

# Circular 3630

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## 2020 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships Changes to First Aid and Water Safety Volunteer Requirements and Entry Fees

**Attention:** All Branch Presidents, Branch Directors of Surf Sports & Club Directors of Surf Sports

**Actioned by:** State Championships entry circular and volunteer requirements

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**From:** Phil Ayres, Chief Operating Officer

Dear Presidents and Directors of Surf Sports,

SLSNSW has been exploring a number of changes to the provision of first aid and water safety (powercraft) at the 2020 State Championships. Given the potential for some changes to have a financial impact, we have delayed the opening of entries and advice around volunteer requirements until these changes were finalised.

Whilst we have been satisfied with our safety practices, it is important to be constantly seeking continuous improvement especially when it comes to our members safety. We have also been mindful of feedback received from clubs around challenges in fulfilling some rosters with suitably qualified and experienced people, both mid-week (Masters) and on weekend when clubs are still undertaking patrol duties.

The SLSNSW Board has considered a number of recommendations and approved the following:

### First Aid

All First Aid will now be fully provided by SLSNSW's Australian Event Safety Services (AESS). This will mean clubs **will not** be required to fulfil any first aid rosters for this year's championships. We believe with the addition of a dedicated triage and treatment area back of beach and dedicated experienced personnel, we have greater assurance and capability around adequate numbers of first aiders being on site as well as ability to treat and deal with multiple incidents.

We would like to thank all members who have volunteered in this vital role over the years and feel this will alleviate challenges for clubs in supplying the required numbers of these volunteers across the 10 days of competition. There will be a small entry fee increase across all competitors to accommodate this change (see below), which we believe is offset by the reduced requirement in supply volunteers by clubs.

### IRB Drivers & Crew – Masters Championships

The Board considered various options for supply of water safety powercraft at the Championships. After careful consideration it has been agreed as a trial for 2020 to allow clubs rostered on for **Masters Championships** IRB shifts to be permitted to utilise the AESS to undertake those shifts for a fee. The charge for the supply of IRB crews by the AESS will be \$500 per boat/shift.

Clubs may continue to utilise their volunteer drivers and crew for their rostered shifts, but this option is available to assist with clubs who find difficulty in supply these volunteers mid-week.

Please note this trial is for the **Masters Championship only**. Clubs will still be required to supply volunteer drivers and crews for both the Junior and Open Championship weekends. Clubs will still be required to supply IRB's and engines.

Clubs must advise of their requirement to utilise AESSE staff for their IRB shifts by COB Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs are to contact Jake Lynch by email [jlynch@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:jlynch@surflifesaving.com.au)

### Entry Fees

To assist in facilitating the changes to First Aid provision, a \$4 entry fee increase has been applied across all entry fees. Entry fees for the championships will now be:

	Normal Fee	Late Entry Fee
Age Championships	\$40.05	\$88.14
Masters Championships	\$50.57	\$115.51
Open Championships	\$50.57	\$115.51

- Note: excludes GST
- There will be no change to the additional event entry charge

SLSNSW is also undertaking a trial of different on-water approaches to powercraft water safety at the Country Championships this year. This forms part of our continuous improvement program around member safety at events.

Please contact the SLSNSW sports team via [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au) if you have any questions.

## POWER CRAFT ROSTERS & EQUIPMENT PROVISION

### Personnel

As noted above Clubs are required as per the below roster to fill power craft shifts for Age and Open Championships. Clubs may elect to utilize the AESS to fulfill their powercraft roster for the Masters Championships only.

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements.

- ✓ **IRB Driver:** Be a current financial SLS member and hold a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver.
- ✓ **IRB Crewperson:** Be a current financial SLS member and hold a proficient IRB Crew Certificate.
- ✓ **RWC Operator:** Be a current financial SLS member and hold a proficient RWC Operator Certificate.
- ✓ **Both IRB and RWC:** Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and competent to deal in all surf conditions.

