

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>2026 Surf Life Saving WA IRB Racing Championships</b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Club Competition Directors, Club Administrators, Competitors
<b>Summary:</b>	Final Event Information

Venue	Event date	Entries close
Leighton Beach	Sat 13 & Sun 14 June 2026	Thursday 4 June 2026 11.59pm. Team composition closes Monday 8 June 2026, 11.59pm

The 2026 Surf Life Saving WA IRB Racing Championships are being held at Leighton Beach on Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 June 2026, with events starting at 8am each day.

### GENERAL

These championships will be guided by the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 38th Edition (revised October 2025) and subsequent amendments. These can be accessed via the SLSWA website at this [Link](#).

#### The contested events will be as follows:

Female Tube Rescue	Female Mass Rescue
Male Tube Rescue	Male Mass Rescue
U23 Female Tube Rescue	U23 Female Mass Rescue
U23 Male Tube Rescue	U23 Male Mass Rescue
35+ Female Tube Rescue	35+ Female Mass Rescue
35+ Male Tube Rescue	35+ Male Mass Rescue
Female Teams Rescue	Female Single Rescue
Male Teams Rescue	Male Single Rescue
U23 Female Teams Rescue	U23 Female Single Rescue
U23 Male Teams Rescue	U23 Male Single Rescue
35+ Female Teams Rescue	35+ Female Single Rescue
35+ Male Teams Rescue	35+ Male Single Rescue
	Open Mixed Rescue Relay

### SCRUTINEERING

There will be no scheduled scrutineering. However, there will be random checks throughout the competition day conducted by the Carnival Referee or delegated scrutineer.

### PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the Referee in accordance with the procedures set down in the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 38<sup>th</sup> Edition (Revised October 2025), section 14 – PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual upon which the protest is based. A fee of \$150 cash will be charged to lodge an appeal.

## ENTRY CONDITIONS

Entries for all individual members competing will close on Thursday 4 June 2026, 11.59pm. **No late individual member entries will be accepted.**

Entry fee is \$60 per competitor and is to be paid online via [SurfTec](#). **Entry fees are non-refundable.**

Once individual entries close, clubs will be responsible for creating teams from those members entered. (Members must have their competitive rights with that club at close of individual entries). Teams must be entered in the online system by 11:59pm Monday 8 June 2026. Teams that are not named or complete will not be considered and will be deleted prior to creating draws.

If a team change is required on the day, please complete the *Team Changes Notification Form* at the end of this Circular and hand to the Marshall. Up to 5 changes are permitted per change form with a fee of \$20 which will be invoiced to Club's post event. Note, this form cannot be used to enter new competitors into the Championships.

Competitors may compete in a maximum of twelve events plus the Rescue Relay. Events are conducted in Open, U23 and Over 35 divisions.

The Mixed Relay must consist of a minimum of two male and two female teams, with no restriction on which leg they complete.

No Mixed Club Teams are allowed to compete in these Championships.

## PROFICIENCY OF COMPETITORS

All award holding members must be proficient to participate in competition events and to undertake lifesaving duties. For further information please view the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 38<sup>th</sup> Edition (Revised October 2025), section 2.2.1 Competition Qualifications.

## PATROL AND SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS

Patrol hour requirements are as per the SLSA Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility.

## CARNIVAL SAFETY

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 championships, including the provision of qualified personnel, rescue craft and communications. Should an emergency situation arise during competition, correct control and discipline shall be maintained under the direction of the Event Manager, Championship Referee and the Emergency Services Officer.

In respect to safety:

1. Fuel Storage – SLSWA will set up a fuel storage area and ask all clubs to store fuel (clearly marked with club name) in this designated location.
2. Gas heaters are not permitted within the competition area (including club tents).

## OFFICIALS 1:7 RATIO

Officials play an important part within our organisation and are integral to the ongoing delivery of our sport. Officials ensure competitions are run in a safe and secure environment, while maintaining rules and regulations. For this reason, clubs are requested to provide at least 1 official for every 7 competitors entered. If there are not enough officials then clubs who have not provided their quota will not be allowed to compete.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Final instructions including draws for the events along with the Championship program will be sent out to all competing clubs by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June and will also be available on SLSWA Surf Sport Team App. Results can be viewed via [SurfTec](#).

## MEDALS AND PRESENTATIONS

Medals will be presented directly after the conclusion of Sundays events in the clubrooms of the Fremantle SLSC.

For any event to be contested at the 2026 Surf Life Saving WA IRB Championships, a minimum of three (3) teams from (2) different clubs are required.

As such, for all events, medals will be awarded as follows:

- (a) Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals may be awarded.

The *2026 Surf Life Saving WA IRB Racing Champion Club* banner will be presented to the Club with the highest overall points score from the results of the Championships. Additionally, a *2026 Surf Life Saving WA U23 IRB Racing Champion Club* banner will also be presented to the Club with the highest points gained through the U23 events.

Please contact the Surf Sports Team if you require any further information at [surfsports@swwa.com.au](mailto:surfsports@swwa.com.au) or on 9207 6666.

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**James O'Toole**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



**TEAM CHANGES NOTIFICATION FORM**

<b>Club Name:</b>				
<b>Event No</b>	<b>Name of Event</b> (Include Age/Gender e.g. U17F; Open M)	<b>Team Name</b>	<b>Competitor Out</b>	<b>Competitor In</b>

*FEE \$20 per form completed. Each form can have up to and including five event team changes.  
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