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This document contains important information for the 2010 Whereis® Australian Open & Masters Surf Life Saving Championships.



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SECTION 1

1.1 CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The following shall form the Carnival Committee, under whose directions shall be placed all matters relating to the actual conduct of the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

Australian Championship Executive

Chairman/Director of Surf Sports	David Thompson
General Manager Surf Sports	Grant Baldock
National Competition Manager	Sally Fitzsimmons
Referee	John Brennan
Protocol Officer	Ken Bird OAM
Logistics Officer	Graham Bruce

Advisors

SLSA Media Manager	Lauren Ryan
Gear & Equipment Officer	Ross Wyeth
Safety & Emergency Services Coordinator	Darren Moore
SLSA Brand Executive	Lauren Bevins
Administration	Ron Pears OAM
Results System Coordinator	Steve Strange
SLSA Site Supervisor	Craig Williams

The Carnival Committee will consult with Area and Sectional Referees as appropriate and will seek advice from the Safety and Rescue Coordinator on safety issues when required. The Committee will meet twice daily (morning & afternoon) during the course of competition as a minimum, in a designated area.

1.2 SAFETY

An Emergency Rescue Plan, a Contingency Plan and an Evacuation Plan have been developed for use by the Referee in conjunction with the Carnival Committee, officials and relevant personnel. These guides have been refined for use for the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

Water safety as part of the competition, is ultimately the responsibility of the Carnival Committee, based on the advice of the Referee and officials in determining postponement or cancellation of any or all events, or relocation to an alternate venue 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 Referee and Safety & Emergency Services Coordinator will give a safety briefing to officials and team managers before commencement of competition and during the event as required.

1.3 CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITORS

As the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships is for lifesavers, the conditions of entry to these championships require all competitors to have met strict membership entry requirements as detailed in this and other Bulletins.

The same principle applies to proficiency and patrol commitments - only members who have satisfied the requirements of the Entry Circular 60/09-10 & Patrol Hour Requirement Policy (Policy 5.4) will be permitted to compete.

RANDOM CHECKS OF PROFICIENCY AND PATROL RECORDS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN OVER SELECTED CLUBS PRIOR TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

It is of the utmost importance that team managers ensure their team members are proficient lifesavers.

1.4 DISTRIBUTION OF THIS CIRCULAR



It is most important that the information in this Circular is brought to the attention of carnival officials, team managers, coaches and competitors.

Non receipt of this Circular will not be taken as an excuse if a club, team or individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other Bulletins and Circulars which refer to the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships and the 2010 Whereis® Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships.

1.5 ORDER AND TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

(a) The carnival timetables identifying the daily start times and order of events for both the Masters and Open Championships are included in and form part of this Circular.

NOTE:

- i. Early notification of boat arenas: The boat arenas for the 2010 Championships will be displayed on the SLSA website or from the Administration noticeboard at the Australian Championships from Friday, 12 March 2010. All boat event draws will also be on display from 7.30am on Thursday, 18 March 2010, in the Boat Arena for the day's competition.
- ii. Events will not be delayed for competitors who choose to compete in more than one age group. Accordingly, competitors must select their priority of events.
- iii. In order to elevate the profile of various events, finals in a number of events have been scheduled for the Saturday program whilst other event finals have been scheduled for Thursday and Friday to even out the competition workload for competitors.

REVISIONS OF THE EVENT ORDER AND COMMENCING TIMES MAY OCCUR. TEAM MANAGERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR COMPETITORS ARE AT THE BEACH WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED STARTING TIMES.

IN THE EVENT OF ANY CHANGES, COMPETITORS AND CLUBS WILL BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY BY WAY OF NOTICE BOARD AND/OR PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- (b) The official completion time of competition is 20 minutes after the conclusion of the last event. However, matters currently 'in train' (e.g. Protests, Appeals etc.) shall continue to final resolution; the result of which shall be considered as being within the "official competition completion time".
- (c) The Australian Championships Committee has set aside Monday, 22nd March 2010 as a 'lay day' for the championships. Should bad weather or other circumstances enforce the delay of the Championships, the event will conclude on the Monday.
- (d) Marshalling – Competitors are to report for Marshalling in their respective areas allowing ample time before the start of their event.

1.6 LODGING OF ENTRIES

Incorrectly lodged entries will not be accepted and the responsibility of ensuring that competitors and teams are correctly entered for the various events is that of the particular club as applicable.

Only those competitors entered for events in the club's entries shall be permitted to start.

Attention is also drawn to Penalties - Breach of Entry Regulations, set out in the Entry Circular 60/09-10, for lodgement of entries containing false information of declarations.

Rules clarification

For any event to be contested at the Whereis® Australian Open & Masters Surf Life Saving Championships, a minimum of two (2) starters is required. Where there are less than four competitors in an event, medals will be awarded as follows:

- (a) Three (3) competitors - Gold, Silver and Bronze medals
- (b) Two (2) competitors - Gold and Silver medals
- (c) Where less than two (2) starters are prepared to contest in an event, those competitors may contest in a higher age group (Open Championships) or lower age group (Masters Championships) of the same event without prejudice to their age categories in other events.



Note: Championship Committee reserves the right to adjust this based on entries received.

Handlers

As outlined in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual, a handler must be a member of the same club or team as the competitors 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 in the competition). Handlers are not required to have patrol hours.

Late Entries

Late entries may only be lodged by accredited Team Managers.

Whole Club & Individual Late Entries

Late entries will only be accepted for the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships and the 2010 Whereis® Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships, provided that these late entries are submitted no later than 5.00pm the day before the events in question are scheduled to commence and subject to the conditions outlined in the Entry Circular 60/09-10. Please be advised that documentary proof of proficiencies, patrol hours, membership categories will need to be required when doing late entries at the Administration Centre.

Only cheque and cash payment for late entries made at the Administration Centre at the time of entry lodgement will be accepted. It is not possible to have your club invoiced or to pay by credit card. Late entries will be subject to a \$60.00 late fee, this is in addition to the \$42.00 entry fee, total fees due will then be \$102.00 including GST.

NOTE: Powercraft Requirements – Any late entries into the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships that increase the club's total competitor numbers, such that they are then required to provide an IRB driver, will not be accepted unless the appropriate numbers of IRB drivers have been nominated. It is the club's responsibility to keep track of any late entries that will result in having to supply an IRB driver.

Additional Event Entries

Where additional events are required for competitors already entered, an administration fee of \$6.00 (incl. GST) per event per competitor, will be charged and must be paid at the time of lodging the additional event entry which shall be no later than 5.00pm the day before the event/s in question are scheduled to commence.

Only cheque and cash payment for late entries made at the Administration Centre will be accepted. It is not possible to have your club invoiced or to pay by credit card.

1.7 PROTEST/APPEALS

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual upon which the protest is based.

Protest/Appeal Forms will be readily available from the Competitor Liaison Officers. A fee of \$110.00 per appeal [includes GST], will be charged to lodge an appeal with the Appeals Committee. This fee is only accepted as CASH. Should the appeal be successful, the fee will be refunded.

