

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	Review of Combine Club Teams (CCT) Policy
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<b>Audience:</b>	Club President, Surf Sports Directors, Junior Directors, Age Managers
<b>Summary:</b>	Each year a review of the Combined Club Teams (CCT) Policy is conducted by the Sport and Development Department at SLSWA. The outcome, of this season’s review, is that Combined Club Teams will not be allowed at championship events. This Circular details the reasons behind this decision.

The Combined Clubs Team Policy was first introduced in the 2009/10 season. The policy was relevant to all events for juniors, seniors and country and stated, “The priority will always be to form a Club Team rather than a Combined Club Team.” In 2017/18 the Policy was updated to be only applicable to the Nipper and Senior State Championships.

Feedback received on the beach has identified that the initial intent of the 2009/10 Policy has been lost over the last few seasons to the point where the Policy is being manipulated by clubs. As stated above, the priority is to always form a Club Team. There have been numerous examples over the last few seasons where this has not been the priority for some clubs, who have sought a member from another club (or clubs) to make a stronger team with a better chance of medaling. This has been to the frustration of other clubs, who have sought to stick to the original intent of the Policy and are being disadvantaged for doing so. We have had numerous complaints about this over the last few seasons from these clubs.

In an effort to make it an even playing field for all and to ensure the integrity of our championship events, **combined teams will not be allowed in championship events**, this includes the upcoming 2019 Masters, Country, Little Nippers, Senior and Nipper Championships.

Combined club teams will continue to be allowed at non-championship SLSWA events moving forward. This will assist with development of our clubs and the sport in general.

Any questions related to this Circular can be directed to either David Somers, for nippers, or Graham Snook, for seniors.



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