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Summary: This Circular contains the relevant details for entering the Australian Interstate Surf Life Saving Championships 2016, Friday, 8 January 2016.

This Circular should also be used as reference information by all State/Territory centres and Championship Officials appointed to the event.

The format for Interstates 2016 will be similar to that of 2015 following a major review of the format prior to last year. As outlined in last year's circular "only the bottom three ranked States/Territories (from 2015's results) shall be permitted a maximum of three drafts for each team". This is the only major change from last year's event.

As in previous year's SLSA will be hosting a function for all States whose attendance is required. This dinner will take place on Friday 8th January after competition rather than on the Thursday night prior as in previous years and include the medal and trophy presentations for the day's racing. This is to encourage all competitors and teams to get together to celebrate the day's competition rather than facing time pressures to get athletes enough rest prior to competition. **All** medal & trophy presentations for the ocean/beach Interstate Championships will occur at this function.

Gear & Equipment Insurance is the responsibility of the individual competitor or State Team Management. Surf Life Saving Australia will not accept the responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

Key Information in the following circular includes.

- Team size and composition
- Event list
- Drafting process
- Point scoring
- Power Play
- Key entry timelines and process

FURTHER INFORMATION

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KEY INFORMATION FOR INTERSTATES 2016

SUMMARY

This Circular provides the instructions relating to the conduct of the Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Interstate Championships 2016 together with details of the conditions governing each event in the program.

1. TEAM TRAVEL, EQUIPMENT & DRESS

- States will be responsible for the selection of their representative teams and making arrangements for travel and accommodation.
- As per last year, SLSA at its own cost, is putting on an 'interstates' function for the enjoyment and participation of all teams after the Championships on Friday, 8 January 2016. Please note that participation in this dinner is expected by all teams and will be held at Torquay SLSC.
- States are also responsible to make the appropriate arrangements regarding equipment, outfitting, etc. for their teams.
- A shirt, shorts, headwear, costume and competition cap is the recommended uniform for each team.
- SLSA will provide an athlete "Hi-Vis" Lycra singlets for each athlete. It is compulsory that these singlets be worn in each event.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION / SIZE

- The Interstate Championships 2016 is conducted in two components – Open and Youth.
- The Interstate Champions will be the team with highest cumulative points for the two components of the competition.
- Each Open State team will consist of a maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members (a total of 12 team members). Note: To be eligible for an Open State Team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2015 (i.e. Under 17 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety.
- Each Youth State team will consist of a maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members from the U17 and U19 age categories (a total of 12 team members). A minimum of 2 U17 males and 2 U17 females must be in each Youth State team. Note: To be eligible for a Youth State Team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years (i.e. Under 17 age group and hold a proficient bronze medallion / Cert II in Public Safety) and a maximum age of 18 years on or before midnight 30 September 2015.
- Please also note that an U15 competitor is not permitted to participate at the SLSA Interstate Championships 2016.
- Competitors must compete for the whole of the Interstate Championships in either the Open or Youth Competition but are not permitted to compete in both.
- All competitors must have their appropriate division (Open (O) or Youth (Y)) and competitor number (e.g. 1- 12) clearly marked on their arms.
- Team managers are to nominate their team and category prior to the competition commencing on the relevant team configuration forms to be provided by SLSA.



3. EVENTS TO BE CONDUCTED

The following are the events and the order in which they will be conducted, with appropriate Youth teams followed by Opens in each event:

