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Summary: Entry Circular for the Australian IRB Championships and Interstates Competition 2017 to be held at Kingscliff Beach, NSW from 14-16 July 2017.

Please note the following points are a short summary of all detailed information in the following entry circular;

- The Australian Open, Masters & Interstate IRB Championships will be held at Kingscliff beach from 14-16 July 2017
- Entries are now open through carnival manager for all clubs. Normal entry period closes Thursday 29 June 2017
- Interstate entry forms have been emailed to State centres to complete, and will need to be returned to events@slsa.asn.au
- The Masters Championships will be conducted for the first time in 2017
- Trailers can be dropped at Cudgen Headland SLSC from Wed 12 July 2017 (PM)
- If you are sending a container you must contact events@slsa.asn.au with all details listed
- Team Managers must complete the following declaration via the [online web form](#).
- Scrutineering will be held on Thursday 13 July. A scrutineering roster will be sent for clubs to book in a time once they have completed their entries
- A training log summary sheet must be submitted to events@slsa.asn.au by the 7th of July
- Every club must submit full training logs to the admin centre on Thursday 13 July for auditing

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the events team at:

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IMPORTANT DATES	
Thursday 13 April 2017	Carnival Manager Entry System opens
Thursday 29 June 2017	Normal Entries close
Monday 3 July 2017	State Team Entries close
Thursday 7 July 2017	Late Entries close
Wednesday 12 July 2017	Club container and trailer deliveries begin – Gear compound
	All club invoices due – Clubs who have not paid by this date will not be permitted to compete
Thursday 13 July 2017	9:00am Scrutineering commences
	4:00pm Scrutineering Finishes
	4:00pm Club container deliveries end – Gear compound
	4:00pm Australian & Interstate IRB Championships Officials Briefing: Cudgen Headland SLSC, Kingscliff Beach
	5:30pm Australian & Interstate IRB Championships Team Managers Briefing: Cudgen Headland SLSC, Kingscliff Beach
Friday 14 July 2017	7:00am Interstates IRB Champs Marshalling commences
	9:00am Interstates IRB Champs Competition commences
	10:30am Interstates IRB Champs Competition finishes
	10:30am Australian & Interstate IRB Champs Opening Ceremony & March Past
	11:00am Australian IRB Champs Marshalling Commences
	11:30am Australian IRB Competition commences
	4:00pm Australian IRB racing concludes
	5:00pm Interstate Team presentations: Cudgen Headland SLSC, Kingscliff Beach
Saturday 15 July 2017	7:30am Australian IRB Champs Marshalling Commences
	8:00am Australian IRB Competition commences
	4:00pm Australian IRB Competition Finishes
Sunday 16 July 2017	7:30am Australian IRB Champs Marshalling Commences
	8:00am Australian IRB Competition commences
	3:00pm Australian IRB Competition Finishes
	4:00pm Australian IRB Championships Presentations at Cudgen Headland SLSC, Kingscliff Beach

Please note the above is subject to change.



Team Manager Checklist

- Entries submitted on [Carnival Manager](#).
- Team Manager Declaration and Team Manager details filled out on the [online web form](#).
- IRB Training Log Summary Sheet – [Member's Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Events > SLSA > Australian IRB Champs > 2016-17.
- Must be provided to the SLSA Events Team by email (events@slsa.asn.au) before close of entries.
- Full Training Log Books to be submitted to the Admin Centre on site at Kingscliff Beach by Thursday 13 July.
- Ensure payment is made once invoice is received. Wed 12 July final day for payment.

IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The IRB Championship Competition Committee (IRBCCC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The IRB Championship Competition Committee may, subject to the rules in the [35th Revised Edition Surf Sports Manual](#) (SSM) and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this circular, may postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

A review of the following matters will be included for discussion at each Competition Committee meeting:

- a) Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach and back of beach area
- b) Injury management statistics
- c) Current weather predictions
- d) Competition statistics

The IRBCCC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required.

The IRBCCC shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the Championships (for example, Disciplinary Committee).

The IRBCCC is responsible for enacting the contingency plan for the Australian Opens, Masters & Interstate IRB Championships. The Championship Referee and the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator (SEMC) are responsible to the IRBCCC for recommendations concerning competition safety. The Safety Operations Manual developed for this event is to be applied by the Championship Referee & SEMC in considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.

