

Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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2012 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Scrutineering Circular

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Summary

This document contains information relating to Craft & Equipment Scrutineering for the 2012 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The 2012 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships Competition Committee will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. This Committee may, subject to the rules in the Current Edition Surf Sports Manual and any amending or clarifying bulletins postpone, cancel and or alter any or all events, and alter the venue of the competition.

This Committee shall consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on surf conditions and safety issues when required.

This committee shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the Championships (Disciplinary Committee, Boat Panels etc).

Chair / SLSA Director of Sport	Rick Wright OAM
Championship Event Director	Dave Thompson
Championship Referee	Andrew Buhk
Deputy Championship Referee	Dick Bignold
Safety & Emergency Services Coordinator	Darren Moore
Power Craft Area Referee	Mal Flew
Championship Event Logistics Manager	Graham Bruce
Kurrawa SLSC Club Captain	Rob Pollock



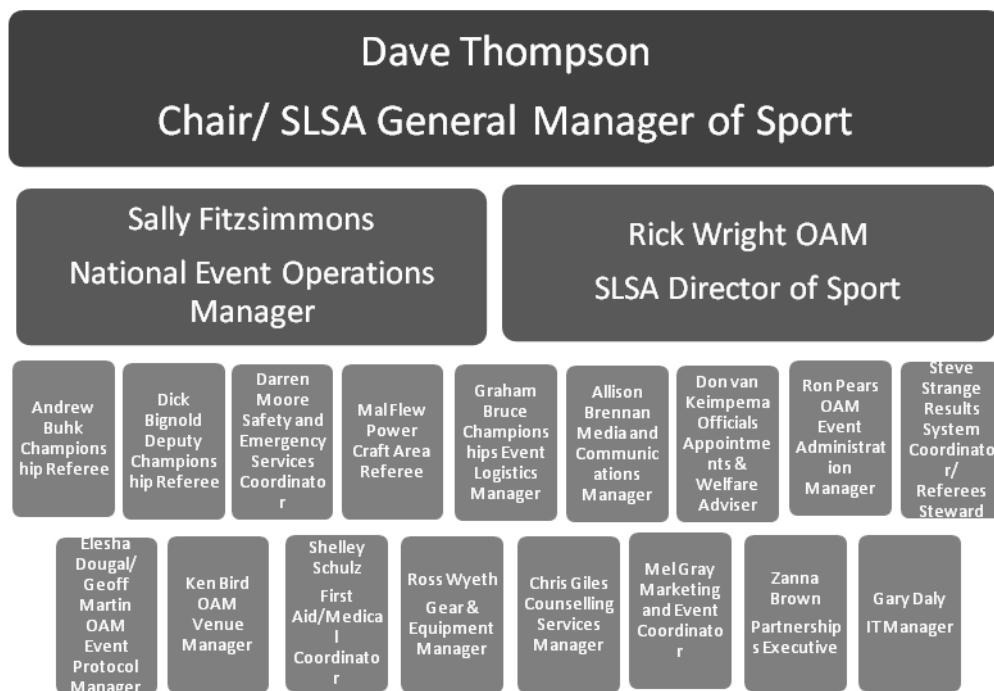
SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

A Safety and Emergency Committee shall be appointed which must consider and advise the Referee and Competition Committee on all matters relating to competition and non competition safety and emergency services. The chair of the Committee shall be the Safety and Emergency Services Coordinator who shall also be a member of the Organising Committee and the Competition Committee. The composition of the Safety and Emergency Committee will be determined by SLSA or the relevant Organising Committee.

AUSTRALIAN EVENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

The Australian Event Organising Committee is the committee responsible for the Planning and Delivery of the 2012 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

Chair / SLSA General Manager of Sport	Dave Thompson
SLSA Director of Sport	Rick Wright OAM
National Event Operations Manager	Sally Fitzsimmons
Championship Referee	Andrew Buhk
Deputy Championship Referee	Dick Bignold
Safety & Emergency Services Coordinator	Darren Moore
Power Craft Area Referee	Mal Flew
First Aid/Medical Coordinator	Shelley Schulz
Championship Event Logistics Manager	Graham Bruce
Media and Communications Manager	Allison Brennan
Marketing and Events Coordinator	Mel Gray
Partnerships Executive	Zanna Brown
Event Administration Manager	Ron Pears
Results System Coordinator/Referees Steward	Steve Strange
Venue Manager	Ken Bird OAM
Gear & Equipment Coordinator	Ross Wyeth
Counselling Services Manager	Chris Giles
Officials Appointments and Welfare Advisor	Don van Keimpema
Event Protocol Manager	Elesha Dougal/Geoff Martin OAM
IT Manager	Gary Daly



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2012 Australian Opens Surf Life Saving Championships

1. GENERAL

A Sectional Referee Scrutineer will be appointed for the 2012 Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships and the 2012 Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships. The Sectional Referee Scrutineer will have delegated authority over the eligibility, or otherwise of all competition equipment to be used in the Championships in conjunction with the Championship Referee. However any matters determined may be subject to protest or appeal as outlined in the current edition of SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins and/or circulars.