1.8 TEAM CHANGES

It is the team managers' responsibility to ensure that changes to the club's competing teams have been registered with the Area Marshall or at the Administration Centre prior to start of competition.

Team members substitution slips will be available for team managers to lodge with the area Marshalls as necessary. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of their teams. Name checks will be carried out throughout the Championships.

1.9 REPLACEMENT GEAR - BOAT AND CRAFT EVENTS

Sections 5.5(c), 6.3.2(g) of the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual refers to the replacement of gear including boats, oars, skis, paddles, boards or other equipment during a race.



The intent of these rules is to allow for gear that is damaged, broken or becomes unseaworthy during the conduct of a race to be replaced on the basis described in the manual so that the competitor/team/crew may continue to participate in the event. It is not the intent of the rules to allow for boats or craft that are merely swamped or otherwise lost to be replaced. Further, competitors are reminded that if replacement gear is to be utilised, it is the responsibility of the competitor/ team/ crew involved to ensure that any damaged equipment left in the competition arena does not impede the progress of another competitor/ team/ crew involved in the race.

Further, boats, boards and skis to be utilised as replacement gear in quarter finals, semi-finals and finals (as appropriate) will be subject to scrutineering, refer **Scrutineering Section 3.1** of this document.

1.10 PRESENTATION OF MEDALS/TROPHIES

Medals in the form of SLSA Championship Medallions finished in the colours of gold (1st), silver (2nd) and bronze (3rd) shall be awarded to individuals and members of teams gaining places in all championship events contested. Medals for place getters for all events will be presented in the central presentation dais generally at the conclusion of the event finals.

Team Managers are advised that Presentation Stewards will be available on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, to accompany the place getters to the presentation area for the presentation of medals. A detailed timetable of presentations will be displayed on the notice board in front of the Administration Centre.

For the overall championship pointscore winner (2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships only) the winning club will be awarded the Surf Life Saving Australia Perpetual Trophy along with a miniature replica of the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championship trophy at the closing ceremony. Also awarded at this ceremony will be the Male Competitor of the Championships and Female Competitor of the Championships.

The Board of Surf Sports has approved several pointscore categories for the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. These include a Handicap Champion Club, Under 15 years Champion Club, Under 17 years Champion Club, Under 19 years Champion Club and Open Champion Club. These will be awarded at the conclusion of the competition.

The Handicap Pointscore would be on a handicap system based on the Champion Club from the previous years Australian Championships. The calculation of the winning club would be the Champion Club from the previous year's championships starting on zero points and the Club that scored zero points in the previous year commencing on maximum points.

The pointscores for each age category Champion Club will be based on 6 points – 6 points for 1st place, down to 1 point for 6th place respectively with points being awarded for each event within that age category. If there is a tied result, the Club with the most 1st placings is the winner. Failing this, then the Club with the most 2nd placings will be declared the winner. Failing this, then 3rd 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.

PRESENTATION AREA PROTOCOL – MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Presentation and collection of medals for the Australian Masters Championships will be undertaken at the Australian Championships Presentation Area during the two days of the Masters Championships. During this time Masters competitors who wish to use the main Presentation Dais to have a picture taken are welcome to do so. An official photographer will not be in attendance.

To avoid congestion at the end of competition each day, all medal winners in a particular event, are requested to attend the Presentation area together as soon as possible after the conclusion of their Final for presentation or collection of medals.

Presentation and collection of medals will conclude 30 minutes after the completion of competition each day.



Medals not collected during the two days of Masters competition may be collected from the Presentation Area on Thursday between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm.

Masters Championships medals will not be available for collection after Thursday at Kurrawa. Medals not collected after this time will be boxed up and distributed to a Club representative for future presentation.

1.11 MISCONDUCT

Misconduct before, during and after the championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their clubs. Competitors and / or clubs found tampering with signs, fences or PA system cabling and equipment also risk disciplinary action against themselves. For safety reasons, any oars or other equipment found on fences may be removed.

Consumption of alcohol outside of licenced premises is prohibited in the Kurrawa beachfront area. This includes the ski and board craft compound and the boat trailer park. Competitors and club supporters drinking in these areas will render their club liable for disqualification and further disciplinary action, as well as legal action by the police.

A Carnival Disciplinary Committee has been appointed with powers to "cite" or take whatever action is necessary as a result of misconduct and will be readily available to convene as required up to and including Monday, 22 March 2010.

In addition, a surveillance group has been appointed to monitor the various functions, airline flights arriving and departing from Coolangatta Airport and the commercial areas in Kurrawa and the Gold Coast area. Note that misbehaviour at any official or unofficial functions will be under the jurisdiction of the Carnival Disciplinary Committee.

It is expected that all matters affecting competitors will normally be undertaken with team management, for their transmission to members and implementation.

1.12 SPONSORED EVENTS / COMMERCIAL IDENTIFICATION

a) General

It should be noted that the Championships have naming rights and partner sponsors and a number of specific events have sponsors. Conditions will apply to signage in accordance with the [SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy \(Policy 5.8\)](#). The following details clarify the requirements of all sponsored competitors/clubs participating in the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

- Semi-finalists and finalists in the sponsored events may be required to carry event sponsor signage affixed on craft or equipment.
- Club/individual's sponsor signage on craft and equipment will not be covered unless, when fitting the event sponsor signage, it is unavoidable. All competitors in these sponsored Championship events will also be asked to wear sponsor's lycras for televised semi finals and finals. In the event of a conflict with an existing club sponsor, then SLSA branded lycras shall be worn.
- No competitor, handler and/or club is permitted to have any signwriting, logos or corporate ID on either clothing, competition apparel, gear, equipment or on the person in the competition arena (including marshalling areas) which is deemed not in "good taste".
- 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.

b) Authority

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Scrutineer, Sectional Referee, Area Referee, Championship Referee, Chairman of the Australian Championship Committee and the General Manager Surf Sports reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID or logos in conflict with the carnival sponsor.

Refusal to comply with any of the above would render the clothing, competition apparel, or equipment ineligible for the competition, and the competitor (and/or team) would be ineligible for further participation in the championships.

If such breaches are found after the event or in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) will forfeit titles and awards. The refusal to fulfil the conditions of entry will see the competitor disqualified from further participation in the championships.



c) Presentations

At the conclusion of the events, place getters will be asked to wear items of apparel (T-shirt, hat etc) identified with the specific event sponsors during the presentations. It is noted that SLSA's Sponsorship Policy will apply in respect of presentations.

Every co-operation is requested in this regard and members should keep in mind that the involvement of sponsors helps to curtail significant expenses that would otherwise need to be passed onto competitors and clubs.

Competitors being presented must comply with the requirements of the SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy with regards to dress whilst on the presentation dais (Refer to the SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy (Policy 5.8)).

1.13 DRESS OF COMPETITORS / OFFICIALS

a) Competitors

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual, under General Competitive Conditions and any amending bulletins.

