



Final Event Information Guide

Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership Round 4 22 - 23 June, Ocean Beach SLSC

The purpose of this guide is to advise and inform all IRB Premiership competitors and officials of important information for Round 4 of the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership Series.

Please also refer to the [Entry Circular available online for further information.](#)

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Sharkskin

Sharkskin is sponsoring the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB Competition Season. Check out their merchandise [here](#).

Ocean Beach SLSC and Event Parking

Round 4 of the 2024 NSW Sharkskin IRB Premiership will be hosted by Ocean Beach SLSC.

Trailer Parking

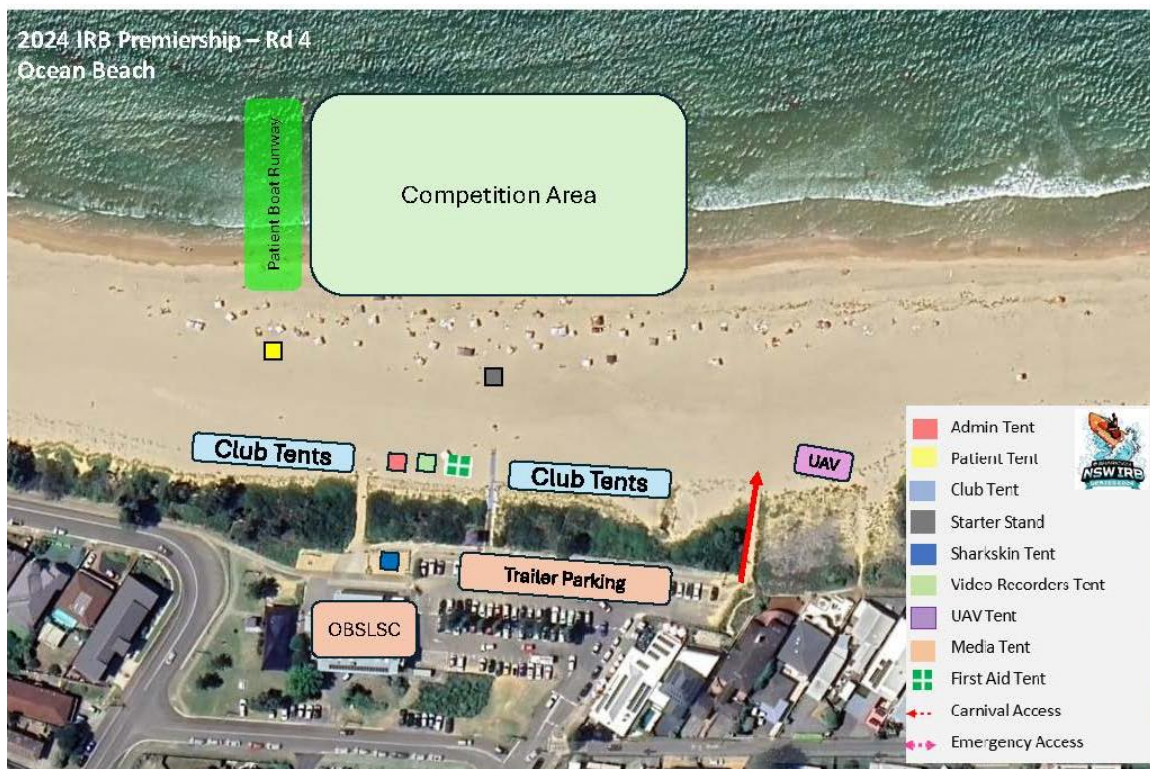
Ocean Beach workforce will be on hand to assist with transporting IRBs from the trailer parking area using SSVs. Access is via the car park next to the Surf Club.

Please be aware that this location is in a public area, without security fencing. All trailers, including gear left on trailers, are the responsibility and care of the Clubs. SLSNSW does not recommend craft being left on these trailers overnight.

Event Parking

Free parking is available in the car park surrounding Ocean Beach SLSC as well as the surrounding side streets. Please ensure you are parked legally and be mindful of the local community.

