



Title:	2025 Sharkskin QLD IRB Championships – Official Appointments
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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 4th July to 6th 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF BULLETIN

It is most important that the information in this Bulletin is brought to the attention of all accredited 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.

DRAFT TIMETABLE

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

Friday 4th July

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

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Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July

6.00am	IRB Crews Report
6.30am	Carnival Committee Meeting
6.30am	Officials Breakfast & Sign on
7.00am	All Officials Briefing
7.15am	All Officials to help setup beach
7.30am	Team Managers' Meeting
7.45am	Marshalling for the first event
8.00am	Competition Commences

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.

VEHICLE PARKING

All 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.

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 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, hyperthermia and dehydration along with recommended use of sunscreen throughout the day.

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).

SCRUTINEERING

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



FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS

Position		Name		
Referee		Tony Carle		
Deputy Referee		Michael Cook		
Safety Officer		John Hamrey		
Administration		Karen Degnian		
Marshall		Sharleen Swan	Kevin Love	Nigel Ward
Starter		Phil Smith		Ty Greenman
Chief Judge		Bronwyn Champness		
Chief Judge Assistant		Kerryl Jonston		
Lane Judges/ Course Judges	Lane 1	Andrew Slater		Dean Weatherhog
	Lane 2	Peter Thomas		Luke Ryan
	Lane 3	Paul Kenny		
	Lane 4	Neil Conaghan		
	Lane 5	Scott Byrnes		Phillip Hammond Sat only
	Lane 6	Robert Clements		
	Lane 7	Craig Krantz		
	Lane 8	Paul Clarke		
	Lane 9	Stephen Way		
Head Course Judges		Kane Domio	Adam Barber	Di Smith
Finish Judges		Donna Christie		Louise Eddy
		Carly Modlich		Leah Henshaw
Video Judge		Craig Vipond, Joanne L’Barrow		
Judges in Boat		Treena Wright		
Course Setter		Denis Cahill, Adam Barber		
Announcer		Ross Tester		
Commentators		Andy Kelckhoven	Jenny Parry	
Competition Liaison		Scott Stephenson		
Appeals		ALAN SEENEY	Beverley Walsh OAM	
Scrutineering Head: Adam Barber		Motors: Denis Cahill, Kane Domio, Andrew Slater		
		Fuel: Phil Smith, Neil Conaghan		
		Hulls: Tony Carle, Paul Kenny, Peter Thomas, Stephen Way		
		Props: Leah Henshaw, Michael Cook		
First Aid		Assist First Aid		