The below timetable is only a draft and is subject to chance. The Program of Events will go out with the Final Circular.

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

6. OFFICIALS DRESS

It is imperative that the appearance of competition officials/judges is of a high standard, therefore appointed officials are asked to give a high degree of attention to their quality of uniform.

It is preferred that all officials wear the generic white and blue officials’ shirt.

7. OFFICIALS ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK

The electronic logbook has been developed to remove the requirement for a paper logbook and to improve record keeping. When officiating activities have been logged and approves, re-licensing- points will be awarded. These points will accrue electronically.



8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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, 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.

11. 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/>

12. 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 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).



FURTHER INFORMATION

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

rbennett@lifesaving.com.au

Surf Life Saving Queensland

PO Box 436

West Burleigh, QLD, 4019

Phone: (07) 5566 1006

13. OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS

Position		Name		
Referee		Tony Carle		
Deputy Referee		Michael Cook		
Administration		Karen Degnian		
Marshall		Sharleen Swan	Kevin Love	
Starter		Phil Smith	Ty Greenman	
Chief Judge		Di Smith		
Chief Judge Assistant		Bronwyn Champness		
Lane Judges/ Course Judges	Lane 1	Paul Kenny		
	Lane 2	Greg Bott (Sat Only)		TBA
	Lane 3	Scott Byrnes		
	Lane 4	Neil Conaghan		
	Lane 5	Alex Walker		
	Lane 6	Peter Neilson		
	Lane 7	Rhonda Cybulski		
	Lane 8	Ross Hutton (Sat Only)		TBA
	Lane 9	Paul Clarke		
Head Course Judges		Adam Barbour	Denis Cahill	Janita Henwood
Finish Judges		Teresia Nielson		Donna Christie
		Jessica Hutson		Kerryl Johnson
Video Judge		Alison Smithies		
Judges in Boat		Treena Wright	Stephen Way	Kieran Farnworth
Course Setter		Michael Keys		
Announcer		Ross Tester		
Commentators		Jenny Parry (Sun)	Andrew Kelckhoven (Sun)	John Hamrey
Competition Liaison		Chris Smithies		
Appeals		Bev Walsh OAM	Alan Seeney	
Scrutineering		Motors: Adam Barbour, Di Smith, Denis Cahill, Ty Greenman, Ross Hutton		
		Fuel: Neil Conaghan, Phil Smith		
		Hulls: Janita Henwood, Alex Walker, Stephen Way		
		Props: Chris Smithies, Greg Bott		
First Aid		1300 Medics		