Ocean Beach Competition Area (subject to change based on conditions)



Note: The Patient Boat Runway will be marked out by two lime green flags. Clubs must stay clear of this area at all times, including warm up and when parking IRBs on the sand. Clubs are asked not to loiter behind the competition area during racing. Either side of the course will be accepted as well as driving behind.

Order of Events

The Order of Events for Round 4 of the Premiership can be found at the end of this document.

Event Schedule

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June	
06:00	Setup Beach
06:15	Safety Committee Meeting
06:15	Competition Committee Meeting
06:15	Officials Breakfast
06:30	Referees Briefing & Area/Sectional toolbox Briefing
07:00	Warm-Ups permitted in designated areas only
07:25	Team Managers Meeting
07:35	SMAR Role call & Briefing (Sunday sign on at admin by 0730)
07:45	Marshalling Commences
08:00	Competition Commences
16:00	Competition Concludes
17:00	Officials Debrief (30 mins after competition concludes)

Note: The above event schedule is subject to change.

Presentation

Presentation of individual events and overall point score for the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB Premiership will take place approximately 1 hour after the conclusion of competition on Sunday 23 June at Ocean Beach SLSC.

Team Managers Meeting

There will be no Team Managers Meeting on Friday evening. Team Managers must attend the meeting at 7:25am on Saturday morning.

Scrutineering

Random scrutineering will take place throughout competition within the competition area and some clubs may be selected to present all their equipment to the scrutineering team for a detailed technical examination at the end of the day.

Any equipment (including fuel) that has not passed scrutineering requirements shall be referred to the Head Scrutineer and Carnival Referee for adjudication (in their absolute discretion).

In the event that any IRB Gear and Equipment is found to be non-compliant, SLSNSW (or Officials on behalf thereof) has the right to investigate the circumstances and take the appropriate course of disciplinary action (as per the competition rules and surf sports manual). This may include (but not limited to), equipment being impounded and not being further used for the competition and the Club (in part or in total), being immediately suspended from competition.

Entry Conditions

SLSNSW will be checking competitor's proficiency to ensure they are complying with relevant rules that are set out in the Surf Sports Manual (SSM) and SLSA Policies.

Team Managers shall refer specifically to the following sections of the SSM:

- [3.3.2.4 Competitor Pre-Requisites \(a-e\)](#)
- [3.3.2.5 Entry Limitations \(a-g\)](#)



All entrants must meet SLSNSW award and proficiency requirements as detailed in the 2023/24 Proficiency Requirements. **It is a Clubs responsibility to check and ensure that all members comply.**

Handlers

As a reminder and as per the [Surf Sports Manual](#), handlers, as the date of competition are required to:

- I. Be a minimum of fifteen year of age as at the date of competition and be a currently proficient Bronze Medallion holder.
- II. Hold the IRB crewpersons certificate and be currently proficient as required by SLSA.
- III. Be a member of the same club or team as the crews and be entered at the competition (exemption may be given by the Referee for a member of another club or team to be a Handler provided that the Handler is entered in the competition).

Traffic Light System Introduction

This season the IRB review panel approved the trial of the traffic light system for NSW IRB Competition. The traffic light system has been introduced with the aim of improving safety and efficiency with competition. The unit will be controlled by the starter under the direction of the Referee and SEMC.

Start of day

At the start of the day, as the course is being set by the officials, the “Red Light” will be displayed, when the “Red Light” is flashing boats and crews are to stay out of the competition area, both on water and beach.

When course setup has been completed and handed to the starter the “Green Light” will be displayed. Boats and crews can then proceed to set up for their event.

During events

In the event of a roll over or crew dislodgement, the starter and/or SEMC may decide on the next course of action. If they believe that there is no major threat to any competitor and the race should not be stopped then the “Amber Lights” will be displayed. Crews are to complete their event as per the defined course but ensure it is done safely.

