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Summary: This document contains information relating to Craft & Equipment Scrutineering for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017.

2017 KEY UPDATES FOR AUSSIES 2017 SCRUTINEERING

- At Aussies 2017 there will be no compulsory scrutineering of Board, Ski, Reels, Lines, Belts, Swim Fins and Rescue Tubes required provided that Surf Boards and Surf Skis carry an SLSA compliance decal.
- All boats must be scrutineered
- At Aussies 2017 voluntary scrutineering checks of Board, Ski, Reels, Lines, Belts, Swim Fins and Rescue Tubes will be available prior to competition
- At Aussies 2017 surf boats shall be subject to a minimum of safety scrutineering and weight check before being taken onto the beach for competition.
- In addition to the above, all equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer www.slsa.com.au) at any time before during or immediately after competition. i.e. SLSA reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout the championships.
- The Aussies 2017 Craft and Surf Boat Scrutineering location and timetable and location is as follows:

Boards & Skis

Scrutineering equipment will be available for competitors to check craft before competition on the following days. **This will be carried out by a licensed scrutineer:**

Friday March 24 2017	2017 7am to 3pm (Youth Competitors only)
Saturday March 25 2017	7am to 3pm
Sunday March 26 2017	7am to 3pm
Monday March 27 2017	7am to 3pm
Tuesday March 28 2017	7am to 3pm
Wednesday March 29 2017	7am to 3pm
Thursday March 30 2017	7am to 3pm
Friday March 31 2017	7am to 3pm
Saturday April 1 2017	7am to 3pm
Sunday April 2 2017	7am to 3pm

Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on Musgrave Ave (200m to the south of North Kirra SLSC).



Boats

All boats must be scrutineered for safety as a minimum before they are taken onto the beach for competition. Scrutineering times are as follows:

Saturday March 25, 2017	12:30pm to 3pm
Sunday March 26, 2017	7am to 3pm
Monday March 27, 2017	7am to 3pm
Tuesday March 28, 2017	7am to 3pm
Wednesday March 29, 2017	7am to 3pm
Thursday March 30, 2017	7am to 3pm
Friday March 31, 2017	7am to 3pm
Saturday April 1, 2017	7am to 3pm
Sunday April 2, 2017	7am to 3pm

Boat scrutineering will take place at Tugun SLSC Carpark.

SCRUTINEERING

1. GENERAL

A Scrutineer Coordinator (called Area Referee – Scrutineering) has been appointed for the Australian Youth Life Saving Championships 2017, Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 and the Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2017. The Area Referee – Scrutineering will have delegated authority over the eligibility, or otherwise of all competition equipment to be used in the Championships in conjunction with the Championship Referee. However, any matters determined may be subject to protest or appeal as outlined in the current edition of SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins and/or circulars.

For the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 there will be no compulsory scrutineering required of Board, Ski, Reels, Lines, Belts, Swim Fins and Rescue Tube before marshalling for competition provided that Surf Boards and Surf Skis carry an SLSA compliance decal.

Surf Boats shall be subject to a minimum of safety scrutineering before being taken onto the beach for competition.

However, at any time before during or immediately after competition any equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer www.slsa.com.au).

i.e. SLSA reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout the championships.

2. SLSA SPECIFICATIONS & POLICY STATEMENTS

a) Surf Lines and Waxed Surf Lines

Surf Lines and waxed surf lines used for belt races, R&R and March Past events may be tested for a minimum diameter of 6mm. In the case of waxed lines, excess wax shall be removed prior to testing.

Note: The purpose of this check is to ensure that the line has not been stretched beyond safe limits prior to waxing. The actual line is being tested - not the diameter of the wax in and around the line. The length of surf lines except for March Past and dry R&R events shall be a minimum of 250 metres with a minimum Breaking Strain of 273kg at the time of manufacture. Such specifications may also be checked.



For more detailed information refer to the current Edition of the Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 04 - Swimming Events: Appendix A**).

