

Circular

Title: 2023 IRB State Championships – information & entries
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Department: Surf Sports
Audience: Club Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Surf Sports/Competition Officers, IRB racing coaches & team managers, Carnival Leadership team
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Summary:	The 2023 IRB State Championships will be held on Sunday 25 June 2022 Event details & entry process are detailed in this document
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circulate the championships information to relevant members• Ensure all IRB hulls & motors to be used in the event have been scrutineered to the minimum standard required• Complete competitor entries via SEMS by 10am Wednesday 21 June 2022• Advise of names of officials, team manager & photographer by 10am - Thurs 22 June

EVENTS & PROGRAM

Carnival type: IRB State Championships
Date: Sun 25 June 2023
Location: South Port Beach (Port Noarlunga Back-up venue)
Referee: Paul Rothwell

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES

Mon 19 June	Tues 20 June	Wed 21 June	Thurs 22 June	Fri 23 June	Sat 24 June	Sun 25 June
Composite Team requests to be submitted by 12noon		Entries close at 10am	Advise of names of officials, team manager & photographer by 10am (google sheet)			IRB State Championships conducted at South Port Beach from 9am (set up from 7am)

SCRUTINEERING:

Scrutineering of IRB motors will be conducted on Thursday 15 June to be conducted based on club arrival order. Any items needing to be re-scrutineered as a result of issues detected on 15/6/23 will be done so on Thur 22 July.

Queries?

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

OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & VOLUNTEERS

Officials

Clubs are to each provide a minimum of two (3) officials for the event, Failure to do so may result in suspension from the championships, a penalty fine and/or championships points deduction. Club need to advise their officials & Team Manager no later than 10am, 22 June 2022 via [volunteer & team details google sheet](#)

Carnival Workparty Volunteers

South Port SLSC shall supply 1x IRB for duty boat duties
Port Noarlunga SLSC shall supply 2 x first aid volunteers

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 until set up
- 2 x workparty volunteers from finish of racing until packed up

Carnival Safety Committee

Shall comprise:

- IRB Carnival Referee
- Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator
- SLSSA Representative
- Male athlete representatives (Clubs to nominate)
- Female athlete representatives (Clubs to nominate)

Photographers

Clubs can have a maximum of 1 x approved media personnel taking photographs at any one time during the event. There is now no maximum number of media personnel which a club can list, rather than such persons are identified to SLSSA as filling that role and SLSSA confirms their eligibility (registered member + WWCC recorded on Surfguard).

- Please ensure photographer/s name/s are listed via [volunteer & team details google sheet](#) by 12noon, Thurs 7 July so their eligibility can be verified & name badge available for the event
- Approved Club media personnel will be required to check in at the SLSSA Admin tent to receive their media vest & name badge (return at conclusion)

EVENTS

Events (refer list below) will be conducted in accordance with the Surf Sports Manual 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
- IRB Mass Rescue
- IRB Teams Rescue
- IRB Rescue
- IRB Relay

The events will be conducted as heats/final format.

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 the event; please request this logging a ticket with the [SLSA IT helpdesk](#)

If you have any athletes requesting composite teams, please email surf.sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au request before 12noon, Monday 19th June.

Entry Fees

The event entry fee is set at **\$50 (+ GST) per entered competitor.**

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

Eligibility

	Continuing Members	New Members	Returning Members
	<i>Gained the required award/s in 2021/22 season or earlier & was proficient in 2021/22</i>	<i>Gained or is gaining the required award/s in 2022/23</i>	<i>Gained the required award/s in 2020/21 or earlier AND was not proficient in 2021/22</i>
SLSC Membership	Registered ² in Surfguard for 2022/23	Registered ² in Surfguard for 2022/23	Registered ² in Surfguard for 2022/23
Award/s	Be the holder of a proficient ¹ Bronze Medallion plus the relevant IRB Driver and/or Crew award.		
Patrol Hours (applicable for <u>U15-Open competitors only</u>)	Minimum 16* personal patrol hours completed from 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022	Minimum patrol hours required is based on the date that the Bronze Medallion ¹ is attained: Award attained in Oct/Nov = minimum 8 patrol hours by 31/12/22 Award attained in Dec = minimum 4 patrol hours by 31/12/22 Award attained in Jan-May = minimum 4 patrol hours by close of entries	Minimum patrol hours required is based on the date that the Bronze Medallion ¹ proficiency completed: Proficiency completion date in Oct/Nov = minimum 8 patrol hours by 31/12/22 Proficiency completion date in Dec = minimum 4 patrol hours by 31/12/22
Other	Must not be in default with their Club or SLSA in relation to their service, financial or discipline obligations Must have competed in a minimum 2 carnivals in 2023 unless exemption has been given. (as per 2023 IRB Carnival information circular from 21 April 2023)		

¹ Proficient is defined as the award expiry date being later than the date of close of entries for the relevant event

² Members are only eligible to compete for the Club with which their Competitive Rights are held

*Reserve active members = 8 hours; Clubs may recognise alternative voluntary service hours & if so, maximum 50% of the minimum required hours can be endorsed as service hours (requires formal endorsement by SLSC Club Board and subsequent advice to SLSA). Life members & long service members are exempt from patrol hour obligations related to championships entry eligibility.

If a member is not showing as eligible in SEMS then there is a problem with either their registration, membership category/competition rights and/or award proficiency. Patrol hour eligibility will be checked by SLSSA upon close of entries & any discrepancies will be reported to the club team manager for follow up.
Please contact us if you have any queries re this.

In addition to the above table competitors must 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

Presentations

Medal presentations to occur at the Port Noarlunga SLSC during the presentation dinner. Clubs to inform approx numbers attending the presentation including any guesses to assist with catering via the [volunteer & team details google sheet](#).

Team Managers to be notified regarding final information including logistics etc.