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Summary

This bulletin details the introduction of a new SLSA Surf Sports Manual 33rd (Revised) edition.

The changes, which are detailed below, are mostly minor in nature but reflect the ongoing development of SLSA's Surf Sports rules to ensure the continued safe and fair delivery of competition for its members. Where appropriate there has also been some alignment with ILS rules.

The changes were made after consultation with the SLSA Athletes Commission, officials, coaches, subject matter experts, other interested parties and appropriate levels of SLSA membership and were endorsed by the Board of Surf Sports.

With the exception of Paragraph (c) (ii) of Section 2.2.4.2 the new rules come into effect from the date of this bulletin. Paragraph (c) (ii) of Section 2.2.4.2 will take effect from 1 January 2011. Until 1 January 2011 the existing rule will remain in effect i.e. a SLSA member who competes for any club or other entity other than their SLSA club at Rescue 2010 shall not be eligible to compete in any SLSA competition event until the end of the 2010 calendar year (i.e. 1 January 2011).

The Surf Sports Manual 33rd (Revised) Edition will be published on SLSA's website at www.slsa.asn.au.

A paper based Manual will also be produced. It is expected that this Manual will be available during the 2010/11 season.



The following are the changes to the Manual:

SECTION 1 COMPETITION SAFETY

Some minor clarifications have been made to Section 1 to ensure that safety guidelines remain clear and that the requirements are more easily understood. The changes are as follows:

1.3 COMPETITION SAFETY ASSESSMENT

This heading for this clause has been renamed from “Competition Contingency Plan” to “Competition Safety Assessment”. The clause shall now read:

Before any SLSA competition to be conducted the Referee or his delegate should assess the prevailing and expected conditions.

Assessments may be undertaken at any time before and during competition.

Should an assessment indicate that part or all of competition not be conducted because of adverse weather conditions or another threat, a decision will be required from the Competition Committee on whether to postpone, cancel or relocate all or parts of a competition.

The major threat for the conduct of competition relates to the advent of adverse weather conditions, either before or during the competition. Adverse weather can create extremes in heat or cold, storms, dangerous surf or swell and associated dangers for competitors. Secondary natural threats are considered less likely, although man-made disasters, such as pollution of the surf and beach should not be discounted.

The sample Event Safety Guide Worksheet contained in Appendix A of this Section or a competition safety assessment designed for a particular event may assist in the assessment process.

1.4 COMPETITION CONTINGENCY PLAN

A new clause entitled “Competition Contingency Plan has been inserted to separate competition safety assessments and contingency situations. The paragraphs are unchanged with the exception of the first paragraph which shall read:

If the Competition Committee decides to postpone, cancel or relocate all or parts of a competition a clear and simple Contingency Plan should be implemented.

As result of this change all later clauses in Section 1 have been renumbered. In addition, the Sample Event Safety Guide Worksheet and the Sample Disaster Plan appendices have been reordered in the Manual.

SECTION 2 GENERAL COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS

2.1 SLSA COMPETITIONS

Paragraph (b) has been amended to allow for specialist or other officials judges (e.g. Board Riding Association) or other officials to be used in SLSA competition. The paragraph shall now read

(b) *All SLSA competition, carnivals and any other competitions authorised or controlled by SLSA, must be conducted by duly accredited SLSA officials or other persons recognised by SLSA.*

2.2.2 Patrol Exemption

This section has been amended to recognise an earlier SLSA decision to allow eligible Surf Rescue Certificate competitors to compete in U/13 and U/14 age competition without having to complete patrol hours as detailed in Policy 5.4. The paragraph shall now read:

All members of SLSA from 13 years of age (as at 30 September), and competing in U/15 and above age competition are bound by the SLSA Patrol Exemption/Obligation Policy which is set out in the SLSA Regulations. Under no circumstance shall any competitor be granted patrol or club duty exemptions solely upon or for competition reasons.

2.2.3 Dual Membership

It has been clarified that members who are member of more than one club are entitled to compete in intra-club competition of all their clubs. The paragraph shall now read:



- (c) *Any competing member who is a member of more than one club shall be entitled to compete in intra-club events of all such clubs.*

2.2.4.2 International Competitive Transfers and Competition

Paragraph (b) (i) of this section has been amended to enable more practical compliance with SLSA transfer rules when a SLSA member seeks to change clubs between the National and World Championships. The determining club shall now be the last Australian Championships that a member competes in before the World Championships. The paragraph shall now read:

- (b) *Interclub transfers:*

In the year of the World Lifesaving Championships (1 January to 31 December):

- (i) *Competitors who compete for a club in their National Championships may not subsequently compete for another club in the World Lifesaving Championships.*

Note: *The last Australian Championships (i.e. Surf, Masters, Pool Rescue, or IRB) that a member participates in before the World Championships shall be the determining club for application of this rule.*

From 1 January 2011 a changed Paragraph (c) (ii) of Section 2.2.4 will come into effect to reflect a SLSA decision that a SLSA member who competes for a club other than their SLSA Club at a World Championships shall not be permitted to compete for their SLSA club for 12 months from the date of World Championships. The paragraph shall read:

- (c) *SLSA members:*

In the year of the ILS World Lifesaving Championships (1 January to 31 December):

- (i) *Any SLSA member must only compete for their SLSA club at the ILS World Lifesaving Championships.*

- (ii) *Any SLSA member who competes for any club or other entity other than their SLSA club at an ILS World Lifesaving Championships will not be eligible to compete in any SLSA event for 12 months from the date of the conclusion of the relevant ILS World Lifesaving Championships. This includes Australian Surf Life Saving, Pool Rescue, IRB and Masters Championships, all State and Branch Championships and any other SLSA, State Centre or Branch sanctioned event or competition.*

Until 1 January 2011 the existing rule will remain in effect i.e. a SLSA member who competes for any club or other entity other than their SLSA club at Rescue 2010 shall not be eligible to compete in any SLSA competition event until the end of the 2010 calendar year (i.e. 1 January 2011).

