

Bulletin

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Summary: SLSA undertakes regular reviews of its resources to enhance the governing rules of its Sport. This Bulletin advises the promulgation of the 28 th Edition Rescue and Resuscitation (R&R) Manual - 4 th Revised Edition – September 2015.

Background:

The 28th Edition R&R Manual was initially published in 1998. Since that time there has been a number of major revisions of the R&R Manual which is now entirely contained as an electronic document on the SLSA website.

This Bulletin advises the publication of the 28th Edition of the R&R Competition Manual - 4th Revised Edition – September 2015 and has the endorsement of the Combined Capability and Capacity Forum (CCCF).

The Manual is available for viewing and for download and has been posted in the [Members Portal](#) on the SLSA website.

In addition, arrangements are being made for the development of a specific “App” for the R&R and Surf Sports Manuals.

Outline of Amendments:

The changes made to the R&R Manual reflect SLSA’s continued commitment to the delivery for safe and fair competition for its members and were made in consultation with and advice from experts within the R&R fraternity states, surf sport technical experts and key stakeholders.

The changes include updating of the assessment and resuscitation (CPR) procedures to reflect current lifesaving practices.

It is not practical to detail the entire wording and photograph changes to the R&R competition in this Bulletin. Accordingly coaches, teams and judges are advised to peruse the revised R&R Manual to gain detailed insight of the changes that include:

- Addition of additional event age groups and genders.
Note: The inclusion of any or all of the R&R age groups and/or genders will be a decision for the Organising Committee for a competition or championship.
- Clarification of circumstances when judges may handle a team’s R&R equipment in the competition arena.
- Review and clarification of disqualification, major, serious and minor error procedures for judges.

- Some changes to basic drill procedures including that there is no requirement for teams to be in height order, clarification of the competitors' feet position when halted, deletion of the requirement to "right dress", and relaxation of the body position for lift reel and down reel procedures.
- Clarification of checking of the belt by judges in the marshalling arena.
- Change from total disqualification to a major (ten-point) deduction if a team marches on without their rescue tube and it is corrected.
- A new judging procedure for judging the wheel procedure.
- Clarification of spacing in the reform procedure.
- Clarification of Beltman receiving the belt from the reelman and the belt lay procedure.
- Clarification that if the line is attached to the wrong D of the belt it may be corrected with a serious (5 point) penalty and that outside assistance is permitted.
- Clarification of the payout procedure.
- Clarification of pick up, carry and lay procedures.
- Change so that the beltman must pull the pin in the 6-person event as part of the pick up procedure.
- Changes to the statements to be made to reflect current lifesaving practices when assessing the patient.
- Changes to CPR to reflect current lifesaving practices.
- Clarification of the procedure for the recovery procedure.
- Clarification that either a three quarter or full size reel may be used in U12 -14 5-person R&R events.
- General clarification of wording to assist judges and teams.

Further information

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