



**SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA
POLICY STATEMENT
SPORTS BETTING, RESULT FIXING
AND CORRUPTION**

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SUMMARY:

A number of totalizator and similar agencies are accepting bets on lifesaving competition events.

To ensure the independence and integrity of our events, the SLSA Board has agreed upon this policy and rules in relation to gambling on SLSA competitions.

The policy covers all surf lifesaving events, competitions and series conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs and includes special events, events conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLSA entity and any event, competition or series connected with surf lifesaving (for the purposes of this Rule, an "Event").

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.

POLICY: SPORT BETTING, RESULT FIXING AND CORRUPTION

Competitors, officials, managers or organisers in or otherwise involved in any Event must not, directly or indirectly, engage in the following conduct:

- (a) bet, gamble or enter into any other form of financial speculation on any Event;
- (b) induce or encourage any other person to bet, gamble or enter into any other form of financial speculation on any Event or to offer the facility for such bets to be placed;
- (c) be a party to contriving or attempting to contrive the result of any Event and/or an occurrence within any Event in exchange for any benefit or reward;
- (d) fail to attempt to perform to the best of his or her ability in any Event for any reason whatsoever (including, in particular, owing to an arrangement relating to betting on the outcome of any Event or on the occurrence of any Event) other than for legitimate tactical reasons in relation to that Event;

- (e) induce or encourage any competitor not to attempt to perform to the best of that competitor's ability in any Event for any reason whatsoever, including, in particular, owing to an arrangement relating to betting on the outcome of any Event or on the occurrence of any Event other than for legitimate tactical reasons in relation to the Event;
- (f) for money, benefit or other reward (whether for the competitor him or herself or any other person and whether financial or otherwise), provide any information concerning the weather, the surf conditions, a team or its members (including, without limitation, the Team's actual or likely composition, the form of individual competitor or tactics) the status or possible outcome of any Event or the possible occurrence of any Event other than in connection with bona fide media interviews and commitments;
- (g) engage in any other form of corrupt conduct in relation to any Event ;
- (h) fail to promptly disclose to the Chief Executive Officer of SLSA, State Centre and or Branch that he or she has received an approach from another person to engage in conduct such as that described in paragraphs (a) – (g) above (such disclosure to be in writing and include full particulars of any such approach);
- (i) fail to promptly disclose to the Chief Executive Officer of SLSA, State Centre and or Branch that he or she knows or reasonably suspects that any current or former competitor, coach, manager or official or any other person has engaged in conduct, or been approached to engage in conduct, such as that described in paragraphs (a) – (g) (such disclosure to be in writing and include full particulars of any such knowledge or suspicion);
- (j) fail to promptly disclose to the Chief Executive Officer of SLSA, State Centre and or Branch that he or she has received, or is aware or reasonably suspects that another competitor, coach, manager or official or any other person has received, actual or implied threats of any nature in relation to past or proposed conduct such as that described in paragraphs (a) – (g) above (such disclosure to be in writing and include full particulars of any such knowledge or suspicion); or
- (k) engage in conduct that relates directly or indirectly to any of the conduct described in paragraphs (a) – (j) above and is prejudicial to the interests of surf lifesaving or which could bring him or her or surf lifesaving into disrepute.

A valid defense may be made to a charge in respect of any prohibited conduct set out in (h), (i) and (j) above if the person charged proves that the conduct was the result of an honest and reasonable belief that there was a serious threat to the life or safety of the person charged or any member of that person's family.

GUIDELINES

For the purpose of this Rule:

- (a) Notwithstanding the definition of "Event" above a reference to "surf lifesaving competition, event and or series" includes any surf lifesaving competition, event and/or series whatsoever conducted anywhere in the world and is not restricted to a surf lifesaving competition, event and or series which the competitor, coach, manager or official concerned, or any team, took part; and
- (b) a reference to an "attempt" shall include an offer or an invitation.

FURTHER ADVICE AND INFORMATION

If you have any questions on this policy, you should contact the Chief Executive Officer at SLSA.