Chair	Rick Wright OAM
SLSA Chair, Sport	Andrew Buhk
Event Manager	Tony Henderson
Championship Referee	Jeff Hutchison
SLSA Technical Advisor	Greg Allum
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Stephen Leahy
Cudgen Headland SLSC Representative	Michael Crawley



SAFETY & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The Safety and Emergency Committee as part of its role must consider and advise on all matters relating to the competition and non-competition safety and emergency services. The chair of the committee shall be the Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator.

Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Stephen Leahy
Deputy Championship Referee	Nigel Penn
Referee Assistant - Safety & Risk Administration	TBC
First Aid/ Medical Coordinator	TBC
Cudgen Headland SLSC Representative	Michael Crawley
Athlete Representative	TBC

EVENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

The Event Organising Committee is responsible for the logistical pre-planning and operational delivery of the Australian Open, Masters & Interstate IRB Championships. The Event Organising Committee is responsible for the planning of the event but not the conduct of actual competition.

National Event Manager / Chair	Tony Henderson
SLSA Director of Sport / Deputy Chair	Andrew Buhk
Championship Referee	Jeff Hutchison
Championship Deputy Referee	Nigel Penn
Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator	Stephen Leahy
National Venue Manager	Ken Bird OAM
National Event Officer	Hayley McGreal
National Operations Coordinator	Kate Theodor-Gallagher
SLSA Official Advisor	Paul Kenny
SLSA Technical Advisor	Greg Allum
SLSA Event Advisor	Wayne Drurey
Cudgen Headland SLSC Representative	Michael Crawley



AUSTRALIAN Open, Masters & INTERSTATE IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS: 14 - 16 July 2017

The Australian Open, Masters & Interstate IRB Championships 2017 is a competition matching the best representative Inflatable Rescue Boat teams from Australia's Surf Clubs, States and Territories.

This actioned packed event will showcase the expertise of each Club in the use of IRBs, Surf Lifesaving Australia's frontline of rescue methods. Teams will battle it out in the open ocean for the Australian IRB Championship Trophy. The best crews from each state will also compete for the SLSA Interstate IRB Championship Trophy and contribute points to The Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield (for the overall interstate point score of Ocean, Pool, Surf Boat and IRB Interstate Championships).

SAFETY

All Clubs, States & Territories, Competitors and Officials are referred to the Introduction on page (i) of the current 35th revised edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and in particular but not only paragraphs (d), (e) and (f). [Paragraph \(d\)](#) states:

"Surf lifesaving can be inherently dangerous. Serious accidents can and often do happen which may result in property damage, physical injury and even death. All members are assumed to have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in surf lifesaving."

All Clubs, States & Territories, Competitors and Officials are also referred to the General Rules contained in the SLSA [IRB Competition Rules Section 3.3](#) and in particular to the warning contained in SSM [Section 3.3.2.1](#) that states:

*"**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."*

An Australian Open, Masters & Interstate IRB Championships 2017 Safety Operations Manual, including a Competition Contingency Plan, has been developed for use by the IRBCCC, officials and relevant personnel.

Water safety as part of the competition, is ultimately the responsibility of the IRBCCC. In accordance with Section 1 - Competition Safety, of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual, any subsequent amending bulletins, and this Circular, the IRBCCC is responsible to determine whether to postpone or cancel of any or all events, or relocate the Championships to an alternate venue based on the advice of the SEMC, Championship Referee and Officials,

The Championship Referee and SEMC will give a safety briefing to Officials and Team Managers before commencement of competition and during the event as required.

In response to ongoing reviews of carnival safety measure additional Risk Assessors have been appointed to assist the SEMC to provide ongoing assessment of conditions and safety across the carnival area. They will create an effective communications channel to the SEMC and IRBCCC. Those officials may seek advice from competitors and team representatives to ensure an informed opinion is provided and can be acted upon where appropriate.

A debrief with officials will be conducted by the Championship Referee at end of each day of competition.



Competitor/Team Manager Briefings will be called when required by the Championship Referee. These briefings will be conducted by the Championship Referee and/or Deputy Championship Referee.