Event 1	Ironwoman	2 competitors per state/territory
Event 2	Ironman	2 competitors per state/territory
Event 3	Surf Race Female	2 competitors per state/territory
Event 4	Surf Race Male	2 competitors per state/territory
Event 5	Mixed Board Relay	1 team per state/territory (2 competitors, 1 male & 1 female per team)
Event 6	Mixed Surf Ski Relay	1 team per state/territory (2 competitors, 1 male & 1 female per team)
Event 7	Beach Flags Female	1 competitor per state/territory
Event 8	Beach Flags Male	1 competitor per state/territory
Event 9	Surf Teams Race	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors, 2 male & 2 female.)
Event 10	Surf Ski Race Female	2 competitors per state/territory
Event 11	Surf Ski Race Male	2 competitors per state/territory
Event 12	Board Race Female	2 competitors per state/territory
Event 13	Board Race Male	2 competitors per state/territory
Event 14	Beach Sprint Female	1 competitor per state/territory
Event 15	Beach Sprint Male	1 competitor per state/territory
Event 16	Rescue Tube Rescue Female	1 Team per state/territory (4 competitors)
Event 17	Rescue Tube Rescue Male	1 Team per state/territory (4 competitors)
Event 18	Beach Relay Female	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors)
Event 19	Beach Relay Male	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors)
Event 20	Board Rescue Female	1 team per state/territory (2 competitors)
Event 21	Board Rescue Male	1 team per state/territory (2 competitors)
Event 22	Taplin Relay Female	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors per team)
Event 23	Taplin Relay Male	1 team per state/territory (4 competitors per team)



4. TEAM MANAGEMENT

For event management purposes SLSA will recognise four (4) team management officials per Open and Youth Division. The positions to be recognised are:

- Manager (1)
- Coach (1)
- Medical (1)
- Chaperone (1)

Note: The team management composition must contain both male and female appointees. In this regard it is further recommended that states appoint males and females proportionate.

5. TEAM SELECTION

- States/Territories are responsible for the selection of their teams.
- States/Territories are permitted to select “State of Bronze Medallion Origin” athletes based on where the member first gained their Bronze medallion award **OR** for the state/territory where the member’s current club is if the member so wishes. Each state will be required to confirm which eligibility status each athlete is being selected under on the team registration form. SLSA will complete an audit of each team to ensure all teams are complying with these rules.

Note 1: “Current Club and State”: This means the club and state in which the member currently has his/her competitive rights

Note 2: It is the member’s choice whether they wish to be considered for selection by their “State of Bronze Medallion origin” or their “Current State of Membership”.

- All team selections and individual event allocations will need to be received by SLSA no later than close of business (AEST) Friday, 11 December 2015. An electronic form will be provided to assist this process.

6. DRAFTING

SLSA will facilitate an athlete draft to ensure:

- a) Each affiliated State/Territory has a full team roster (where possible).
- b) That non-selected (from primary nomination) athletic talent is spread around teams requiring draft athletes.
- c) That over time State/Territory teams become less reliant on drafting to fill teams.

Draft Process:

- Athletes may elect to nominate to the draft should their primary nomination for a State team be unsuccessful. All those who are not selected in their State squad must contact their State Sport Manager to confirm their place in the draft.
- Each State/Territory centre will be required to select its team by **Friday, 11 December 2015**
- Each State/Territory centre shall forward all athlete nominations into the draft to SLSA by **Friday, 11 December 2015** (open and youth).
- Each State/Territory centre shall confirm any draft requirements to SLSA by **Friday, 11 December 2015**.



- Any drafted athletes shall be the financial responsibility of the drafting State/Territory.
- SLSA will release a list of draft athletes to each State/Territory team manager eligible to pick from the draft.
- There will be a draft teleconference facilitated by the SLSA Chair of Selectors (or their nominee) and State Team Head Coach and Manager on **Thursday, 17 December 2015** to complete the draft picks.
- The lowest ranked state team from 2015 will have first pick, followed by 6th, 5th until the first rotation is complete.
- The rotation shall continue until all teams have a complete roster.
- SLSA will issue a press release of all team lists **Monday, 21 December 2015**.
- No team changes are permitted unless an injury occurs prior to the start of the first race and a medical certificate is provided, or evidence of an exceptional circumstance is provided.
- There shall be no penalties for drafting. States/Territories are advised there will be a sinking lid on draft athlete allowances in the coming years.
- Only bottom three ranked States/Territories shall be permitted a maximum of three drafts for each team.
- For 2016, therefore each State/Territory may draft as follows:
 - **Queensland** – No drafted athletes permitted
 - **New South Wales** – No drafted athletes permitted
 - **Victoria** – No drafted athletes permitted
 - **Western Australia** - No drafted athletes permitted
 - **South Australia** – 3 draft athletes per youth and open team
 - **Tasmania** - 3 draft athletes per youth and open team
 - **Northern Territory** - 3 draft athletes per youth and open team

