



## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b><u>2018 SLSWA IRB SERIES AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS</u></b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Club Captains/Competition Officers, Club IRB Officers, Club Officials and Competitors
<b>Summary:</b>	This document provides information on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2018 SLSWA IRB Racing Series</li> <li>• 2018 SLSWA IRB State Championships</li> </ul>
<b>Action:</b>	<b>All entries must be entered online by 11pm the Wednesday prior to each event. Woodside branded PFD's are not permitted to be used in IRB Competition.</b>

### **2018 IRB RACING SERIES & STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Round 1	Sunday 6 May 2018	Leighton Beach
Round 2	Sunday 20 May 2018	Mullaloo Beach
Round 3	Sunday 27 May 2018	Trigg Beach
Round 4	Sunday 17 June 2018	Sorrento Beach
Championships Scrutineering	Saturday 23 June 2018	TBC
IRB State Championships	Sunday 24 June 2018	Scarborough Beach

NB: General safety checks of gear will occur from 7:00am the morning of each carnival.

### **CONTINGENCY VENUES**

The Referee or an official representing the Referee will review the proposed venue Saturday morning before the event equipment is provisionally set up. If the call is to move venue, the decision will be made that morning and the Event Manager and Referee will hold the final discretion.

Referee – Justin Meldrum

Event Manager – Jason Wright

### **SAFETY AND EMERGENCY TEAM (SET)**

The provision of a safe environment at all SLSWA competitions is paramount.

SLSWA endeavours to ensure that the appropriate safety standards as set by SLSA are met at all surf sport events, including the provision of qualified personnel, rescue craft and communications. Should an emergency situation arise during competition, correct control and discipline shall be maintained under the direction of the Referee and the Emergency Services Officer.

The SET, under whose directions shall be placed all matters relating to the actual conduct of the 2018 SLSWA IRB Series and State Championships will fulfil safety related operational, coordination and advisory roles at the events. The SET consists of the Referee, Emergency Services Officer and Powercraft Coordinator.

### **USE OF HELMETS FOR IRB COMPETITION PATIENTS**

The wearing of approved helmets is compulsory for patients in all events (other than the Rescue Tube Race). IRB patients are to wear helmets in both training and in competition.

### **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs)**

In all training and competition, it is compulsory for drivers, crew and patients to wear high visibility (conspicuous colour) SLSA approved level 50 Australian Standard (AS4758) lifejackets or Type 2 (AS1499-1996) lifejackets. Level 50S lifejackets unless listed on the SLSA Approved Gear and Equipment List are not approved. It is not required for high visibility safety vests to be worn over the top of lifejackets. See also Section 2 of the Surf Sports Manual.

Handlers must wear a competition cap and shall be required to wear a distinctive high visibility yellow coloured vest if entering the water beyond knee depth. Alternatively, handlers may wear a high visibility (conspicuous colour) SLSA approved level 50 Australian Standard (AS4758) lifejacket or Type 2 (AS1499-1996) lifejackets. Level 50S lifejackets unless listed on the SLSA Approved Gear and Equipment List are not approved. It is not required for high visibility safety vests to be worn over the top of lifejackets.

**The Woodside branded PFD's must not be used to comply with policies for IRB competition.**

### **RECREATIONAL SKIPPERS TICKET**

All IRB Drivers are required to hold a Recreational Skipper Ticket (RST). In addition, any team member that wishes to be eligible for selection as a Driver in the Interstate Team will be required to have the RST.

### **USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS IN INSHORE RESCUE BOATS (IRB)**

The use of one video camera attached to an IRB is permitted in competition provided it is installed on a mounting device and toggle strap supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device. **Installation shall be permitted only on the cowling of the motor.**

In addition to the above the Driver (only) is also permitted to have a video camera on a helmet worn by them provided that the camera is installed on a mounting device and toggle strap supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device.

### **LIST OF EVENTS**

1. Male Single Rescue
2. Male Tube Rescue
3. Male Mass Rescue
4. Male Teams Rescue
5. Female Single Rescue
6. Female Tube Rescue
7. Female Mass Rescue
8. Female Teams Rescue
9. IRB Relay

### **OFFICIALS**

The ratio of one (1) official per five (5) competitors applies to the 2018 IRB Racing Series/Championships. Clubs must enter the names of their participating officials through the online entries system. As of round 2, if clubs have not entered the required number of officials they will be advised on the Thursday before the event that their competitors will not be able to race. If clubs utilize officials from other clubs. If this is the case they need to email [surfsports@slnwa.com.au](mailto:surfsports@slnwa.com.au) by the close of entries.

