



Final Event Information Guide

Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships 5th – 7th July 2024, Cape Hawke SLSC

The purpose of this guide is to advise and inform all IRB State Championship competitors and officials of important information for the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championship.

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. Sharkskin will have a stall on site at Cape Hawke. Check out their merchandise [here](#).

Cape Hawke SLSC and Competition Area (subject to change based on conditions)

The 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships will be hosted by Cape Hawke SLSC.

Trailer Parking

Trailer Parking will be located in Palmgrove Place, next to Cape Hawke SLSC. Cape Hawke SLSC workforce will be on hand to assist with transporting IRB's onto the beach. All cars will need to be parked elsewhere. 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. **Clubs must not drive their own vehicles onto the beach.**

Event Parking

Free parking is available in the Cape Hawke SLSC car park, Cliff Road, Underwood Road and surrounding streets.

Water Stations

Officials and Competitors are asked to bring their own re-fillable water bottles.

Hospitality

Cape Hawke SLSC café opens daily at 6:30am. Food service closes at 2:00pm with the café closing at 3:00pm.

A coffee van will also be onsite on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Cape Hawke SLSC will be running a BBQ for lunch on Friday and both breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

The bar, located upstairs at Cape Hawke SLSC, will be opened at the conclusion of racing each day.

Cape Hawke SLSC will also be hosting a Competitors After Party on Sunday night from 6pm.

RSVP's essential by Friday 5 July.

See flyer at the end if this event information.

Cape Hawke Competition Area (subject to change based on conditions)





Event Schedule

Thursday 4 July 2024 (Scrutineering, Cape Hawke SLSC)	
13:30	Scrutineering set up
14:00	Scrutineering Officials Briefing
14:30	Scrutineering Commences
16:00	Scrutineering Concludes
16:30	Scrutineering Officials Debrief
Friday 5 July 2024 (Scrutineering, Cape Hawke SLSC)	
06:00	Scrutineering Set Up
06:15	Scrutineering Officials Briefing
06:30	Scrutineering Commences
09:00	Beach Set Up
11:00	Safety/Competition Committee Meeting
12:00	Scrutineering Concludes Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
12:10	Officials Briefing / Tool Box
12:30	Team Managers Meeting (Max 2 x TM/club)
12:40	SMAR Role Call & Briefing Marshalling Commences
12:45	Welcome, Athlete and Officials Oaths
13:00	Competition Commences
16:00	Competition Concludes
16:30	Officials Debrief
Saturday 6 July	
06:00	Beach Set Up
From 06:00	Officials Breakfast
06:30	Safety/Competition Committee Meeting
06:45	Officials Briefing / Tool Box
07:00	Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
07:10	Safety / Risk Assessment
07:15	Team Managers Meeting SMAR swimmers to sign on at Admin by 07:30
07:25	Officials in position
07:30	Marshalling Commences
07:45	Competition Commences
16:00	Competition Concludes
16:30	Officials Debrief
Sunday 10 July	
06:00	Beach Set Up
From 06:00	Officials Breakfast
06:30	Safety/Competition Committee Meeting
06:45	Officials Briefing / Tool Box
07:00	Warm-Ups Permitted at any time in designated areas only
07:10	Safety / Risk Assessment
07:15	Team Managers Meeting SMAR swimmers to sign on at Admin by 07:30
07:25	Officials in position



07:30	Marshalling Commences
07:45	Competition Commences
14:00	Competition Concludes
Approx 15:30	2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championship Medal Presentation & State Team Announcement. <i>This will commence 1.5 hours after the conclusion of competition.</i>

Note: The above event schedule is subject to change

Live Heats

SLSNSW will be using Live Heats for the Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships. First round draws will be published on the event page.

Stack Team App

Stack Team App will be used throughout the State Championships as the platform to communicate important information and timetable changes to Team Managers, Officials and Competitors.

To register for these event updates please follow the below instructions:

1. Download the “Stack Team App” application from the App Store or Google Play
2. Log in / Sign up to receive live event notifications.
3. Once logged in, search “2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB Series”
4. Click the “Become a member of this Stack Team App” icon at the top of the screen.
5. Therefore, once joined – also join groups or specific lists that you would like updates for as notifications will be targeted to the specific group.
6. Ensure that you have notifications enabled (check this within the app).

Team Managers Meeting

The first Team Managers’ meeting will be held on beach at 12:30pm Friday. Team Managers must also attend the meetings on Saturday and Sunday morning as per the event schedule.

Scrutineering

Please refer to the [Scrutineering Memo](#) for all information regarding scrutineering at the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships.

Please note that SLSNSW will provide a pool of rescue tubes for all Tube Rescue events.

During competition random scrutineering may take place in 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.



Presentations

Sunday 7 July 2024 approx. 3:30pm (1.5 hours after conclusion of competition)

The presentation of individual events and overall point score for the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships will be held from approximately 3:30pm on Sunday 7 July outside Cape Hawke SLSC.

