



Bulletin

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Summary: SLSA Undertakes regular review of its resources to enhance its governing rules of its sport. This Bulletin advises the promulgation of further updates and clarifications to its rules.

BACKGROUND

SLSA has recently reviewed its Surf Sports Manual and now publishes an updated Manual to be known as the 35th Edition Revised July 2018 Surf Sports Manual (SSM).

The amendments, which are outlined in this Bulletin (with the exception of the eligibility of competitors to compete in certain individual and team age groupings), become effective immediately.

The source SSM is available with all amendments for viewing and download from the Members' Area on the SLSA website.

These latest changes will also be included in the new SSM "e-book" when it is released.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Section 0 - Introduction:

Added wording to the bottom of the Introduction to clarify that words in the SSM importing any gender include the other genders. Also confirmed that the word "their" in the SSM may be either plural or singular and where singular "their" replaces the terms "his" or "her".

Section 1 – Competition Safety:

Added wording to Section 1.1.6 to confirm that as part of contingency plans it may be necessary to cancel and/or prioritise of events and/or age groups. Added a new Appendix E that details the prioritisation of events to be conducted at major competitions. As a result the Pool Risk Assessment guide is now Appendix F.

Section 2 - General Competitive Conditions:

Addition of a new point 2.2.1 (e) (iv) detailing that SLSA may conduct water based and beach participation events for unqualified and/or qualified members with a disability.

Addition of a new point 2.2.4.3 detailing membership clearance and processes previously contained in deleted SLSA Policy 6.24.

The complete list of age groupings for Masters individual and team events have been added to Section 2.3.13. It is also clarified that Masters Competitors may compete only in their relevant Masters age grouping for individual and team events and, unless otherwise excluded, also the Open/Senior age category.

Change of section heading 2.3.15 to read: Female/Male Only Events and Gender Guidelines. Addition of clause (c) for reference to transgender and transsexual guidelines in a new Appendix A (extracted from SLSA Policy 5.10 Transgender Transsexual Athlete).

Addition of a new Note 3 in Section 2.4 to refer to Section 2.2.1(e) for conduct of designated events for competitors with a disability.

Medical and/or Sun Safety has been added to list of reasons in Section 2.5.1 (f) that SLSA may give special consideration for the wearing of non body shaping textile swimwear provided that such swimwear does not provide a competitive advantage.

The wearing of wetsuits in events involving swimming has been further clarified in Section 2.5.1 (h) to take into account weather and/or wind chill factors where there is a risk of hypothermia even if the water temperature is above 16 degrees Celsius. Further it is highly recommended that wetsuits be worn in water when the water temperature is 13 degrees Celsius or lower.

It has been clarified in Section 2.5.1 (j) that in normal circumstances board paddlers may wear protective clothing except that sleeves are not permitted on the arms of competitors.

Section 3 – Lifesaving Events:

Addition of a further wording in 3.3.3.6 (c) to clarify that the crewperson in IRB competition does not necessarily need to be seated in an upright position at the finish but must be seated and maintain three points of contact.

Additional wording in Appendix C to further clarify that for the U17 Patrol Competition, the Judges Marking Sheet for the No.1 1 position for the U17s corresponds to the Opens No 5 position and the U17s No 2 position corresponds to the Opens No.6 position.

Section 5 – Surf Boat Events:

Addition of a Note 7 to Section 5.1 (c) formalises the alternate rules that apply to participation in age categories in surfboat events at the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships.

Note: The standard rules for participation in other surfboat competitions unless otherwise amended by way of entry circular.

Addition of a Appendix B to include reference to Use of SLSA Equipment Policy 1.02, surf boats and to reflect the current location of SLSA Surf Boat Specifications

Section 6 – Craft Events:

Appendix A has been updated to include reference to Use of SLSA Equipment Policy 1.02, single and double surf skis and to reflect the current location of SLSA Surf Craft Specifications.

Section 8 – Multi Discipline Events:

A note has been added to Section 8.1 (c) (i) to reflect that at any time before or during competition should assessment of the course conditions conclude that it would be difficult to achieve a fair start with a craft leg first the Referee, in conjunction with the Competition Committee, may, determine that Ironman, Ironwoman, Cameron and Taplin Relay events commence with the swim leg first. The ballot shall determine the order of the following board and ski legs of these events.

A note has been added to Section 8.4.1 (a) to confirm that the Lifesaver Relay event is to be conducted at Australian Surf Life Saving Championships only when it is possible to run the final with the surf boat leg and the remainder of the course side by side and with the one start.'

A note has been added to 8.6.2 (h) to clarify that both the patient and rescuer in the Board Rescue Race are required to cross the line on their feet to correctly complete the course.

Section 11 – Pool Rescue Events:

Addition of new Section 11.2 detailing the current Australian Pool Rescue Record criteria and principles and the addition of an Appendix A – Application for a SLSA National Pool Rescue Record.

Note: All subsequent Sections have been renumbered.

Section 12– Competition Administration:

A note has been added to each of the Figures 2, 3, 4 and 5 diagrams to reflect that different specifications for buoy, anchor, chain and line setup arrangements may be appropriate dependent on local conditions.

In addition to the immediate changes detailed in this Bulletin SLSA has also made decisions in relation to eligibility of competitors to compete in certain individual and team age groupings. Notice is given that the following changes to Section 2 – General Competitive Conditions will come into effect from 1 October 2019:

- Amendment of the Section 2.3.4 (a) table detailing changed eligibility for U13, U17, U19 and U21 age competitors to compete in individual and team events and individual events for U13 and U14 age competitors.
- Amendment of Section 2.3.5 (a) detailing that U13s may compete only in their own individual age group and U13 and U14 team events. Further U14s may compete only in U14 individual events and U14 and U15 team events.
- Amendment to Section 2.3.7 detailing that competitors shall be limited to two team ages only - U17, U19, U21, U23, Open - their own age or older age groups including the Open team age group. The specifics for each age grouping is detailed in in the respective sections 2.3.8 – 2.3.10.

Please note that exceptions apply to March Past eligibility as detailed in the relevant sections of the SSM.

Prior to 1 October 2019 amendments to the 35th Edition Revised July 2918 Surf Sports Manual will be promulgated to reflect these changes.

SLSA AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS DISCIPLINE REVIEW

The Australian Championship Discipline Review has been ongoing since 2016 with the first report being discussed at the 2017 National Sport Workshop and then being disseminated broadly to the SLS membership for consultation. Following consideration of the feedback received final recommendations were put to the 2018 National Sport Workshop. The final decisions on the Review will be advised in due course together with any further changes required to the Surf Sports Manual and the date for implementation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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