



Surf Life Saving Australia Circular

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Summary:	Final information document with key details for the Shaw and Partners Iron Series Trial Presented by Race One held at Tugun on 20-21 September 2025

The 2025/26 Shaw and Partners Iron Series Trial, presented by Race One, will be held at Tugun SLSC on Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 September 2025.

KEY TIMINGS

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	
6:00AM	Officials Breakfast
6:30AM	Athlete Check In Opens
6:45AM	Officials Briefing
7:00AM-7:20AM	Craft Warm Up
7:25AM-7:45AM	Swim Warm Up
7:45AM	Marshalling Commences
8:00AM	Competition Commences
SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	
6:00AM	Officials Breakfast
7:00AM-7:25AM	Craft Warm Up
7:30AM-7:50AM	Swim Warm Up
8:00AM	Marshalling Commences
8:15AM	Competition Commences
30 mins after conclusion of competition	Compulsory Briefing for all qualified athletes*

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR QUALIFIED ATHLETES

All athletes who qualify for the Shaw and Partners Iron Series on Sunday, 21 September will be required to stay back after competition concludes to do their Media and Broadcast content shoot as per the following schedule.

If you qualify on Sunday please make sure to check your time after qualifying. If you are unable to make your scheduled time, you are able to swap with another athlete however please inform an SLSA Staff Member.

Please also make sure to keep an eye out for an email including an Athlete Induction Link. You will have to complete the Induction within one week (before **Monday, 29 September 2025**).





Schedule for Sunday, 21 September 2025:

Time	Name Male	Name Female
10.30 AM	Male Qualifier 1	Female Qualifier 1
10.45 AM	Male Qualifier 2	Female Qualifier 2
11.00 AM	Male Qualifier 3	Female Qualifier 3
11.15 AM	Male Qualifier 4	Female Qualifier 4
11.30 AM	Male Qualifier 5	Female Qualifier 5
11.45 AM	Male Qualifier 6	Female Qualifier 6
12.00 PM	Male Qualifier 7	Female Qualifier 7
12.15 PM	Male Qualifier 8	Female Qualifier 8
12.30 PM	Male Qualifier 9	Female Qualifier 9
12.45 PM	Male Qualifier 10	Female Qualifier 10
1.00 PM	Male Qualifier 11	Female Qualifier 11
1.15 PM	Male Qualifier 12	Female Qualifier 12
1.30 PM	Male Qualifier 13	Female Qualifier 13
1.45 PM	Male Qualifier 14	Female Qualifier 14
2.00 PM	Male Qualifier 15	Female Qualifier 15

FORMATS

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – HEATS

- Warm Up Competition Area - Separate swim/craft warm up times will be put in place to ensure the safety of all competitors:
 - Craft 7.00am to 7.20am
 - 5 Minute break to clear water of craft
 - Swim 7.25am to 7.45am
- **Marshalling** –Saturday 20 September marshalling will commence at **7.50am**, unless advised otherwise by SLISA.
- **Start time** – The first race will commence at **8am** on Saturday 20 September

	Course	Time	Order
Race 1	Short Traditional Course	Approximately 10 to 12 minutes in duration.	Board - Swim - Ski Male Heats followed by Female Heats
Race 2	Traditional Course	Approximately 15 minutes in duration.	Ski - Board - Swim Male Heats followed by Female Heats
Following Race 2, re-seeding of all competitors will occur with 40 males and 40 females with the highest point score from first two rounds to qualify for Race 3			
Race 3	Enduro Traditional Course Iron #Top 40 Competitors only	Approximately 20 to 25 minutes in duration.	Swim – Ski – Board x2 Male Heats followed by Female Heats

Following Race 3, the top 25 male and female athletes, based on a combined points total of their 3 races will qualify for finals on Sunday 17th November.





Note: All race formats and approximate race durations will be adhered to as close as reasonably possible however they are subject to prevailing conditions and may change, if necessary, in the interests of safety and/or fairness.

