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Summary:	SLSA undertakes regular reviews of its resources to enhance the governing rules of its Sport. This Bulletin advises the promulgation of the 35 th Edition Revised August 2016 Surf Sports Manual.

Background

The current 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual (SSM) was initially published in August 2015 in electronic and paper based formats.

A number of minor changes, corrections and clarifications were subsequently made to the electronic version maintained on the SLSA website. The changes were made in consultation with States, a number of sport discipline experts and key stakeholders and were promulgated by way of Bulletin. The minor changes, corrections and clarifications reflect SLSA's continued commitment to the delivery for safe and fair competition for its members.

This current Bulletin advises the publication of a 35th Edition Revised August 2016 Surf Sports Manual (SSM) and has the endorsement of the Combined Capability and Capacity Forum (CCCF).

The (source) electronic edition SSM is available for viewing and for download from the [Members Portal](#) on the SLSA website.

The new SSM becomes effective immediately.

Arrangements are being made for the printing of a paper based 35th Edition Revised August 2016 SSM as well as an e book that will be available for download to members. Both products will be available as soon as practicable.

Outline of Section Amendments since 35th Edition was published in August 2015.

Introduction

The introduction has been amended to ensure that all references are to the 35th Edition Revised August 2016 of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

The Table of Contents and page references have been updated.

Section 1

- 1.1 Additional wording to ensure appropriate rescue capacity of an unconscious patient is in place prior to event commencement. Addition of specific minimum water safety requirements for U13 and under aged participants.
- 1.2.4 Specific mention of water safety personnel in the Safety Operations Manual.
- **New Section 1.4 inserted Addition of Surf Hazard Rating Section.**
- **New Section 1.5 inserted Addition of PPE Section.**
- Appendix B Additional wording in the checklist to account for the above and also the compulsory use of PPE.
- Appendix D. Amendment of "Other Officials" authority.
- New Appendix E Pool Risk Assessments.

Section 2



- 2.2.4.1 Change to permit two domestic competitive transfers per calendar year.
- 2.3.4 Clarification that the minimum age to compete in Surf Boat races, Ironman or Ironwoman races with a ski leg and Double ski races is 16 years as at the day of competition.
- 2.3.14 (b) Note 2 Clarification that this section applies to participation in Masters Team events only and does not apply to participation in Open age events.
- 2.4.2 (b): A further note has been added to clarify that this section is not intended in the normal course to assist competitors with replacement knees and hips etc. in the run leg of events.
- 2.5.1 (j) Clarification that the recommended optional PFD for SLSA competition (other than IRBs) is the SLSA approved L25 lifejacket.
- 2.5.2 (g) Wording changed to delete October 2015 date for exemption of surf helmets - must now be in club competition cap colours.
- 2.7.2 (b): Addition of a new point to clarify that participants are not permitted to listen in on the radio frequencies or other communication devices used by officials to judge events.
- 2.13 (c) and (d): Clarification of the process for draws in the first and subsequent rounds of events.
- 2.19(b): Addition of a further start line description.
- 2.22 Clarification of the use and application of electronic and technology aids to assist with judging of events.

Section 3

- 3.3.3.2 (e) Handlers' allowed duties.
- 3.3.3.3 (b) Clarification that the starting signal or command is the "go" signal as defined in Section 2.19 of the SSM.
- 3.3.3.3 (c) Clarification that after the starting signal sound the handlers may move the IRB to remain perpendicular to the wave line.
- 3.3.3.4 (d) Clarification of the normal crewing position by deleting reference to the IRB Training Manual.
- 3.3.3.4 (e) Clarification that the normal patient position includes holding the pontoon lifeline rope with at least one hand.
- 3.3.3.4 (f) Addition of an additional point (viii) permitting a momentary shift from the respective normal position of the driver crew or patient.
- 3.3.3.7 (b) Clarification of the Changeover tag procedure in the Mass, Teams and Relay Events
- 3.3.4 (d) Clarification that the normal patient position includes holding the pontoon lifeline rope with at least one hand.
- 3.3.4.3 (g) Clarification that a maximum of two team members are to maintain contact (control) with the IRB on the beach in the IRB Rescue Event.
- 3.5.4 (a) (viii) include minimum two PDF's in equipment.
- 3.5.11 (s) and (t) 3rd Section timing reintroduced.
- 3.5.12 (f) one AED and two PDF's brought into scenario area.
- 3.6.1 (b) non- Bronze competitors must be able to demonstrate the use and delivery of oxygen for resuscitation and therapy.
- 3.6.3 (b) and (d) First Aid standards from Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue Training Manual.
- 3.6.3 (h) OxyViva to be supplied by teams.

Section 4

- 4.4.2 (g) Clarification that a starting break by a belt race handler may result in disqualification of the Beltman.
- 4.5.2 (n) Clarification that the patient in the 4 Person Rescue Tube Rescue is not permitted to assist the carrying party by standing unaided.
- The diagrams in 4.9 Wade Race and 4.10 Wade Relay have been changed to show the width of the water component of the race is 36 metres.

Section 5

- 5.1 (c) Addition of U19 and Reserve Men and Women event categories.
- 5.1 (f) Addition of Surf Hazard Rating procedures.
- 5.2.7 (a) Addition of Note to describe alternate finish arrangements when video cameras are used.

Section 6



- Nil

Section 7

- Nil

Section 8

- 8.4.1 (b) New Rule added to Lifesaver Relay to change team composition to achieve gender equity.

Section 9

- 9.6 New Rules for 2km Beach Run Relay event

Section 10

- Nil

Section 11

- Addition of Sections 11.2 and 11.3 to include all the relevant details to rubber swim fins, rubber bricks and additional SLSA Pool Rescue Events contained in SLSA Circular 92/12-13 (as amended).

Section 12

- New 12.1 (vii) to formalise participation of composite teams in competitions and team events.
- New 12.1 (viii) to formalise participation of non-SLSA members in events.
- 12.3.1(a) (i) inclusion of a local Lifesaving/Lifeguarding Authority representative on the list of potential members of the Organising Committee.
- 12.3.2(a), (b) the Competition Committee may seek and receive advice where appropriate from the local Lifesaving/Lifeguarding Authority representative. This representative may also be included on the list of Committee Members.
- 12.3.3(a) inclusion of a local Lifesaving/Lifeguarding Authority representative on the list of potential members of the Safety and Emergency Committee.

Section 13

- New 13.2 (e) Addition of wording to allow unaccredited officials to assist in support tasks.
- 13.12 (c). Additional clause to clarify that the Referee is to immediately respond to reported safety concerns.
- Changes to enable all officials to immediately suspend competition if a catastrophic event occurs.
- 13.28 (c). Additional clause to clarify that the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator is to immediately respond to reported safety concerns and to record such concerns and actions taken. The SEMC is to also liaise as appropriate with the Referee and/or the Competition Committee.
- 13.29 (b) (iv). Amended clause so that ARRO's immediately escalate any reports of safety concerns including lifesaving/lifeguarding personnel directly with the Emergency Services Management Coordinator and the Referee.

Section 14

- Nil

General

- A number of diagrams in the SSM have had minor changes to correct small errors in distances, flag colours, marker names etc.

Further information

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