If a competitor intends wearing swimwear or other dress that may aid buoyancy in any event involving swimming events, then the competitor should obtain a copy of the letter sent from FINA to the manufacturer stating that the swimwear from that manufacturer is FINA approved (for use in their pool events). This letter should be available to be read by the relevant SLSA official(s) in event of any question of swimwear approval.

Further to this, competitors are advised that the wearing of *multiple* swimwear (as referred to above) is not permitted in any event involving swimming. Note: this will not preclude the wearing of a traditional (nylon/lycra type) style swimming costumes for both men and women.

b) Officials

All officials will be issued with items of clothing, including a long sleeve officials shirt, a polo shirt, a cap and a spray jacket. Instructions in this regard will be given at the Officials Briefing.

The Championships have naming rights and partner sponsors and all officials should wear the clothing provided. Officials should not wear any other sponsored branded officials clothing issued at previous championships.

All appointed Officials must present themselves at the Officials Clothing distribution centre within the Administration Centre to collect their Officials Kit between the following times:

Monday	15 March	9.00am – 12noon and 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday	16 March	7.00am - 12.00pm
Wednesday	17 March	7.00am - 11.00am and 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday	18 March	7.00am - 10.00am

NOTE: Clothing distribution will be as per size stated on nomination forms. Best efforts will be made to accommodate correct sizes for late nominees, however no guarantees can be given.

1.14 COMPETITIVE TRANSFERS

a) Details of transfer requirements are set out in Section 2.2.4 of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual. Competition transfers must be endorsed by Branch and State Centres and / or international Associations before acceptance for these championships.

NOTE: WITHOUT THESE ENDORSEMENTS, TRANSFERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE VALID AND THE COMPETITOR/S WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE NEW CLUB.

b) A competitor who competes for a club and qualifies in any Limited Championship events (state entries only), shall be ineligible to transfer to another club to again contest these events.



Team managers should make themselves familiar with the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins regarding Competitive Transfers.

1.15 GENERAL INFORMATION

(a) The competition area will be situated on Kurrawa Beach with the main central arena located in front of the Kurrawa SLSC. Fencing will be erected around the arena with the view to providing maximum spectator viewing.

Facing the water, the arena layout will provide for:

Australian Championships (Thursday 18 – Sunday 21 March)

- i) Boat areas 1 & 2 north of the VIP Stand
- ii) Water Area 1 - Under 19 Male
- iii) Water Area 2 - Open Area 1
- iv) Water Area 3 - Open Area 2
- v) Water Area 4 - Open & U19 Female
- vi) Water Area 5 – U17 Area 1
- vii) Water Area 6 – U17 Area 2
- viii) Water Area 7 - U15 Area 1
- ix) Water Area 8 – U15 Area 2
- x) Beach Area at the rear of Water Area 1 and 2.
- xi) All Lifesaving and R&R events to be conducted at Broadbeach SLSC
- xii) Boardriding location will be confirmed each morning

Masters Championships (Tuesday 16 March)

- i) Water Area 1 - Masters Women
- ii) Water Area 2 - 30-34 years
- iii) Water Area 3 - 35-39 years
- iv) Water Area 4 - 40-45 years
- v) Water Area 5 - 49-50 years
- vi) Water Area 6 - 55-59
- vii) Water Area 6 - 60+ years
- viii) Beach Area at the rear of Water Area 1 and 2.

Masters & Open Championships (Wednesday 17 March)

- i) Boat Area 2 south of the VIP Stand
- ii) Water Area 3 - Masters Women Teams
- iii) Water Area 4 - 110 years
- iv) Water Area 5 - 130 years
- v) Water Area 6 - 150 years
- vi) Water Area 7 – 170 years
- vii) Beach Area at the rear of Water Area 1 and 2.

The site plan of the above arenas is available at www.aussiechamps.com.au and is subject to change depending upon beach conditions.

(b) Every effort will be made at these championships, to provide a fair arena for all competitors and teams, however where conditions are such that a fair competition arena is not readily achieved without its relocation, the decision to relocate the arena shall be made by the Carnival Committee, in conjunction with the Referee, Mr John Brennan.

(c) A possible merge of water areas on Wednesday for Individual Masters could occur subject to the Referees decision.

1.16 ACCESS TO KURRAWA BEACH



The Gold Coast Highway is the main road leading to the Kurrawa area, with Margaret Ave and Australia Ave being the main access roads leading to Old Burleigh Road which runs along the beach area

1.17 PARKING

Clubs are advised to make provision in their travelling timetable to the venue to allow limited street / kerbside parking, in accordance with local traffic regulations.

Broadbeach Primary School

Located immediately adjacent to the southern end of competition area this will provide an attractive parking option for those driving to the championships. This will be open from Thursday 18 March through to Sunday 21 March. School will charge \$5 to park in the school grounds each day.

Commercial Car Parks

There are a number of commercial car parks within easy walking distance of the championships including the Gold Coast Convention Centre located on the Gold Coast Highway next to the Casino, who are offering all day undercover parking for \$5.

Trailer Parking

Provision has been with the GCCC to allow storage of trailers and equipment in Kurrawa/Pratten Park. Surf boat trailers will be parked between the ends of Queensland Ave and Albert Ave with Board and Ski trailers allocated the area between the ends of Phillip Ave and George Ave.

Special areas have been set aside for craft and boat trailer parking, the parking of motor vehicles on the grassed areas is strictly prohibited and offending vehicles will be subject to "infringement notices" issued by Council Parking Officers. Clubs who park cars that violate local traffic laws will be liable for any infringement notices received.

1.18 SPECTATOR VIEWING

Club supporters and spectators will have excellent viewing of the competition arenas from the rear of these areas where provision has been made for the erection of Club tents.

1.19 FM RADIO

All club members should note that Hot Tomato radio station is the supporter for these Championships. General information about the Championships will be broadcast through 102.7FM.

1.20 CATERING, SOUVENIRS & PHOTOGRAPHS

General catering will be provided by way of food stalls, and retail food outlets with a wide range of food items being available at retail prices. In addition to regular retail food outlets along the beach front, catering outlets will be located behind the boat arenas and the water arenas. Due to limited supplies, officials and clubs are advised to make early purchases of souvenirs and clothing, etc.

No club/branch photographer passes will be issued for the Aussies – this is in line with SLSA's Photography Policy - Policy 6.18 (refer to "Section 3 – Photography at official SLSA events").

SLSA has appointed official photographers who will be on site throughout the Championships, with photographs incl. all presentations of trophies made available via www.harvpix.com. Only accredited media will be granted access to the competition area (in accordance with the above policy).

1.21 ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The Championships Administration Centre will be located north of the Kurrawa SLSC. A large undercover notice board will be erected on the grassed area adjacent to the Administration Centre for the posting of general information, event draws, timetables and instructions.



SECTION 2

2.1 TEAM MANAGER ACCREDITATION PASSES

The team manager of each club will be issued with a personalised accreditation pass, displaying the manager's photograph, club and name.

