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| Title: | Introduction of 'IRB Training – Competition Eligibility' Award in Surfguard |
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| Audience: | State Sport Managers, IRB Competition Clubs, IRB Team Managers, IRB Competitors |
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| Summary: | IRB Training Hour requirements will now be recorded in Surfguard and Members must have this award to be eligible to enter IRB competitions. |

Background

The IRB Training Hour requirements for competition, from April 2024, will now become a Member award, "IRB Training – Competition Eligibility". This is required to be updated yearly and is a prerequisite for entry into IRB competition. The pre-requisite for this award will be a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver OR Proficient IRB Crew. Clubs will be required to ensure competitors are proficient in this award (including completion & proof of the required 20hrs training) on Surfguard before entering competitors into SEMS as this will be an award requirement for entry.

The award "IRB Training – Competition Eligibility" has a fixed 12 month expiry and will need to be renewed each year for the annual competition competency endorsement.

Attainment of the Award

Per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (SSM 3.3.2.4) the following competition roles are required to now possess the "IRB Training – Competition Eligibility" award on Surfguard prior to being entered into IRB Competition via SEMS:

- IRB Drivers
- IRB Crewpersons
- Patients

Drivers must have logged their initial 20 hours and once the award is attained, there is no further training requirement required provided the competitor is currently proficient as required by SLSA. However, once the award 'IRB Training – Competition Eligibility' is attained, an annual competition competency is still required by currently accredited SLSA Coach – IRB Events Elective.

Crewpersons must have logged their initial 20 hours and once the award is attained, there is no further training required for future years provided that the crewperson holds the relevant award and is currently proficient as required by SLSA. As per IRB Drivers, an annual competition competency is still required prior to competing.

Patients must have their logged their initial 20 hours and once the award is attained, there is no further training required for future years provided that the crewperson holds the relevant award and is currently proficient as required by SLSA. Once Patients have completed the award 'IRB Training – Competition Eligibility' an annual competency is still required per conditions noted above for Drivers & Crewpersons.

Copies of Members' IRB Training Logs must be uploaded by their competing Club to the Member's Surfguard account the 'documents' functionality.