EVENT LIST

The following events will be contested at the Australian Open, Masters & Interstate IRB Championships 2017 in the order as listed:

INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIP	
Event Name	Team Composition
Female Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Male Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Female Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
Male Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
Female Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
Male Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
Female Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Male Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
IRB Relay (MIXED)	1 Team of 16 (5 Drivers, 5 Crew and 6 Patients)
AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	
Event Name	Team Composition
Female Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Male Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Female Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
Male Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
Female Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
Male Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
Female Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Male Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
IRB Relay (MIXED)	1 Team of 16 (5 Drivers, 5 Crew and 6 Patients)
AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP - Minimum Age 35*	
Event Name	Team Composition
Female Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Male Rescue Tube	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Female Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
Male Mass Rescue	1 Team of 4 (Driver, Crew and 2 Patients)
Female Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
Male Teams Rescue	1 Team of 6 (2 Drivers, 2 Crew and 2 Patients)
Female Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)
Male Rescue Event	1 Team of 3 (Driver, Crew and Patient)

*The patients do not need to be Masters Competitors and can be of either gender in both Male and Female events.

Note: SLSA as the event organiser, reserves the right to add or delete any events on the day of competition if safety, weather conditions, programming or other conditions warrant.



EQUIPMENT CONTAINERS – KINGSCLIFF BEACH

States and clubs transporting containers to Kingscliff, NSW must contact the SLSA events team (events@slsa.asn.au) no later than Friday 7 July and provide the following information:

Club	Container Size	Container arrival date	Container pickup date	Container Organiser's Name	Container Organiser's Phone No	Container Organiser's Email	Transporting company (eg: Toll)	Container ID #

If your club or state is shipping a container to Kingscliff Beach, please ensure it is only a 20ft container. There will not be a Manitou forklift on site so please ensure the trucks delivering the containers are capable of offloading them. Deliveries to Kingscliff Beach can be received between Wednesday 12 – Thursday 13 July 2017.

Exact location for deliveries will be confirmed upon receipt of your container information details.



ENTRIES

ENTRY FORMS

All Clubs must provide SLSA with the following:

- Entries submitted on Carnival Manager: www.carnival.sls.com.au
- Team Manager Entry Declaration [Online Form](#)
- Training Log Summary – access through [Member’s Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Events > SLSA > Australian IRB Champs > 2016-17. Training Log Summary must be emailed to events@slsa.asn.au by Friday 7 July 2017.
- Full training Logs to be handed in to the admin centre at Kingscliff beach by Thursday 13 July 2017.
- As at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, entries in the Opens competition will not carry to the Masters. Competing in both carnivals will incur two entry fees.

SUBMISSION

All entries must be completed online via Carnival Manager and all the relevant logbooks and forms prepared and emailed to Surf Life Saving Australia at events@slsa.asn.au with the subject Australian IRB Championships 2017

It is the Club’s responsibility to confirm that SLSA has received the entries prior to the event.

ENTRY FEES

Price Level	Entries Close	Price (incl GST)*
Normal Entry	Thursday 29 June 2017 – 11:00pm (AEST)	\$45.00 per competitor
Late Entries	Thursday 7 July 2017 – 11:00pm (AEST)	\$90.00 per competitor

Entry fees are non-refundable. Changes will be considered subject to injury or other unforeseen circumstances. If the Championships are cancelled for whatever reason, there will be no refund.

CLOSING DATE

All entries must be completed in accordance with the instructions set out in this circular no later than **5pm AEST, Thursday 29 June 2017 for normal entry costs and Thursday 7 July 2017 for late entries. Clubs will be invoiced from Monday, 3 July 2017.**

PAYMENT METHOD

Payment can be made via cheque, credit card or EFT. This year, the same as Aussies 2017, all competing Clubs will be invoiced for the amount outstanding after entries close and again once late entries close. All outstanding payments must be paid by 5pm AEST, Wednesday 12 July 2017. Please contact events at events@slsa.asn.au for any further information.

Direct Deposit		Credit Card	Cheque
Bank:	Westpac Bank	Visa or Mastercard via SLSA payment gateway: http://pay.slsa.com.au	Sent to and made payable to: Surf Life Saving Australia Locked Bag 1010 Rosebery NSW 2018
Bank Address:	Haymarket, 671-675 George Street Sydney, NSW 2000	Clubs MUST enter the following:	
Account Name	Surf Life Saving Australia Limited	1. ‘Choose Your Club or Service’ field, type SLSA or Surf Life Saving Australia	
Swift:	WPAC AU 2s	2. ‘Transaction type’ field, choose from the drop down box Carnival Entry fee	
BSB Number:	032-005	3. ‘Name/Meaningful Payment Details’ field, enter your club details and invoice number	
Account Number:	883-750	4. Amount: As per invoiced amount	



Clubs will not be able to compete unless all invoices are paid in full by Wednesday 12 July 2017.