Assistant Team Manager accreditation passes will also be issued to clubs in accordance with the number of competitors each club enters:

Competitor Numbers	Number of Passes
1 – 39 Competitors	1 Team Manager Pass
40 – 79 Competitors	1 Team Manager & 2 Assistant Team Manager Passes
80 – 119 Competitors	1 Team Manager & 3 Assistant Team Manager Passes
120 + Competitors	1 Team Manager & 4 Assistant Team Manager Passes

Accreditation passes must be worn at all times, and allow Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers to access competition arenas, make team changes and enter new competitors.

2.2 TEAM MANAGERS BRIEFING

The Championship Referee, Mr John Brennan has requested that a team managers' briefing for both the Masters and Club Championships be held for general instruction on requirements and conditions for the conduct of these championships.

The championships "Contingency Plan" will be briefed including times and location of alternative venues.

ALL CLUB TEAM MANAGERS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND THESE VERY IMPORTANT MEETINGS AS NON-REPRESENTATION MAY AFFECT THEIR COMPETITORS' ACHIEVEMENTS.

Accreditation passes for the team managers' and assistant team managers' will be distributed 1 hour before and 1 hour after the following briefings. Without the pass, team managers will not have access into the competition area.

Masters Team Managers Briefing – Monday, 15 March

Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee, Kurrawa Parkland (south of Kurrawa SLSC)
Report: 2.00pm

Open Team Managers Briefing – Wednesday, 17 March

Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee, Kurrawa Parkland
Report: 2:00pm

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT 5 BONUS POINTS TOWARDS THE INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS POINT SCORE WILL BE AWARDED FOR EVERY CLUB TEAM MANAGER IN ATTENDANCE AT THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS CLUB TEAM MANAGER'S BRIEFING ON WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 2010.

2.3 MEETINGS FOR OFFICIALS / COMPETITORS / TEAM MANAGERS

(a) SPECIAL COMPETITION FORUMS / PANEL MEETINGS

These meetings will promote full discussion on the competition procedures and other points of view that will be of assistance in the planning and conduct of the respective events within Surf Life Saving Australia.

REPORTING AND CONFERENCE TIMES

For the 2010 Whereis® Australian Open Championships, all officials need to report to their Area Referees on the morning of competition in their respective arenas as follows:



Boat Arena:

Referee – Tony Haven
7:00am - Thursday, March 18

Open Mens Arena:

Referee – Andrew Buhk
7.30pm - Thursday, March 18

U15 Arena:

Referee - Graham Evans
7.30am – Thursday, March 18

U17 Arena:

Referee - Jeff Mowbray
7.30am – Thursday, March 18

R & R Arena:

Referee - Brian Donnell
7:00am – Friday, March 19

Lifesaving Arena:

Referee – Mark Fife
7.30am – Tuesday, March 16 – Champion Lifesaver
7:30am – Wednesday, March 17 – Patrol Competition & U15 First Aid
7:30am – Thursday, March 18 – U17 First Aid
7:30am – Friday, March 19 – U19 First Aid
7.30am – Saturday, March 20 – Open First Aid

Open & U19 Women's Arena:

Referee – Dick Bignold
7.30am - Thursday, March 18

U19 Men's Arena:

Referee – Paul Kenny
7.30am – Thursday, March 18

Beach Arena:

Referee - Geoff Martin
6.45am – Thursday, March 18
(For the 2km Beach Run)

Board Riding:

Referee – Beverly Walsh
6.00am – Thursday, March 18
6.00am – Friday, March 19

Monday 15 March 2010

- i. Carnival Committee Meeting
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 6.30am
- ii. Scrutineers Briefing
Venue: Craft Scrutineering Tent
Report: 8.30am
- iii. ALL Carnival Area Referees, Sectional Referees, Carnival Committee & other nominated key officials
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 12:00pm
- iv. Powercraft Personnel Briefing
Venue: IRB compound
Report: 2.00pm
- v. Computer Training – All Recorders
Venue: Administration Centre
Report: 2.00pm
- vi. Masters Team Managers Briefing
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 2.00pm
- vii. R&R Panel Meeting



Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Report: 5.00pm

Tuesday, 16 March 2010

- i. Officials Breakfast
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 6.00am
- ii. Australian Masters Championships – Referee, Sectional Referees & Championship Committee
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 6.00am
- iii. Carnival Committee Meeting
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 6.45am
- iv. Masters Championships – Officials Briefing
(If no appointment, report to the Administration Centre)
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 7.00am
- v. Champion Lifesaver – Officials Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Report: 7.30am
- vi. All Masters Championship Officials – Report to Area Referees
Venue: Officials Respective Arenas
Report: 7.30am
- vii. Champion Lifesaver – Competitors Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Report: 8:30am
- viii. Boat Panel Meeting
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 3.00pm
- ix. Australian Masters Championships – Officials De-briefing
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: Conclusion of Competition
- x. R&R Judges Meeting
(An R&R Judges Meeting on judging procedures will be conducted to promote national judging uniformity.)
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- xi. R&R Open Forum
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Wednesday, 17 March 2010

- i. All Officials Breakfast
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 6.00am
- ii. Masters Championships - Referee & Carnival Committee
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 6.00am
- iii. All Masters Championship Officials
(If no appointment, report to the Administration Centre)
Venue: Officials Respective Arenas
Report: 7.00am
- iv. Patrol Competition – Officials Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Time: 7.30am
- v. U15 First Aid – Officials Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Time: 7.30am
- vi. Patrol Competition – Competitors Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Time: 8.30am
- vii. U15 First Aid – Competitors Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Time: 8.30am
- viii. Team Managers Briefing
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 2:00pm
- ix. March Past Judges Meeting
A March Past Judges Meeting on judging procedures will be conducted to promote national judging uniformity
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 4.00pm
- x. March Past Panel Meeting
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 5.00pm
- xi. Australian Masters Championships Officials De-briefing
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: Conclusion of competition
- xii. Australian Championships Officials Briefing
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 5.00pm



Thursday, 18 March 2010

i. Long Board Riding Competitors and Officials Report

Venue: In front of Admin Centre
Report: 6.00am

NOTE: IF SURF CONDITIONS ON THE DAY DO NOT ALLOW THE CONDUCT OF THIS EVENT AT KURRAWA BEACH, A NEW VENUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED. NOTIFICATION WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

ii. Australian Championships Area Referees & Carnival Committee Meeting

Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 6.00am

iii. Australian Championships Officials Breakfast

Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Time: 6.00am

iv. 2km Beach Run Officials & Competitors Report

Venue: Beach Area
Time: 6:45am

v. Boat Officials Report

Venue: Boat Area
Time: 6:45am

vi. Sweeps Briefing – Boat Competition

Venue: Boat Area
Time: 7:00am

vii. Competitor Briefing – Boat Competition

Venue: Boat Area
Time: 7.30am

viii. U17 First Aid Officials Report

Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Report: 7.30am

ix. All Championship Officials

(If no appointment, report to the Administration Centre)
Venue: Respective Allocated Championship Areas
Report: 7.30am

x. Masters Review Panel Meeting

Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 8.00am

xi. U17 First Aid Competitors Report

Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Report: 8.30am

xii. Opening Ceremony Commences

Venue: Presentation Stage
Report: 8:45am



- xiii. Officials De-brief
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: Conclusion of Competition
- xiv. Powercraft Briefing
Venue: IRB Compound
Time: 6.00pm
- xv. State Coaching Advisors Meeting
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Time: 6.00pm
- xvi. Life Members Dinner
Venue: Sofitel Hotel Gold Coast, Broadbeach
Time: 6.30pm