2.3 COMPETITION SEASON, AGES, CATEGORIES AND PROVISOS

There has been a major rewrite of this and surrounding Sections to improve rule clarity and interpretation (only) for competition ages, individual and team event participation and any restrictions. The amended Sections shall now read:

2.3.1. Competition Season

- (a) *The Competition Season shall run from the 1st October in one year to the 30th September in the following year.*

2.3.2 Determining Age Groups

- (a) *For the purpose of determining an age group, all competitors must have a common birth date calculated as at midnight on 30th September each year, i.e. age at midnight on 30th September determines the competitor's age category (for individual events) in that competition season.*

2.3.3 Age Groups/Gender

- (a) *SLSA competition events shall be conducted in the following age group/gender categories:*

Under 8 – Under 15 years (one year categories)

Under 17 years

Under 19 years

Under 21 years

Under 23 years

Over 24 years

Open



Senior

Masters (30 years plus)

Female only

Male only

Mixed (specified or non specified numbers of male and female competitors up to and including all males/females)

2.3.4 Participation in Individual Events

- (a) For participation in individual events the competitor's age as at midnight on 30 September (each year) each shall be:

Age	Compete as
7 years	U/8
8 years	U/9
9 years	U/10
10 years	U/11
11 years	U/12
12 years	U/13 (and/or U/15 upon reaching the age of 13 during the season and gaining the appropriate award.)
13 years	U/14 and/or U/15
14 years	U/15 (and/or Open upon reaching the age of 15 during the season and gaining the Bronze Medallion. Refer also Section 6 for Surf Ski events and Section 8 for Iron Person events *)
15 years	U/17 and/or Open (refer also Section 6 for Surf Ski events and Section 8 for Iron Person events *.)
16 years	U/17 and/or Open
17 years	U/19 and/or Open
18 years	U/19 and/or Open
19 years	U21 and/or Open and/or Senior
20 years	U/21 and/or Open and/or Senior
21 years	U23 and/or Open and/or Senior
22 years	U23 and/or Open and/or Senior
23 years	Open and/or Senior
24-29 years	Over 24 Years and/or Open and/or Senior
30 years plus	Masters, Over 24 Years and/or Open and/or Senior

Note: * No member is permitted to compete in Iron Person events containing the ski leg until reaching the age of 16 years

2.3.5 Participation in Team Events

- (a) For participation in team events the following conditions apply:
- (i) In the U/8 to U/13 age categories inclusive members may compete in their own (individual) age group in team events plus the next immediately older age group only in team events.
Note: U/8 members shall not be permitted to compete in water events other than the Wade Relay (because the competition evaluation does not form part of the U/8 Age Award/Proficiency);
- (ii) Proficient U/13 competitors with the relevant age award may compete in their own age (individual) age group plus the U/14 age category in team events.



- (iii) Proficient U/13 Surf Rescue Certificate holders may compete in their own (individual) age group plus the U/14 and U/15 age team categories.
 - (iv) Proficient U/14 Surf Rescue Certificate holders may compete in their own (individual) age group and the U/15 age team category.
 - (v) Proficient Bronze Medallion holders may compete in their own (individual) age group in team events plus any other older team age group up to and including the open age category.
 - (vi) For the specific conditions pertaining to participation in Surf Boat, Surf Ski and March Past events refer also to Sections 5 (Surf Boat), Section 6 (Surf Ski) and Section 10 (March Past).
- (b) Where specified (e.g. Lifesaver Relay, All Age Relay, etc.) competitors of different ages may compete together as specified in the event rules provided that each competitor is of the correct age as outlined in the rules for that event and is currently proficient in the appropriate award for their age group.
- (c) No member is permitted to compete in Surf Boat competition until reaching the age of 16 years.
- (d) No member is permitted to compete in double ski competition until reaching the age of 16 years.

2.3.6 Under 8 to Under 14 Years

Members shall be eligible to contest a relevant U/8 to U/14 age category after attaining the relevant age as described in Rule 2.3.1.

Note: Provided that they are currently proficient in the appropriate age award for their age.

2.3.7 Under 15 Years

Members shall be eligible to contest the U/15 age category after attaining the age of 13 years provided they are proficient Surf Rescue Certificate awardees. For participation in March Past events refer Section 10.

2.3.8 Under 17 Years

Members shall be eligible to contest the U/17 age category after attaining the age of 15 years (as at 30 September – refer Rule 2.3.1 Note 1) provided they are proficient Bronze Medallion awardees.

Note: No member is permitted to compete in Surf Boat competition until reaching the age of 16 years. For participation in Boat events refer Section 5. For participation in Surf Ski events refer Section 6 and Ironman/Ironwoman events refer to Section 8. For participation in March Past events refer Section 10.

2.3.9 Under 19 Years

Members shall be eligible to contest the U/19 age category after attaining the age of 17 years (as at 30 September – refer Rule 2.3.1 Note 1) and providing they are proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion awardees.

Note: For participation in Boat events refer Section 5. For participation in March Past events refer Section 10.

2.3.10 Under 21 Years

Members shall be eligible to contest the U/21 age category events after attaining the age of 19 years (as at 30 September – refer Rule 2.3.1 Note 1) and providing they are proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion awardees.

Note: For participation in Boat events refer Section 5. For participation in the March Past events refer Section 10.

2.3.11 Under 23 Years

Members shall be eligible to contest the U/23 age category events after attaining the age of 21 years (as at 30 September – refer Rule 2.3.1 Note 1) and providing they are proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion awardees.

Note: For participation in Boat events refer Section 5. For participation in March Past events refer Section 10.

2.3.12 Over 24 Years

Members shall be eligible to contest the Over 24 Years age category after attaining the age of 24 years (as at 30 September – refer Rule 2.3.1 Note 1) and providing they are proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion awardees.

2.3.13 Open

Members of SLSA who are proficient Bronze Medallion awardees may contest open age events. For participation in Boat events refer Section 5. For participation in Surf Ski events refer Section 6. For participation in March Past events refer to Section 10.

Note: No member is permitted to compete in Surf Boat competition until reaching the age of 16 years.



2.3.14 Senior

Where such an event is considered desirable, SLSA may conduct Senior Events in which only proficient Bronze Medallion awardees over the age of 19 years shall compete i.e. U/19 and/or U/17 and/or U/15 year old members shall not be allowed to compete in such events.

2.3.15 Masters (30 Years plus)

- (a) Members shall be eligible to contest Over 30 years events provided they have attained the age of 30 years (as at 30 September each season) and are proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion awardees and have met the patrol requirements for their membership category.
- (b) In Masters events, boat sweep oarsmen do not need to be Masters Competitors, but must be proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion members and may compete in multiple Masters Age categories as the sweep oarsman.

Note 1: In individual events Masters may only compete in their own Masters age group or the next youngest age category in a particular event if there are insufficient starters to conduct the event in their own age group and without prejudice to their age category in other events.

Note 2: Masters are permitted to compete in only one team age category in each event discipline conducted at a competition. Where a team event consisting of two competitors is conducted (e.g. double surf ski), the age of the younger competitor shall determine the age category; additionally where an event with three or more competitors is conducted the combined ages of the team members shall apply. In Master surf boat categories the combined age category is determined by the ages of the four rowers.

Note 3: In team events where a combined age is stated it is the age of each individual, as at the 30th September prior to the season (1st October to 30th September) in which the competition is held, added together – i.e. if a competitor turns 40 years of age during the competition season, 39 is the age used to reach combined age total.