### **IRB SERIES ENTRY FEES**

- \$20.00 per person per round of the series, regardless of the number of races they are in.
- \$40.00 per person for the IRB State Championships, regardless of the number of races they are in.  
Note: This entry fee does not provide entry to any other SLSWA Championship.
- Clubs will be invoiced for entry fees at the end of each month.
- Entry fees are non-refundable if members do not take part in these series/championships or if events are subsequently cancelled after commencement of the championships

- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of championship medallions and trophies will be held at the Scarborough SLSC, approximately half an hour after the conclusion of the final event. We look forward to all competitors and supporters attending this presentation.

### SERIES TROPHIES

**Dave Clark Shield** – awarded to male driver and crew for most points accumulated over the season (series events and state championships). Driver and crew must be exactly the same to accumulate points across events but patient can change.

**Combined Marine Shield** – awarded to female driver and crew for most points accumulated over the season (series events and state championships). Driver and crew must be exactly the same to accumulate points across events but patient can change.

**Frank Senior Trophy** – awarded to club which accumulates the most points over the season (series events and state championships).

### IRB STATE TEAM SELECTION

SLSA are currently proposing changes to the national IRB events. Once finalised a circular will be distributed outlining the selection process and criteria for the WA IRB State Team for 2018.

### ENTRY CONDITIONS

- All competitors must be entered into the SLSWA online entries system;
- Entries will close 11pm Wednesday before each event;
- State Championships entries will close 11pm Wednesday 20 June 2018;
- Teams are required to submit their training logs with state championships entries – entries without logs will be considered incomplete; and
- **For any event to be contested at the 18 SLSWA IRB State Championships, a minimum of three (3) starters from two (2) separate clubs is required.**

### ENTRIES PROCESS

It is a requirement that teams entered into events are identified by a crew name which remains consistent throughout the season (e.g. North Cottesloe White, Trigg Island Red, Fremantle Pink). This will ensure errors in recording are minimised. The composition of teams will be taken as they are entered.

Please ensure that Team Managers have a copy of their entries. If there is any entry dispute the Manager will need to provide these as evidence.

Team names can now be entered using the online system via the following steps:

- Log into the online entry system
- Before selecting “Entries” on the event home page click on “Team Names”
- Team names for each event category can now be entered
- Once Team names are entered click on the “Return to Carnival Home” option and continuing entering competitors as previously

### DECLARATION

- (a) It is a condition of entry that by using the online entry system, clubs declare that the competitors entered are financial, proficient and satisfy the patrol requirements as detailed in this circular, and the entries are in all other ways in accordance with SLSWA and Club regulations.

- (b) **It is a condition of entry that all competitors agree to have any photography taken during the 2018 SLSWA IRB Series and State Championships which is used for promotional material by SLSWA.** If a member wishes not be photographed for any reason, please communicate this to Jason Wright at SLSWA prior to the close of entries of the Championships.
  
- (c) **WARNING:** IRB competition can be inherently dangerous. IRB competition participants acknowledge that they are exposed to certain risks during IRB competition including but not limited to leg, spinal and neck injuries, physical exertion, contact with the IRB, temperature, weather and water conditions and even drowning. IRB competition participants acknowledge that accidents can and often do happen which may result in IRB competition participants being injured or even killed. All members through their participation in IRB events agree with, acknowledge and understand this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in IRB competition.

## PROTESTS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the 35th Revised Edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual, and shall identify the specific sections/ clauses in the Competition Manual upon which the protest is based.

All protests must be submitted on the correct form. A copy of the form can be downloaded from the SLSA Members Portal. When lodging a protest form, you must quote the section, page, paragraph and item numbers from the SLSA 35<sup>th</sup> Revised Edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual which supports your protest.

A fee of \$220.00 will be charged to lodge a protest or appeal with the Appeals Committee at the IRB State Championships. Should the protest or appeal be successful the fee will be refunded. An appeals committee will be formed after seeking expressions of interest and communicated in a later circular.

### Protest Categories

Protests, which may lead to the imposing of penalties, fall broadly into the following categories:

- (a) Protests arising from entry procedures or entry eligibility.
- (b) Protests arising from scrutineering or equipment eligibility.
- (c) Protests arising during participation in the competition and/or from a breach of rules.