At this time the State Team will be announced and presented with uniforms.

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).

Double-Dipping

Please note, clubs may be audited to confirm there is no double-dipping of competitors in all disciplines.

Protest & Appeals

A protest against a competitor or a team or against a decision of an Official must be lodged verbally with the Competition Liaison Officer within 5 minutes of the completion of the event or the announcement of the result of an event.

A written protest must then be lodged with the Competition Liaison Officer within 15 minutes of the verbal protest being lodged. Protest forms can be obtained from the Competition Liaison Officer. The result of an event, if not already announced, will be withheld until the protest and any subsequent appeal is decided. The Competition Appeals Committee will deal with all protests referred to it by the Referee in terms of Section 14 of the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

Team Managers are reminded that both the Championship Referee and the Appeals Committee will not entertain frivolous appeals, the decision for a disqualification will go through the Officials, Judge in boat and the Chief Judges before being posted so unless explicit evidence to that contrary will be classed as frivolous and dismissed by the Championship Referee. In this regard, please note that SSM (Clause 14.3.3b) states:



“Where the Referee or the Area Referee or the Sectional Referee considers (in their absolute discretion) that a protest is frivolous, or not of a serious nature, they may choose not to accept the protest.”

Please also note that the Team Manager retains the right (under SSM Clause 14.3.3b) to appeal the matter but the Appeals Committee will also consider whether the matter is frivolous in assessing the grounds for appeal.

An appeals fee of \$150.00 (incl. GST) must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication. If an appeal is upheld the fee shall be returned forthwith. The decision of the Competition Appeals Committee is final and there is no right of appeal against that decision.

More information pertaining to protests and appeals can be found in Section 14 'Protests, Appeals and Discipline' of the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual.

Code of Conduct for Athletes, Officials and Spectators

The [Member Code of Conduct](#) outlines the behavior expected of, and by, members and persons involved in, and interactions between, all such persons in the Surf Lifesaving community.

These expectations and requirements are reflected under the rules for competitions in the SLSA constitution, regulations and the [Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition](#).

Australian National Anti-Doping Policy

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) has adopted and implemented the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy (ANADP) which reflects the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code and amendments to Australian anti-doping legislation. The purpose of the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy is to have a single and consistent set of anti-doping rules across all sports in Australia.

[This Policy](#) is made under clause 39 of the SLSA Constitution. It is binding on SLSA and all its member or affiliate organisations, as well as all Surf Sports Athletes and other Persons. This Policy is to be interpreted in accordance with the SLSA Constitution.

The Australian Anti-Doping Policy can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia [website](#) and is endorsed as the anti-doping policy for surf sports.

Inshore Search and Rescue

The inshore search and rescue team from Round 1 will **be in place for the 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships**.

Twenty 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 at 12:40pm on Friday 5 July. **On Saturday and Sunday** SMAR swimmers **must sign on at the Admin Tent on the beach before 7:30am**, there will be no formal briefing, instructions will remain as per the briefing conducted on Friday.



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.
- Limited sand area behind competition areas – 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 Infringements

A strong emphasis will be placed on safe driving, crewing and patient safety practices. All competitors must complete each event in a safe and controlled speed and manner or will face immediate disqualification from the event, and/or issue of a safety infringement and consideration for further penalties.

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 lane 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 Support

Australian Event Safety Services (AESS) will be providing First Aid during the event and will be operational from 12pm Friday and 7am Saturday/Sunday. Please refer to the event map for the precise location of the First Aid Tent.

Warm-Ups

Warm-ups 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. Warm-ups can occur south of the competition area.



Contingency Location

The contingency location for this event will be Forster SLSC. 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

Security will be in place on the beach on Friday and Saturday night. Tents may be left in place overnight, but will need to be dropped.

Clubs must take all gear and equipment with them after competition on Sunday afternoon. SLSNSW and Cape Hawke 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 - subject to change

