



# Surf Life Saving Australia - Bulletin

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## Background

SLSA would like to acknowledge the hard work undertaken throughout the season by competitors, officials, and clubs as we edge closer to the national IRB championships in Kingscliff, NSW in July.

This Bulletin references the IRB Competition Gear and Equipment Regulations - updated in April 2022 - known as the 'Document'.

The recent use of industry authorised / endorsed use of an after-market outboard engine starter pull cord and spark plug lead, has required further clarification in this Bulletin.

All IRB gear and equipment used for the purposes of IRB competition must:

- Be approved by SLSA and listed in the IRB Gear and Equipment regulations document.
- Comply with both SLSA's and the Approved manufacturer's specifications.
- Be fully operational and in a serviceable and seaworthy condition.
- Be genuine equipment, parts or components from manufacturers or suppliers approved by SLSA.
- New or modified equipment will not be approved during the IRB competition season (1 April - 1 October).

All IRB Gear and Equipment used for the purposes of IRB competition must be in the **out of the box** form (except for the SLSA approved modifications as listed in the Document).

For clarity, **out of the box** is defined as the original specifications, design, accessories, and tolerances as the product was manufactured.

Spark plug leads may only be used and/or replaced, provided they are genuine (out of the box) or authorised O.E.M. replacement parts. These leads will come with coil and boots intact - the boots may be subsequently replaced with authorised waterproof boots as outlined in the Document.

The recoil starter rope must be either the genuine or O.E.M. part. Specifically, no aftermarket modification i.e., a distributor endorsed cord is not permitted to be used in competition, as the cord has not been authorised for use by SLSA and is not an approved modification as listed under Sec 4 outboard motors - Modifications in the current version IRB Competition Gear and Equipment Regulations - Updated April 2022.

Accordingly, this aftermarket part cannot be used in the 2023 IRB Competition season at either a State or National level of competition.