2.3.12 Female/Male Only Events

- (a) Female/Male Only Events may be conducted in designated competition categories. Female/male members shall be eligible to contest such events as per current SLSA rules.
- (b) However, no event shall be conducted at a competition which excludes a gender, i.e. if only one event is to be conducted it shall be designated as open to both male and female competitors.

Note 1: Boat sweep oarsmen, IRB patients, Belt Race Reel and other handlers are to be considered as gender neutral with respect to their participation in male and female events.

Note 2: Some SLSA events may be designated as open to both male and female competitors in each event.

Note 3: Some SLSA team events (e.g. Open Mixed R&R) may be designated as Mixed and may contain specified or non specified number(s) of male and female competitors in each team.

Note 4: The criteria for the above competition categories and provisos may vary from time to time. These variations will be notified by way of SLSA internet bulletins and circulars.

2.4 COMPETITORS WITH DISABILITIES

A new Section has been inserted as follows:

- (a) Upon application to the Competition Committee at an event an allowance may be considered for a competitor with a disability only if there is no disadvantage to other competitors in the event.
- (b) The decision of the Competition Committee shall be final and shall not be subject to protest.

2.5 DRESS OF COMPETITORS

This section has been reviewed to reflect ILS swimwear standards and to improve rule clarity. The complete Section shall now read:


2.5.1 Costumes, Dress and Style

- (a) Competitors shall wear costumes, clothing or dress as approved by SLSA.
- (b) A competitor shall not be permitted to take part in any competition if, in the opinion of the Referee, the competitor is not properly dressed.
- (c) Swimwear to be worn in all SLSA competition (including beach events and special events) must comply with the following standards:
 - (i) Swimwear worn by males shall not extend above the navel or below the knee.




- (ii) *Swimwear worn by females shall not cover the neck, shoulders or arms nor extend below the knees. Two piece swimsuits that conform to this standard may also be worn.*

MALE SWIMSUITS

Full Length	Long	Long Legs
Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
		
Knee Length	Square Leg	Briefs
Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
		

FEMALE SWIMSUITS

Full Length	Zippered Back	Two Piece
Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Allowed
		
Knee Length, Open Back		Short, Open Back
Allowed		Allowed
		

- (d) *The material and construction used in swimwear to be worn in all SLSA beach competition swim legs and pool rescue events swim legs shall be:*
- (i) *Only textile woven fabric(s) shall be permitted.*
 - (ii) *Non-woven and/or non-permeable (e.g. wetsuit type) materials shall not be permitted.*
 - (iii) *The material used shall have a maximum thickness of 0.8mm.*
 - (iv) *Other than string ties for the tops of men's swimwear or the bottom of female two piece swimwear no zippers or other fastening systems shall be permitted.*
 - (v) *Swimwear that provides flotation, pain reduction, chemical/medical stimulation or other external stimulation or influence of any type shall be prohibited.*



- (vi) *No outside application on the material shall be permitted. (Note: manufacturer brandings, club names or similar are permitted).*
- (e) *SLSA will allow both male and female competitors to wear "modesty" swimwear made of a textile woven fabric under their swimsuit, provided that no competitive advantage is gained. Further, any modesty swimwear shall be restricted to the short style for men and the two piece style top and/or bottom for women.*
- (f) *Upon application for religious and/or cultural diversity reasons, SLSA will consider the wearing of (non-body shaping) textile swimwear that covers a greater part of the body provided that such swimwear does not provide a competitive advantage.*
- (g) *The Referee may authorise the wearing of wetsuits or "marine stinger suits" dependent upon weather, water or other marine conditions.*
- (h) *Wetsuits shall be permitted in events when the water temperature is 16 degrees Celsius or less, or when the Referee determines wind chill is a factor. Water temperature measurements should be taken approximately 30 cm below the surface.*
- (i) *The only wetsuits approved for use in events involving swimming shall have a maximum thickness of 3.3 mm at any location on the wetsuit. Wetsuits cannot contain additional material to provide the wearer with flotation or buoyancy assistance. It is not permitted to wear more than one wetsuit (i.e. one upon the other) but one modesty textile swimsuit is permitted.*
- (j) *Except for swimmers in events the wearing of other protective clothing (e.g. shorts, Lycra tops, t-shirts, etc.) may be worn by individual competitors in both individual and team events unless otherwise prescribed by these rules or the event organising authority.*
- (k) *In addition, the following exceptions apply to particular events:*
- (i) *In Surf Boat events, the sweep oarsman may wear apparel (including wetsuits and booties) as the conditions warrant. The specifications for wetsuits shall not apply.*
- (ii) *In IRB events competitors may wear apparel (including wetsuits, booties, gloves and hoods) in all events. The specifications for wetsuits shall not apply.*
- (iii) *In March Past events dress shall be of consistent style and colour. Competitors may wear costumes or uniform casual wear, provided that such dress will enable teams to demonstrate to Judges the marching and technical skills prescribed for the event. The wearing of protective sun creams shall also be permitted. A Panama style hat may be worn over the top of a fastened club cap, or alternatively, a peaked cap underneath or over a fastened club cap.*
- (iv) *In R&R events both male and female competitors shall wear uniform dress. "Traditional" style costumes shall be permitted provided that the material (which must conform to the requirements specified in this section) does not cover the neck or extend below the knees. In addition, other than string ties for the tops of men's swimwear or the bottom of female two piece swimwear no zippers or other fastening systems shall be permitted. Teams are to wear numbered caps.*
- (m) *Sunglasses or optical glasses may be worn in all events provided that any eye protection or optical glasses worn must be suitably designed for that event.*
- (n) *The wearing of footwear shall not be permitted in beach sprint or beach flag events unless specifically allowed by the Referee due to the prevailing beach surface conditions."*

2.5.2 Caps

- (a) *Competition caps, colours and designs, must be approved and registered with the relevant State Centre and SLSA. Only registered colours and caps shall be permitted to be worn. In team events competitors must wear matching caps.*
- (b) *Caps, securely fastened under the chin, must be worn on the head at the start (including the start of each leg in team events) of all events. The wearing of rubber or silicone type swim caps is permitted under competition caps.*
- (c) *A competitor/team shall not be disqualified if a cap is inadvertently displaced or lost after the start of an event, provided that officials can identify that the competitor correctly completed the course/race.*
Note: *In Surf Teams events, it is not advisable for caps to be removed from the head of a competitor until placings have been recorded for that race and the official in charge of the finish of the event gives permission.*
- (d) *The wearing of helmets is optional in surf boat, IRB, craft and board riding events. If helmets are worn they may replace the competition cap. All helmets used are to be in club colours and design. The wearing of helmets must conform to SLSA rules regarding the wearing of caps.*
- (e) *The wearing of registered competition caps or rubber or silicone type swim caps is permitted in Pool Rescue Events and the Simulated Emergency Response Competition provided that matching swim caps are worn in team events*



2.5.3 Colours

State, Branch and club colours are considered to be those registered as their cap colours.