**Note: Personnel are no longer required to be Core or Technical Official to be eligible to undertake powercraft safety duties, however it is still encouraged.**

Clubs will be required to nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew personnel. These details are to be submitted via this survey monkey link – [Survey Monkey - Powercraft Personnel](#) by **Monday 10 February, 2020**.

### Compliance

This information will be audited via Surfguard on **Tuesday 11 February, 2020**. Clubs who haven't submitted information via the survey monkey link may not have their entries accepted (see Surf Sports Manual Section 12.1 – pg. 186)

To be clear, if your Club is rostered on, both an IRB driver and IRB crewperson are required to report for duty.

Individuals reporting for Powercraft (IRB or RWC) Duties **must present** their SLSNSW issued Powercraft Licence card.

All IRB drivers and crew must wear an approved SLS lifejacket on duty. It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that your members completing shifts must bring their own lifejacket (or supplied by their own Club). Lifejackets will not be supplied by event organisers.

### Further Information

The roster will only identify days and shifts. All rostered crews are to report to the southern compound, and water areas will be allocated based on the requirements of the carnival. For clarity, Clubs are not rostered to a specific water area.

SLSNSW will be utilizing the 'DEPUTY' rostering system. Clubs will be provided a log-in to access the rosters. This will allow clubs to seek to change shifts between each other using the on-line platform. A separate memo will be issued regarding the initial roster and log-ins and simple user guide to access deputy. Clubs who attended 2019 Aussies would be familiar with the platform

In the event that competition is suspended, IRB drivers and crew reporting for duty should be made aware that if the event continues again within their allocated shift time frame then they need to report back to the IRB compound ASAP for duty.

SLSNSW will also call for additional volunteers to operate the Rescue Water Craft (RWC).

### **IRB Equipment**

Based on competitor numbers across the Championships and in specific categories, clubs have been allocated to provide a fully equipped IRB for use at the Championships (see over).

All IRBs supplied must be registered with SLSNSW, have passed the 2019/20 Gear and Equipment Inspection process and be entered on SurfGuard. To ensure that equipment is in a safe and reliable working order for use at the Championships, please see the **IRB Hull and IRB Motor Compliance Inspection Forms (appendix 2)** as a guide.

#### **Notes:**

- IRBs should be brought to the IRB compound (Map TBC).
- If equipment, IRB or motor, is not in sound operational condition and considered safe for operations, the equipment **will not be accepted** and the Club may be forced to make other arrangements to be eligible to compete at the carnival.
- IRB's will only be scrutineered when they are fully assembled and inflated with floorboards in.
- To be clear, Class 3 (Cat Hulls) are not acceptable for Powercraft duties.
- All equipment is to be clearly marked with Club name: Fuel cells, motors, lifejackets, hulls & trailers
- IRB equipment such as the tube, paddle and rope does not need to be brought.

Scrutineering will take place between 3pm – 5pm on:

- Thursday 28 Feb (prior to Age)
- Tuesday 5 March (prior to Masters)
- Thursday 7 March (prior to Opens)

Clubs must book a 15 minute scrutineering time slot (on a first come, first served basis).

Please book your scrutineering timeslot by email to Jake Lynch Sports Officer at [jlynch@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:jlynch@surflifesaving.com.au) by **Friday 21 February, 2020**.

### **Insurance**

SLSNSW acknowledges and thanks the hard work of members during the State Championships. This event cannot be delivered safely and efficiently without contribution from Clubs.

All volunteer hours for Powercraft can contribute to an individual's total Club water safety hours.

