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Summary:	This Circular clarifies some rules for IRB competition contained in SLSA 's 37 th Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM). The clarifications have immediate effect.

Detail

The changeover rules for the IRB Mass Rescue, IRB Teams Rescue and IRB Relay have been clarified to confirm that it is permitted for the boat to be placed at an angle by patients and handlers to assist driver entry if it is safe to do so.

The placing of the IRB at angle during changeovers was permitted in previous edition SSMs but was inadvertently omitted when reviewing and drafting the current IRB rules.

The clarifications made to the SLSA's 37th Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM) Section 3.3.3.7 are highlighted in yellow and are follows:

3.3.3.7 The Changeover (Mass, Teams and Relay Events Only)

(a) During all changeovers, the crewperson must maintain contact with the IRB and control it in a safe manner. In changeovers the crewperson and patient, as detailed under the relative event descriptions, handle the IRB as detailed in Rule 3.3.3.3 (b), (c), and (d). It is also permitted for the boat to be placed at an angle to assist driver entry if it is safe to do so.

Note 1: When completing the changeover, the driver, crew, and patients must follow the exit procedures detailed in Rule 3.3.3.6.

Note 2: The IRB must recommence from a position wholly within the allocated lane but there is no penalty should an IRB move outside the allocated lane when turning the IRB around provided that there is no interference to other teams in the race.

3.3.4.2 Event No. 2 – IRB Mass Rescue

(e) The driver shall exit as described in Procedure Rule 3.3.3.6. At the shore the crewperson, controls the IRB as described in Procedure 3.3.3.7 (a) and may turn it around. The patient must exit the IRB, after the driver exits. The patient is permitted to assist the crewperson handle the IRB as detailed in Rule 3.3.3.3 (b), (c), and (d). It is also permitted for the boat to be placed at an angle to assist driver entry if it is safe to do so.

3.3.4.3 Event No. 3 – IRB Teams Rescue

(g) The first crewperson turns the IRB and must maintain control of it as described in Procedure Rule 3.3.3.7 (a). The patient is permitted to assist the crewperson handle the IRB as detailed in Rule 3.3.3.3 (b), (c), and (d). It is also permitted for the boat to be placed at an angle to assist driver entry if it is safe to do so. Unless otherwise permitted by the Referee a maximum of two team members are permitted to maintain contact (control) with the IRB at any one time.



It is also noted that Disqualification code D2 which is for “*Crew not entering the water from the port-side pontoon*” is no longer relevant as the current SSM Section 3.3.4.1 (g) does not require the rescuer to enter from the port-side of the IRB. For clarity the wording is:

(g) After the IRB has rounded the turning buoy the crewperson shall enter the water from the shoreward side of the buoy. The rescue tube shall be unclipped and held in a secure grip. It must be ensured that no part of the rescue tube, harness or lanyard snags the IRB or driver.

Code D2 has been removed and the disqualification (D3) that states “*Crew not leaving the IRB in the correct manner*” now becomes D2. All subsequent disqualification codes have also been renumbered.

The source reference for the SSM is the PDF version and it has been updated to reflect these clarifications. This document is accessed in the Members Portal Document area of the SLSA Website located at:

https://members.sls.com.au/SLSA_Online/modules/login/index.php

In addition, a version of the SSM is also available in the “SLSA Publications App” that can be downloaded via the Apple and Android App Stores. This version, that is designed more for quick reference, has also been updated.

The amended SSM comes into immediate effect.

Further Information

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