

# Circular

**Title:** 2023 IRB Carnivals – information, entries and guidelines  
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<b>Summary:</b>	The 2023 Surf Life Saving SA IRB Racing season will be conducted April to June 2023. This circular provides information and guidelines regarding the various aspects of the competition.
<b>Action:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Circulate this information to relevant members &amp; ensure they are all aware of &amp; comply with the details</li><li>• Complete the competitor entries for each carnival via <a href="#">SEMS</a> by the closing date as indicated in this circular</li><li>• Complete the <a href="#">officials &amp; volunteers details</a> by 12noon Thursday prior to each carnival</li></ul>

## IRB Carnivals

IRB Carnival	Carnival Date	Venue	Entries close via SEMS
#1	Sun 30 April	Aldinga Bay	10am, Wed 26 April
#2	Sun 7 May	Christies Beach	10am, Wed 3 May
#3	Sun 21 May	Seacliff	10am, Wed 17 May
#4	Sun 28 May	Goolwa / Pt Elliot	10am, Wed 24 May
#5 & #6	Sat 10 & Sun 11 June	Beachport	10am, Wed 7 June
State Champs	Sun 25 June* (*Back-up date TBC)	TBC	10am, Wed 21 June

**Referee:** Paul Rothwell

## Queries?

If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact the Surf Sports team at SLSSA [surf.sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au](mailto:surf.sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au) or call (08) 8354 6900.

## EVENTS

Events (refer list below) will be conducted in accordance with the Surf Sports Manual – 37<sup>th</sup> Revised Edition and associated Bulletins issued by Surf Life Saving Australia from time to time unless otherwise directed by the Event Referee. All events (excl IRB Relay) will be conducted in the following age/gender categories:

- Under 23 Mens
- Open Mens
- Masters (30yrs+) Mens
- Under 23 Womens
- Open Womens
- Masters (30yrs+) Womens

### Event list

- IRB Rescue Tube (not being conducted at carnival 4 & 5)
- IRB Mass Rescue
- IRB Teams Rescue
- IRB Rescue
- IRB Relay (entries & time permitting)

At all non-championship carnivals\*

- I. 3 rounds of each event If an event has heats it will 2 rounds + Final
- II. IRB Rescue Tube to be conducted in round 2 & 3 only
- III. IRB Relay (conducted once, entry & time permitting)

For State Championships, heats/final format will be conducted for all events.

*\*subject to carnival safety committee &/or Referee's decision*

### Equipment Scrutineering

Hulls to be inspected during the season prior a carnival clubs will be advised.

ITEM	Date	Time/s	Location
Hulls	As advised	Prior to carnival	As advised
Motors	Thurs 15 June 2023	5:30pm Start <sup>1</sup>	SLSSA Lonsdale shed – 22 Kitawah St Lonsdale

**Note:** Thurs 22 June will be the final re-scrutineering for any issues detected on Thurs 15 June.

<sup>1</sup>To be conducted based on club arrival order.

### Equipment Notes

- I. SSX 385 Achilles hull is competition approved.

### Composite Teams

Need to be approved prior to the closes of entries. No composite teams will be allowed after the close of entries. Composite team requests are to be sent to [Surf.Sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au](mailto:Surf.Sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au)

### IRB Premiership

Points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> (3,2,1) for each event conducted at all carnivals and state championships as per the [2022-23 annual awards, trophies, and pennants document](#). Events that conduct a final, the points will be awarded based on the race result of the final. For all other events that only conduct rounds, an accumulation of points achieved from all rounds conducted will determine the placings for that event at the specific carnival.

### IRB State Championship Pennant

The winner of the State Championships will be based on a medal tally from all events that get conducted as per the [2022-23 annual awards, trophies, and pennants document](#).

## **OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & VOLUNTEERS**

### **Officials Quota**

Each competing club is required to **supply a minimum of 2 x officials for the duration of each carnival.**

However, if clubs have more, please provide them where possible. Officials should not be competing or handling on the day.