7. EVENT CONDITIONS

- The general competitive conditions as detailed in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual) and any subsequent Bulletins shall apply to the conduct of these events except where amended by these Championship rules.
- The primary amendments are:
 - Water Courses:
All individual and team water events will be conducted around the buoy courses set for the individual legs of the Ironman/Ironwoman events.
 - Water Event Starts:
Unless otherwise advised, all water events, with the exception of the Mixed Surf Ski Relay, Individual Surf Ski, Rescue Tube Rescue and Board Rescue races, shall be started on the beach approximately 15 metres from the water's edge (run start). Craft will be placed in front of the start line and as close as practicable to the water's edge. Handlers **are not** required for the start of events.



○ Water Event Finishes:

Unless otherwise advised, all water events, with the exception of the Mixed Surf Ski Relay, Individual Surf Ski, Rescue Tube Rescue and Board Rescue races, shall finish as per the Ironman/woman races (run finish). Craft and paddles may be abandoned after rounding the last turning buoy of the swim course. Handlers **are** to be used to remove craft and paddles from the course.

Note 1: All Beach events shall be the standard courses and distances

Note 2: The rules for the conduct of the Mixed Board Relay and Mixed Ski Relay events are contained in Appendix 1.

8. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT & SPECIFICATIONS

- Each team shall be responsible for the provision of their own equipment including boards, skis, paddles, rescue tubes and fins.
- All equipment used in competition is to comply with SLSA specifications.
- Random scrutineering of equipment may occur during the Interstate Championships 2016.

9. PROTESTS

- All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual) and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based. Protest Forms will be available from the administration centre.
- An appeals fee of \$115.00 (Inc. GST) must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication.

10. ARENAS

- The competition arena for the Interstate Championships 2016 shall be compact to maximise spectator viewing and shall consist of one water arena, one beach track and two beach flag pits.
- A site map of the competition venue will be provided by SLSA.

11. TIMETABLE

- Events shall be conducted in order listed on the event schedule.
- The Open and Youth components of the Interstate Championships shall be conducted concurrently with youth competitors competing first in each event followed by the Open age competitors.
- Similar to 2015 the event shall commence at 8.00am with a “run in” of Teams and a brief opening ceremony.
- Note: The SLSA Interstate Championships Competition Committee, reserves the right to add or delete any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant.



12. DRAWS AND BALLOTS

- Prior to the event SLSA will undertake a draw positioning for each event.
- Initial draws for beach positions will be undertaken for the first event conducted in the water/craft areas and beach sections of competition. Subsequent draws will be of the 'rolling draw' format where all States/Territories will move sideways and up one beach position in each event conducted in the area. The same draw shall be used for both the Open and Youth component of the Championship.
- Copies of the first draws will be available at the Team Manager's briefing.
- After the first run through of the beach flags event in each division, separate draws are to be undertaken in each age division for lane positions for all subsequent run throughs.
- A draw for order of the legs for the Ironman, Ironwoman and Taplin Relay events will be undertaken at the Team Manager's briefing.
- Team Manager's will be required to submit their entry list for their team prior to the conclusion of the Team Manager's briefing.
- The referee will undertake any other ballots required on the beach on the day of the competition.

13. COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

- A briefing for Team Managers and key officials will be conducted by the Event Referee on the morning of Friday, 8 January 2016 (approx. 0645hrs). The location of the briefings shall be at Torquay SLSC.
- The officials to be in attendance include the Event Referee, Sectional Referees, Safety and Emergency Services Coordinator, Appeals Committee Convener, Chief Steward and key SLSA personnel.
- States/Territories should have a maximum of three personnel to attend the briefing.