Friday, 19 March 2010

- i. Board Riding Competitors and Officials Report
Venue: In front of Admin Centre
Report: 6.00am

NOTE: IF SURF CONDITIONS ON THE DAY DO NOT ALLOW THE CONDUCT OF THIS EVENT AT KURRAWA BEACH, A NEW VENUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED. NOTIFICATION WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

- ii. All Officials breakfast
Venue: Officials Briefing Area
Report: 6.00am
- iii. Area Referees & Carnival Committee
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 6.00am
- iv. Boat Officials Report
Venue: Boat Area
Report: 6:45am
- v. Sweeps Briefing – Boat Competition
Venue: Boat Area
Report: 7:00am
- vi. All Carnival Officials
Venue: Respective Allocated Championship Arenas
Report: 7.15am
- vii. Boat Competitors Briefing
Venue: Boat Area
Report: 7:30am
- viii. U19 First Aid Competition Officials Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Report: 7:30am
- ix. Grand Parade
Venue: Beach Area



Report: 8:15am

NOTE: 10 BONUS POINTS TOWARDS THE INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS POINT SCORE WILL BE AWARDED FOR EVERY CLUB IN ATTENDANCE AT THE PARADE.

- x. U19 First Aid Competitors Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Report: 8.30am
- xi. Officials De-brief
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: Conclusion of Competition

Saturday, 20 March 2010

- i. Board Riding Competitors and Officials Report
Venue: In front of Admin Centre
Report: 6.00am

NOTE: IF SURF CONDITIONS ON THE DAY DO NOT ALLOW THE CONDUCT OF THIS EVENT AT KURRAWA BEACH, A NEW VENUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED. NOTIFICATION WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

- ii. Area Referees & Carnival Committee
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 6.00am
- iii. All Carnival Officials
Venue: Respective Championship Arenas
Report: 7.00am
- iv. Open First Aid Officials Report
Venue: Broadbeach SLSC
Report: 7.30am
- v. Open First Aid Competitors Report
Venue: BroadbeachSLSC
Report: 8.30am
- vi. Invited guests
Venue: VIP Grandstand opens
Report: 8.30am
- vii. Officials Dinner
Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 6.30pm

Sunday, 21 March 2010

- i. Area Referees & Carnival Committee
Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 6.00am
- ii. All Carnival Officials



Venue: Respective Allocated Championship Arenas
Report: 7.00am

iii. Ecumenical Service

Venue: Presentation Stage
Report: 7.00am

iv. Invited Guests

Venue: VIP Grandstand
Report: 8.30am

v. Carnival Officials De-brief

Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: Conclusion of Competition

Monday, 22 March 2010

i. Area Referees & Carnival Committee Debrief

Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 8.30am

vi. Contractors Debrief

Venue: Officials Briefing Marquee
Report: 9.30am



SECTION 3

3.1 SCRUTINEERING

Team Managers and competitors are strongly advised to ensure that their skis and boards, reels, surf lines and surf boats strictly comply with the SLSA Policy Statements as applicable, before departure for these Championships.

Team Managers are strongly urged to read and comprehend the instructions in the Scrutineering Circular 66/09-10 and ensure that their sectional captains do likewise. Having no knowledge of the procedures and requirements of Circular 66/09-10 will not be an excuse if the directions contained therein are not followed.

All surf boats shall be weighed and subject to a safety and specified approved equipment check, all of which must be presented for inspection prior to the commencement of competition. All crews need to be marked off during scrutineering times as listed in Circular 66/09-10.



SECTION 4 SECTIONAL INFORMATION

4.1 GENERAL

It is proposed to continue the use of video equipment and play back facilities at the finish lines and other judging areas for the boat, swim, craft and beach competition areas throughout the 2010 Whereis® Australian Championships. The official television broadcasters (Channel 7) images will also be recognised as (official video) footage for the purposes of judging.

A supplementary change is notified for the semi finals and the final of the Open Male and Female Ironperson, Open Male and Female Taplin Final and U19 Male and Female Ironperson Final events. The following change has been made to the finishing location (position) for the final leg of these events. Competitors will be provided with further explanation (if required) prior to the start of each particular event where this change is proposed.

'To finish, on leaving the water on the final leg only of the event a competitor must pass the right hand side green and yellow turning flag (facing the water), keeping it on their right and proceed directly up the beach to the two green finish flags.'

4.2 WATER EVENTS (Australian Championships)

(a) R&R Competition

The 6 Person and 5 Person Rescue and Resuscitation events will be conducted in accordance with conditions and procedures as set out in the current edition of the Rescue and Resuscitation Competition Manual and any relevant Bulletins.

All R&R events will be conducted in the R&R arena located to the north of Kurrawa Beach.

4.3 BOAT EVENTS (Australian Championships)

Boat events shall commence with the Reserve Grade Surf Boat Race at 8.45am on Thursday, 18 March 2010.

All Boat competitors should make themselves familiar with the [Circular 68/09-10 Surf Boat Competition Information](#).

Unloading of Surf Boats

It is understood that many clubs will transport gear and equipment in containers. A special surf boat trailer park is provided at the venue on the grassed area behind the surf boat arena.

CLUBS INTENDING TO SEND CONTAINERS MUST ADVISE THE SITE MANAGER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE ACCESS. NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN FOR CONTAINERS NOT ADVISED PRIOR TO THIS DATE.

CONTAINERS MUST BE DELIVERED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2010

Under no circumstances are cars or trucks permitted to park in these grassed areas. Clubs sending gear on semi-trailers will be permitted to have the trailer remain in the area but the prime mover must be removed from the venue. Offending vehicles will be subject to "infringement notices" issued by Council Parking Officers.

All boats are required to be scrutineered before they are permitted to be used in competition.

It is intended to conduct all boat competitions in the two boat arenas. Clubs without boat trailers or towing vehicles should advise the boat scrutineers accordingly, in order that assistance in this regard can be arranged in the event of a change of venue due to adverse conditions.

Clubs that are found using one sweep for more than one crew in any one division will have the offending crew immediately disqualified from the Championships. Further to this, sweeps shall compete only for the club to which their competitive rights have been registered. All boat sweeps competing at these championships must be accredited.

4.4 BOARD & SKI EVENTS (Australian & Masters Championships)



(a) Unloading & Parking

The board and ski compound is situated in the parkland south of Kurrawa SLSC and can be accessed via the carpark area opposite Margaret Ave. Provision has been made for approx 50 trailers on first come basis. Under no circumstances are cars or trucks permitted to park in these areas. Offending vehicles will be subject to "infringement notices" issued by Council Parking Officers.

Provision has also been made for the storage of up to 400 craft in ski trees in the craft storage area on the beach subject to prevailing beach conditions.

