

Circular

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Summary: This document contains information relating to Craft & Equipment Scrutineering for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021.

KEY INFORMATION

- All craft and surf boats must have a compliance decal attached which is clearly visible and readable
- At Aussies 2021 all Single and Double Skis shall be subject to full scrutineering and must be presented to the scrutineering marquee at Maroochydore Rugby Union Club Park for scrutineering. A scrutineering sticker will be placed on all skis that pass scrutineering.
- All Surf Reels and Surf Belts (other than those used in March Past) shall be subject to a safety scrutineering check before being taken onto the beach for competition.
- There will be no compulsory scrutineering of Boards, Lines, Swim Fins and Rescue Tubes required provided that Surf Boards carry manufacturer compliance decals.
- There will be no compulsory scrutineering required of short and long boards used in the Board Riding events.
- Voluntary scrutineering checks of Boards, March Past Reels and Belts, Lines, Swim Fins and Rescue Tubes will be available prior to competition
- All Surf boats shall be subject to a minimum of safety scrutineering and weight check before being taken onto the beach for competition. It is important to ensure all keel strips are properly secured prior to attending scrutineering.
- In addition to the above, all equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications at any time before during or immediately after competition. i.e. SLSA reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout the championships.

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Craft Scrutineering

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:

Scrutineering is optional for youth championships. Times are as follows:

Thu 15 th April 2021	9am to 5pm
Fri 16 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Sat 17 th April 2021	7am to 3pm

Location: Scrutineering will take place at Cotton Tree Sports Oval (Maroochydore Rugby Union Club) on the corner of Fourth Ave and Kingsford Smith Pde, Maroochydore. This location is the same as Aussies 2016.



MASTERS & OPENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Craft Scrutineering

All Single and Double Skis are to be scrutineered before they are taken onto the beach for competition. Scrutineering times are as follows:

Thu 15 th April 2021	9am to 5pm
Fri 16 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Sat 17 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Sun 18 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Mon 19 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Tue 20 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Wed 21 st April 2021	7am to 3pm
Thu 22 nd April 2021	7am to 3pm
Fri 23 rd April 2021	NO SCRUTINEERING
Sat 24 th April 2021	7am to 3pm

Location: As Above

Surf Boats

All boats are to be scrutineered for safety as a minimum before they are taken onto the beach for competition. Scrutineering times are as follows:

Fri 16 th April 2021	12pm to 4pm
Sat 17 th April 2021	8am to 3pm
Sun 18 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Mon 19 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Tue 20 th April 2021	7am to 3pm
Wed 21 st April 2021	7am to 3pm
Thu 22 nd April 2021	7am to 3pm
Fri 23 rd April 2021	NO SCRUTINEERING
Sat 24 th April 2021	Available at request

Location: Boat Scrutineering will take place on the grass area in Buhk Park on Aerodrome Rd, South of Ojinka Rd.



GENERAL

A Scrutineer Coordinator (called Scrutineering Area Referee) has been appointed for the Australian Youth Life Saving Championships 2021, Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 and the Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2021. The Scrutineering Area Referee 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 the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 there will be no compulsory scrutineering required of Boards, Lines, Swim Fins and Rescue Tube before marshalling for competition provided that Surf Boards carry manufacturer compliance decals.

For the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 all Surf Reels and Surf Belts (other than those used in March Past) shall be subject to a safety scrutineering check before being taken onto the beach for competition.

For the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 there will be no compulsory scrutineering required of short and long boards used in Board Riding Events.

Surf Boats shall be subject to a minimum of safety scrutineering before being taken onto the beach for competition.

For Aussies 2021 all Single and Double Skis shall be subject to full scrutineering before being taken onto the beach for competition.

However, at any time before during or immediately after competition any equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer www.slsa.com.au). SLSA reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout the championships.

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 may 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 - **Section 04 - Swimming Events: Appendix A.**

U15 R&R Competition may use alternative reels or lines based on competition conditions outlined in **R and R Chapter 3 (U12-U15 5A Person)** found on the SLSA Members Area.