2.5.4 Identification

- (a) Caps, rash shirts/vests and/or arm markings identify a competitor's team and provide a starting point should the necessity arise to identify an individual.
- (b) Where a club enters more than one team in an event the competitors in each team shall either:
 - (i) All wear caps with distinguishing numbers or letters; or
 - (ii) All wear distinguishing numbers or letters marked on their upper arms; or
 - (iii) All wear rash shirts/vests with distinguishing colours or distinguishing numbers or letters.
- (c) Also refer Section 3 for Lifesaving events.

Note: In events such as surfboat races, double ski races or board rescue races, Rule 2.5.4 (b) shall not apply if the individuals in each team can be identified because of the craft they are using.

2.10 COMPETITION DEFINITIONS

Additional sections have been inserted as follows to best define individual and team events conducted by SLSA:

2.10.1 Individual Events

- (a) An individual event shall be contested by a single competitor. An individual may be assisted by handlers (e.g. Ironman, Belt Races etc.) There can be no substitution of individuals in an event or between rounds. If a competitor is disqualified for breach or rules etc they lose all standing in the event.

2.10.2 Team Events

- (a) A team event is contested by more than one competitor from the same club or lifesaving unit who may either complete an event or race together as a discrete unit (e.g. boat race, surf teams, R&R etc.) or separately (e.g. relay events, board rescue etc). Team members may be substituted between rounds (as per Rule 2.18) but there shall be no substitution of competitors while a race is being conducted. If one or more competitor is disqualified for a breach or rules etc the entire team shall lose all standing in the event being contested.

Note: For the purposes of SLSA's Anti-Doping Policy and for the avoidance of doubt the above definitions for "individual events" and "team events" are the same as the definitions of "Individual Sport" and "Team Sport" captured in SLSA's Anti-Doping Policy.

- (b) In all events designated as team events the "team" shall consist of members of the same surf lifesaving authority (i.e. club, Branch or State) who must fulfil all SLSA entry requirements.

Note: Members are reminded that they must compete under their own name and are not permitted to compete in the same event in different teams.

2.13 DRAWS

There has been a rewrite of this Section to improve rule clarity and competition fairness by ensuring that seeding can be undertaken for the initial draw and also for subsequent rounds. The section now also allows for vacancies caused by withdrawal to be filled. The amended Section shall now read:

- (a) The number of entries received for events shall determine the necessity to conduct heats and further rounds prior to conducting a final.
- (b) The seeding of competitors should occur at all competitions conducted by SLSA to ensure the fairness of competition.
- (c) The initial draw for heats and beach positions including seeding of competitors may be conducted as directed by SLSA or nominated officials and supplied to clubs. The method used shall be approved by the Competition Committee or Referee.
- (d) The draw for subsequent rounds, seeding and beach positions shall be conducted as directed by SLSA or nominated officials and supplied to clubs. The methods used shall be approved by the Competition Committee or the Referee.
- (g) Vacancies created in qualifying to further rounds of an event due to the withdrawal of a competitor or team shall only be filled by the next placegetter who participated in the same race.

2.20 COMPLETION OF COURSES

Additional wording has been added to allow for the use of electronic equipment to assist the judging process as follows:



- (a) *Competitors/teams must compete fairly and adhere to the courses and the rules as detailed in this Manual or Entry Conditions Bulletin or as directed by the relevant official for the conduct of various events. Where available, electronic equipment (including video) may be utilised to assist the judging process.*

2.21 CHANGE-OVER (TAGGING) IN RELAY EVENTS

An additional word has been added to further describe that a tag may occur on any part of the body as follows:

- (b) *Tagging is defined as the incoming competitor, after completing the course, using either hand visibly to touch the ongoing or outgoing competitor either on the hand or any other part of the body.*

2.22 FINISH OF EVENTS

Paragraph (b) has been amended to clarify that when competitors reach the swimming buoys either at the end of a race (e.g. Belt Race) or to complete their leg of a race (e.g. a swimmer in the Board Rescue Race) they must signal correctly. The paragraph shall now commence:

- (g) *In events where competitors finish or finish a leg of a team event at a swim buoy....*

2.28 COMPETING UNFAIRLY

A specific additional dot point has been added to examples of a competitor and/or team competing unfairly in an event. The dot point which shall be added to Paragraph (b) is as follows:

- *Competing contrary to the specific direction of the Referee or designated official.*

SECTION 3 LIFESAVING EVENTS

3.3 INFLATABLE RESCUE BOAT COMPETITION

Paragraph (a) referring to the aims of IRB competition has been amended to reflect the March 2009 Competition Rules published on the SLSA website. The revised wording is:

- (a) *The conduct of Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Competition provides the opportunity for SLSA members to demonstrate in a competitive manner some rescue techniques using motorised craft. The aim of the competition is to:*
- (i) *Improve the prowess of IRB drivers and crewpersons (collectively known as crews).*
 - (ii) *Encourage crews to correctly equip and maintain their IRB and motors for optimum safe performance and reliability for both lifesaving patrol duties and competition.*
 - (iii) *Allow crews to demonstrate their techniques and abilities ability to perform a rescue.*
 - (iv) *Bring crews together to discuss and improve their IRB techniques and operations.*
 - (v) *Promote safety awareness techniques for the crew and patients in simulated rescue scenarios.*

3.4 CHAMPION LIFESAVER

3.4.2 Equipment

Because the resuscitation cycles are now similar the requirement for competitors to bring a child resuscitation manikin has been deleted. Paragraph (a) has been amended as follows:

- (a) *Each competitor shall provide as a minimum the following equipment, which shall be available for use by the competitor at the commencement of the competition:*
- (i) *One rescue board or Malibu racing board.*
 - (ii) *One rescue tube.*
 - (iii) *One pair of swim fins (optional).*
 - (iv) *One adult resuscitation manikin.*

3.4.6 Questionnaire

Paragraph (a) has been amended to refer to the current "lifesaving" Manual and that questions should be relevant to the minimum qualifications to compete in the event. The revised wording is:



- (a) *The theory paper section will consist of forty Multiple Choice Questions derived from ~~any~~ the current Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue Manual and relevant to the minimum qualifications required to compete in the event. A thirty minute time limit shall be allowed.*

3.4.7 Practical Resuscitation

Parts of this paragraph have been amended to reflect that the child resuscitation manikin has been deleted from the equipment list and is not used in the event.