PRIVACY

Personal details being collected by Surf Life Saving Australia are for the Australian & Interstate IRB Championships 2017. This personal information will not be disclosed to any other party. You have the right to access your personal information held by Surf Life Saving Australia.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

DECLARATION

It is an expressed condition of accepting entries that the Team Manager accepts the [online declaration form](#) to indicate that all members listed on the Club's entries comply with all entry conditions and shall abide by the conditions of entry set out in this circular.

PROFICIENCY AND PATROL REQUIREMENTS

All competitors entered in the Australian & Interstate IRB Championships 2017 must meet the requirements of SLSA policies. Further details may be obtained from Surf Life Saving Australia's [Policy 5.4 – Proficiency and Patrol Hour Requirements](#)

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Surf Life Saving Australia reserves the right to conduct a random or detailed audit of entries and under such circumstances, the selected clubs will be required to submit appropriate documentation to substantiate the eligibility of those members entered.

COMPETITOR PRE-REQUISITES

It is an expressed condition of entering the Australian & Interstate IRB Championships 2017 that a currently licensed accredited Surf Coach signs the declaration form to indicate that all members listed on the entries comply with the competitor pre-requisites as set out below.

Competitors entering the Australian & Interstate IRB Championships 2017 must comply with the competitor pre-requisites for drivers, crew and patients as outlined in the current edition of the SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) and any other subsequent circulars bulletins except where amended by this Circular.

3.3.2.4 Competitor pre-requisites

At the date of entry closure for the competition to be contested:

- (a) **Drivers** are required to:
 - (i) Be a minimum of 17 years of age as at the date of competition.
 - (ii) Hold their relevant state/territory maritime license required to operate an IRB.
 - (iii) Hold their IRB drivers award, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged 20 hours specific in-water IRB competition driving training under the supervision of a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach.
 - (iv) Be endorsed by a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition.

Note: In all training and competition it is compulsory for drivers 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.

- (b) **Crewpersons** are required to:
 - (i) Be a minimum of 16 years of age as at the date of competition.
 - (ii) Hold their IRB crewpersons award, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged 20 hours specific in-water IRB competition driving or crewing training under the supervision of



currently licensed IRB Surf Coach.

- (iii) Be endorsed by a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition.

Note: In all training and competition it is compulsory for crewpersons 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.

- (c) **Patients** are required to:

- (i) Be a minimum of 15 years of age before October 01 in the season the competition is being conducted.
- (ii) Hold their IRB crewpersons award, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged twenty (20) hours specific in-water IRB competition driving or crewing training under the supervision of currently licensed IRB Surf Coach.
- (iii) Be endorsed by a currently licensed IRB Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition.

Note: In all training and competition it is compulsory for 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.

Note 2: 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. See also Section 2 of the Surf Sports Manual

- (d) **Handlers**, at the date of competition, are required to:

- (iv) Be a minimum of 15 years of age before 1 October 2017 in the season the competition is being conducted.
- (v) Hold the IRB crewpersons certificate and be currently proficient as required by SLSA.
- (vi) Be a member of the same club or team as the crews and be entered at the competition (exemption may be given by the Referee for a member of another club or team to be a Handler provided that the Handler is entered at the competition).
- (vii) Wear a competition cap and shall be required to wear a distinctive high visibility pink, orange, yellow, green or red coloured vest as determined by SLSA (or relevant SLS Event Organiser) 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.
- (viii) Comply with all instructions of the officials.
- (ix) Make every effort to ensure that they, or the equipment that they are handling, does not impede another crew, otherwise both their competitor and the Handler may be subject to disqualification.

- (e) Competitors should be conversant with all current specifications, competition rules and event conditions etc. pertaining to IRB competition and comply accordingly. Attention is also drawn to other relevant sections of the Surf Sports Manual including *Section 2 – General Competitive Conditions* and any other relevant circulars or bulletins that must also be complied with.



TRAINING LOGS

It is a condition of entry into these championships that all Club Surf Coaches must complete and sign the [Training Log Summary Sheet](#). Member's Portal > Library > Sport > Events > SLSA > Australian IRB Champs > 2016-17.