Members are only able to make a claim through icare if the following applies:

1. The member is a current SLSNSW financial member.
2. They are proficient in the activity they are undertaking (eg a currently proficient IRB driver or crew)
3. While undertaking a genuine, authorised activity as a surf lifesaver and the member was not receiving remuneration or reward. The member must be performing the activity voluntarily and without obligation. Members who receive payment for any activities **must** have a formal engagement arrangement with the respective club. Note that all AESS IRB teams will be formally engaged by the AESS and will fall under the NSW SLSS icare provisions. Clubs who are engaging individuals on a paid basis must ensure all icare premiums and

reporting requirements have been undertaken. Please refer to the board circular on these arrangements <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/sites/site.test/files/SLSNSW%20Policy%20-%20Members%20Acquiring%20Private%20Financial%20Benefit%20From%20SLS%20Activities.pdf>

### **Summary**

Clubs that fail to meet their requirements or attend rostered shifts at the Championships **will be suspended from competition until such a time that requirements are met.**

Should any club have any questions please contact either Jake Lynch [jlynch@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:jlynch@surflifesaving.com.au) or Alistair Notley [anotley@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:anotley@surflifesaving.com.au) . Alternatively, please call (02) 9471 8000.

The following pages outline which Clubs will be required to supply an IRB and for which Championships. The rosters for each Championships are also communicated in due course.

## Clubs Required to Bring IRB Equipment

Club	Supply at:
North Cronulla	All Championships
Avalon Beach	All Championships
Avoca	All Championships
Bondi	Masters & Open
Bronte	Age
Caves Beach	All Championships
Collaroy	All Championships
Coogee	All Championships
Cooks Hill	All Championships
Cronulla	All Championships
Elouera	All Championships
Freshwater	All Championships
Manly	All Championships
Maroubra	All Championships
Mona Vale	All Championships
Newport	All Championships
North Bondi	All Championships
North Curl Curl	Age
Palm Beach	Open Championships
Queenscliff	All Championships
Redhead	All Championships
South Maroubra	All Championships
Terrigal	All Championships
Umina	All Championships
Wanda	All Championships

## Club IRB Roster Requirements

## AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club	IRB Shifts
Avalon Beach	2
Avoca	3
Bronte	4
Bulli	2
Caves Beach	2
Clovelly	1
Collaroy	3
Coogee	4
Cooks Hill	4
Cronulla	4
Cudgen Headland	1
Dee Why	1
Elouera	6
Fingal Bay	1
Freshwater	4
Macmasters	1
Manly	5
Maroubra	3
Mona Vale	3
Newport	3
North Avoca	2
North Bondi	6
North Cronulla	5
North Curl Curl	4
Ocean Beach	1
Queenscliff	2
Redhead	3
Shelly Beach	2
South Maroubra	4
Terrigal	4
Umina	3
Wamberal	3
Wanda	5
Warilla Barrack Point	2

## Masters Championships

Club	IRB Shifts
Avalon Beach	1
Avoca	1
Bondi	3
Caves Beach	1
Coogee	2
Cronulla	1
Elouera	1
Freshwater	1
Kempsey Crescent Head	1
Manly	2
Mollymook	1
Mona Vale	1
Newport	1
North Avoca	1
North Bondi	3
North Cronulla	1
North Entrance	1
Ocean Beach	1
Palm Beach	1
Queenscliff	3
Redhead	1
Soldiers Beach	1
South Maroubra	1
Stockton	1
Swansea Belmont	
Terrigal	1
Thirroul	1
Toowoan Bay	1
Umina	1
Wanda	1
Warriewood	1
Woolgoolga	1



## Open Championships

Club	IRB Shifts
Avalon Beach	3
Avoca	3
Bondi	2
Bronte	1
Bulli	2
Byron	1
Caves Beach	2
Collaroy	4
Coogee	5
Cooks Hill	3
Cronulla	5
Cudgen Headland	2
Elouera	3
Freshwater	4
Macmasters	2
Manly	5
Maroubra	2
Mollymook	2
Mona Vale	6
Newport	6
North Bondi	5
North Cronulla	6
North Curl Curl	2
North Narrabeen	2
North Steyne	1
Ocean Beach	2
Palm Beach	3
Port Kembla	1
Queenscliff	3
Redhead	3
Shelly Beach	1
South Curl Curl	2
Swansea Belmont	
Terrigal	3
Umina	3
Wanda	6
Warilla Barrack Point	1
Wollongong City	1