(b) Marshalling Area

Boards and skis will be marshalled in a common marshalling / storage area at the rear of the competition arena. Craft will then be called to a heat assembly area before proceeding to the starting line. At the completion of each race, all craft must be returned to the craft compound as soon as possible.

(c) Board & Ski Relay Races

Board and ski team races shall be conducted as relay races. The conditions and course layout shall be as detailed in the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual, Where clubs nominate two or more teams in these events, the competitors of each of these teams must be identified in accordance with the requirements of *Clause 2.4.4 - Identification* of the Surf Sports Manual.

(d) Warm up Areas

An area located south of the IRB Access Zone, has been allocated for a ski and board warm-up area. Competitors are requested not to encroach upon the IRB Access Zone which will be defined by lines of marker buoys etc. Warm ups may also be conducted in the allocated buffer zones between each of the water areas.

(e) Event Delays

Events will not be delayed due to competitors not having their craft ready to compete or lack of equipment when marshalled.

4.5 SURF BOARD / LONG BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS (Australian & Masters Championships)

(a) Venue and Marshalling

It is intended that these events will be conducted at a venue in close proximity to Kurrawa, with marshalling commencing at 6.00am. However, final selection of the venue will be announced in front of the Administration Centre on Thursday 18 March, Friday 19 March & Saturday 20 March 2010 at 6.00am.

- Longboard Riding events are scheduled to commence on Thursday, 18 March 2010 at 6.30am.
- Open, U19, U17 & U15 Surf Board Riding events are scheduled to commence on Friday, 19 March 2010 at 6.30am.

(b) Officials

Board Riding officials are also required to assemble in front of the Administration Centre (on all days) no later than 6.00am in order to be briefed prior to the commencement of competition.

(c) General Competition Conditions

The judging and points allocation system described in the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual, will apply. Competitors are advised to familiarise themselves with this.

4.6 BEACH EVENTS SECTION (Australian Championships)

(a) March Past

The elimination heats of the Open, U23 & U17 March Past will be conducted at 8.15am on Friday, 19 March 2010. The top 20 teams in the open event, the top 10 teams in the U23 event and the top 10 teams in the U17 event qualifying will contest the Championship Finals on Sunday, 21 March 2010.

It is intended that a suitable band will provide the music for both the Friday and Sunday competitions. It is anticipated that the first call for Open, U23 and U17 March Past standard bearers to marshal on Friday will be 7:45am. Participating clubs must ensure that their standard bearer abides by this direction.



(b) Beach Sprint Section

A level track with running lanes will be prepared at the rear of the main arena opposite the amphitheatre. Competitors are assured that every attempt will be made to allow all positions on the beach to have equal conditions.

(c) Warm Up Area

A sprint warm up track will be on the grassed area, to the north of Kurrawa SLSC, parallel to the ocean footpath and behind the Telstra truck.

(d) Beach Flags Section

Team Managers and Competitors are advised to refer to Bulletin 2/09-10- Beach Flags Event Rule Amendments for clarification.

4.7 FIRST AID COMPETITION

(a) Event venue

The First Aid Competitions will be conducted at Broadbeach SLSC

Competing teams in these events are to report to Broadbeach SLSC for their pre-event briefing at the following times:

U15 First Aid – Wednesday, 17 March 2010 at 8:30am Broadbeach SLSC

U17 First Aid – Thursday 18 March 2010 at 8:30am Broadbeach SLSC

U19 First Aid – Friday 19 March 2010 at 8:30am Broadbeach SLSC

Open First Aid – Saturday 20 March 2010 at 8:30am Broadbeach SLSC

(b) Judging

These events will be conducted as finals and in accordance with the rules and conditions set out in Section 3.6 of the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any amending bulletins.

**COMPETING TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN FIRST AID EQUIPMENT FOR THIS EVENT.
FIRST AID EQUIPMENT IS AS PER ANNEXURE B IN SECTION 3 OF THE CURRENT SLSA SURF SPORTS
MANUAL AND ANY AMENDING BULLETINS.**

NOTE: Vacancies in this event caused by team withdrawals or states not filling their quotas will be filled with reserve teams from other states.

4.8 PATROL CHAMPIONSHIP

This event shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and conditions set out in Section 3.5 of the current edition of the SLSA Competition Manual and any amending bulletins.

Competing teams for this event will be required to report on Wednesday, 17 March 2010 at 8.30am at Broadbeach SLSC. The venue for the conducting of the "Task and Events Section" of the Patrol Championships will be advised upon marshalling.

All lifesaving equipment as required will be provided at the venue.

**TEAM MEMBERS' DRESS SHALL CONSIST OF CLUB COSTUME, GOOD QUALITY RED DHL PATROL
SHORTS/SKIRT, YELLOW DHL PATROL T-SHIRT AND CLUB COMPETITION CAP.**

NOTE: Vacancies in this event caused by team withdrawals or states not filling their quotas will be filled with reserve teams from other states.

4.9 CHAMPION LIFESAVER

The Open Champion Lifesaver events will be conducted on Tuesday, 16 March 2010.

Competitors in these events are to report at 8.30am at Broadbeach SLSC for their pre-event briefing. All lifesaving equipment as required will be provided at the venue.



This event shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and conditions set out in Section 3.4 of the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any amending bulletins.

4.10 CARNIVAL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The carnival Administration Centre will be open from 7am – 5pm Monday 15th to Sunday 21st of March 2010. The carnival Administration Centre will be located on the grassed area north of the Kurrawa SLSC.

SECTION 5

5.1 SECURITY OF EQUIPMENT



Reports of missing vehicles, craft and equipment and personal belongings, are not uncommon at major events and all club team managers and competitors are reminded of their responsibility towards the security of their own equipment at these championships.

Whilst allocated areas for the storage of surf craft, reels, tubes, etc, and general security surveillance personnel will be provided, the security of this equipment remains strictly under the control of the clubs and competitors and no responsibility will be accepted by Surf Life Saving Australia.

5.2 ACCESS TO COMPETITION ARENA

(a) Unauthorised Access to the Arena

Under no circumstances will unauthorised personnel be allowed into the arena. The same instruction applies to competitors who loiter around the arena after competing. Many people will have travelled quite some distance to witness this major event and the arena at all times must project an arena befitting an Australian Championships carnival. A special squad under the control of the Carnival Referee will ensure this direction will be adhered to. The co-operation of all competitors and visitors is sincerely sought in this regard. Failure to follow this instruction may result in judicial action. Coaches, club officials and supporters are not permitted on the competition arena; however, they may accompany their competitors into the marshalling areas.

(b) Team Manager Access

Passes for emergency access only to the competition arena/s will be provided based upon the number of competitor entries submitted by their clubs

(c) Team Managers passes are valid for use on all championship days and can be collected after the Team Managers briefing/s.

5.3 DRUG USE

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and the Australian Sports Drug Agency in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published an [Anti Doping Policy \(Policy 5.2\)](#) which condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sport.

Any event conducted by SLSA is subject to random drug testing, without prior notice. The very strict procedures laid down for the testing for drugs will be observed, and competitors refusing to submit to a drug test will be subject to prescribed penalties.

