

# Memorandum



<b>To:</b>	Club Presidents, Club Directors of Surf Sports, Junior Activities Officers, Club Powercraft Officers & Club First Aid Officers
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>2022 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships – Volunteer Safety Requirements</b>

To continue to ensure the safety of all competitors participating in the 2022 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships, proudly supported by Your local club, Clubs will be required to assist with the following volunteer safety provisions:

1. Powercraft (IRB)
2. Water Safety (Age and Youth Championships only)

By advising Clubs that they will be rostered for the Championships, the intention is that Clubs can begin training members and preparing equipment to ensure that the safety requirements are met.

SLNSW has the right to alter the provisions outlined below at any time to ensure the safety of competitors.

## **Powercraft**

In regard to powercraft duties (IRBs), Clubs will be identified based on the average number of entries from the 2020, 2021 and 2022 State Championships. By including the 2022 Championship entries, this ensures an even balance of powercraft duties based on the new metropolitan location. Not every club will be required to supply an IRB, this requirement will be advised when the roster has been completed.

A preliminary roster will be released week commencing 24 January 2022, after general entries have closed, outlining the allocated shifts and timeslots in which Clubs are required to fulfill.

SLNSW will also call for additional volunteers to operate Rescue Water Craft (RWC). However, please be aware that **RWC volunteer shifts do not contribute to the Clubs contribution (see FAQ).**

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

- **IRB Driver:** Be a current financial SLS member and be a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver.
- **IRB Crewperson:** Be a current financial SLS member, be a proficient IRB Crew Certificate.
- **RWC Operator:** Be a 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.

Clubs will be required to nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew personnel via survey monkey. This information will be audited via Surfguard.

**First Aid**

As per the 2020 and 2021 Championships, all first aid will be provided by SLSNSW’s Australian Event Safety Service (AESS). This means there is no requirement on clubs to supply any volunteers for these roles.

**Water Safety**

Water Safety relates to the personnel responsible for the ‘in water’ support during the Age and Youth Championships.

Water Safety requirements for the 2022 NSW Age Championships & 2022 NSW Youth Championships will be applied separately to both Championships. I.e. The Water Safety requirements for the Age Championships (Thurs 24-Fri 25 Feb) will be based only on the entries for the Age Championships, likewise for the Youth.

The following is the 2022 water safety ratio which was used at the 2021 NSW Age Championships and replaced any previous versions of the Water Safety quota.

Competitors Entered	Water Safety Required
1 to 9	0
10 to 19	1
20 to 29	2
30 to 39	3
40 to 49	4
50 to 65	5
66 to 79	6
80 to 95	7
96 to 109	8
110 to 124	9
125 to 140	10
141 to 155	11
156 to 170	12
171 to 185	13
186 to 200	14
<i>Note: There is no longer any cap on the water safety ratio. For every 15 competitors above 200, 1 more water safety personnel are required.</i>	

The Water Safety roster will be finalised and distributed to all Team Managers. It will be available for download on the State Championships event web page once the online late entries for the Age & Youth Championships have closed.

Water safety personnel are required to hold the following minimum requirements:

- A proficient Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed) and be a current financial SLS member (2021/22).

## Summary

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

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

Members are only able to make a claim through Icare (Work Cover) if the following applies:

1. The member is a current SLNSW financial member
2. 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.

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 SLNSW Surf Sports team on 9471 8000 or [statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au)

## Appendix 1 – Frequently Asked Questions

**Last year our Club had a really strong representative team at State, and we don't think that this will happen this year, why should this roster be based on past participation?**

This roster is based on entries from the previous two years, as well as 2022 entries to allow for adjustments with the new location.

**There are Clubs who placed higher in the overall point score than us; shouldn't they have more shifts than us?**

The roster is based on Clubs participation, not their competition performance.

**We are going to struggle to find members who hold proficient awards, what should we do?**

Between now and the start of the Championships, there should be sufficient time to recruit and train members to assist with these duties. However, if your Club can see a major issue with being able to meet these requirements, please advise SLSNSW in writing by **20 January 2022** to [statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au) for consideration. Any issues after this date will not be accepted.

**Will my Club have to supply an IRB and/or Motor & Fuel Cell?**

The number of IRBs is calculated based on the number of water areas and the coverage required to fulfill our event Safety and Rescue Guide as well as Duty, Judging and spare IRBs. If your Club is listed on two or three Championships, then it will be likely that an IRB may be required for the duration of the NSW State Championships (Age – Open). If your Club has only one Championship Powercraft Roster, you may still be requested to supply an IRB Motor & Fuel Cell as spare.

**Shouldn't the bigger Clubs have to complete more shifts than the smaller Clubs?**

When the number of water areas and total shifts are calculated, SLSNSW will populate the roster. Consideration is given only to the number of competitors, however SLSNSW will aim to avoid Clubs being rostered on to back-to-back shifts.

**When will we know what day and shifts we have to cover?**

The Powercraft roster will be released in January 2022 once all normal entries have close, while the water safety roster will be finalised once the online late entries for the Championships have closed.

Overall, the workload should be distributed over the participating membership so the 'many hands make light work' philosophy should apply.