Please email the forms to Events at events@slsa.asn.au by Sunday 2 July 2017.

Minimum requirements for training under a suitably qualified and currently licensed Surf Coach will be audited and shortfalls in training hours will not be tolerated. By signing this form, the club coach certifies that each competitor has satisfied the IRB training requirements as described in the current edition of SLSA [Surf Sports Manual](#) and any other subsequent circulars bulletins except where amended by this Circular.

Please note: Copies of daily training logs such may be requested at the championships for auditing purposes and it is a condition of entry that each club coach provides these to SLSA if requested.

If clubs do not submit their training logs when requested they will not be allowed to compete.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

All Interstate IRB Championships events shall be contested by teams representing their state. States shall enter only one team in each event.

All Australian IRB Championships events shall be contested by teams representing clubs. Clubs are able to enter as many eligible crews as they wish into the Open Australian IRB Championships and Masters Australian IRB Championship 2017 providing each competitor complies with the Entry Limitations as detailed in the current edition of SLSA [Surf Sports Manual \(detailed under\)](#) and any other subsequent circulars bulletins except where amended by this Circular.

3.3.2.5 Entry limitations

- a) IRB Competition may be conducted in different categories of age, grade and gender.
- b) Apart from IRB Relay events, a competitor may not compete or nominate to compete in more than eight events at any one competition. IRB Relay events may be entered in addition to this eight event maximum.
- c) A Driver and/or crew may compete in a particular event once e.g. a driver cannot compete in an event in one team as a driver and compete again in the same event as a driver or crewperson in a separate team.

Note: This does not preclude an eligible driver, crew or patient from the same team swapping roles in different rounds of the same event.

- d) IRB patients are to be considered as gender neutral with respect to their participation in male and female IRB events.
- e) Patients may compete in any grade, age or gender category events but may only compete in a particular event once.
- f) Attention is also drawn to other relevant sections of the current edition Surf Sports Manual including [Section 2- General Competitive Conditions](#) and any other relevant circulars or bulletins which must also be complied with.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

Conditions of entry for international competitors:

1. SLSA reserves the right to invite and/or accept entries from international competitors and club teams to compete in any event at the Australian IRB Championships.



2. International club teams must be a genuine club team (not composite) and must compete in club colours to be eligible to compete.
3. International individual competitors may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their country, compete in their national colours.
4. All international competitors and club teams must gain international clearance from their governing body and must be submitted to SLSA prior to competition to compete at the Australian IRB Championships 2017.

RESERVES

Reserve competitors may be entered into the carnival to avoid late entry fees when making substitutions at the event. All reserve competitors must meet the respective requirements for the position in which they have been nominated as a reserve.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions will be allowed as per the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (as long as the competitor is entered into the Championships) and no charge will be taken to make these changes.

If a substitution occurs with a new competitor who is not entered into the competition - this will be considered a late entry and they will be charged accordingly (see Late Entry section in this circular). In this situation advice and competitors details must be provided to the event administration by 5pm Thursday 13 July 2017.

Any competitor substituted into an event must meet the correct requirements as set out by SLSA for the position for which they are substituted into.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Please ensure that a membership classification as listed below is filled in for each competitor.

Active [Masters, Open, U17 & U19]	A
Reserve Active	RA
Associate	AS
Long Service	LS
Life Member	LM

PENALTIES: BREACH OF ENTRY REGULATIONS

It is mandatory that all competitors be listed in Carnival Manager for each Club. Entry of competitors who are ineligible due to non-qualification or proficiency, default of personal patrol hour obligations, or other breach of association or club entry regulations will be referred to SLSA for action.



EQUIPMENT

COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

Each Club/State shall be responsible for provision of their team's equipment.

Insurance generally shall be the responsibility of the individual competitors, their Clubs or State/Territory. Surf Life Saving Australia will not accept responsibility for loss, damage or theft of equipment.

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IRB GEAR & EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

Please make sure all clubs are aware of the new IRB Competition Gear & Equipment Regulations. This can be found on the ([Member's Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > IRB).

SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering will be held on Thursday 13 July. A scrutineering roster will be sent for clubs to book in a time once they have completed their entries.

It has come to Surf Life Saving Australia's attention that clubs are purchasing products from Mid Coast Marine Mobile Services.