U15 R&R Competition may use alternative reels or lines based on competition conditions outlined ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > Rescue and Resuscitation > **RnR Chapt 3 (U12-U15 5A Person)**)

For March Past, refer to Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 10.1.1 (b) – March Past Event**).

b) Reels and Surf Belts

These items of equipment used for Belt Races, R&R and March Past may also be subject to scrutineering for safety and compliance with their respective specifications.

For more detailed information refer to the current Edition of the Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 04 - Swimming Events: Appendix A**).

c) Rescue Tubes

The rescue tubes used at The Aussies 2017 must be in strict accordance with the requirements of the Lifesaving Gear & Equipment Specifications, page 8 ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > 4 Specification > SLSA > **Lifesaving Gear & Equipment Specifications**)

d) Swim Fins

Swim Fins used at the Aussies 2017 must be in strict accordance with the specifications contained in the Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 3 – Lifesaving events and Section 4 – Swimming Events**).

e) Boards & Skis

Boards and Skis shall be constructed in strict compliance with the current [Surf Craft Specifications](#).

Note: If an approved SLSA rescue board is to be used in the Champion Lifesaver and/or Patrol Competition or other competition events it is required to meet only the specification of the Malibu Racing Board. In this regard it is not compulsory to have a SLSA compliance sticker on rescue boards. Scrutineers will accept approved registered rescue board manufacturers for scrutineering prior to the commencement of lifesaving event competition.

f) Boats

Boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > **Policy 5.07 – Design and Manufacture of Surf Boats**) which details the specifications of these craft.

g) Board Riding

Short and Long Boards must at least comply with the specifications contained in the Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 07 – Surfboard Riding Events**).

h) Use of video cameras on Surf Boards and Skis

The use of one video camera is permitted in competition on all surf boards (except Nipper Boards) and skis provided the camera is installed on a mounting device and toggle strap supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device.



Note: The use of video cameras is not permitted on any Nipper Craft.

Installation on 3.2m racing surf boards shall be placed anywhere between the hand grips closest to hand grips closest to the nose and the nose of the craft.

Note: Any video cameras attached to a SLSA rescue board used for competition must be placed in a similar position as described for 3.2m racing surf boards.

Installation on single and double skis shall be in front of the foot well.

The weight of any plugs permanently installed into the craft to attach the video camera shall be included in the overall weight of the craft. The weight of other (not permanently installed) mounts and camera are NOT to be included in the overall weight of the craft.

Installation on board riding short and long boards shall up to the discretion of the rider provided that the video camera is installed on a mounting device and toggle strap, supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device.

As per Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 2.7.4 – Use of Video Camera on Surf Boards and Surf Skis**).

k) Use of video cameras in Surf Boats

The use of video cameras is permitted in competition provided they are installed on a mounting device and toggle strap supplied or recommended by the manufacturer of the device.

Installation shall be permitted on the splash board (front deck), on the tank opposite the rowers' and rear deck.

The weight of any plugs permanently installed into the boat to attach the video camera shall be included in the overall "*bare weight*" of the boat.

The weight of other (not permanently installed) mounts and camera are NOT to be included in the overall "*racing weight*" of the craft.

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

As per Surf Sports Manual ([Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > **Section 2.7.5 – Use of Video Camera on Surf Boats**).

3. PROCESSES

Note: Scrutineering equipment and officials will be available for competitors to voluntarily check craft before competition begins. Craft Scrutineering will begin Friday 24th March 2017 for Youth Competitors only.

Boat scrutineering will begin from Saturday 25th March 2017.

Australian Youth, Masters and Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2017

a) Reels, Lines, Belts, Rescue Tubes and Swim Fins



b) Surf Craft:

The following conditions will be in operation for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017:

- There will be no compulsory scrutineering required of Boards, Skis and Double Skis before marshalling for competition provided that the craft carry SLSA compliance decals.
- **Crafts may be subject to random scrutineering**
- However, competitors are urged to check their craft for safety and compliance prior to use in competition. Scrutineers will be available to assist in this process.
- At any time before during or immediately after competition any Boards or Skis used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer www.slsa.com.au) i.e. random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the championships.