Competitors or teams found on the arena, or in the hands of Marshalls with equipment that does not carry scrutineering endorsement as detailed in this bulletin and undertaken at these Championships, may be dealt with as an infringement of the rules, or as an attempt to cheat, irrespective if the equipment does (or does not) eventually prove to be eligible.

SLSA reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout both championship events and officials may also conduct random checks after the quarter-finals, semi finals and finals in the craft areas.

2. SLSA SPECIFICATIONS & POLICY STATEMENTS

a) Surf Lines and Waxed Surf Lines

Surf Lines and waxed surf lines used for belt races, R&R and March Past events shall be tested for a minimum diameter of 6mm. In the case of waxed lines, excess wax shall be removed prior to testing.

Note: The purpose of this check is to ensure that the line has not been stretched beyond safe limits prior to waxing. The actual line is being tested - not the diameter of the wax in and around the line. The length of surf lines shall be a minimum of 250 metres with a minimum Breaking Strain of 273kg at the time of manufacture. Such specifications may also be checked.

For more detailed information refer to the current Edition of the [Sports Manual Section 04 Swimming Events, under Appendix A](#).

b) Reels and Surf Belts

These items of equipment will also be subject to scrutineering for safety and compliance with their respective specifications.

For more detailed information refer to the current Edition of the [Sports Manual Section 04 Swimming Events, under Appendix A](#).

c) Rescue Tubes

The rescue tubes used at these 2012 Australian Championships must be in strict accordance with the requirements under [Gear and Equipment Specifications \(Lifesaving\)](#).

d) Swim Fins

The swim fins used at these 2012 Australian Championships will be subject to scrutineering for safety and compliance with SLSA specifications.

For more detailed information refer to the current Edition of the [Sports Manual Section 03 \(Lifesaving Events\)](#) and [Sports Manual Section 04 Swimming Events](#).

e) Boards & Skis

Boards and Skis shall be constructed in strict compliance with the [SLSA Policy 5.6](#) which details the specifications of these craft.

Note: If a rescue board is to be used in the Champion Lifesaver and/or Patrol Competition or other competition events it is required to meet only the specification of the Malibu Racing Board.

e) Boats

Boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the [SLSA Policy 5.7](#) which details the specifications of these craft.

3. PROCESSES

Note: SCRUTINEERING EQUIPMENT AND OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMPETITORS TO VOLUNTARILY CHECK CRAFT BEFORE COMPETITION BEGINS.

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Scrutineering will be on a random basis only.

2012 Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships

a) Reels, Lines, Belts and Rescue Tubes

Reels, Lines, Belts and Rescue Tubes may be checked in the marshalling area prior to the event being conducted.

b) Surf Craft:

The following conditions will be in operation for the 2012 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships:

- The 2012 Australian Championships will recognise current state scrutineering stickers and/or stamps from all 2012 State Championships. However, competitors who attain the level of finals of the Champion Lifesaver and Patrol Events or Quarter Finals for any Board & Ski, Ironman, Ironwoman, Board Rescue and Taplin and Cameron Relay event must present their craft to be checked by Australian Championships scrutineers.
- Any craft that does not carry current state scrutineering stickers and/or stamps will be required to be scrutineered at the 2012 Australian Championships prior to the commencement of competition.
- Competitors must take their craft to the scrutineering area for checking and endorsement before they can progress further in the championships unless the craft has already been scrutineered and approved [stamped] at these championships.
- Random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the championships.

Any craft substituted for further competition will require scrutineering prior to use.

Craft failing scrutineering shall incur the following penalty:

- i)** If craft is found to be under weight at scrutineering prior to its first use in competition the competitor may rectify the fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
- ii)** If craft is under weight after use the competitor may be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
- iii)** If craft is deemed unsafe, the competitor may rectify fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
- iv)** If craft fails to comply with specifications [apart from i) and ii)] then such craft shall not be permitted to be used in further competition. In addition if such failure is deemed to have occurred due to alterations being carried out on the craft after manufacture then the competitor may also be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
- v)** From quarter finals and finals (as appropriate) only craft endorsed with the appropriate stamp can be taken into the competition area. Officials may check endorsements in the marshalling area. Competitors or teams found in these areas with equipment which does not carry scrutineering endorsement, undertaken at these championships, may be dealt with as an infringement of the regulations, or as an attempt to cheat, irrespective if the equipment does (or does not) eventually prove to be eligible.

It should be clarified that, in the event of a competitor (and/or team) being excluded from an event, then any other competitor (and/or team) who would otherwise not have qualified in that heat, would then be advanced in the competition.

However, the exclusion of a competitor (and/or team) for non-specification equipment found in a scrutineering check before a round/event, will not be retrospective to earlier heats or competitions and will not advance (other) competitors (and/or teams) who were thus eliminated.

The scrutineering location for boards and Skis shall be at the marquee located on the grassed area south of Kurrawa SLSC.

c) Surf Boats:

Surf boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the [SLSA Policy 5.7](#) which details the specification for surf boats, electric pumps and other equipment and any subsequent bulletins that have been released.