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER – FINALS

- There will be no break between races/formats as all races are to be held consecutively i.e., as the Male race finishes the Female race will be starting and vice versa. As the Male race is being conducted the Female race will be marshalled and vice versa.
- **Warm Up Competition Area** - Separate swim/craft warm up times will be put in place to ensure the safety of all competitors.
 - Craft 7am to 7:25am
 - 5 Minute break to clear water of craft
 - Swim 7:30am to 7:50am
- **Marshalling** – on Sunday 21 September marshalling will commence at **8:00am**, unless advised otherwise by SLSA.
- **Start time** – The first race will commence at **8:15am** on Sunday 21 September

	Course	Time	Order
Race 1	Enduro Traditional Course Iron This format only will commence with a 3 minute (approx.) soft sand run #25 Competitors	Approximately 20 to 25 minutes in duration.	Board – Ski – Swim x 2 Female final followed by Male final
First five competitors across the line in Race 1 will have automatic qualification into the 2025/26 Shaw and Partners Iron Series and will not be required to participate in Race 2 and Race 3.			
Race 2	Traditional Course Iron #20 Competitors	Approximately 15 minutes in duration.	Swim – Board – Ski Female final followed by Male final
Race 3	Shorter Traditional Course Iron #20 Competitors	Approximately 10 to 12 minutes in duration.	Ski– Swim – Board Female final followed by Male final

All race formats and approximate race durations will be adhered to as close as reasonably possible however they are subject to prevailing conditions and may change if necessary in the interests of safety and/or fairness.

The first 5 competitors across the line in Race 1, and the 10 competitors with the highest point score from all three races on Sunday, will qualify for the 2025/26 Shaw and Partners Iron Series.
(See below for further information on the qualification process)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL QUALIFIERS

At the conclusion of racing on Sunday 21 September a short presentation will be conducted on the beach recognising the competitors who have qualified into the Shaw and Partners Iron Series.

All competitors who successfully qualify for the Shaw and Partners Iron Series will be required to attend a compulsory briefing following the presentation to provide competitor bio information (including filming and headshots), swimwear and outfitting sizing.

POINTSCORE AND QUALIFICATION PROCESS

HEATS – SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

For the heats a progressive point score will be kept across the 3 races as follows:





1st – 20 points, 2nd – 19 points, 3rd – 18 points etc. numerically through to last place.

If a competitor fails to finish a race, fails to start or is disqualified in any race they will be awarded the NIL points for that race. This also applies if multiple competitors in the same race either fail to start, fail to finish or are disqualified, each competitor will be awarded NIL i.e., if there are 20 starters and 3 competitors fail to finish, fail to start or are disqualified – all 3 competitors will be awarded NIL points.

IMPORTANT - HEATS - Saturday 20 September - Qualifying process for Race 3

All competitors will compete in Races 1 & 2 on Saturday 20 September. A progressive point score will be kept across Races 1 & 2. At the conclusion of Race 2 – only the highest ranked 40 male and the 40 female competitors will progress to Race 3 on Saturday 20 September.

Progression from Heats to Finals – At the conclusion of Race 3 on Saturday 20 September the 25 male and 25 female competitors with the highest point score across all 3 Races will progress through to the finals on Sunday 21 September.

A new and separate point score will be conducted for finals racing on Sunday 21 September. No points or placings are carried over from Saturday to Sunday.

Countback Process – at the conclusions of Races 1 & 2 only – Saturday 20 September.

In the event competitors are tied at the conclusion of Races 1 & 2 a countback based on each competitor's highest placing in each of the races will be conducted as follows:

1. If both competitors are tied on 25 points. i.e. if 2 competitors are tied on 20 points and competitor A has the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 16th he/she will prevail over competitor B with the following places R1 – 2nd, R2 – 15th.
2. If competitors cannot be split on points or positions across the 2 races – the competitor with the highest place in the 2nd race(will prevail. i.e. if both competitors are tied on 25 points and Competitor A has the following places R1 – 11^t, R2 – 6th, he/she will prevail over Competitor B who has recorded the following places R1 – 6th, R2 – 11th.

At the conclusion of Race 2 – only 40 male and 40 female competitors with the highest scores will progress to Race 3.

Countback Process

In the event competitors are tied at the conclusion of the 3 heats (Saturday 20 September) a countback based on each competitor's highest placing in each of the races will be conducted as follows:

3. If both competitors are tied on 45 points. i.e., if 2 competitors are tied on 45 points and competitor A has the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 9th, R3 – 8th he/she will prevail over competitor B with the following places R1 – 2nd, R2 – 3rd, R3 – 13th.
4. If both competitors were again tied after this process the countback will continue to their next best place. i.e. if 2 competitors are tied on 45 points and competitor A has the following places H1 – 1st, H2 – 2nd, H3 – 15th he/she will prevail over competitor B with the following places H1 – 3rd, H2 – 1st, H3 – 14th. This process will continue to include all 3 races if required.
5. If competitors cannot be split on points or positions across all 3 races – the competitor with the highest places in the 3rd race will prevail. i.e., if both competitors are tied on 45 points and Competitor A has the following places R1 – 1st, R2 – 10th, R3 – 7th, he/she will prevail over Competitor B who has recorded the following places R1 – 7th, R2 – 1st, R3 – 10th.