*For State Championships it is likely that clubs will need to supply more than 2 officials and should plan to supply a minimum of 3 officials.*

### **Carnival Workparty Volunteers**

The SLSC where each carnival is being held shall supply 2 x first aid volunteers, however, the workparty is to be provided by the competing clubs & as such, each club is to provide:

- 2 x workparty volunteers from 2 hours prior to carnival start time (ie 7am for most) until set up
- 2 x workparty volunteers from finish of racing until packed up

It is up to each club as to how they prefer to manage their volunteer roster for this.

Please note that for Robe carnivals, we may be calling for first aid volunteers as well.

### **Duty Boat/IRB supply**

Host clubs are to provide an IRB & Motor for 1x Duty boat duties.

### **Carnival Safety Committee**

Shall comprise:

- IRB Carnival Referee
- Emergency & Safety Coordinator
- Male athlete representative
- Female athlete representative

If you have any club competitors who are interested in being considered for the athlete representative roles, please indicate this via the Team Information survey.

### **Contingency Plan**

Should, at any stage prior to or during competition, there is a credible basis for concluding there is an unreasonable risk of serious injury occurring, the Carnival Safety Committee and / or appropriate officials shall suspend all or parts of the competition. The Carnival Safety Committee and / or appropriate officials shall then decide whether to postpone, cancel or relocate all or parts of the competition.

Should a risk assessment indicate that part, or all of the competition, not be conducted because of adverse weather or surf conditions, or another threat, the Carnival Committees and / or appropriate officials will again decide whether to postpone or cancel all or parts of the competition.

## ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

### How to enter competitors

Entries must be submitted via [SEMS](#).

- A guide to entering entries via this new system can be found [here on our website](#)
- If you require SEMS access for another Club officer/s tasked with entering competitors for carnivals; please request this via email to [ithelp@slsa.asn.au](mailto:ithelp@slsa.asn.au)

### Entry Fees

The carnival entry fee, as for all SLSSA non-championship carnivals, is set at **\$12.50 (GST inclusive) per entered competitor. Carnival 5 & 6 weekend at Beachport is set at \$20 (GST inclusive) per entered competitor**

Late entry fees are charged for any entries made after the close of entries but prior to close of late entries. This fee is set at the entry fee + 100% of entry fee (ie total \$25 GST inclusive).

Clubs will be invoiced for all entered competitors (including any late entries) following each carnival.

### Eligibility

All competitors must be SLSA registered for 2022-23 and be the holder of the appropriate awards/proficiency as per below\*:

- a. **Drivers** are required to:
  - i. Be a minimum of 17 years of age as at the date of competition
  - ii. Hold their SA boat operator's licence
  - iii. Hold their IRB drivers award, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged 20 hours specific in-water IRB competition driving training under the supervision of a currently licensed IRB surf coach
  - iv. Be endorsed by a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition
- b. **Crewpersons** are required to:
  - i. Be a minimum of 16 years of age as at the date of competition
  - ii. Hold their IRB crewpersons award, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged 20 hours specific in-water IRB competition driving or crewing training under the supervision of a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach
  - iii. Be endorsed by a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition
- c. **Patients** are required to:
  - i. Be a minimum of 15 years of age before as at the date of competition and Bronze Proficient.
  - ii. Hold their IRB crewpersons award, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged 20 hours specific in-water IRB competition driving or crewing training under the supervision of a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach
  - iii. Be endorsed by a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition
- d. **Handlers** are required to:
  - i. Be a minimum of 15 years of age before as at the date of competition and Bronze Proficient.
  - ii. Hold their IRB crewpersons award, be currently proficient as required by SLSA

### State Championship Eligibility

In addition to patrol hours, competitors must have competed at a minimum 1/3 of carnivals (2 out of 6 etc.) during the season, exemption requests can be sent to [surf.sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au](mailto:surf.sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au)