Please note: Circular 89/ 14-15 "SLSA removed all approvals and endorsements of MCM equipment and services effective 28 January 2015. SLSA and State Centres are aware that a new entity is operating as Mid Coast Marine Mobile Services. This entity and any equipment it produces or supplies are not endorsed by SLSA".

Scrutineers at IRB Championships have the right to knock back any equipment they see not to be SLSA approved. It would be safe for clubs that have Mid Coast Marine products to have copies of receipts to prove that products were purchased prior to January 2015.

Any gear and equipment used by SLSA affiliated clubs and services for the purposes of frontline surf lifesaving and competition must be endorsed by SLSA and listed in the Gear and Equipment List document (Members Portal under Lifesaving Equipment). Also, refer to the IRB Regulations for equipment that is approved for IRB competition.

SLSA affiliated clubs and services using equipment that is not endorsed and listed as approved should be aware that they may be susceptible to any possible insurance and litigation issues resulting from an incident.



TEAM MANAGERS PLEASE MAKE SURE OF THE FOLLOWING;

1. That all motors are fitted with SLSA seals and that the sealing sheets are laminated and can be attached to each motor individually.
2. That any components that have been replaced on any boat or motor are GENUINE O.E.M. or a SLSA APPROVED REPLACEMENT PART.
3. That all fuel line fittings are covered and no sharp edges are evident.
4. That all propellers are clearly engraved and the letters / numerals are legible when the propeller is in situ on the motor.
5. That purchase orders and receipts for any components manufactured by M.C.M. will need to be available to verify their date of purchase. (any components sold after January 2015 are not acceptable for use)
6. That the loops in the life line on Arancia and Thundercat hulls are as they were produced and have not been altered.
7. That the crewperson (bow rope) reaches the crewpersons handle and is approximately 1200mm long with 4 figure 8 knots in situ.
8. That clubs use the current scrutineering forms that are on the SLSA portal. (Please note the propeller form has provision for entering the details of a maximum of 10 propellers)
9. Please book your club in for scrutineering on THURSDAY July 13 as soon as possible as no scrutineering will be available on Friday July 14 and please be on time for your appointment.
10. All fuel used must be 98 OCTANE containing no ethanol available to the public from any Caltex and Mobil to the service station list available to the public from any BP, Shell, Caltex, or Seven Eleven service stations. (Fuel purchased from a restricted outlet such as a refinery will not be allowed)

If any clubs have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact SLSA on email equipment@slsa.asn.au or call (02) 9215-8040.

All IRBs, motors and accessories (including fuel) must be scrutineered prior to competition and must have passed the safety and compliance checks conducted by the Scrutineers or as determined by Surf Life Saving Australia.

Scrutineering will be conducted in accordance to **IRB Competition Gear and Equipment Guidelines** ([Members Portal](#) > *Library* > *Sport* > *Manuals and Technical Rules* > *SLSA* > *IRB*) Technical scrutineering (including fuel) may also take place randomly before competition, during competition or at the conclusion of the championships.

Any equipment (including fuel) that has not passed the scrutineering requirements shall be referred to the Carnival Referee for adjudication.

The scrutineering area will be open on Thursday 13 July 2017 from 9:00am - 4pm. All IRBs, motors and accessories must be scrutineered within these times and prior to competing. Scrutineering will occur in scrutineering area of the gear & equipment compound at the back of Kingscliff Beach (TBC in the Final Carnival Circular) and a scrutineering timetable will be emailed to team managers and posted on the [SLS Website](#) in the week before the Championships.



EVENT CONDITIONS

COMPETITION BRIEFINGS

Officials Briefing

The mandatory officials briefing will be on Thursday 13 July 2017 at 4:00pm at the Cudgen Headland SLSC (TBC). All officials are to be in attendance include the Event Referee, Deputy Referee, SEMC, Appeals Committee Convener, Chief Judges and key SLSA personnel.

Team Manager Briefing

A mandatory briefing for State and Club Team Management and key officials will be conducted on Thursday 13 July 2017 at 5:30pm in the Cudgen Headland SLSC (TBC). Clubs should have a maximum of four (4) personnel to attend the team manager briefing.

COMPETITION RULES

The general competitive conditions as detailed in the current 35th edition of SLSA Surf Sports Manual, [3.3 Inflatable Rescue Boat \(IRB\) Competition](#) and any other subsequent circulars bulletins shall apply to the conduct of these events except where amended by this Circular.