Appendix A

There have been some minor changes to the judging sheets to reflect the removal of the child resuscitation manikin from the event. In addition there has been clarification to some minor deductions to improve the judging sheets.

A change has also been made to resuscitation timings based on competitor, coach and official feedback. The timing deduction schedule is as follows:

<i>Slower than 2:05.00.....</i>	<i>4 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>2:03.00 – 2:04.99.....</i>	<i>2 point deductions</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>2:01.00 – 2:02.99.....</i>	<i>1 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>1:58.00 – 2:00.99.....</i>	<i>Nil deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>1:56.00 – 1:57.99.....</i>	<i>1 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>1:54.00 – 1:55.99.....</i>	<i>2 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>1:52.00 – 1:53.99.....</i>	<i>3 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Faster than 1:51.99</i>	<i>4 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.5 PATROL COMPETITION

Paragraphs in this section have been extensively rewritten following introduction of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Trainer into the event. The requirement to bring a child resuscitation manikin has also been deleted. In addition the resuscitation timings have been amended. The judging sheets contained in appendix B have been amended to reflect the amendments.

3.5.4 Equipment

Paragraph (a) has been rewritten to include the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and delete the child resuscitation manikin. The paragraph shall now read:

- (a) *Each team shall provide as a minimum the following equipment, which shall be available for use by the team at commencement of the competition.*
- (i) *One rescue board or Malibu racing board.*
 - (ii) *One rescue tube.*
 - (iii) *A first aid kit (refer Appendix C)*
 - (iv) *One pair of swim fins (optional).*
 - (v) *One Air Bag Oxygen Resuscitation Unit (Air Bag).*
 - (vi) *One Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Trainer*
 - (vii) *One adult resuscitation manikin.*

3.5.5 Team (Patrol) Competition

Paragraphs (a) and (d) have been rewritten to detail team positions following introduction of the AED into the event. The paragraphs shall now read:

- (a) *The Team (Patrol) Competition shall be conducted in Open and Under 17 age categories. The Open competition shall consist of six members per team and the Under 17 competition shall consist of four members per team as follows:*
- (i) *Open – each team shall consist of six competitors who are all proficient Bronze Medallion awardees and are all proficient Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) Certificate holders.*



- (ii) *Under 17 – each team shall consist of four competitors who are all proficient Bronze Medallion awardees and are all proficient Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) Certificate holders.*
- *The Open event team members shall be designated as follows:*
 - *No.1 – Resuscitation Team (First Role – One person CPR Operator)*
 - *No.2 – Resuscitation Team (First Role – Two person CPR, ECC Operator)*
 - *No.3 – Resuscitation Team (First Role – Two person CPR, Prepares oxygen equipment and introduces mask)*
 - *No.4 – AED Operator and Patient Swimmer (Board/Tube Relay)*
 - *No.5 – Tube Rescuer (Board/Tube Relay)*
 - *No.6 – Board Rescuer (Board/Tube Relay)*
- (d) *In the Under 17 Patrol competition Event there shall be two draws required for the Board/Tube Relay and for the Resuscitation sections. Team members shall be designated as follows:*
- (ii) *Resuscitation*
- *No.1 – Resuscitation Team (First Role – One person CPR Operator)*
 - *No.2 – Resuscitation Team (First Role – Two person CPR, ECC Operator)*
 - *No.3 – Resuscitation Team (First Role – Two person CPR, Prepares oxygen equipment and introduces mask)*
 - *No.4 – AED Operator*

3.5.10 Theory

Paragraph (a) has been amended to refer to the current “lifesaving” Manual. The revised wording is:

- (a) *In the Open event, all six members of the team shall contest this component of the event. In the Under 17 event, all four members of the team shall contest this component of the event.*
- The theory section will consist of 20 Multiple Choice Questions answer paper on general surf lifesaving, patrol requirements, communication, basic first aid and surf awareness, based on questions drawn from the current Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue Manual and relevant to the minimum qualifications required to compete in the event. Each team member will receive the same paper and each will individually complete the paper.*

3.5.11 Practical Resuscitation

Paragraph (a) has been rewritten accommodate the introduction of the AED into the event. The paragraph shall now read:

- (a) *This practical resuscitation section will comprise two parts:*
- (i) *Part A – Live patient assessment including lateral (recovery) position; and*
- (ii) *Part B – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Defibrillation on a manikin.*
- (b) *The team members that have drawn No’s. 1, 2, 3 and 43 shall contest this section of the competition. These members shall operate as a resuscitation team rotating after the delivery of each five cycles of CPR (i.e. one cycle is the delivery of 30 ECC and 2 breaths).*
- (c) *The practical resuscitation section shall consist of four components:*
- (i) *Two person assessment of a live patient*
- (ii) *CPR on a manikin (1 person)*
- (iii) *CPR on a manikin (2 person)*
- (iv) *CPR with oxygen on a manikin (3 person)*
- (v) *Defibrillation Procedure on a manikin (4 person)*
- (d) *The practical resuscitation section will also involve:*
- (i) *Assessment of teamwork*
- (ii) *Assessment of timing*
- (iii) *Checking of Air Bag and oxygen equipment*
- (iv) *Introduction of the Air Bag*
- (v) *Defibrillation Procedure Technique*



- (e) *The organising group shall arrange the live patient for part of the practical resuscitation.*
- (k) *At the conclusion of the live patient assessment teams shall maintain their positions and await the direction of an appointed official who will give the instructions to the team to move to the manikin for CPR and defibrillation assessment on a manikin.*
- (m) *While one person CPR by No.1 on the manikin is being undertaken team member No.2 takes up a kneeling at ease position ready to commence ECC in two person CPR. No.3 prepares the oxygen equipment and No.4 prepares the AED equipment.*
- (t) *No. 4 will then immediately introduce the AED equipment and undertake a defibrillation procedure. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will continue the two person CPR with oxygen procedure while the AED equipment is introduced.*
- (u) *At the conclusion of the defibrillation procedure the appointed official shall declare "Operators halt. The patient now has signs of life and is breathing."*
- (v) *The CPR and defibrillation procedure on a Manikin section is then concluded, resuscitation shall cease and no further action is required from teams. The total period of resuscitation is therefore 15 cycles of CPR plus defibrillation procedure over an approximate continuous period of 8 continuous minutes as follows:*
 - (i) *1 person CPR (5 cycles, approximately 2 minutes); to*
 - (ii) *2 person CPR (5 cycles, approximately 2 minutes); to*
 - (iii) *CPR with oxygen (5 cycles, approximately 2 minutes).*
 - (iii) *Defibrillation Procedure (approximately 2 minutes).*

Appendix B

There have been changes to the judging sheets to reflect the introduction of AED and the removal of the child resuscitation manikin from the event. In addition there has been clarification to some minor deductions to further assist teams and the judging process.