- All surf boats shall be weighed and shall be subject to a safety and specified approved equipment check, all of which must be presented for inspection prior to the commencement of competition.
- All boats are to be first presented at scrutineering for a safety inspection and then made available for weighing prior to entering the competition arena.
- Boats will be required to be presented in their "Racing Weight" condition i.e. "Bare Structural Condition" plus seats, foot blocks, pumps, batteries and rescue tube but excluding oars, rowlocks and any other other additional equipment.
- Any protective padding etc. placed around the quarterbars and in other places in boats may be left in place for weighing but if a weight problem is noted, this may also be required to be removed from the boat along with other equipment for reweighing to determine the "Bare Structural Condition" weight.
- Once the scrutineering has been completed the craft will be stamped with the current approval stamp. In addition to the stamp a coloured sticker will be placed on the bow to assist the tractor drivers to identify the boats which are to be taken onto the beach each day. Once racing has commenced and all competitive craft are on the beach, crews may gain assistance by the tractors to take their craft onto the beach for training.
- Failure to comply with the above may render your club disqualified from the Championships.
- Listed below are the days and grade of events that will **take priority** for towing onto the beach.

Monday & Tuesday:	Masters Crews
Wednesday:	Reserve Grade & U/23 Men Crews
Thursday:	U/19 & U/23 Female Crews
Friday:	Open Crews – Male & Female

Further, all boats will be subject to random weighing throughout the course of the Championships and at the discretion of the Sectional Referee for Scrutineer, Area Referee, Championships Referee or Chairman of the Australian Championships Competition and Safety Committee.

In addition to the above at marshalling boats may be further checked for safety which may include a check that any rowlock fixing devices are taped over where necessary with water proof tape to prevent injury.

However, Team Managers are advised that ALL quarter finalists' surf boats may be weighed at the conclusion of these races at the discretion of the Championships Referee.

Note: For early registration of boats, team captains should visit the Carnival Administration Centre for details after Sunday, 25 March 2012 at which time they will be on display at the Administration notice board. This information will also be displayed on www.slsa.com.au. All boat event draws will also be on display from 7.30am on Wednesday, 28 March 2012 in the Boat Arena for the day's competition.

The scrutineering location for Surf Boats shall be in the Boat trailer parking area located in the grassed area north of Kurrawa SLSC.

Note: TEAM MANAGERS, BOAT, BOARD AND SKI CAPTAINS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE SPECIFICATION DETAILS SET OUT IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED BULLETINS AND TO ENSURE THEIR BOAT/S AND/OR CRAFT AND/OR REELS, LINES, BELTS, RESCUE TUBES AND/OR SWIM FINNS COMPLY WITH THESE SPECIFICATIONS.

Having no knowledge of the above Bulletins will not be an excuse if the contents and directions contained therein are not followed by competing clubs.

4. SCRUTINEERING BRIEFING / TIMES

a) Reels, Lines, Belts, Rescue Tubes and Swim Fins

Reels, Lines, Belts, Rescue Tubes and Swim Fins will be checked in the marshalling area prior to the event being conducted

b) Boards and Skis

Scrutineering equipment will be available for competitors to check craft before competition on the following days. **This will be carried out by a licensed scrutineer:**

Saturday March 24 th , 2012	7am to 3pm
Sunday March 25 th , 2012	7am to 3pm
Monday March 26 th , 2012	7am to 3pm
Tuesday March 27 th , 2012	7am to 3pm
Wednesday March 28, 2012	7am to 3pm
Thursday March 29 th , 2012	7am to 3pm
Friday March 30 th , 2012	8am to 12 noon
Saturday March 31 st , 2012	7am to 3pm
Sunday April 1 st , 2012	7am to 3pm

c) Boats

All boats are to be scrutineered before they are taken onto the beach. Scrutineering times are as follows:

Saturday 24 th March, 2012	12 noon to 4pm
Sunday 25 th March, 2012	7am to 3pm
Monday 26 th March, 2012	7am to 3pm
Tuesday 27 th March, 2012	8am to 3pm
Wednesday 28 th March, 2012	8am to 3pm
Thursday 29 th March, 2012	8am to 3pm
Friday 30 th March, 2012	8am to 12 noon
Saturday 31 st March, 2012	8am to 3pm
Sunday 1 st April, 2012	8am to 3pm

5. SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION

The 2012 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships have naming rights and partnership sponsorships with conditions that apply to signage in accordance with the SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy ([SLSA Policy 5.8](#)).

The following details also clarify the requirements of all sponsored competitors/clubs participating in the 2012 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships:

- If breaches are found after the event, in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) will forfeit titles and awards.
- The refusal to fulfill the conditions of entry will see the competitor disqualified from further participation.
- At the conclusion of the events, place getters may be offered items of apparel (T-shirt etc) identified with the specific event sponsor as applicable, to be worn during presentation.
- Apart from the items identified above, no items giving commercial identification shall be worn during the dais presentation ceremony.
- Every co-operation is requested in this regard and members should keep in mind that the involvement of sponsors helps to curtail significant expenses that would otherwise need to be passed onto competitors and clubs.