Attention will be paid to competitor's compliance to eligibility and pre-requisites for IRB competition, coaching history and patrol obligations as described in the above manuals, rules and documents.

MIXED IRB RELAY RACE

The Mixed IRB Relay Race shall be conducted as per [SSM Section 3.3.4.5](#) except that two legs of the race must be completed by a male crew and two must be completed by a female crew (driver + crew person). It is up to each team to decide which leg is completed by what crew.

No one driver, crew or patient is permitted to complete more than one leg of the event.

MARCH PAST

On Friday, 14 July 2017 at 10.30 am (following the Interstate Championships and before the commencement of the Australian IRB Championships) a march past of teams from all States, Territories and Clubs will be conducted. Flag bearers from each state and club teams are required to march into the arena as directed and assemble for the opening ceremony. Team managers are asked to present their flag bearer in team uniform and carry their state or club flag. Consideration will be given to allow competitors in the first events adequate time to change into their competition apparel.

PROTESTS & APPEALS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual and or event rules upon which the protest is based. Protest Forms will be available from the administration center and/or from the Competitor Liaison Officer.

An appeals fee of \$115.00 (incl. GST) must accompany all protest appeals when submitted to the Appeals Committee for adjudication. If an appeal is upheld the fee shall be returned forthwith. The decision of the competition appeals committee is final and there is no right of appeal against that decision.

More information pertaining to protests and appeals can be found in [Section 14 'Protests, Appeals and Discipline](#) of the current edition of the Surf Sports manual.

INTERSTATES DRAWS AND BALLOTS

Unless otherwise advised by the Referee all events shall be conducted as finals.



Prior to the event SLSA will undertake a random draw for beach positions for the first event to be conducted. Beach positions for the second and subsequent events shall be determined by a 'rolling draw' format whereby all teams shall move sideways one beach position for each event conducted in the area i.e. if all States/Territories enter the Interstate IRB Championships, after the first event the State drawn in position 1 will move to position 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4, 4 to 5, 5 to 6, 6 to 7 and the State drawn in position 7 moves to position 1. Should a state not compete in an event the lane shall be vacant for the event.

The referee or their delegate will undertake any other ballots required on the beach on the day of the competition.

INTERSTATE POINTSCORE

All events conducted shall be of equal points and the State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the competition shall be declared the winner in each of the point score categories. The State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the Championships shall be declared the winner.

Point score points shall be allocated on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1st – 7th for each event contested. Nil points will be earned in the case of disqualification.

Where a dead heat (as defined in the current edition [Surf Sports Manual](#)) occurs in the final of an event the States/Territories involved will share the placing and placing points relative to the finish placing. The next State/Territory to finish will receive the relative placing and placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals/teams finish equal 1st both individuals/teams shall receive 7 points each. The next placing individual/team shall be awarded 3rd place and 5 points.

If, when the Championships have concluded there is a tied pointscore, the State/Territory with the most 1st placings will be declared the winner. Failing this, the State/Territory with the most 2nd places to 6th places respectively will be taken into account to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the pointscore will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

States may be offered the opportunity for development teams to participate in Interstate Competition in the end competition lanes if available. Any development teams are not eligible for placings, points or medals.

CLUB POINTSCORE

All events conducted shall be of equal points and the Club with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the competition shall be declared the winner in each of the point score categories. The Club with the highest aggregate of points at the conclusion of the Championships shall be declared the winner.

Point score points shall be allocated on a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for the positions 1st – 6th for each event contested. Nil points will be earned in the case of disqualification.

Where a dead heat (as defined in the current edition [Surf Sports Manual](#)) occurs in the final of an event the Clubs involved will share the placing and placing points relative to the finish placing. The next Club to finish will receive the relative placing and placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals/teams finish equal 1st both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each. The next placing individual/team shall be awarded 3rd place and 4 points.

If, when the Championships have concluded there is a tied pointscore, the Club with the most 1st placings will be declared the winner. Failing this, the Club with the most 2nd places to 6th places respectively will be taken into account to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the pointscore will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.



Note: International clubs (and/or non SLSA affiliated clubs) are not eligible to earn points towards Australian Champion Club. Hence, any placing's achieved by non SLSA clubs will not be counted towards the overall point score and the points will be allocated in finals to the first 6 Australian Club place getters.