If the Starter, SEMC or Referee determines that there is a threat to someone’s safety, then a call on the radio will be called “Red Light, Red Light, Red Light”. The “Red Light” will be displayed followed by a siren/horn continuing until all crews stop and/or return to the beach. The same process will be conducted in the event of a “Rescue Rescue Rescue” call.

When all is safe as determined by the SEMC and Referee, the “Green Light” will then be displayed.

When a course change is required during the day, the “Red Light” will be displayed. During this time, all boats must remain out of the in-water competition area and may be asked to be removed from the shoreline if deemed necessary by the course setter and /or the Referee.

Inshore Search and Rescue

The inshore search and rescue team nominated at Round 1 will **be in place for the remainder of the competition season**. There will be a roll call after the team managers’ meeting on the first day of competition each round.

20 SMAR swimmers are required for competition safety. ALL Clubs must provide at least 1 SMAR swimmer.

There will be a compulsory role call and briefing held on Saturday at 07:35am. **On Sunday SMAR swimmers must sign on at the Admin Tent on the beach by 7:30am**, there will be no formal briefing, instructions will remain as per the briefing conducted on Saturday.



Safety Considerations

Event attendees are asked to be mindful of the following safety considerations and risks:

- Ocean Swimmers or Surfers near & around the competition area
- Manual Handling of Gear & Equipment- Teams to use adequate people to lift & carry items.
- Sand Area behind Competition Area – no tents or blockages to allow safe access for all involved.
- Cold weather expected – Please make sure you and your team plan accordingly by bring appropriate wet suits, warm clothing, hot drinks or soup etc.

WARNING: IRB competition can be inherently dangerous. IRB competition participants acknowledge that they are exposed to certain risks during IRB competition including but not limited to leg, spinal and neck injuries, physical exertion, contact with the IRB, temperature, weather, and water conditions and even drowning. IRB competition participants acknowledge that accidents can and often do happen which may result in IRB competition participants being injured or even killed. All members, through their participation in IRB events agree with, acknowledge, and understand this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in IRB competition.

Safety - PPE

Please refer to the Entry Circular in regard to:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- High Visibility Garments
- Helmets

To assist with judging, SLSNSW has replaced coloured lane vests with coloured rash shirts. Coloured rash shirts must be worn over the lifejacket. This will apply to the IRB Driver only. In the teams and mass events only the second (or finishing) driver must wear the rash vest and is a pre-requisite to completing the course as defined. No rash vest = no finish.

First Aid

Australian Event Safety Services (AESS) will be providing First Aid during the event and will be operational from 6:45am on both days of competition. Please refer to the event map for the precise location of the First Aid Tent.

Warm-Ups

Warm-ups will commence at 7:00am on both days of competition and will not be permitted within the competition area. As per the entry circular, competitors who enter the competition area and 'warm up' will be deemed to have committed an unsafe practice.

Contingency Location

The contingency location for this event will be Terrigal. As per usual, the Competition Safety Committee will communicate any changes or update via Club Team Managers.

SLSNSW will also notify via Stack Team App of any changes.

Aim and Principles of Relocation:

The aim of relocating part or all of an event is to attempt to ensure that the competition is safely conducted within the set timeframe.



Assessment of Conditions and Investigation of Alternative Venues:

The Competition Committee is responsible for assessing the situation and making a decision as to whether part or the entire event is relocated.

Relocation Timings:

The decision to relocate part or all of an event will be made as early as possible.

If the event is to be relocated, a decision must be made as to the following:

- The events to be moved.
- The timings to commence the relocated events.
- The alternative location to be used.

Security

There will not be any security on site for the duration of the event.

Clubs are urged to take all gear and equipment with them after competition on Saturday afternoon. SLSNSW and Ocean Beach SLSC accept no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to equipment.

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by SLSNSW, or its sponsors will immediately be brought before a Carnival Disciplinary Committee or a SLSNSW Judiciary Meeting for possible further action.