### Lodging a Protest

The conditions relating to lodging a protest shall be as follows:

- (a) A protest directly challenging a Finish Judge's decision cannot be accepted.
- (b) A protest against the conditions under which a race or an event is to be conducted must be made verbally to the Sectional Referee prior to an event or race (as appropriate) commencing. The Section Referee or appointed official shall then inform the competitors in that event or race, prior to its start, of such a protest. A protest against the conditions under which an event or race is to be conducted cannot be accepted if it is made at any time other than prior to the event or race.
- (c) A protest (other than a protest under clause 14.3.2(b)) against a competitor or a team or against a decision of an official (including the declaration of a result) must be lodged verbally with the Section Referee within 5 minutes of the completion of the event or the announcement of the result of the event.
- (d) A written protest must then be lodged with the Section Referee within 15 minutes of the verbal protest being lodged on the protest form provided by the Authority. Alternatively, if the Authority does not provide a protest form, a written protest on plain paper shall be acceptable.
- (e) Where a protest is lodged, the result of the event shall be withheld until the protest is decided. If a protest is upheld, placings and trophies (where relevant or required) shall be varied according to the amended result.
- (f) The result of the protest shall be noted on the back of the event result card or result records and also on the protest form.

### Protest Adjudication

The conditions relating to the adjudication of protests shall be:

- (a) Immediately after the correct lodgement of a protest, the Referee or the Sectional Referee may either adjudicate on the protest, as provided for in this clause 14.3, or refer the matter directly to the Competition Appeals Committee Convener for consideration.
- (b) Where the Referee or the Sectional Referee considers (in their absolute discretion) that a protest is frivolous, or not of a serious nature, they may choose not to accept the protest.
- (c) The assistance of video or other electronic aids may be used to consider protests. However, the onus is on the protestor to provide proof of authenticity, and any viewing mechanisms, within 15 minutes of the protest being lodged with the referee.
- (d) Where the Referee or Sectional Referee accepts the protest, they will adjudicate on the protest in such manner as they see fit having regard to the interests of the competitor making the protest, all other competitors and all officials in the event and also the conduct of the event itself.
- (e) Where the Referee or Sectional Referee refuses to accept a protest or dismisses a protest, the decision may be appealed by the competitor to the Competition Appeals Committee. Such an appeal must be lodged with the Appeals Committee Convener in writing within 15 minutes of the Referee or Sectional Referee advising the competitor of their decision.

### SUBSTITUTION OF COMPETITORS

In events where two or more persons comprise a team, substitution of up to and including all team members is permitted providing:

- (i) Members to be substituted in each team must be suitably qualified members of their club.
- (ii) Such club members must have already been registered as a competitor prior to the commencement of the championships. **ie. Cannot be a late entry.** This is to ensure the competitor is eligible to compete with a current and proficient award relevant to their age group and patrol hours relevant to their membership category.
- (iii) A competitor may be entered for more than one team in the same event provided that if the competitor competes in a round for one of the teams then that competitor is precluded from participating in any other team in that event at the same competition (except Handlers).
- (iv) Any members of a team may be substituted into or out of any rounds of that event. In the event of a substitution the Marshall shall make a record of the names of all competing team members.
- (v) Any competitor who competes in one team in an event or is disqualified in that event cannot compete or be substituted into another team in the same event at the same competition.

### MISCONDUCT

Misconduct before, during and after the SLSWA IRB State Championships, including tampering with signs, fences or PA system equipment will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action.

The Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy (SLSA Policy 6.23) addresses the out-of-competition use of illicit drugs, concentrating primarily on education, awareness and prevention initiatives. This policy is designed to help prevent the uptake of illicit drug use and reduce the drug-related harm to individuals, families and stakeholders of SLSA and the broader community. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any of the event locations for the IRB Series and State Championships within the competition, marshaling and spectator areas. Competitors and club supporters drinking in these areas will render their club liable to disqualification and further disciplinary action.

Please refer to Sections 2.26 SLSA Code of Behaviour and 2.27 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual, as well as Member Safety and Wellbeing (SLSA Policy 6.5).

### SLSA MEMBERS' HEALTH

- (a) Competitors and officials should realise the importance of fitness to undertake their respective activities and should seek expert advice on all aspects of their health before participating.



- (b) Competitors and/or officials who suffer illness or injury should seek medical advice prior to participating or continuing with their activity.
- (c) In addition, SLSWA may, at its sole discretion, require a competitor and/or official to be assessed for physical and/or psychological fitness to participate to ensure that that an unfit competitor and/or official and/or SLSWA is not placed at risk.
- (d) Members also have responsibilities under the SLSA Anti-Doping Policies. Members have a duty to avoid all prohibited substances and prohibited methods and should be aware of the Policy if medication is required. If appropriate, advice should be obtained from medical practitioners, pharmacists, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority.

**Please note all enquiries relating to this circular should be directed to Jason Wright, Sport and Development Coordinator, SLSWA on 9207 6666 or email: [jwright@slnwa.com.au](mailto:jwright@slnwa.com.au).**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. O'Toole".

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