TROPHIES AND PRESENTATIONS

Team managers will be notified at their briefing of the presentation format.

Club Teams will be competing for;

- The "Australian IRB Championship 2017" trophy (for the overall point score in the Australian IRB competition).
- Teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each event shall receive a medal.

International Competitors – If an international club medals (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) they will be awarded a medallion and/or trophy equal to the placing gained. However, the Australian club team to medal shall be awarded the Australian Championship Title and equivalent medal.

States/Territory Teams will be competing for;

- The "Interstate IRB Championship 2017" trophy (for the overall point score in the Interstate IRB competition).

Note: Teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the overall point score shall receive medallions for all team members.

Note 3: The Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield (for the overall point score of Ocean, Pool, Surf Boat and IRB Interstate Championships) shall be awarded at the SLSA Interstates Championship (Beach/Ocean), pre event evening function. The pointscore for this Shield shall be determined by the overall placing result recorded by States/Territories in each of the Interstate Championships. In this regard States/Territories shall be allocated points on a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis for their relative 1st – 7th placing in each Interstate Championship (Beach/Ocean, Boat Pool and IRB). The State/Territory with the highest aggregate of points shall be declared winner of the Shield.) In the event of tied points a count back of best overall results in the four championships (Beach/Ocean, Boat Pool and IRB) overall placings. If equal, number of placings and so on until a winner is declared). If this method cannot separate States/Territories, joint winners will be declared.

SPONSORSHIP

As detailed in the SLSA Sponsorship Policy teams may be asked to wear sponsors apparel during the presentation of medals and trophies. Apart from any SLSA sponsorship no items giving commercial identification may be worn during the official presentation ceremony.

In the event of clubs/individuals having conflicting sponsorship with an event sponsor, the association sponsorship policy must be adhered to.

Teams when entering the marshalling arena and competing must be 'clean' in competition gear with no sponsor's identification unless the Club also has the event naming rights sponsor as its sponsor. Should the event naming rights sponsor competition apparel for the event teams will be required to wear the event naming rights sponsor's competition apparel or in the event of conflict with a Club team sponsor, compete in SLSA branded apparel. If no such apparel is provided teams are to compete in SLSA branded apparel.

At the conclusion of events, place getters may be offered items of apparel identified with the event sponsor. It may be possible that TV interviews will be undertaken with prominent competitors, and in such cases, they may be asked to wear one of the official sponsor T-shirts and/or caps. Further, competitors may be required to carry the event sponsor's logos on craft, boats and equipment. Where physically possible, no



existing signage will be covered. Those craft with rival sponsors to the event sponsor will not be required to display the event sponsors signage and/or to cover the rival sponsor's signage.

For further details please refer to the [SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy \(Policy 5.08\)](#)

CODE OF CONDUCT

SLSA expects that all members involved in competition will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.

The SLSA code of conduct is contained in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins. Any incidents or behavior likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of lifesaving competition will be managed as prescribed in the current edition of SLSA's Rules, Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins

THEFT

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia or the hosting authority may be immediately reported to police and that person/s be brought before the SLSA Judiciary.

Please note that automatic disqualification of the team from the Championship will occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

SLSA ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an anti-doping policy, which will be adhered to for this event.
- Please be aware that random drug testing could take place during the Interstate and Australian IRB Championships 2017.
- It is highly recommended each Club team member (including management and staff) complete the ASADA online e-learning program (Level 1) to ensure all personnel are aware of contemporary issues pertaining to anti-doping. The link to access this e-learning program is: <http://elearning.asada.gov.au/>. Further to this, it is highly recommended that each team, under the direction of the management, undergo at least one anti-doping education and awareness activities as a group.
- It is recommended each Club team member (including management and staff) utilise the ASADA [Check Your Substances](#) reference site, or phone 13000 ASADA (1300 027 232).

MEDIA STATEMENTS

States/Territories & Clubs shall be permitted to promote the event and or their club team within their own state (subject to SLSA approval). However, no Competitor, Team Manager, Official or spokesperson for a state shall make media statements that could bring the Australian & Interstate IRB Championships 2017, its sponsor, or officials into controversy. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and may be dealt with accordingly.

Complaints regarding the organisation of the Championship, or any other matters, should be directed through the appropriate SLSA channels, and will be dealt with by the responsible section, or officers. Such official complaints will be acknowledged.