

IRB Usage and Training

Breaking the following rules follows a three-strike policy for every member: (1) warning, (2) suspension, (3) judiciary. These rules are objective and clear-cut—there are no excuses. They can therefore be enforced, on the spot, by the active Patrol Captain, the Training Officer, or Club Director/Assistant Director present.

1. IRB warning signs must be posted at the launch area – regardless of whether you are staying in the area or not
2. With the exception of IRB racing or a rescue, the IRB should never hit a green wave fast enough to carry the whole boat and motor higher than the wave height.
3. During any race training, an accredited SLSA Coach must be present
4. A radio must be in the IRB if out of signal sight of the Clubhouse (e.g. going to Manly, Shelly) or if in ANY identifiable patrol gear (e.g. patrol shorts or IRB rashie)

The following *additional* rules apply to the training of Crew and Driver personnel. The trainee, qualified Driver, and Training Officer are ALL responsible for upholding the rules above and below:

5. No one can drive the IRB without having completed the IRB Driver workbook
 - a. Must be stored at the Club: “I’ve done it but its at home” = no driving
6. Every member must be at least 16 years old before driving the IRB
7. Every driving trainee must be a qualified, proficient IRB Crew
8. No one without a proficient Bronze Medallion can undergo crew training in the IRB
9. Trainee drivers must have a proficient Driver in the IRB while driving, unless an IRB Training Officer is present on the beach and authorises two trainee drivers to drive together
10. Trainee Crew must be driven by a qualified, proficient Driver: no trainee or provisional drivers

IRB Driver Provisional Licensing

Provisional licensing is enforced for 8 to 12 months (min. 8 months) from the date of successful completion of the IRB Driver's assessment. To complete their Provisional period, drivers will ask to demonstrate to an authorized person (see below) their driving skills in challenging surf conditions. Please note:

- The assessor must be in the IRB with the driver undergoing this review.
- The review must take place in a surf zone with a wave face not less than 1m.
- This review if carried out at the appropriate time will also constitute IRBD proficiency for the upcoming season.

North Steyne SLSC has the following Provisional Licence rules for new IRB drivers:

1. Provisional drivers will remain inside a geographical area from Shelly Beach to Queenscliff and must remain in view of the North Steyne Clubhouse at all times except in the case of an emergency.
2. Provisional drivers are required to have an unrestricted IRB Driver crewing for the first time they drive at carnivals for water safety, and for laying cans.
3. Provisional drivers will not be permitted to drive for IRB Crew training, nor are they permitted to act as crew for trainee IRB Drivers undergoing training or assessment.
4. Provisional drivers are only permitted to drive at IRB race training sessions when the IRB Team Captain (Ben Neighbour/Franco Milazzo) or an accredited coach is crewperson. This provision still allows for drivers to prepare themselves for competition; with the experienced IRB Captain in the IRB.

Any infractions of the rules governing the use of IRBs will result in the driver being suspended from any driving except rostered patrols. Permission will only be reinstated at the discretion of the Lifesaving Panel.

Authorized personnel to conduct provisional driver reviews:

- Keith Abraham
- Tom Rankine
- Shannon Job
- Paul Friedmann
- Richard Donaldson

These few provisional restrictions are *in addition* to existing SLSA IRB codes and regulations, and North Steyne's existing rules for all IRB Drivers.