For March Past, refer to Surf Sports Manual - **Section 10.1.1 – March Past Event.**

b) Reels and Surf Belts

These items of equipment used for Belt Races, R&R and March Past must be in strict accordance with the specifications contained in the current Edition of the Surf Sports Manual - **Section 04 - Swimming Events: Appendix A.**

c) Rescue Tubes

The rescue tubes used at The Aussies 2021 must be in strict accordance with the requirements of the **Lifesaving Gear & Equipment Specifications**, found on the SLSA Members Area.

d) Swim Fins

Swim Fins used at the Aussies 2021 must be in strict accordance with the specifications contained in the 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 **Craft and Boat Specifications**, found on the SLSA Members Area.

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 **Craft and Boat Specifications** found on the SLSA Members Area.

g) Board Riding

Short and Long Boards must at least comply with the specifications contained in the Surf Sports Manual - **Section 07 – Surfboard Riding Events**. Such craft may be subject to random scrutineering at the request of the relevant Referees.

h) 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.

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.

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

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

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 - **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' seats and rear deck.

The weight of any plugs permanently installed into the boat to attach the video camera 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 - **Section 2.7.5 – Use of Video Camera on Surf Boats**.

PROCESSES

Note: Scrutineering equipment and officials will be available for competitors to check craft before competition begins. Craft Scrutineering will begin Friday 17th April 2021.

Boat scrutineering will begin from Saturday 19th April 2021.

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

The following conditions will be in operation for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021:

- All Surf Reels and Surf Belts (other than those used in March Past) shall be subject to a safety scrutineering check before being taken onto the beach for competition.
- There will be no compulsory scrutineering required of Reels and Surf Belts used in March Past, Lines, Rescue Tubes and Swim Fins before marshalling.
- However, competitors are urged to check their equipment for safety and compliance prior to use in competition. Scrutineers will be available to assist in this process.
- At any time before during or after competition during the Championships any equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering i.e. random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the championships.

Equipment being checked and failing scrutineering shall be treated as follows:

- i) If the equipment is found to be out of specification at scrutineering prior to its first use in competition the competitor may rectify the fault or provide substitute equipment for scrutineering.
- ii) If craft is out of specification after use the competitor may be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
- iii) If equipment is deemed unsafe, the competitor may rectify fault or provide substitute equipment for scrutineering.
- iv) If equipment 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 equipment after manufacture then the competitor may also be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.

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 providing that the next round of the event has not already been conducted.

In addition, 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.

b) Surf Craft:

The following conditions will be in operation for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021:

- There will be full scrutineering required for all Single and Double Skis before marshalling for competition. All Single and Double Skis presented to marshalling must carry the 2021 Aussies scrutineering sticker before being allowed on to the start line in competition.
- There will be no compulsory scrutineering required of Boards before marshalling for competition provided that the craft carry manufacturer compliance decals.
- There is no compulsory scrutineering required of short and long boards used in the Board Riding Events.
- 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.

- At any time before during or after competition during the Championships any Boards used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications i.e. random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the championships.

Craft being checked and failing scrutineering shall be treated as follows:

- 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.

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 providing that the next round of the event has not already been conducted.

In addition, 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.

c) Surf Boats:

Surf boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the design and manufacture of **Surf Craft and Surf Boats Specifications** (found on the SLSA Members Area 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.
- 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 2021 sticker. Boats may only be presented to marshalling, when an Aussies 2021 sticker is affixed.
- In addition, at any time before during or after competition during the Championships any equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications i.e. random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the championships.
- 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. The timetable of events is located at <https://sls.com.au/aussies/>

In addition to the above at marshalling boats may be further checked for safety that may include a check that any rowlock fixing devices are taped over where necessary with water proof tape to prevent injury.

It should be clarified that, in the event of a crew being excluded from an event, then any other crew who would otherwise not have qualified in that heat, would then be advanced in the competition providing that the next round of the event has not already been conducted.

In addition, the exclusion of a crew 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) crews who were thus eliminated.

Note: Competitors, team managers coaches and boat, board, ski and swimming captains are strongly urged to familiarise 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.