Should Team Managers require further information, please refer to SLSA's Anti Doping Policy and, as appropriate, contact the "Drugs in Sport" hotline on 1800 020 506.

5.4 CLUB TENTS

Club tents shall only be erected in designated areas and only after 3.00pm on Sunday 14 March 2010.

TENTS FOUND IN POSITION (ERECTED OR OTHERWISE) BEFORE THIS TIME AND/OR IN NON-DESIGNATED AREAS, WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE AREA. TENTS WILL THEN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE GEAR COMPOUND AREA AFTER 3.00PM ON MONDAY, 22 MARCH 2010.

5.5 OVERSEAS COMPETITORS

National Surf Life Saving bodies affiliated with International Life Saving (ILS) have been invited to nominate outstanding competitors and teams to participate at the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

International competitors will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Where an international competitor or club team wishes to enter an unrestricted event, there will be no limit on the number of competitors (or club teams) from each country allowed to enter.
2. Where an international competitor or club team wishes to enter a Limited Entry Event, only one competitor (or club team) from each country will be accepted into an event. If more than one international competitor or club team from a country wishes to contest a Limited Entry Event, only the national champion or the number one ranked competitor/club team from that country (as advised by that competitor/team's governing body to SLSA) will be allowed to enter.
3. International competitors in individual events may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their country, compete in their national colours. However, participation in team events at the Australian Open Championships is restricted to genuine club teams and, accordingly, all teams must compete in their club colours.



4. All international competitors and club teams must gain international clearance from their governing body to compete at the Australian Open Championships. This must be submitted to SLSA prior to competition.
5. Where an international competitor (or club team) finishes first in an event, they will receive an Australian Championship medallion(s) and other trophies equal to the placing gained. However, the first Australian competitor (or club team) to finish will be awarded the Australian Championship Title and a duplicate gold medallion only.
6. Where an international competitor (or club team) finishes in second or third place in an event, they will receive an Australian Championship medallion(s) and any other trophies equal to the placing gained. The second/third Australian competitor to finish will be awarded duplicated medallions only as appropriate.

5.6 REFRESHMENT AREA

The 2010 Championships will not have a refreshment area. Accordingly, club members and supporters are reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages within the beach front area except within licenced premises is not permitted and heavy penalties by police and the SLSA disciplinary committee can be imposed for non compliance with these regulations.

Local hotels will be operating normal trading hours.

5.7 BACK OF BEACH

Thursday 18th March- Sunday 21st March

Head to the 'back of beach' area to kick back in between events by watching live racing on the big screen, grab some food and drinks and visit some of our partner marquees.

Pop/ rock band 'Solver' will be performing at 2pm on Saturday 21st March.



SECTION 6 SPECIAL NOTICE / ADVICE TO TOURING TEAM MANAGERS

6.1 ON APPOINTMENT

- a. Arrange suitable transport to and from the Championships.
- b. Arrange any transport necessary for your team at the venue of the Championships.
- c. Whenever possible, have all accommodation and transport accounts settled before departing for the Championships.
- d. Ensure that necessary arrangements have been made to transport your club competition equipment to the carnival.
- e. Ensure that you are completely aware of the SLSA's requirements of team managers as outlined in the Australian Championships Carnival Entries Bulletin.
- f. Make arrangements for non-competitive gear that you will need to take to the Championships. (Tent, drink containers, club letterheads, copies of correspondence to travel agent, etc.)
- g. Ensure that a copy of the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual, all carnival Bulletins and the SLSA Sponsorship Policy are available for reference.
- h. Familiarise yourself with [Team Manager Resources](#) on www.slsa.com.au
- i. Familiarise yourself with the officials website of the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships – www.aussiechamps.com.au

6.2 AFTER SELECTION OF TEAM

- a. Ensure that all of your team members have been entered for their respective events. A copy of the club entries and a copy of your team members Proficiency Test and SLSA award exam results, a complete copy of the SLSA Membership Form, and an itemised schedule of the members patrol hours attendance etc., must be taken to the Championships for late entries.
- b. Chair a meeting of all team members and outline your requirements, the requirements of your club and competitors and the requirements of Surf Life Saving Australia as outlined in the associated Australian Championships Carnival Bulletins.
- c. Ascertain from your competitors what competition equipment they will require for the Championships and ensure that it meets the SLSA's specifications (before departure).
NOTE: SURF CRAFT, SURF REELS, SURF LINES, BELTS AND RESCUE TUBES WILL BE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINEERING.
(Refer to [2010 Whereis® Australian Championships Scrutineering Circular 66/09-10](#))

6.3 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. Collect all monies that team members may owe the tour account.
- b. Arrange for a team photo to be taken for your club records (you probably will not have time at the Championships).
- c. Collect all travel and accommodation documents from travel agent/airline, etc.
- d. Arrange for emergency funds to be available at the carnival venue, either by taking a pre-signed club cheque or depositing funds with your hotel/motel manager.
- e. Ensure proper chaperone arrangements have been made where the team consists of both male and female members.
- f. Obtain a "parental consent to tour" letter from all members under 18 years of age.
- g. Confirm your travel arrangements with travel agent/airline.
- h. Have a detailed knowledge of travel arrangements of those team members not travelling with the main party. Such groups to travel under the leadership of appointed "assistant or sub-managers".

6.4 ON ARRIVAL AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. With the hotel/motel manager, check all rooms for damages prior to the team moving in.
- b. Visit carnival site and familiarise yourself with carnival facilities, e.g. first aid centre, toilets, showers, food stalls, trailer storage areas, gear access, gear and equipment scrutineering area, administration office and marshalling areas.
- c. Ensure that you attend any meetings at which you may be required (e.g. Team Managers Briefing / Workshop - Clause 2.1 and 2.2 of this Bulletin).



- d. Ensure that your competitors attend any briefings conducted by the Carnival Referee or Sectional Referee.
- e. Ensure that your team members are aware of their events and the timetable for same.
- f. Ensure that your team members are correctly attired for their events in accordance with the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.
- b. Owing to the large size of the carnival arena, appoint other persons in your team to assist in the overall organisation and supervision of club members.

6.5 PRIOR TO DEPARTING CHAMPIONSHIP VENUE

- a. Ensure that all accounts have been agreed to and settled at your accommodation venue.
- b. With a senior member of the team and the hotel/motel manager, carry out an inspection of rooms for any possible charges.
- c. Ensure you have sufficient time for check in at airports, bus stations etc.
- d. Arrange for proper packing and loading of all club gear to be transported back to your club.
- e. Print copies of SLSA Bulletins/Circulars.

6.6 PROGRAMME AND DRAW

The programme and draw for all events will be available at the main Merchandising outlet from 2.00pm on Monday 15 March 2010.

