

Circular

Title:	<u>2019 SLSWA IRB SERIES AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS</u>
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Summary:	This document provides information on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 SLSWA IRB Racing Series • 2019 SLSWA IRB State Championships
Action:	All entries must be entered online by 5pm the Tuesday prior to each event. Woodside branded PFD's are not permitted to be used in IRB Competition.

2019 IRB RACING SERIES & STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Event	Date	Location
Round 1	Sunday 14 April 2019	Leighton Beach
Round 2	Sunday 28 April 2019	Trigg Beach
Round 3	Saturday 11 May 2019	Secret Harbour
Round 4	Saturday 25 May 2019	Mullaloo Beach
Round 5	Sunday 26 May 2019	Mullaloo Beach
Round 6	Sunday 16 June 2019	Sorrento Beach
Championships Scrutineering	Saturday 22 June 2019	TBC
IRB State Championships	Sunday 23 June 2019	Mullaloo Beach

NB: General safety checks of gear will occur from 7:00 am the morning of each carnival.

CONTINGENCY VENUES

The Referee or an official representing the Referee will review the proposed venue Saturday morning before the event equipment is provisionally set up. If the call is to move the venue, the decision will be made that morning and the Event Manager and Referee will hold the final discretion.

Referee – Justin Meldrum

Event Manager – Graham Snook

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY TEAM (SET)

The provision of a safe environment at all SLSWA competitions is paramount.

SLSWA endeavours to ensure that the appropriate safety standards as set by SLSA are met at all surf sport events, including the provision of qualified personnel, rescue craft and communications. Should an emergency situation arise during the competition, correct control and discipline shall be maintained under the direction of the Referee and the Emergency Services Officer.

The SET, under whose directions shall be placed all matters relating to the actual conduct of the 2019 SLSWA IRB Series and State Championships will fulfil safety-related operational, coordination and advisory roles at the events. The SET consists of the Referee, Event Manager, Emergency Services Officer and Powercraft Coordinator.

USE OF HELMETS FOR IRB COMPETITION PATIENTS

The wearing of approved helmets is compulsory for patients in all events (other than the Rescue Tube Race). IRB patients are to wear helmets in both training and in competition.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs)

In all training and competition, it is compulsory for drivers, crew and patients to wear high visibility (conspicuous colour) SLSA approved level 50 Australian Standard (AS4758) lifejackets or Type 2 (AS1499-1996) lifejackets. Level 50S lifejackets unless listed on the SLSA Approved Gear and Equipment List are not approved. It is not required for high visibility safety vests to be worn over the top of lifejackets. See also Section 2 of the Surf Sports Manual.

Handlers must wear a competition cap and shall be required to wear a distinctive high visibility yellow coloured vest if entering the water beyond knee depth. Alternatively, handlers may wear high visibility (conspicuous colour) SLSA approved level 50 Australian Standard (AS4758) lifejacket or Type 2 (AS1499-1996) lifejackets. Level 50S lifejackets unless listed on the SLSA Approved Gear and Equipment List are not approved. It is not required for high visibility safety vests to be worn over the top of lifejackets.

The Woodside branded PFD's must not be used to comply with policies for IRB competition.

LIST OF EVENTS

1. Male Single Rescue
2. Male Tube Rescue
3. Male Mass Rescue
4. Male Teams Rescue
5. Female Single Rescue
6. Female Tube Rescue
7. Female Mass Rescue
8. Female Teams Rescue
9. IRB Relay

Over 35 Masters events have been introduced into rounds 1 and 2. Based on the success of these rounds a decision will be made on whether or not to introduce them into the State Championships.

OFFICIALS

The ratio of one (1) official per five (5) competitors applies to the 2019 IRB Racing Series/Championships. Clubs must enter the names of their participating officials through the online entries system. As of round 2, if clubs have not entered the required number of officials they will be advised on the Thursday before the event that their competitors will not be able to race. If clubs utilize officials from other clubs. If this is the case they need to email surfsports@slnwa.com.au by the close of entries.

IRB SERIES ENTRY FEES

- \$20.00 per person per round of the series, regardless of the number of races they are in.
- \$40.00 per person for the IRB State Championships, regardless of the number of races they are in.
Note: This entry fee does not provide entry to any other SLSWA Championship.
- Clubs will be invoiced for entry fees at the end of each month.
- Entry fees are non-refundable if members do not take part in these series/championships or if events are subsequently cancelled after the commencement of the championships
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

ENTRY CONDITIONS

- All competitors must be entered into the SLSWA online entries system;
- Entries will close 5pm Tuesday before each event;
- **For any event to be contested at the 2019 SLSWA IRB State Championships, a minimum of three (3) starters from two (2) separate clubs is required.**

ENTRIES PROCESS

It is a requirement that teams entered into events are identified by a crew name which remains consistent throughout the season (e.g. North Cottesloe White, Trigg Island Red, Fremantle Pink). This will ensure errors in recording are minimised. The composition of teams will be taken as they are entered.

Please ensure that Team Managers have a copy of their entries. If there is any entry dispute the Manager will need to provide these as evidence.

Team names can now be entered using the online system via the following steps:

- Log into the online entry system
- Before selecting "Entries" on the event home page click on "Team Names"
- Team names for each event category can now be entered
- Once Team names are entered click on the "Return to Carnival Home" option and continuing entering competitors as previously

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of championship medallions and trophies will be held, approximately half an hour after the conclusion of the final event.

SERIES TROPHIES

Dave Clark Shield – awarded to male driver and crew for most points accumulated over the season (series events and state championships). Driver and crew must be exactly the same to accumulate points across events but the patient can change.

Combined Shield – awarded to female driver and crew for most points accumulated over the season (series events and state championships). Driver and crew must be exactly the same to accumulate points across events but the patient can change.

Frank Senior Trophy – awarded to club which accumulates the most points over the season (series events and state championships).

IRB STATE TEAM SELECTION

SLSWA will be selecting the Western Suns IRB Team based off results from Rounds 5 and 6 and the State Championships.

DECLARATION

- (a) It is a condition of entry that by using the online entry system, clubs declare that the competitors entered are financial, proficient and satisfy the patrol requirements as detailed in this circular, and the entries are in all other ways in accordance with SLSWA and Club regulations.
- (b) **It is a condition of entry that all competitors agree to have any photography taken during the 2019 SLSWA IRB Series and State Championships that may be used for promotional material by SLSWA.** If a member wishes not to be photographed for any reason, please communicate this to SLSWA prior to the close of entries of the Championships.

- (c) **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.

SLSWA MEMBERS' HEALTH

- (a) Competitors and officials should realise the importance of fitness to undertake their respective activities and should seek expert advice on all aspects of their health before participating.
- (b) Competitors and/or officials who suffer illness or injury should seek medical advice prior to participating or continuing with their activity.
- (c) In addition, SLSWA may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate to ensure that an unfit competitor and/or official and/or SLSWA is not placed at risk.
- (d) Members also have responsibilities under the SLSA Anti-Doping Policies. Members have a duty to avoid all prohibited substances and prohibited methods and should be aware of the Policy if medication is required. If appropriate, advice should be obtained from medical practitioners, pharmacists, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority.

Please note all enquiries relating to this circular should be directed to Jason Wright, Sport and Development Coordinator, SLSWA on 9207 6666 or email: jwright@slnwa.com.au.



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