14. POINTSCORE

- All events conducted shall be of equal points and the State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points earned in the Youth and Open divisions combined being declared the SLSA Interstate Champions 2016.
- Point score points shall be allocated on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1st – 7th for each event contested. Nil points will be earned in the case of disqualification.
- Dead heats in events shall be declared as such with teams sharing the placing points for the placing attained, e.g. equal 3rd receives 5 points each with 5th placing receiving 3 points.
- In individual events the results of 1st competitor and 2nd competitor are added to determine finishing position effectively making all events 'team' events. To determine winners in each event the State/Territory with the highest aggregate points in an event shall be the winner i.e. they will receive 7 points towards their point score etc.

Note: If a State/Territory only has one competitor in an event, or if a competitor is disqualified or does not complete the event, the State/Territory may still earn placing points based on the satisfactory completion of the race by one competitor.

- The occurrence of a tie at the conclusion of the competition will result in a count back of best finishes (that is, number of 1st's, if still equal, number of 2nd's and so on until a winner/placing is declared). If this method cannot separate States/Territories, joint winners/placings will be declared.
- Note: It is reiterated that drafted competitors are eligible to earn 100% of their placing points in both individual and team events for their adopted State/Territory point score.



15. TROPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

- All presentations will occur at the function following competition on Friday evening at Torquay SLSC.
- Teams will be competing for the Ocean Events Trophy (a cumulative point score for all water and beach events for both Open and Youth Divisions).
- In addition, teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in this point score shall receive Interstate Championship medallions for all team members.
- Recognition by way of team trophy will also be given to the team(s) who scores the highest points in each of the Open and Youth divisions.
- Note 1: As detailed in the SLSA Sponsorship Policy teams may be asked to wear sponsors apparel during the presentation of medals and trophies. Apart from any SLSA sponsorship no items giving commercial identification shall be worn during the official presentation ceremony.
- Note 2: The Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield (for the overall point score of Ocean, Pool, Surf Boat and IRB Interstate Championships) shall be awarded at the SLSA Awards of Excellence evening. The point score for this Shield shall be determined by the overall placing result recorded by States/Territories in each of the Interstate Championships. In this regard States/Territories shall be allocated points on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for their relative 1st – 7th placing in each Interstate Championship (Beach/Ocean, Boat, Pool, IRB). The State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points shall be declared winner of the Shield.) In the event of tied points a count back of best overall results in the four championships (Beach/Ocean, Boat, Pool, IRB) will determine the winning State/Territory (that is, number of 1st overall placings. If still equal, number of 2nd placings and so on until a winner is declared). If this method cannot separate States/Territories, joint winners will be declared.

16. POWER PLAY

- A power play is a nominated event by both the youth team and open team. Each team can nominate **one** event to have a power play attached to it.
- Any points accumulated during the power play will be awarded double points for that team (i.e. 14 points for 1st, 2 points for 7th)
- Each youth team and each open team can nominate **ONE** power play event. The power play process is as follows:
 - Team Managers will be required to submit a power play form to the referee 30 minutes before the scheduled start of competition
 - A team is not able to change their allocated power play during the competition
 - Commentators will announce when a power play is being used in the preamble to that race and profile the competitors involved.

17. SPONSORSHIP

- In the event of States/Territories/individuals having conflicting sponsorship with the event sponsor, the association sponsorship policy must be adhered to.
- Teams, when entering the marshalling arena and competing, must be 'clean' in competition gear with no sponsor's identification unless the State/Territory has given naming rights to the event naming rights sponsor. Should the event naming rights sponsor provide Lycra singlets or other competition apparel for the series, then teams will be required to wear the event naming rights sponsor's competition apparel or in the event of conflict with a State/Territory team sponsor, compete in SLSA branded apparel.



