



Memorandum

To: Branch Presidents, Branch CEOs, Secretaries and Support Staff, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Officials, Coaches & Competitors
From: Don van Keimpema – NSW Director of Surf Sports
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Subject: Amended Memo: 2021/22 Competition Season New Scrutineering Stickers & Requirements

NOTE: This memorandum supersedes Memorandum – 2019/20 Competition Season New Scrutineering Stickers & Requirements dated 30 October 2019 and Memorandum – 2021/2022 Competition Season New Scrutineering Stickers & Requirements dated 11 November 2021

Scrutineering arrangements.

The onus of ensuring that all personal or club craft and equipment meeting safety and scrutineering specifications remains **with the owner / user of the craft and equipment**. If Members or Clubs have doubts whether their craft or equipment meets safety and scrutineering specifications, they have the opportunity to have their craft and equipment scrutineered by accredited scrutineer/s. This can be arranged through your local Branch Director of Surf Sport.

No craft or equipment is exempt from random scrutineering as deemed appropriate by scrutineers. All Scrutineering protocols are at the discretion of the Branch to implement as they see fit.

Whilst it is encouraged that all Members and clubs have their craft and equipment inspected regularly by an accredited scrutineer/s. All surf craft carrying manufacturers compliance decals and/or a SLSA endorsed sticker should guarantee the craft meets SLSA standards and therefore, does not require a Scrutineering Sticker.

New Scrutineering stickers

New coloured scrutineering stickers will be issued as following:

- Blue – 1 October 2021 until 30 September 2023
- Black – 1 October 2023 until 30 September 2025
- Red – 1 October 2025 until 30 September 2027

For season 2021/2022, Red scrutineering stickers dated 2022 will be accepted until 1 October 2022. In addition, Branches ordering Blue Stickers can use Blue Stickers per the schedule above.

The change in stickers will continue in 2-year cycles – blue, black, red, blue, etc.

Stickers will not be date stamped; this is to be done by the accredited Scrutineer.

Ordering:

The new BLUE scrutineering stickers will become available for Branches to order from **Friday 19th November 2021**. To place an order please fill in the [online jotform](#) and allow up to 2 weeks for delivery. Please note that delivery time will be dependent on stock availability.

SLSNSW will distribute new stickers to Branches free of charge for the 21/22 Season, subsequent orders will cost **\$0.70** per sticker in multiples of 15.

If you have any questions regarding the new scrutineering stickers, please contact surfsports@lifesaving.com.au

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does a record of scrutineered and passed craft need to be maintained?

If a craft is presented to a scrutineer or spot checked and **passed**, then the process is a sticker is placed on the craft / equipment (craft), with the scrutineer's initials and a date. Assumption is that we **do not** need to record the details of the craft/equipment if it has passed. If the craft is presented and passed, it is recommended that the scrutineer will record the details of the craft so that they have record of craft being scrutineered to see what the level of non-compliance they are finding (more for statistics purpose).

What happens if a craft is scrutineered and fails?

If a craft is presented to a scrutineer or spot checked and **fails**, then the details of the craft are recorded, and the craft owner is required to re-present the craft/equipment to a scrutineer at an agreed date when the issues are resolved.

All details must be recorded, the craft owner, the decal number, the date, the location, what the issue is. If the craft is spot checked after a final, then the craft will be scrutineered, and all details recorded and then the issue is referred to the Referee for determination and if required may be passed on the Carnival Disciplinary Committee for determination of a penalty.

The onus of bringing the craft to meet scrutineering specifications is by the craft owner. The date and venue of the re-scrutineering needs to be determined by the scrutineer and the craft owner.

Effective immediately the craft/equipment is not to be used again until the reported issues are resolved and passed by a scrutineer. The craft is retained by the scrutineers, a receipt is given to the craft owner and the craft can be collected at the end of the event / carnival.

The details of the failed craft and owner are provided to the respective club to allow them to follow up the resolution.

And the event organizer (e.g., the Branch) will need to advise SLNSW surfsports@lifesaving.com.au

What if the craft is used before being re-scrutineered and passed, and the craft is still deemed non-compliant?

The process as above would apply including any disciplinary actions against the individual or club (based on the ownership of the craft)

Does this mean I don't need a current sticker on my craft at the State Championships?

Whilst you do not require a current compliant sticker on craft to compete at State Championships, it is recommended that the craft is scrutineered to ensure that the craft is compliant, but if competitors choose not to have a sticker and are found to be non-compliant then they will risk the consequences as noted above which may include disqualification and/or other disciplinary outcomes.

Clubs/Branches may hold scrutineering days, please refer to your respective Branch

How do I know what the scrutineers are looking for in a compliant/non complaint craft.

Please refer to the current edition of the surf sports manual 37th Edition for all equipment specifications <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/downloads/slsa-surf-sports-manual-37th-edition>