



## Circular

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## SCRUTINEERING

### 1. GENERAL

A Scrutineer Coordinator (called Area Referee – Scrutineering) has been appointed for the Australian Youth Life Saving Championships 2016, Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships 2016 and the Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2016. The Area Referee – Scrutineering 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.

**For all 2016 Championships SLSA will recognise respective State surf board and surf ski scrutineering and/or stickers from 2016 State Titles. This means competitors do not have to have surf boards and surf skis craft scrutineered prior to competing if their craft has been scrutineered at a 2016 State Championship. SLSA reserves the right to conduct random scrutineering on the start line during any point of the Aussies. Refer also to Section 2d) for SLSA Rescue Boards to be used in lifesaving event competition.**

The scrutineering arrangements for surf boats at Aussies 2016 is as detailed at Section 3c and requires an initial check for all boats before they are taken to the beach and further arrangements for boats at the semi final stage of competition.

The scrutineering arrangements for surf lines, reels, rescue tubes and swim fins for Aussies 2016 is as detailed at Section 3a and requires an initial check before competition and further arrangements at marshalling.

Competitors or teams found on the competition arena, or in the hands of Marshalls with equipment that does not carry scrutineering endorsement as detailed in this bulletin and undertaken at State level or 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 of competition equipment throughout the quarter-finals, semi finals and finals.

### 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 except for March Past and dry R&R events 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 Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 04 - Swimming Events: Appendix A**).





U15 R&R Competition may use alternative reels or lines based on competition conditions outlined ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > Rescue and Resuscitation > **RnR Chapt 3 (U12-U15 5A Person)**)

For March Past, refer to Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 10.1.1 (b) – March Past Event**).

#### **b) Reels and Surf Belts**

These items of equipment used for Belt Races, R&R and March Past 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 Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 04 - Swimming Events: Appendix A**).

#### **c) Rescue Tubes**

The rescue tubes used at The Aussies 2016 must be in strict accordance with the requirements of the Lifesaving Gear & Equipment Specifications, page 8 ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > 4 Specification > SLSA > **Lifesaving Gear & Equipment Specifications**)

#### **d) Swim Fins**

Swim Fins used at the Aussies 2016 must be in strict accordance with the specifications contained in the Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 3 – Lifesaving events and Section 4 – Swimming Events**).

#### **e) Boards & Skis**

Boards and Skis shall be constructed in strict compliance with the current [Surf Craft Specifications](#).

**Note:** If an approved SLSA 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. In this regard it is not compulsory to have a manufacturers compliance sticker on rescue boards. Scrutineers will accept approved registered rescue board manufacturers for scrutineering prior to the commencement of lifesaving event competition.

#### **f) Boats**

Boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > **Policy 5.07 – Design and Manufacture of Surf Boats**) which details the specifications of these craft.

#### **g) Board Riding**

Short and Long Boards must at least comply with the specifications contained in the Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 07 – Surfboard Riding Events**).

#### **h) Use of communication devices in SLSA competition**

Competitors are not permitted to use any electronic communication devices (either attached to a craft or their person) from the commencement to completion of a race. As per Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 2.7.2 – Use of Communication Devices in SLSA Competition**).





**i) Use of video cameras devices attached to competitors**

With the exception of Boat Sweeps the use of a video camera attached to any part of a competitor in is not permitted from the commencement to completion of a race. As per Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 2.7.3 – Use of Video Camera Devices Attached to Competitors**).

**j) Use of video cameras on Surf Boards and Skis**

The use of one video camera is permitted in competition on all surf boards (except Nipper Boards) and skis provided the camera is installed on a mounting device and toggle strap supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device.

**Note:** The use of video cameras is not permitted on any Nipper Craft.

Installation on 3.2m racing surf boards shall be placed anywhere between the hand grips closest to hand grips closest to the nose and the nose of the craft.

**Note:** Any video cameras attached to a SLSA rescue board used for competition must be placed in a similar position as described for 3.2m racing surf boards.

Installation on single and double skis shall be in front of the foot well.

The weight of any plugs permanently installed into the craft to attach the video camera shall be included in the overall weight of the craft. The weight of other (not permanently installed) mounts and camera are NOT to be included in the overall weight of the craft.

Installation on board riding short and long boards shall up to the discretion of the rider provided that the video camera is installed on a mounting device and toggle strap, supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device.

As per Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 2.7.4 – Use of Video Camera on Surf Boards and Surf Skis**).

**k) Use of video cameras in Surf Boats**

The use of video cameras is permitted in competition provided they are installed on a mounting device and toggle strap supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device.

Installation shall be permitted on the splash board (front deck), on the tank opposite the rowers' and rear deck.

The weight of any plugs permanently installed into the boat to attach the video cameras shall be included in the overall "*bare weight*" of the boat.

The weight of other (not permanently installed) mounts and camera are NOT to be included in the overall "*racing weight*" of the craft.

The Boat Sweep (only) is also permitted to have a video camera on a helmet (worn by them) provided that the camera is installed on a mounting device and toggle strap supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device.