6.7 GENERAL

- a. Ensure that your team members are neatly attired at all times.
- b. Try and discourage team members from swapping club clothes as the new owner may, whilst wearing the article, take some action that could embarrass your club.
- c. Keep a watchful eye on the consuming of intoxicating liquor by your team members, especially those under 18 years. Constant surveillance will be maintained by SLSA officials throughout the carnival period to observe the behaviour of members.
- d. TEAM MANAGERS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL CLUB GEAR AND EQUIPMENT [INCLUDING SURF BOATS, TRAILERS, ETC.] IS REMOVED FROM THE BEACH AND PARK AREAS BEFORE MONDAY MORNING AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.
- e. Team managers are reminded that team members remain their responsibility after the Championships have concluded. This includes all post Championships activities and return transport whilst the team is on tour. Team managers are therefore urged to ensure they closely monitor the behaviour of their competitors.

6.8 MEDIA STATEMENTS

No competitor, team manager, official or spokesperson for a club shall make media statements which could bring the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, its sponsors, or officials into controversy or disrepute. Such statements shall be deemed to be a breach of SLSA discipline and will be dealt with accordingly. Statements to the media about the Championships will be made by the SLSA President, CEO or appointed Media Manager.

Complaints regarding the organisation of the Championships, 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 and addressed in accordance with SLSA Rules and Regulations.

6.9 THEFT

Any person/s found stealing signage or any equipment owned by Surf Life Saving Australia will be immediately reported to the local Police and that person/s will be brought before the SLSA Judiciary. Please note that automatic disqualification from all Championship events will occur if any member is found guilty of theft.

6.10 SITE LAYOUT

Please note that the site plan can be viewed on the Administration Centre Notice Board or can be downloaded from the Australian Championship page on www.aussiechamps.com.au.



6.11 CONTINGENCY PLAN

Where adverse or unsafe conditions are experienced at Kurrawa Beach, a decision to relocate part or all of the Championships competition to an alternative venue could be made by the Carnival Committee on the recommendation of the Carnival Referee. Details of this "Contingency Plan" will be advised at the Team Managers and Carnival Officials briefings. It is imperative that all Team Managers and Carnival Officials attend their respective briefings.

A direct number to the onsite Administration Centre for any further queries will be distributed by Monday 8 March.



2010 Whereis® AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL CLUB SECRETARIES, TOURING TEAM MANAGERS & MEMBERS

Reports of excessive misbehaviour and sexual discrimination have been received with grave concern at Australian Council over recent years. As a result, it has been resolved that each Team Manager be notified by Special Notice of his/her obligations and responsibilities to his/her club and to Surf Life Saving Australia Limited.

It is an express condition of acceptance of Club Entries for the Australian Championships that the Club's Touring Team Manager signs the Declaration attached, verifying that he/she has read and will do everything in his/her power to comply with this notice. The Declaration must be submitted with the Club's entries.

Whilst the news media has been quick to publicly expose acts of unacceptable behaviour by various sporting groups travelling away from their clubs, legal action by victims of sexual discrimination and harassment has also been threatened. Under the circumstances, it is hoped that Team Managers will accept the following recommendations in the right vein and ensure that the rights of members and the good name of Surf Life Saving Australia and its traditions are upheld at all times. It is realised that "mixed teams" are common-place these days and that members tend to "let their hair down" after the Championships. However, this should be done within the bounds of good behaviour and not at the expense of the enjoyment and respect of others. Each club is requested to ensure that the following actions and conditions are implemented.

1. BEFORE DEPARTURE

- a. Each group of two or more club members travelling to the Australian Championships shall have a Team Manager duly appointed by the club by resolution or action.
- b. That Team Managers shall be responsible to the club and to Surf Life Saving Australia for the conduct of all of their team members in travelling to, during and returning home from the Australian Championships.
- c. Any group of two or more members who depart from the main body of the team for the purposes of travel or for any other reason, shall have a "sub-Manager" appointed by the Team Manager for the duration of their departure.
- d. Team Managers shall at all times exercise control over their teams and ensure their conduct and appearance does not have an adverse bearing upon the good name of their club or Surf Life Saving Australia.
- e. Members who wish to depart the main body and remain in an area or proceed with independent travel arrangements, at the conclusion of the carnival, should give sufficient prior notice to their club and secure Club and Team Manager's permission. Clubs are urged to have a policy attitude towards such breaking up of teams at the conclusion of the carnival. In the case of members under the age of 18 years, clubs should secure a clear indication of approval of such actions from parents or guardians.

2. TRAVEL

(a) Special care should be taken at high density congregation points especially air terminals and during flight trips. Airlines have received instructions regarding the permissible conduct of groups as laid down by the Australian Government Department of Transport. Extract of such instruction states:

"AIR NAVIGATION ORDERS" Air Navigation Orders state, in part -

247 (1) A person shall not, while in a state of intoxication, enter any aircraft; and

312 (2) A person shall not while in the aircraft

- (i) interfere with a crew member;
- (ii) behave in a disorderly or offensive manner;
- (iii) do any act that threatens the safety of the aircraft.

NOTE: A person who contravenes or fails to comply with these Regulations or who attempts to commit an offence against these Regulations is guilty of an offence.

(b) Before departing your accommodation point, the Team Manager and another senior member of the team should conduct an inspection of the rooms accompanied by the Hotel/Motel Manager. It should be confirmed that no complaints are being made, nor will be made (re the team's conduct or condition of the accommodation fixtures).

3. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

It is difficult to make an exhaustive list of the forms that sexual harassment can take; however, the conduct must be sexual, unwelcome and uninvited. This includes: unwanted physical contact; verbal comments, abuse and/or offensive



gestures and depending upon the circumstances, be considered unlawful. Allegations of sexual harassment can arouse strong emotions and if a claim is found to be true, serious consequences can follow.

- a) Team Managers should make it clear to all members that sexual harassment will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- b) Complaints must be treated seriously and sympathetically.
- c) Investigation of complaints must be strictly confidential and impartial.
- d) Investigations should be made promptly after complaints are lodged.
- e) All parties involved should be interviewed separately to obtain an accurate detail of the incident.
- f) Where a complaint is substantiated, appropriate conciliatory or disciplinary action should be taken.
- g) Following this decision, later checks should be made to ensure that the behaviour has stopped and the complainant is not being victimised as a result of the complaint.

4. GENERAL

- a) Clubs are requested to ensure that their Team Manager's report is speedily received after the Championships and any report of misconduct is appropriately and immediately dealt with.
- b) Extreme caution is suggested in the subject of exchanging of club's identified garments and, in fact, clubs are urged to instruct their members of a policy in this subject. Many incidents have been recorded of misconduct being attributed to a particular club whereas it has been other persons wearing their garments.
- c) Please remember that the venue of the Australian Championships are the traditional support bases of a great many local clubs and misconduct will certainly be noticed and jeopardise future activities of those clubs. You can readily imagine the situation applied in reverse.
- d) It should be noted that a Judiciary Committee will be formed and will be ready for an urgent meeting in the event of any complaint. Such Committee will have the power to also act at that time and shall have jurisdiction over any lifesaver attending the Australian Championships.
- e) Clubs are urged to ensure that clear policies are in place in respect of touring with members under the age of 18 years and that appropriate arrangements are made with parents/guardians prior to departure and that appropriate supervision is in place at all times.