At the conclusion of Race 3 – only 25 male and 25 female competitors with the highest scores across the all 3 races will progress to the finals on Sunday 21 September.

FINALS – SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

The finals will be conducted over 3 races. No points or places are carried over from the heats.





If a competitor fails to finish a race, fails to start or is disqualified in any race they will be awarded the NIL points for that race. This also applies if multiple competitors in the same race either fail to start, fail to finish or are disqualified, each competitor will be awarded NIL i.e., if there are 20 starters and 3 competitors fail to finish, fail to start or are disqualified – all 3 competitors will be awarded NIL points.

RACE 1 – 25 COMPETITORS

All 25 competitors will compete in race 1 of the finals. Race 1 will be conducted over the Enduro format however it will differ from the Enduro format from the Saturday heats as it will commence with a 3-minute soft sand run leading into an enduro format of swim, ski, board around a traditional course x 2. **At the conclusion of Race 1 - the top 5 placegetters only will automatically qualify for the 25/26 Shaw and Partners Iron Series and will not be required to compete in races 2 and 3.** The remaining 20 competitors will be required to compete in races 2 and 3.

For race 1 only points will commence from 6th place. 6th place will receive 20 points, 7th – 19 points etc. through to 1 point for 25th.

RACE 2 AND 3 – 20 COMPETITORS ONLY

The remaining 20 competitors will compete in races 2 & 3. Points will be awarded across both races with 1st place receiving 20 points, 2nd 19 points etc down to 20th place receiving 1 point.

At the conclusion of all 3 races – the top **10 competitors** (from the remaining 20 competitors) with the highest points awarded across all 3 races will qualify for the Shaw and Partners Iron Series.

Countback Process - Finals

In the event competitors are tied at the conclusion of the 3 finals (Sunday 21 September) a countback based on each competitor's highest placing in each of the races will be conducted as follows:

1. If both competitors are tied on 46 points. i.e., if 2 competitors are tied on 46 points and competitor A has the following places R1 – 6th, R2 – 3rd, R3 – 13th he/she will prevail over competitor B with the following places R1 – 7th, R2 – 9th, R3 – 6th.
2. If both competitors were again tied after this process the countback will continue to their next best place. i.e. if 2 competitors are tied on 46 points and competitor A has the following places H1 – 6th, H2 – 3rd, H3 – 13th he/she will prevail over competitor B with the following places H1 – 7th, H2 – 9th, H3 – 6th. This process will continue to include all 3 races if required.
3. If competitors cannot be split on points or positions across all 3 races – the competitor with the highest place in the 3rd race will prevail. i.e., if both competitors are tied on 46 points and Competitor A has the following places R1 – 6th, R2 – 9th, R3 – 7th, he/she will prevail over Competitor B who has recorded the following places R1 – 7th, R2 – 6th, R3 – 9th.

WILDCARDS

There will be no Wildcard positions awarded to any competitors for entry into the Shaw and Partner Iron Series 2025/26.

LIVE HEATS

The Shaw and Partners Iron Series Trials will be utilising LiveHeats wristbands for marshalling and recording processes across all events.

All competitors who have an existing LiveHeats wristband from any SLSA, SLSQ, SLSNSW or Summer of Surf events are to bring these wristbands. If you have already been issued a wristband and require a new one, you will be charged \$10 for a new one.

For those who do not have a wristband, or are required to purchase one, please do so at the administration tent.





LIVESTREAM

SLSA is excited to announce that Sunday will be livestreamed via Iron Series channels. The livestream will commence at 8am AEST. Follow the action at:

- <https://www.youtube.com/@IronSeriesAU>

MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

Please be advised that if you successfully qualify for the Shaw and Partners Iron Series 2025/26, compulsory content and media shooting will take place immediately after the finals race on Sunday.

Scheduling will be based on your qualifying position, in the following order:
Female Qualifier 1, followed by Male Qualifier 1, then Female Qualifier 2, and so on.

We understand that it can be difficult to plan without knowing your final placement, however we kindly ask that you do not book flights or plan to leave before 6.00PM on Sunday.

Once your scheduled media time is confirmed, you're welcome to leave and return as needed. If needed, you may also swap time slots with another athlete, provided you coordinate this directly with the other athlete and it is communicated to an SLSA staff member.

START OF RACES

Unless otherwise advised, all races shall be started on the beach approximately 15 metres from the water's edge (run start). Craft will be placed in front of the start line and as close as practicable to the water's edge. Handlers are not required for the start of events.

