



<b>Title:</b>	2025 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships – Final Bulletin
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## INTRODUCTION

The 2025 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 members as they’re transferred to a competitive setting.

This year’s event is at Coolangatta SLSC from 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

This document outlines some key information relating to the 2025 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships. Please note that SLSQ may have subsequent bulletins which may supersede information provided in this circular.

## 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, 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	Belinda Doman

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## 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	Assist First Aid
Event Coordinator	Ryan Bennett

## DISTRIBUTION OF BULLETIN

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

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

## ENTRIES

Entries are now closed for 2025 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships.

Clubs will have until midnight Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025, 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](mailto: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.

## COMPETITOR LISTING

The competitor listing for the 2025 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.**

## EVENT ADMINISTRATION

Event Administration will be located on the beach.

## TEAM MANAGERS

If you have a new Team Manager who was not registered for the 2025 QLD 'Ocean Roar' IRB Series, please advise [kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:kdegnian@lifesaving.com.au) by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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.

## 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.

## MEETING & BRIEFING TIMES

### *Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July*

- 11.15pm - Carnival Committee
- 11.30pm Scrutineering Officials
- 12.00pm Scrutineering
- 1.00pm – IRB Duty Crews
- 4.30pm- Team Managers

### *Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July*

- 6.00am – All IRB duty crews report
- 6.30am - Carnival Committee Meeting
- 6.30am – Official Breakfast and Sign on
- 7.00am – All Officials briefing
- 7.15am- All Officials to help setup beach
- 7.30am - Team Managers Briefing
- 7.45am – Marshalling for first event
- 8.00am – First Event

## 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.

## RESULTS

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

## EVENT MEDALS, TROPHIES & POINTSCORE

SLSQ Championship medals will be awarded to team members gaining 1<sup>st</sup> (Gold), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Silver) or 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 1<sup>st</sup> place, down to 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> placings to 6<sup>th</sup> placings respectively will be considered to determine a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

Trophies will be awarded (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Open and Masters will gain 34 points.

**DEAD HEATS** – Where a dead heat (as defined in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual) occurs in the final of an event, the clubs of individuals/teams will share the placing points and medal relative to the finish placing. The club of the next individuals/teams to finish will receive the relative placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals finish equal 1<sup>st</sup>, both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each and the gold medal. The next placing individual/team shall be awarded the 4 points and the bronze medal for coming 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## GEAR TRAILER/VEHICLE PARKING

All club, competitors and officials are to read and obey the parking signs set up by the Gold Coast City 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 northern side of Coolangatta SLSC. Please unhook your trailers here and a host club/SLSQ vehicle will tow your gear onto the beach.

No vehicle other than the SLSQ vehicle is allowed on the Beach.

## PATIENT BOAT REQUIREMENTS

Please find the below tables that contain the clubs that will be required to supply IRBs. Clubs that supply IRBs are responsible for keeping them fuelled during the event. Patient Boat drivers are asked to meet with the Referee at the start of their shift so they can be given instructions.

2025 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships	
Clubs to supply IRBs (including fuel)	
SLSQ (Duty Boat)	SLSQ (Duty Boat)
Coolangatta SLSC	Coolangatta SLSC
Broadbeach SLSC	Kirra SLSC

## SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering will start at 12.00pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. For engines the air boxes and carburettors are to be removed prior to presenting at scrutineering, whilst for IRB's the floorboards are to be removed 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 procedures please refer to the following documents that can be found on the SLSA member's portal: *(Portal/Library/Sport/Manuals and Technical Rules/SLSA/IRB)*

- IRB Competition – Gear & Equipment Regulations 2025

**Clubs will be sent Scrutineering paperwork; this will need to be completed and sent to [sport@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:sport@lifesaving.com.au) prior to arriving at the event.**

**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.**

All Officials involved in Scrutineering **MUST WEAR CLOSED IN SHOES.**

### **IRB SAFETY REPORTING PROCEDURES**

In conjunction with the Surf Sports Committee, the IRB Competition Panel has created some IRB safety reporting documents for all IRB coaches to fill out for every IRB training session.

These documents include an Injury Report, Risk Assessment Form and Daily Training Log. The Daily Training Log and Risk Assessment Form must be filled out prior to every session and if necessary, the injury report must be filled out as soon as an injury occurs.

Please take note if an injury does occur, a SLSQ injury report form and a marine incident report form must be filled out as well as the IRB injury report. Copies of these documents must be sent in with the IRB incident report form.

These documents must be returned to Ryan Bennett at Surf Life Saving Queensland at the end of every month. The first due date for these is at the end of the month your club started training. The forms will be collated and filed in the event of any injuries sustained during training and/or competition.

Any queries should be directed to the Sport Development Coordinator Dan Homer on 07 5566 1012.

### **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.

## **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 however the proximity to Coolangatta Airport could have an impact on the use of Drones at the State IRB Championships.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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/>



## **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 them 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).

## **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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