- At the conclusion of events, placegetters may be offered items of apparel identified with the event sponsor. It may be possible that TV interviews will be undertaken with prominent competitors, and in such cases, they may be asked to wear one of the official sponsor T-shirts and/or caps. Further, competitors may be required to carry the event sponsor's logos on craft, boats and equipment. Where physically possible, no existing signage will be covered. Those craft with rival sponsors to the event sponsor will not be required to display the event sponsors signage and/or to cover the rival sponsor's signage.

17. CODE OF CONDUCT

- SLSA expects that all members involved in competition will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.
- The SLSA code of conduct is contained in the current edition of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual) and any subsequent Bulletins.
- Any incidents or behaviour likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of lifesaving competition will be managed as prescribed in the current edition of SLSA's Rules, Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

18. MEDIA STATEMENTS

- States/Territories shall be permitted to promote the event and or their State/Territory team within their own state (subject to SLSA approval). However, no competitor, Team Manager, official or spokesperson for a State/Territory shall make media statements that could bring the Interstate Championships, its sponsor, or officials into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.
- Complaints regarding the organisation of the championship, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.

19. THEFT

- Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia or the hosting authority may be immediately reported to police and that person/s be brought before a SLSA Disciplinary Committee.
- Please note that automatic disqualification of the team from the Championship will occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

20. SLSA ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an anti-doping policy, which will be adhered to for this event.
- Please be aware that random drug testing could take place during the Interstate Championships 2016.
- It is highly recommended each State/Territory team member (including management and staff) complete the ASADA online e-learning program (Level 1) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping. The link to access this e-learning program is: <http://elearning.asada.gov.au/> . Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activities as a group.



- It is recommended each State/Territory team member (including management and staff) utilise the ASADA [Check Your Substances](#) reference site, or phone 13000 ASADA (1300 027 232).

21. TEAM SHEETS

- Team Managers are required to complete the team summary, team management and event configuration in the attached electronic template (excel spreadsheet) and send to SLSA (events@slsa.asn.au) no later than close of business (AEST), **Friday, 11 December 2015**.
- Note: Changes after this date (other than draft athletes being added) will only be permitted subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances. No changes to any team sheet shall be permitted once the first event has commenced although teams may substitute with the team as required.

