

Circular

Title: 2024 IRB Carnivals – information, entries and guidelines
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Department: Surf Sports
Audience: Club Presidents, Secretaries, Captains and Surf Sports/Competition Officers, 2023 IRB contacts
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Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The 2024 Surf Life Saving SA IRB Racing season will be conducted April to June 2024. This circular provides information and guidelines regarding the various aspects of the competition.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Circulate this information to relevant members & ensure they are all aware of & comply with the detailsComplete the competitor entries for each carnival via SEMS by the closing date as indicated in this circularComplete the officials & volunteers details by 12noon Thursday prior to each carnival

QUERIES

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

IRB CARNIVALS

IRB Carnival	Carnival Date	Venue	Entries close via SEMS
#1	Sun 28 April	Christies Beach	10am, Wed 24 April
#2	Sun 5 May	Aldinga Bay	10am, Wed 1 May
#3	Sun 19 May	Pt Elliot, (backup Seacliff)	10am, Wed 15 May
#4	Sun 2 June	Brighton	10am, Wed 29 May
#5 & #6	Day 1(2 rounds only) Sat 8 & Day 2 (3 rounds or 2 rounds + finals) Sun 9 June	Beachport (SA)	10am, Wed 5 June
Make Up Carnival	Sun 23 June (if required due to the cancellation of 2 or more carnivals due to bad weather conditions)	TBC only if needed	10am, Wed 19 June
State Champs	Sun 30 June* (*Back-up date Sat 29 June)	Somerton	10am, Wed 26 June

REFEREE: Paul Rothwell

EVENTS

Events (refer list below) will be conducted in accordance with the Surf Sports Manual – 37 th 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 (30+) Mens
- NGS Development, Premiership Rounds only no points awarded (IRB Rescue event only)*
- Under 23 Womens
- Open Womens
- Masters (30+) Women

*Event eligibility guidelines will be available via link on SLSSA calendar IRB Carnival 1 28th April

Event Order List

- IRB Mass Rescue
- IRB Teams Rescue
- IRB Rescue
- IRB Tube Rescue (Trial period of 1year to allow data collection patient wellbeing)
- NGS IRB Rescue
- IRB Relay entries & time permitting (composite teams encouraged)

At all non-championship carnivals*

- I. 2 rounds of each event If an event has heats it will be 2 rounds + Final
- II. IRB Relay- conducted once, entry & time permitting (composite teams encouraged)

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

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

Equipment Scrutineering

Hulls will have spot inspections during the premiership season, scrutineering for State Championships see below.

ITEM	DATE	TIME/s	LOCATION
Hulls & Fuel Bags	As Advised	Prior to Carnival*	As Advised
Motors	Thurs 20 June	6:00pm Start**	SLSSA Lonsdale Shed
Propellers	Thurs 20 June	6:00pm Start**	SLSSA Lonsdale Shed

Note: Thurs 27 June will be the final re-scrutineering for any hull/motor issues detected on Thurs 20 June.

* Clubs will be allocated set carnivals to submit all hull for scrutineering (only scrutineered hulls will be allowed at State Championships)

**To be conducted based on club arrival order.

Equipment Notes

1. To better align with SLSA approved (New Spec) hulls as per Circular 17 23-24 (6 September, 2023), clubs are to use their New Spec hulls in the first instance and only use older hulls once all their New Spec hull have been exhausted. e.g. if you have available New Spec hull you must use them but if you only have 1 New Spec hull and have a second team in that race SLSSA would allow the second team in the same race to use the older per approved hull (these hulls will be required to be scrutineered prior to competition).

Composite Teams

Need to be approved prior to the closes of entries. No composite teams will be allowed after the close of entries. Composite teams will be allowed to enter State Championships with no points allocated to clubs towards Championship & should a composite team advance to final from heat rounds and if lanes permit the next full club team will be also be advanced (final not to exceed 9 lanes). Composite team requests are to be sent to Surf.Sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au for approval.

IRB Premiership

Points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd (5,3,1) for each event conducted at all carnivals and state championships as per the 2023-24 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 2023-24 annual awards, trophies, and pennants document (web link).

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.

Duty Boat/IRB supply

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

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Carnival Competition Committee

Shall comprise:

- IRB Carnival Referee
- Deputy Referee
- Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator
- Host Club Representative
- SLSSA Representative
- Technical Adviser (State Chief Referee)

Carnival Safety Committee

Shall comprise:

- Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator (Chair)
- IRB Carnival Referee & or Deputy Referee
- Power Craft Coordinator (Lead Duty Boat Driver)
- Male athlete representative (selected from EOI and appointed prior to Round 1)
- Female athlete representative (selected from EOI and appointed prior to Round 1)

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

Entry Fees

The carnival entry fee, as for all SLSSA non-championship carnivals, is set at \$17.50 (GST inclusive) per entered competitor. Carnival 5 & 6 weekend at Beachport is set at \$35 (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 \$35 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 2023-24 and be the holder of the appropriate awards/proficiency as per below*:

Drivers are required to:

- Be a minimum of 17 years of age as at the date of competition
- Hold their SA boat operator's licence
- 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
- Be endorsed by a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition

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

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

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