A change has also been made to resuscitation timings based on competitor, coach and official feedback. The timing deduction schedule is as follows:

<i>Slower than 2:05.00.....</i>	<i>4 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>2:03.00 – 2:04.99.....</i>	<i>2 point deductions</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>2:01.00 – 2:02.99.....</i>	<i>1 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>1:58.00 – 2:00.99.....</i>	<i>Nil deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>1:56.00 – 1:57.99.....</i>	<i>1 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>1:54.00 – 1:55.99.....</i>	<i>2 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>1:52:00 – 1:53.99.....</i>	<i>3 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Faster than 1:51.99</i>	<i>4 point deduction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.6.2 Nature of First Aid Competition

Paragraph (a) has been amended clarify that the U/15 event shall be conducted over 8 minutes. This change is to assist make the scenario setting and judging easier to manage. The revised wording shall be:

- (a) *Each First Aid competition event shall be held with a set simulated accident scenario and a set time limit for each team in the event. The time limit shall be advised to teams prior to the commencement of the event.*



Note: The event scenario in Championship competition shall be judged over the following time periods:

- Open & U19 12 Minutes
- U17 8 Minutes
- U15 8 Minutes

SECTION 4 SWIMMING EVENTS

4.2 SURF RACE

4.2.2 Procedure

Paragraph (b) has been amended to clarify that competitors must swim to and around the buoys. The paragraph shall now read:

- (b) *At the given signal the competitors shall commence from the start line, enter the water without impeding any other competitors in the event, swim to and around the buoys, and return to shore and finish between the two green finish flags.*

4.3.1 Surf Teams Race

Paragraph (c) has been amended to clarify the process for calculating Surf Teams Race results should teams be disqualified from an event or fail to finish. The paragraph shall now read:

- (c) *All competitors who finish shall be recorded as they are placed and the points will be calculated. Should any teams be disqualified or a team fail to complete the course, then the surf teams finish places shall be reallocated and points then re-calculated.*

4.4 BELT RACE

4.4.2 Procedure

Paragraph (i) has been amended to clarify the payout procedures that may be used by linesmen. The paragraph shall now read:

- (i) *The reels are then carried by the four Reel Handlers directly to and not more than five metres beyond the starting line. When placed, any part of the reel must be on or over the starting line. The three Linemen may leave the reel individually and proceed to their payout positions. The Reelman shall control the flow of line by using the reel brake.*

Note 2: *Linesman may pay out using either an overhead or underarm procedure.*

4.5 RESCUE TUBE RESCUE RACE (4 person)

4.5.2 Procedure

Paragraph (k) has been amended to further clarify the how the patient may assist on the tow back to the beach. The paragraph shall now read:

- (k) *The patient is permitted to assist by sculling with arms under the surface, of the water and kicking but must not swim with an out-of-water arm recovery. The Patient must be towed on their back and the patient cannot be towed in any other way than clipped into the rescue tube.*

4.6 RESCUE TUBE RACE (2 Person)

4.6.3 Procedure

Paragraph (k) has been amended to further clarify the how the patient may assist on the tow back to the beach. The paragraph shall now read:

- (k) *The patient is permitted to assist by sculling with arms under the surface, of the water and kicking but must not swim with an out-of-water arm recovery. The Patient must be towed on their back and the patient cannot be towed in any other way than clipped into the rescue tube.*

Section 4 ANNEXURE

Additional diagrams have been added detailing the knots used for tying lines (including belt knot, joining lines, March Past knot) and splices.



SECTION 5 SURF BOATS

5.2 SURF BOAT RACING

5.2.3 The Start

Paragraph (b) has been amended to clarify that the runner must touch any part of the boat (but not the oars) to effect a start. This makes the start procedure consistent for the Surf Boat dry start, the Surf Boat Relay and the Lifesaver Relay events. The paragraph shall now read:

- (b) *For a dry start, when the start signal is given, a crew member shall run to the boat. When he visibly touches any part of the boat (not the oars) the crew may board the boat and commence rowing. Failure by the runner to visibly touch any part of the boat (not the oars) before the crew boards may result in disqualification.*

5.2.4 The Seaward Journey

Paragraph (c) has been amended to further clarify the placing of replacement boats and/or gear. The paragraph shall now read:

- (c) *Replacing of boats, oars, rowlocks and other gear – equipment may be replaced only during the seaward journey of a race by other club members. Club members may place replacement gear for collection by the crew at the water's edge and adjacent to the starting line as directed by the relevant Officials,*

5.4 SURF BOAT RELAY

5.4.3 Course

Paragraph (c) has been amended to allow for five teams to compete over the nine string buoy set (as used for the Lifesaver Relay event). The paragraph shall now read:

- (c) *Unless very favourable weather and water conditions exists the maximum number of teams to compete in any one heat, round or final of the Relay race in each race shall be five teams. Teams shall use alternate buoy positions i.e. positions 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9.*

5.4.4 Start

Paragraphs (c) and (d) have been amended to clarify that the runner must touch any part of the boat (but not the oars). This makes the procedure consistent for the Surf Boat dry start, the Surf Boat Relay and the Lifesaver Relay events. The paragraphs shall now read:

- (c) *The balance of the crew remains with the boat and cannot enter the boat until the runner touches any part of the surf boat (not the oars).*
- (d) *On the Starter's gun, the crew member runs to the boat. The crew is not permitted to enter the boat until the runner has touched any part of the boat (not the oars).*

SECTION 6 SURF SKI & SURF BOARD EVENTS

6.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

New paragraphs (e) and (f) have been added to clarify the replacement and removal of craft and/or paddles in board and ski events. As a result similar paragraphs were removed from the Surf Board, and Board and Ski Relay event descriptions (the section did not appear in the ski or double ski descriptions). In addition the SLSA Board Usage Policy has been inserted into the Manual as an appendix. The paragraphs shall read:

- (e) *Replacing craft and/or paddles (as appropriate) is permitted during a race provided such replacement is effected before the competitor rounds the last course buoy. Team or club members shall be permitted to assist a competitor in replacing equipment, but only to the extent of placing the nose of the replacement ski and/or paddle at the water's edge and adjacent to the start line or the board on or behind the start/changeover line.*
- (f) *To assist with the safe conduct of competition it is permitted for any member to assist in the removal of any damaged or abandoned equipment from the competition course.*
- (g) *The use of SLSA Surf Boards in relation to age groups is detailed in Appendix A of this Section.*



6.2 SINGLE SKI RACES

6.2.2 Procedure

Note 2 of Paragraph (c) has been amended to clarify the finish procedure when a competitor loses their ski and/or paddle across the finish line before finishing an event correctly. The paragraph shall now read:

