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| <b>Summary:</b> SLSA Undertakes regular review of its resources to enhance its governing rules of its sport. This Circular clarifies the judging procedure for resuscitation in the 2 Person R&R Event. |

### BACKGROUND

With the assistance of the R&R fraternity a significant number of changes to the Rescue and Resuscitation (R&R) Manual 28<sup>th</sup> Edition were introduced with release of the 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Edition of the R&R Manual in July 2018. These changes included amendments to the deduction cards used by judges.

Issues have now been raised about the deductions prescribed for the resuscitation procedures in Section 3 of the 2 Person event.

The R&R Fraternity have consulted broadly and recommend that a clarification be issued for Deduction 10 on the 2 Person Judging Card – *“Incorrect Rescue Breathing technique”*

This Circular details and confirms the clarification.

### CLARIFICATION

The issue is whether a deduction applies if the rescuer, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section of the 2 Person R&R event, does not position their ear and chin 25mm over the patient’s mouth while providing the simulated breaths or listening for the air leaving the patient. It has been argued that failure to do so could be considered within the scope of Deduction 10 on the 2 Person Card – *“Incorrect Rescue Breathing technique”*.

By way of background, the deductions listed on the 2 Person event judge’s card for the Section 3 resuscitation procedures are for the most part identical to those appearing on the cards for the 5 Person and 6 Person events. However, the 5 and 6 Person R&R events have a two-person resuscitation procedure while the 2 Person R&R event has a single resuscitation operator.

This means that the resuscitation process applicable for the 5 and 6 person R&R event differ to those applying in the 2 Person R&R event. As such, the application of deductions applicable to the 5 & 6 Person events to the 2 Person event may lead to an unfair outcome for competitors.

Accordingly, it is clarified that the following approach is to be taken when judging the resuscitation procedure in Section 3 of the 2 Person R&R event:

- The requirement for the rescuer to have their chin 25mm above the patient’s mouth while delivering the breaths should only be assessed on the first breath of each cycle; and
- The position of the rescuer’s ear over the patient’s mouth should be not assessed at any time during the resuscitation.



In due course changes will be made to the R&R Manual and the Judging cards to reflect this clarification.

While providing this clarification, it is also noted that the procedures in relation to the 5 & 6 person events remain unchanged – i.e. the position of chin over the patient's mouth is only assessed on the 1<sup>st</sup> breath in each cycle and the position of the rescuer's ear over the mouth is only assessed after the 2<sup>nd</sup> breath of each cycle.

It is important that a consistent approach is adopted when judging the event. The contents of this Circular should be brought to the attention of all R&R Judges, coaches at competitors at all forthcoming carnivals including the State and Australian Championships.

The clarification becomes effective immediately.

The source R&R Manual with all amendments (when effected) is available for viewing and download from the Members' Area on the SLSA website.

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