Appendix 1

Event 5: Mixed Board Relay Race

Event 6: Mixed Surf Ski Relay Race

General Conditions

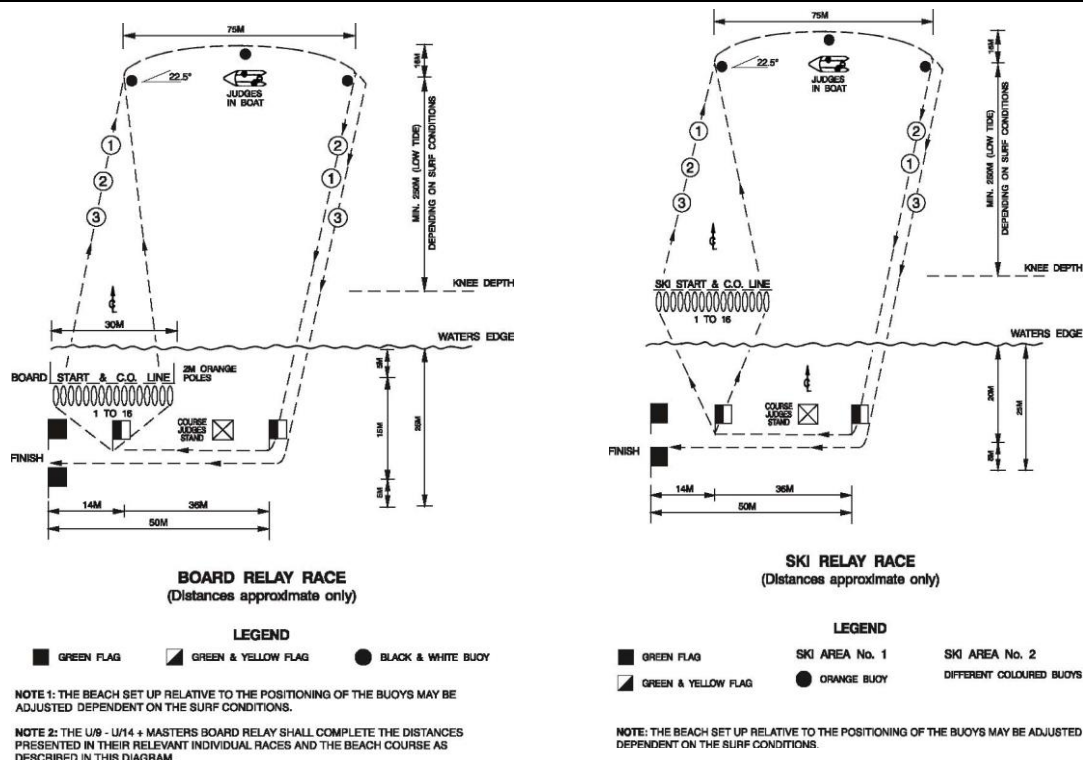
- (a) The Mixed Surf Board and Surf Ski Relay events shall be conducted under the general rules of the Surf Board and Surf Ski events as per the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) (Sport > Surf Sports Manual). The events comprise two competitors (one male and one female). States/Territories may decide the order that their team competes.
- (b) Team Members may use the same craft. No Member of a Team shall be permitted to complete more than one leg of a race.
- (c) A Competitor not competing in a leg of the race can become a Craft Handler. Alternatively another team member may be a Handler.
- (d) Control of craft - A Competitor can lose control or contact with their craft on the way out, provided they regain the craft and round the last course buoy in contact with the craft. A Competitor must paddle their surf ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) around the last course buoy and shall not be disqualified if they lose control or contact with their craft after the last course buoy on the return journey.

The Course

The courses shall be as detailed in the diagrams below.

Note: The beach positions are reversed for the first and second craft legs to assist with fairness of event conduct e.g. Teams drawn in position one commence their first craft leg from position one and their second craft leg from position 16.

Competitor's 1 st craft leg starting position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Competitor's 2 nd craft leg starting position	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9





Procedure

- (a) Competitors for the first leg of the relay shall start as per the relevant individual events and proceed around the appropriate buoys. When the first Competitor has rounded the last turning buoy, the Competitor may leave their surf ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) at their discretion, round the two green and yellow turning flags and tag the second Competitor at the designated surf ski or board (as appropriate) changeover line.
- (b) The second Competitor then proceeds around the appropriate buoys. When the second Competitor has rounded the last turning buoy, the Competitor may leave their surf ski (including paddle) or board (as applicable) at their discretion, round the two green and yellow turning flags and tag the third Competitor at the designated surf ski or board (as appropriate) changeover line.
- (c) The second Competitor in the Surf Board Relay event shall be positioned with their feet on the changeover line or on the shoreward side of the changeover line. In the Surf Ski Relay the start changeover line will be located in the water.
- (d) Competitors in the Surf Board and Surf Ski Relay events must commence their leg of the event from the (correct) position as allotted by the Marshall. If the Competitor does not comply with the Officials' direction, their Team may be disqualified.
- (e) Members of the Team or other Members authorised by the Referee shall ensure that any craft used by any of the other Team Members does not cause any interference to another Team or Competitor in the race. The craft shall be removed as soon as possible from the course to avoid congestion and possible damage.
- (f) If a Competitor deliberately impedes the progress of another Team the Competitor's in the offending Team may be disqualified.
- (g) 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 Members shall be permitted to assist a Competitor in replacing equipment, but only to the extent of placing the nose of the replacement surf ski/paddle at the water's edge or the board on or behind the start line.
- (h) To assist with the safe conduct of competition it is permitted for any Member to assist with the removal of any damaged or abandoned equipment from the competition course.