- (c) *A wet finish placing shall be determined when any part of the ski crosses the finish line being ridden, gripped, or carried by the competitor.*

Note 2: *A competitor may lose contact or control of their ski and/or paddle without disqualification and may recover a ski and/or paddle that have crossed the finish line and then again cross the finish line from the seaward side with their ski and paddle to correctly record a finish placing result.*

6.3 DOUBLE SKI RACES

6.3.2 Procedure

The notes of Paragraph (c) have been amended to clarify the wet finish procedure if a team loses their ski and/or paddle(s) across the finish line before finishing an event correctly. The paragraph shall now read:

- (c) *A wet finish placing shall be determined when any part of the ski crosses the finish line being ridden, gripped, or carried by the competitors.*

Note 1: *Competitors must paddle their ski (including both paddles around all the course buoys but shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy is rounded on the return journey.*

Note 2: *To correctly complete a race both competitors must have (or have regained) their ski and at least one paddle and crossed the finishing line from the seaward side whilst maintaining contact with their ski and at least one paddle.*

Note 3: *Competitors may lose contact or control of their ski and/or paddle(s) without disqualification and may recover a ski and/or paddle(s) that have crossed the finish line and then again cross the finish line from the seaward side with the ski and at least one paddle to correctly record a finish placing result.*

Further, the notes of Paragraph (d) have been amended to clarify that a team must round the last turning buoy with their ski and or paddle(s) but not be disqualified if they lose contact or control on the return journey after this point. The paragraph shall now read:

- (d) *A dry finish shall be determined when one competitor from a team leaves their ski and paddle and runs across the finish line which is placed on the beach as per the diagram. Competitors may leave their craft and paddle(s) at any time after the final buoy turn has been completed and one competitor must cross the line whilst remaining in an upright position on their feet.*

Note 1: *Competitors must paddle their ski (including both paddles around all the course buoys but shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy is rounded on the return journey*

Note 2: *To assist with judging only one competitor from each team is permitted to cross the finish line while the place judging process is in progress. A team may be disqualified if both competitors from the team cross the finish line while the place judging is in progress.*

6.4 SURF BOARD RACES

6.4.2 Procedure

Paragraph (h) which refers to replacing equipment in Board Races has been removed as it is now covered in Section 6.1.

6.5 SURF BOARD/SURF SKI RELAY

6.5.3 Procedure

Paragraph (h) which refers to replacing equipment in Surf Board and Surf Ski Relay races has been removed as it is now covered in Section 6.1.

APPENDIX A

As detailed in paragraph 6.1 the SLSA Board Usage Policy has been inserted into the Manual. This will ensure that an easy reference point exists in the Manual. The policy is:

SLSA Surf Boards



The following details SLSA Surf Board usage in relation to age groups:

U/9–U/10 Age Groups:

Foam 'Nipper' Boards (Maximum length 2.0 metres, minimum weight – not specified)

U/11–U/13 Age Groups:

Fibreglass 'Nipper' Boards

(Maximum length 2.0 metres, minimum weight 4.5kg)

U/14–Masters Age Groups

Full Length 'Malibu' Boards

(Maximum length 3.2 metres, minimum weight 7.6kg)

Note 1: For full details of SLSA surf board specifications refer to the relevant SLSA Policy.

Note 2: All designated U/14 age category board events are to be conducted on 3.2m boards.

Note 3: Proficient Under 13 competitors with their relevant age award may compete in Under 14 age category **team events**, but will be required to use the equipment designated for the U/14 – Masters Age category.

Note 4: Proficient Under 13 Surf Rescue Certificate holders who compete in Under 14 and Under 15 age category events will be required to use the equipment designated for the U/14 – Masters Age category.

SECTION 7 SURF BOARD RIDING EVENTS

7.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

Paragraph (d) has been amended to more accurately describe the simple short board measurement. The paragraph shall now read:

- (d) *Short Boards – The restriction for the type of craft that can be used in the Surfboard Riding event is a surfboard that has a maximum length of less than 2.74 metres (9 feet) measured from the nose to tail on the deck of the surfboard. SLSA at this time does not impose further specifications on this type of surfboard other than the maximum length permissible to compete in this event. However, the Referee has the authority to declare a surfboard ineligible for a competition if the surfboard is considered dangerous to the competitor or other competitors in the competition.*

SECTION 8 MULTI DISCIPLINE EVENTS

8.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

Paragraph (e) has been amended to assist with clarity of SLSA rules relating to participation on surf skis. In addition the SLSA Board Usage Policy has been inserted into the Manual (in Section 6) as an appendix. The paragraphs shall now read as:

- (e) *No member is permitted to compete on a surf ski in Ironman or Ironwoman events until reaching the age of 16 years.*
- (h) *The use of SLSA Surf Boards in relation to age groups is detailed in Appendix A of Section 6 of this Manual.*



8.2 IRONMAN & IRONWOMAN

8.2.1 General

Paragraph (c) has been amended to clarify the replacement of skis, paddles and board during an event. The paragraph shall now read:

- (c) *Replacing of skis, paddles and surf boards – A Handler or club members shall be permitted to assist in replacing equipment during an event, but only to the extent of placing the nose of the replacement ski or paddle at the water's edge and adjacent to the start line or board on or behind the start line.*

8.4 SIX PERSON TAPLIN RELAY

8.4.1 General Conditions

Paragraph (e) has been amended to clarify the replacement of skis, paddles and board during an event. The paragraph shall now read:

- (e) *Replacing of skis, paddles and surf boards – Equipment may be replaced during an event. A Handler or club members shall be permitted to assist in replacing equipment during an event, but only to the extent of placing the nose of the replacement ski or paddle at the water's edge and adjacent to the start line or board on or behind the start line.*

8.5 LIFESAVER RELAY

8.5.1 General Conditions

Paragraph (a) has been amended to clarify the team composition. The new paragraph and notes shall now read:

- (a) *Team composition – Teams shall comprise of nine competitors all of whom must be Bronze Medallion holders (one surf boat crew, one swimmer, one surf board paddler, one ski paddler and one beach sprinter).*

Note 1: *Within each team there must be at least one female competitor, one U/19 competitor and one U/17 competitor (as determined by their age for participation in individual events). The gender/age of these competitors shall not be 'doubled up' e.g. an U/19 female could be nominated as the U/19 competitor or the female competitor but not both.*

Note 2: *Under no circumstances shall a team compete unless they have at least one competitor from each of the age categories in Note 1.*

Note 3: *No member shall be permitted to compete in the surf boat leg of the Lifesaver Relay until reaching the age of 16 years.*