As per Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 2.7.5 – Use of Video Camera on Surf Boats**).

### 3. PROCESSES

**Note: Scrutineering equipment and officials will be available for competitors to voluntarily check craft before competition begins. Craft Scrutineering will begin Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 for Youth Competitors only.**

**Boat scrutineering will begin from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

#### **Australian Youth, Masters and Open Surf Life Saving Championships Outline 2016**

Youth Championships age groups, Masters Championships age groups and Open Championships age groups scrutineering will be conducted as per previous year's Open Championships regulations. Please see notes on Surf Craft regulations below.

#### **Australian Youth, Masters and Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2016**

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

Reels, Lines, Belts, Rescue Tubes and Swim Fins may be presented to the scrutineering area prior to competition. Reels, Lines, Belts, Rescue Tubes and Swim Fins may be further checked in the marshalling area prior to the event being conducted.

##### **b) Surf Craft:**

The following conditions will be in operation for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2016:

- The Aussies 2016 will recognise **current state scrutineering stickers and/or stamps** from all 2016 State Championships. However, competitors who attain the level of finals of the Champion Lifesaver and Patrol Events) (Refer also to Section 2d) for SLSA Rescue Boards to be used in lifesaving event competition must present their craft to be checked by Australian Championships scrutineers.
- However, competitors are urged to check their craft for safety and compliance prior to use in competition. Scrutineers will be available to assist in this process.
- Any craft that does not carry current state scrutineering stickers and/or stamps will be required to be scrutineered at The Aussies 2016 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 underweight 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 underweight 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 in the trailer compound on the second football field located at Fourth Ave & Kingsford Smith Pde.**

**c) Surf Boats:**

Surf boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the Design and Manufacture of Surf Boats Policy 5.07 ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > **Policy 5.07 – Design and Manufacture of Surf Boats**) 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 subject to a basic safety and specified approved equipment check and shall be weighed in, all of which must be presented for inspection prior to entering the competition arena
- All new boats or boats without previous Australian Championship stickers must be presented for weigh-in
- All boats in Semi-finals must be weighed (if not already completed at The Aussies 2016).
- Boats will be required to be presented in their “Racing Weight” (197kg) condition i.e. “Bare Structural Condition” including seats, foot blocks, pumps but excluding oars, rowlocks, batteries, rescue tubes and any 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 scrutineering has been completed and approved, the craft will receive an Aussies 2016 sticker.
- Failure to comply with any of the above may render your club disqualified from the Championships.
- Please refer to the [timetable of events](#) for the days and grade of events that will **take priority** for scrutineering process.







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 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.

**Note:** All boat event draws will be on display from 7.30am on Monday 18 April 2016 (Masters) and Wednesday, 20 April 2016 (Opens) in the Boat Arena for the day's competition. This information will also be displayed on Aussies > [Events Info webpage](#).

**The scrutineering location for Surf Boats will take place in the park area adjacent to Alexandra Headland Beach – Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland north of the Surf Club.**

**Note:** Competitors, team managers coaches and boat, board, ski and swimming captains are strongly urged to familiarize themselves with the specification details set out in the above mentioned bulletins/circulars/policies and to ensure their boats/craft/reels/lines/belts/rescue tubes comply with these specifications.

Clubs that have no knowledge of the above Bulletins/Circulars/Policies, 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**

The times for initial scrutineering of Reels, Lines, Belts, Rescue Tubes and Swim Fins are the same as those listed for boards and skis. In Section 4a)

##### **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:**

Friday April 15, 2016	7am to 3pm (Youth Competitors)
Saturday April 16, 2016	7am to 3pm
Sunday April 17, 2016	7am to 3pm
Monday April 18, 2016	7am to 3pm
Tuesday April 19, 2016	7am to 3pm
Wednesday April 20, 2016	7am to 3pm
Thursday April 21, 2016	7am to 3pm
Friday April 22, 2016	7am to 3pm
Saturday April 23, 2016	7am to 3pm
Sunday April 24, 2016	7am to 3pm

##### **c) Boats**

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

Saturday April 16, 2016	12:30pm to 3pm
Sunday April 17, 2016	7am to 3pm
Monday April 18, 2016	7am to 3pm





Tuesday April 19, 2016	7am to 3pm
Wednesday April 20, 2016	7am to 3pm
Thursday April 21, 2016	7am to 3pm
Friday April 22, 2016	7am to 3pm
Saturday April 23, 2016	7am to 3pm
Sunday April 24, 2016	7am to 3pm

## 5. SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2016 have Naming Right and Event Sponsorships with conditions that apply to signage in accordance with the Competition Sponsorship Policy 5.8 ([Members Portal](#)> [Library](#)> [Governance](#)> [Policy](#)> [SLSA](#)> [Policy 5.8](#))

The following details also clarify the requirements of all sponsored competitors/clubs participating in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2016:

- If breaches are found after the event, in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) may forfeit titles and awards.
- The refusal to fulfill the conditions of entry may 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.