Craft being checked and failing scrutineering shall be treated as follows:

- i) If craft is found to be underweight at scrutineering prior to its first use in competition the competitor may rectify the fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
- ii) If craft is underweight after use the competitor may be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
- iii) If craft is deemed unsafe, the competitor may rectify fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
- iv) If craft fails to comply with specifications [apart from i) and ii)] then such craft shall not be permitted to be used in further competition. In addition if such failure is deemed to have occurred due to alterations being carried out on the craft after manufacture then the competitor may also be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.

It should be clarified that, in the event of a competitor (and/or team) being excluded from an event, then any other competitor (and/or team) who would otherwise not have qualified in that heat, would then be advanced in the competition.

However, the exclusion of a competitor (and/or team) for non-specification equipment found in a scrutineering check before a round/event, will not be retrospective to earlier heats or competitions and will not advance (other) competitors (and/or teams) who were thus eliminated.

Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on Musgrave Ave, 200m to the south of North Kirra SLSC.



c) Surf Boats:

Surf boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the Design and Manufacture of Surf Boats Policy 5.07 ([Members Portal](#) > [Library](#) > [Governance](#) > [Policy](#) > [SLSA](#) > **Policy 5.07 – Design and Manufacture of Surf Boats**) which details the specification for surf boats, electric pumps and other equipment and any subsequent bulletins that have been released.

- **All boats must be scrutineered**
- All surf boats will be subject to a basic safety and specified approved equipment check and will be weighed in, all of which must be presented for inspection prior to entering the competition arena.
- Boats will be required to be presented in their “Racing Weight” (197kg) condition i.e. “Bare Structural Condition” including seats, foot blocks, pumps but excluding oars, rowlocks, batteries, rescue tubes and any other additional equipment.
- Any protective padding etc. placed around the quarterbars and in other places in boats may be left in place for weighing but if a weight problem is noted, this may also be required to be removed from the boat along with other equipment for reweighing to determine the “Bare Structural Condition” weight.
- Once scrutineering has been completed and approved, the craft will receive an Aussies 2017 sticker.
- In addition, at any time before during or immediately after competition any equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer www.slsa.com.au).) i.e. random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the championships.
- Failure to comply with any of the above may render your club disqualified from the Championships.
- Please refer to the [timetable of events](#) for the days and grade of events that will **take priority** for scrutineering process.



In addition, at any time before during or immediately after competition any equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer www.slsa.com.au). i.e. random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the championships.

In addition to the above at marshalling boats may be further checked for safety that may include a check that any rowlock fixing devices are taped over where necessary with water proof tape to prevent injury.

Note: All boat event draws will be on display from 7.30am on Monday 27 March 2017 (Masters) and Wednesday, 29 March 2017 (Opens) in the Boat Arena for the day's competition. This information will also be displayed on Aussies [webpage](#).

The scrutineering location for Surf Boats will take place in the car park at Tugun Beach – O'Connor St, Tugun

Note: Competitors, team managers coaches and boat, board, ski and swimming captains are strongly urged to familiarise themselves with the specification details set out in the above mentioned bulletins/circulars/policies and to ensure their boats/craft/reels/lines/belts/rescue tubes comply with these specifications.

Clubs that have no knowledge of the above Bulletins/Circulars/Policies, will not be an excuse if the contents and directions contained therein are not followed by competing clubs.

4. SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 have Naming Right and Event Sponsorships with conditions that apply to signage in accordance with the Competition Sponsorship Policy 5.8 ([Members Portal](#)> Library> Governance> Policy> SLSA> Policy 5.8)

The following details also clarify the requirements of all sponsored competitors/clubs participating in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017:

- If breaches are found after the event, in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) may forfeit titles and awards.
- The refusal to fulfill the conditions of entry may see the competitor disqualified from further participation.
- At the conclusion of the events, place getters may be offered items of apparel (T-shirt etc.) identified with the specific event sponsor as applicable, to be worn during presentation.
- Apart from the items identified above, no items giving commercial identification shall be worn during the dais presentation ceremony.
- 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.