8.5.3 Procedure

Paragraph (c) has been amended so that the runner must touch any part of the boat (but not the oars). This makes the procedure consistent for the Surf Boat dry start, the Surf Boat Relay and the Lifesaver Relay events. The paragraph shall now read:

- (a) *Surf Boat Course – The surf boat is positioned in the team's allocated position on the water's edge. One crew person is positioned in the team's allocated position on the surf boat start/finish line with their toes on or behind the surf boat start/finish line or on the shoreward side of the surf boat start/finish line. On the starting signal a crew Person runs from the surf boat start/finish line to the boat. Upon touching any part of the surf boat (not the oars) the crew then gets into the boat, rows to and around their designated turning buoy as instructed by the designated official, and returns to shore. At any time after rounding the turning buoy, a crew Person may leave the boat and proceed to shore, cross the surf boat start/finish line to their designated beach position where a flag has been placed 5 metres behind the start/finish line. The crew Person then raises that flag above their head to signal the start of the next leg.*

8.6 CAMERON RELAY

8.6.1 General Conditions

Paragraph (d) has been amended to clarify the replacement of boards during an event. The paragraph shall now read:

- (d) *Replacing of surf boards – A Handler or club members shall be permitted to assist in replacing equipment during an event, but only to the extent of placing the nose of the replacement board on or behind the start line.*



8.7 SURF BOARD RESCUE RACE

8.7.1 General Conditions

A new paragraph (d) has been added to clarify that boards may be replaced during an event. The paragraph shall read:

- (d) *Replacing of surf boards – A Handler or club members shall be permitted to assist in replacing equipment during an event, but only to the extent of placing the nose of the replacement board on or behind the start line.*

SECTION 9 BEACH EVENTS

9.1 BEACH SPRINT

9.1.2 Procedure

A new paragraph (c) has been added to clarify that footwear shall not generally be worn. The paragraph shall read:

- (c) *The wearing of footwear shall not be allowed unless permitted by the Referee due to the prevailing beach surface conditions.*

9.3 ALL AGE BEACH RELAY

9.3.2 Procedure

Paragraph (c) has been amended to clarify that competitors must come from the correct age group and compete in the correct order for the event. The paragraph shall now read:

- (c) *Under no circumstances shall a team compete unless they have runners from each individual age group complete the designated leg of the course for that age category.*

9.4 BEACH FLAGS

9.4.2 General Conditions

Paragraph (e) has been amended to clarify that in finals there shall be no dead heats and re runs shall continue to determine exact placings achieved by each competitor. The paragraph shall now read:

- (e) *If two or more competitors hold the same baton and the Finish Judges are not able to determine which competitor's hand grasped the baton first, the Finish Judges shall advise the Sectional Referee who shall decide whether there shall be a run-off between the competitors involved.*

If, after one run off to determine the progression of competitors through to the next round of the event, the competitors still cannot be separated, the result of the run-off shall be declared a dead heat. In such circumstances both competitors shall proceed to the next round.

If, after one run off to determine a final placing result and the competitors still cannot be separated, run-offs shall be continued until an elimination is achieved.

SECTION 10 MARCH PAST EVENT

10.1.2(c) Formation

At the end of this clause a note has been added to refer to Section 4 (Swimming Events) for Reel, Line and Belt specifications as well as knots for tying belt knots, joining lines, March Past knot and splices.



SECTION 11 POOL RESCUE EVENTS

11.1 POOL RESCUE EVENTS

This clause has been amended because still water boat competition rules are no longer contained in the ILS Manual. The clause shall now read:

To enable the conduct of competition the following areas of the ILS Manual have been specifically adopted by SLSA:

- *ILS World Record Principles and Procedures*
- *Wearing of Swim Caps in Pool Events, Simulated Emergency Response Competition*
- *ILS Pool Events Event Rules*
- *ILS Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) Event Rules*
- *ILS Facility Standards – Pool Facility Standards and specifications*
- *ILS Equipment Standards and Scrutineering for Pool Manikins, Obstacles, Rescue Tubes, Swim Fins and Throw Lines.*

SECTION 13 OFFICIALS AND THEIR DUTIES

13.16 COURSE SUPERVISOR(S)

A new official's role has been created to assist SLSA set and maintain, as far as practicable, compliant safe, fair and equal courses in all areas of competition. The new Section (13.16) shall read:

The Course Supervisor(s), if appointed, shall:

- Be responsible to the Referee, or Area or Sectional Referee for the safe, proper and fair layout of courses.*
- Assess the prevailing and expected on-beach and in-water beach conditions for the duration of competition including available beach and sand, tides, current, swell, wind conditions and any other pertinent issues.*
- Work with the Power Craft Coordinator and other appointed personnel to supervise the laying and of and adjustment of in-water courses prior to and during competition to ensure, as far as practicable, compliance with event conditions and to provide for safe, proper, fair and equal racing conditions for all competitors.*
- Supervise the setting and adjustment of beach and life saving event courses and on-beach courses relating to in-water events to provide, as far as practicable, safe, fair and equal racing conditions for all competitors.*
- Liaise with Competitors and/or Competitor Panels (e.g. Surf Boat Panel), Liaison Officers and other personnel regarding course conditions.*

Note: As a result of the insertion of this new clause all other sections have been re numbered.

13.20 WATER SAFETY COORDINATOR

The role of the Water Safety Coordinator has been renumbered and amended slightly to clarify responsibilities. The amended paragraph (g) shall read:

- In all competitions ensure that water safety meets the prescribed and assessed requirements.*

13.21 WATER SAFETY PERSONNEL

A new clause has been added detailing the role of Water Safety Personnel. The new section shall read:

Water Safety Personnel shall:

- Act under the supervision of the Water Safety Coordinator.*
- Be positioned on the beach and in the water as directed by Water Safety Coordinator.*
- Bring to the attention of the Water Safety Coordinator any concerns regarding the level of water safety at a particular time.*
- Be responsible for the safety of competition in their appointed water area.*



- (e) *Under the direction of the Water Safety Coordinator assist other areas if required.*
- (g) *In all competition ensure that water safety meets the prescribed and assessed requirements.*

Note: As a result of the insertion of this additional new clause all other sections have been further re numbered.

13.26 JUDGES

The role of Course Judges has been amended slightly to formalise safety observations and rescue capacity. The amended clause 13.25 paragraphs (d) and (e) shall now read:

13.26.5 Course Judges

The Course Judges shall:

- (d) *Report any safety concerns or rescue situations to the Referee or his delegate.*
- (e) *Course Judges in Boat may also act as a rescue boat and shall assist in any rescue situation. The crew should also ensure board riders, other craft and surfers are kept at a reasonable distance (having regard to the type of event being conducted) on each side of the competition area.*

Further Information:

Please contact SLSA for further information.