Please note that automatic disqualification of the team/club from the Championship will occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

Photography & Media

Photography:

As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have photos and video taken during the Premiership Series and State Championships used for promotional material by SLSNSW. SLSNSW will not be issuing media/photography accreditation to team members or team management. Professional photographers will be attending, and material will be available via social media and to Clubs on request. Club Team Management are welcome to take photographs from outside the competition area. Go Pro's may only be used within the competition area on approved fittings and fixtures as set out in relevant SLSA bulletins.

Media:

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the Premiership Series or State Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements will be a breach of policy and could potentially result in sanctions against members involved. Please note that statements to the media regarding the Championships will be made only by approved authorised spokespeople.

Drones:

For the safety of competitors, officials, and spectators SLSNSW prohibits the use of drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at these Championships by members and/or public unless approved by SLSNSW, 7 days prior to the event. The operator must supply an operations manual (including risk management plan), provide a copy of public liability insurance and comply with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements.



Order of Events as of 17/06/2024 - subject to change

Event #	Events	Qualifiers
1 - 5	Open Female Mass (5 x Heats) (39) (1x7, 4x8)	4 from each to Quarters (20)
6 - 13	Open Male Mass (8 x Heats) (64) (8x8)	4 from each to Quarters (32)
14 - 18	Open Male Teams (5 x Heats) (40) (5x8)	4 from each to Quarters (20)
19 - 21	U23 Male Tube (3 x Quarters) (23) (1x7, 2x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
22 - 24	Open Female Tube (3 x Quarters) (26) (2x9, 1x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
25 - 28	Open Male Tube (4 x Quarters) (31) (3x8, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (16)
29 - 31	45+ Male Mass (3 x Quarters) (20) (2x7, 1x6)	4 from each to Semi (12)
32 - 34	U23 Female Mass (3 x Quarters) (19) (2x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
35 - 38	U23 Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (32) (4x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
39 - 41	Rookie Mass (3 x Quarters) (22) (2x7, 1x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
42 - 44	Open Female Mass (3x Quarters) (20) (2x7,1x6)	4 from each to Semi (12)
45 - 48	Open Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (32) (4x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
49 - 51	Open Male Teams (3 x Quarters) (20) (2x7, 1x6)	4 from each to Semi (12)
52 - 54	Rookie Rescue (3 x Quarters) (22) (2x7,1x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
55 - 56	45+ Male Tube (2 x Semi) (14) (2x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
57 - 58	35+ Male Tube (2xSemi) (14) (2x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
59 - 60	U23 Female Tube (2x Semi) (13) (1x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
61 - 62	U23 Male Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
63 - 64	Open Female Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
65 - 66	Open Male Tube (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
67 - 68	45+ Male Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
69 - 70	35+ Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
71 - 72	U23 Female Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
73 - 74	U23 Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
75 - 76	Rookie Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
77 - 78	Open Female Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
79 - 80	Open Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
81 - 82	U23 Male Teams (2 x Semi) (14) (2x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
83 - 84	Open Female Teams (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
85 - 86	Open Male Teams (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
87 - 88	Rookie Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
89 - 90	Open IRB Relay (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 From each to Final (8)



91	45+Male Tube Final (8)	
92	35+ Female Tube Final (4)	
93	35+ Male Tube Final (8)	
94	U23 Female Tube Final (8)	
95	U23 Male Tube Final (8)	
96	Open Female Tube Final (8)	
97	Open Male Tube Final (8)	
98	45+ Male Mass Final (8)	
99	35+ Female Mass Final (6)	
100	35+ Male Mass Final (8)	
101	U23 Female Mass Final (8)	
102	U23 Male Mass Final (8)	
103	Rookie Mass Final (8)	
104	Open Female Mass Final (8)	
105	Open Male Mass Final (8)	
106	45+ Male Teams Final (7)	
107	35+ Male Teams Final (7)	
108	U23 Female Teams Final (8)	
109	U23 Male Teams Final (8)	
110	Open Female Teams Final (8)	
111	Open Male Teams Final (8)	
112	Rookie Rescue Final (8)	
113	IRB Relay Final (8)	