Event #	Events	Qualifiers
1-6	Open Female Mass (6 x Heats) (44) (4x7,2x8)	4 from each to Quarters (24)
7-13	Open Male Mass (7 x Heats) (63) (7x9)	4 from each to Quarters (28)
14-19	Open Female Rescue (6 x Heats) (44) (4x7,2x8)	4 from each to Quarters (24)
20-28	Open Male Rescue (9 x Heats) (73) (8x8, 1x9)	4 from each to Quarters (36)
29-31	U23 Male Tube (3 x Quarters) (20) (2x7,1x6)	4 from each to Semi (12)
32-35	Open Female Tube (4 x Quarters) (29) (3x7, 1x8)	4 from each to Semi (16)
36-39	Open Male Tube (4 x Quarters) (33) (3x8,1x9)	4 from each to Semi (16)
40-42	45+ Male Mass (3 x Quarters) (19) (2x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
43-45	U23 Female Mass (3 x Quarters) (19) (2x6, 1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
46-49	U23 Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (34) (2x8, 2x9)	4 from each to Semi (16)
50-52	Rookie Mass (3 x Quarters) (24) (3x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
53-55	Open Female Mass (3 x Quarters) (24) (3x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
56-59	Open Male Mass (4 x Quarters) (28) (4x7)	4 from each to Semi (16)
60-62	Open Female Teams (3 x Quarters) (19) (2x6,1x7)	4 From each to Semi (12)
63-66	Open Male Teams (4 x Quarters) (38) (2x10,2x9)	4 from each to Semi (16)
67-69	45+ Male Rescue (3 x Quarters) (20) (2x6,1x7)	4 from each to Semi (12)
70-73	U23 Male Rescue (4 x Quarters) (34) (2x8,2x9)	4 from each to Semi (16)
74-76	Rookie Rescue (3 x Quarters) (24) (3x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
77-79	Open Female Rescue (3 x Quarters) (24) (3x8)	4 from each to Semi (12)
80-83	Open Male Rescue (4 x Quarters) (36) (4x9)	4 from each to Semi (16)
84-85	45+ Male Tube (2 x Semi) (13) (1x6,1x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
86-87	35+ Male Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
88-89	U23 Female Tube (2 x Semi) (15) (1x7,1x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
90-91	U23 Male Tube (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
92-93	Open Female Tube (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
94-95	Open Male Tube (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
96-97	45+ Male Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
98-99	35+ Male Mass (2 x Semi) (15) (1x7, 1x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
100-101	U23 Female Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
102-103	U23 Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
104-105	Rookie Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
106-107	Open Female Mass (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
108-109	Open Male Mass (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
110-111	U23 Male Teams (2x Semi) (14) (2x7)	4 from each to Final (8)
112-113	Open Female Teams (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
114-115	Open Male Teams (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
116-117	45+ Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)



118-119	35+ Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (15) (1x7, 1x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
120-121	U23 Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (18) (2x9)	4 from each to Final (8)
122-123	U23 Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
124-125	Rookie Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
126-127	Open Female Rescue (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 from each to Final (8)
128-129	Open Male Rescue (2 x Semi) (16) (2x8)	4 from each to Final (8)
130-131	Open IRB Relay (2 x Semi) (12) (2x6)	4 From each to Final (8)

FINALS

132	45+ Male Tube Final (8)	
133	35+ Female Tube Final (6)	
134	35+ Male Tube Final (8)	
135	U23 Female Tube Final (8)	
136	U23 Male Tube Final (8)	
137	Open Female Tube Final (8)	
138	Open Male Tube Final (8)	
139	45+ Male Mass Final (8)	
140	35+ Female Mass Final (8)	
141	35+ Male Mass Final (8)	
142	U23 Female Mass Final (8)	
143	U23 Male Mass Final (8)	
144	Rookie Mass Final (8)	
145	Open Female Mass Final (8)	
146	Open Male Mass Final (8)	
147	45+ Male Teams Final (7)	
148	35+ Female Teams Final (3)	
149	35+ Male Teams Final (8)	
150	U23 Female Teams Final (7)	
151	U23 Male Teams Final (8)	
152	Open Female Teams Final (8)	
153	Open Male Teams Final (8)	
154	45+ Male Rescue Final (8)	
155	35+ Female Rescue Final (8)	
156	35+ Male Rescue Final (8)	
157	U23 Female Rescue Final (8)	
158	U23 Male Rescue Final (8)	
159	Rookie Rescue Final (8)	
160	Open Female Rescue Final (8)	
161	Open Male Rescue Final (8)	
162	IRB Relay Final (8)	



Competition Priorities and Tiering of Events – *subject to change*

Competition will commence on Friday 5th July 2024.

The 2024 Sharkskin NSW IRB State Championships will be conducted within strict and challenging time frames.

In order to meet these timeframes, in their sole discretion the IRBCCC and the Championship Referees, a decision may be needed to adjust the order, draws and priority of events and priority of the Championships completion.

The competition schedule is from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Friday and 7:55am to 4:00pm on both Saturday and Sunday. All teams need to be available to compete within these time frames.

This also includes:

- Cuts in rounds in excess of the numbers as outlined in the Australian Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition
- Moving to block racing per discipline to ensure results in events

The priority/tiering of Championships (from highest to least) is seen as :

- Opens
- U23's
- Masters
- Rookies

The priority tiering of events from (highest to least) is seen as:

- Surf Rescue
- Mass
- Teams
- Tube
- Relay

In the event of adverse conditions or time restraints impacting on the timely completion of the Championships, some age categories and events may be removed from the schedule as per the above.



2024 NSW SHARKSKIN IRB STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMPETITORS' AFTER PARTY RESET

@ Cape Hawke Surf Club

SUNDAY 7 JULY
6.00 PM
\$25 COVER CHARGE AT THE
DOOR

INCLUDES PIZZA & EXTRAS
BY 'LUPOS'

VEGAN, VEGETARIAN & GF OPTIONS

RSVP of numbers attending by Fri 5 July essential for
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