FINISH OF RACES

Unless otherwise advised, all races shall finish just prior to the arch at the rear of the run course. The finish line will be between 2 flags (or poles) positioned just prior to the arch. Craft and paddles may be abandoned after rounding the last turning buoy of the swim course. Handlers are to be used to remove craft and paddles from the course.

DRAWS

Once entries close SLSA will create a random draw for all heats. The random draw will be published prior to the start of the event at liveheats.com/slsa.

COMPETITOR NUMBERING

Competitors will be numbered with marker pens. Team Managers and competitors should bring a 1 - 1.5cm black permanent marker to number competitors. The numbers will be located on the outside of the competitor's left and right upper arms. Competitors will be advised of their numbers when the random draw is released.

COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

The Trial for the Shaw and Partners Series 2025/26 will be conducted as per the 37th edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

LYCRA PICK UP

Competitor Hi-Vis Lycras will be available for collection following the Team Managers Briefing at 7:15am on Saturday 20 September 2025 at the Administration Tent on beach. Lycras will not be available for pickup at any time before the briefing. Lycras must be worn when competing.

GEAR & EQUIPMENT / SECURITY

SLSA will provide overnight security to monitor event and competition area for competitor gear & equipment. Competitors are encouraged to safely store and secure own equipment overnight as SLSA takes no responsibility for loss or damage of equipment remaining on beach overnight.



RACE ONE



Trailer Parking will be available in Wyberba Street Reserve to the south of Tugun SLSC (see below) from 9am Friday, 19 September. Access to trailer parking will be via the orange path. **Please ensure you have a spotter to guide you in and out of the park. If the trailer driver is alone, please ensure you get an SLSA staff member to spot you into the park.**

Please note there is a school event occurring in the area on Friday and will have approximately 500 students walking around – please take extra care.



Reports of missing vehicles, craft and equipment and personal belongings, are not uncommon at major events and all club Team Managers and competitors are reminded of their responsibility towards the security of their own equipment at the event.

Whilst general security surveillance personnel will be provided, the security of this equipment remains strictly under the control of the clubs and competitors and no responsibility will be accepted by Surf Life Saving Australia.

PROTESTS

In the event of a protest by a competitor there will be no right of appeal as the Referee's decision, in consultation with the Deputy Referee shall be final.

In dealing with the protest – the Referee has the discretion to **(but not obligated to)**:

- Speak to any further person he/she believes is appropriate and /or
- View any video or broadcast footage that may assist in his/her decision.

All Placings are deemed final upon the Referee declaring the results as confirmed. No protest can be lodged after the confirmation of the results.

CONTINGENCY STRATEGY

The SLSA Events Team and Organising Committee have focused a considerable amount of time researching and inspecting suitable contingency locations in the event that the Trial should be relocated.

SLSA have widely consulted with local authorities and key event stakeholders and have determined the following possible contingency options:

- Option 1 – Reschedule Program
- Option 2 – Use of an alternative competition arena at the primary site
- Option 3 – Move to competition area North or South.
- Option 4 – Relocation away from primary site



A final decision regarding the use of any contingency site will be dictated by a risk assessment at that site.

SLSA reserves the right to make changes to this document. This may include the overall qualification process for the Shaw and Partners Iron Series 2025/26. Changes may include, but are not limited to any of, or combination of, the following:

- Date and location of the trial.
- Format of the trial
- Number of qualifying spots
- The size of the male and female fields
- Any other issue at the discretion of SLSA

SAFETY

All Competitors and Officials are referred to the Introduction of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and in particular but not only paragraphs (d), (e) and (f). Paragraph (d) states: *"Surf lifesaving can be inherently dangerous. Serious accidents can and often do happen which may result in property damage, physical injury and even death. All members are assumed to have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in surf lifesaving."*

A Safety Operations Manual has been developed for use by the Safety & Emergency Committee, the Competition Committee, officials, and relevant personnel. These guides have been refined for use for the Trial of the Shaw and Partners Iron Series.

All competitors participating in the Trial, **must** wear lycra vest as provided by SLSA. Failure to comply with this safety measure may result in disciplinary action against the individual and club.

For warm up and training, competitors may wear any high vis colour i.e., yellow lycras. In all competition **THE SLSA SUPPLIED COMPETITION LYCRA** must be worn.

All equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications at any time before, during or immediately after competition. i.e., SLSA reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout the event.

INCIDENT PROCEDURES

Surf Life Saving Australia has a range of incident protocols in place for the event including designated search and response teams. In the event of a shallow water search, event organisers may seek further assistance from some competitors who hold a Bronze Medallion.

UAV'S ON SITE

Please ensure that all competitors and travelling family members are aware that no unauthorised UAVs are permitted at the event, including the competition area and surrounding locations.

SCRUTINEERING

Team Managers and competitors are strongly advised to ensure that their skis and boards strictly comply with the scrutineering conditions, detailed in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual before departure for the event. SLSA reserves the right to randomly scrutineer all competition related surf craft. I.e., boards and surf skis

EVENT COMMUNICATION

The Trial of the Shaw and Partners Iron Series will be using the 'Stack Team App' smartphone application to send out updates and notifications to Team Managers and competitors. Download 'Stack Team App' from the App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created your user login, search for '**Iron Series Trial**' (with the Shaw and Partners Iron Series logo).





SPONSORSHIP

Competitors who qualify for the Shaw and Partners Iron Series have the opportunity to display a personal sponsor on their craft whilst competing, pending approval from SLSA. Once the qualifying competitors have been announced, they will be asked to submit an information form including a personal sponsor logo file immediately following the Trial. Please be aware that the following National Sponsors have exclusivity in the following categories for the Shaw and Partners Series 2025/26.

COMPANY	EXCLUSIVITY CATEGORY
Shaw and Partners	Financial Services
DHL	Logistics
Isuzu	Automotive
QANTAS	Airline
Westpac	Financial Services
Engine	Swimwear
BRP	SeaDoo water craft & Can-Am/Power craft

SLSA reserve the right to amend this list at any time should additional organisations sponsor the event.

PHOTOGRAPHY

No club/branch photographer passes will be issued for the Trial – this is in line with SLSA's Photography Policy - Policy 6.21. Please contact media@slsa.asn.au if you have any enquiries in this space.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

Only accredited media will be granted access to the competition area. All media enquiries should be directed to Surf Life Saving Australia Media Team.

Competitors shall be permitted to promote the event within their own State. However, no competitor, Team Manager, competitor, Official or spokesperson for a team, shall make media statements that could bring the Shaw and Partners Iron Series, its sponsor, or officials, into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.

Complaints regarding the organisation of the Series, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

Please contact media@slsa.asn.au if you have any enquiries in this space.

SLSA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

SLSA expects that all members involved in the event will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.

The SLSA Code of Conduct, competing unfairly and abuse/inappropriate clauses are contained in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

Any incidents or behaviour likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of lifesaving competition will be managed as prescribed in the current edition of SLSA's Rules, Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA – ONLINE EDUCATION

Prior to competing at the Trial all competitors and primary coaches are required to complete Anti-Doping Fundamentals (formerly Level 1) the Annual Update (formally Level 2) and Competition Manipulation and





Sport Gambling located on Sport Integrity Australia's e-learning platform - <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/login/index.php>

Athletes and their primary coach who progresses on to the Series, in addition to the above courses will also be required to complete the 2025* Annual Update as well as the SLSA Safeguarding and Sexual Harassment Courses.

It is the athletes' responsibility to ensure that they and their coaches have completed the eLearning courses prior to the start of the Series. Failure to do so prior to the start of round 1 will deem the athlete ineligible to participate in the Series.

The 2026 Annual Update is also required to be completed in January when Sport Integrity release the course.

**Please note that the above might be subject to change due to Sport Integrity Australia currently updating their courses and requirements. SIA will publish their new courses in July 2025. We will communicate changes and new requirements at the end of July.*

DRUG USE

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published a Policy 5.02 - Anti-Doping Policy (available online at Members Area) which condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sport.

Any event conducted by SLSA is subject to random drug testing, without prior notice. The very strict procedures laid down for the testing for drugs will be observed, and competitors refusing to submit to a drug test will be subject to prescribed penalties. Should Team Managers require further information, please refer to Policy 5.02 and, as appropriate, contact the "Drugs in Sport" hotline on 1300 027 232.

The Policy 6.23 – Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy (available online at Members Area) addresses the out-of-competition use of illicit drugs, concentrating primarily on education, awareness and prevention initiatives. This policy is designed to help prevent the uptake of illicit drug use and reduce the drug-related harm to individuals, families and stakeholders of SLSA and the broader community.

GAMBLING

Gambling by SLSA members on events in which they are participating as a competitor, Official, Manager or organiser is strictly prohibited. Members proven to have gambled on an SLSA Event whilst a competitor, Coach, Official, Manager or organiser of that competition will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with SLSA Regulations. Please refer to Policy 5.11 – Match Fixing.

THEFT

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia, the hosting authority, states or another individual may be immediately reported to the police and that person/s be brought before a SLSA Disciplinary Committee.

Please note that automatic disqualification of individuals from the event may occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at: events@slsa.asn.au

