



Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

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Summary:	An overview of the member education resources relating to Safer Surf Clubs, ARTC and SMAFA which have been reviewed and released for the upcoming season.

Introduction

All resources developed by SLSA are reviewed regularly and updated as required. This Circular outlines changes to the SLSA resources which were reviewed during the 2017/18 season as part of the scheduled review process and/or in response to feedback from the membership.

This is for information purposes only, and SLS clubs/branches should check with their SLS state/territory centre for local requirements as these may differ.

What are the changes for each of the awards?

1. Safer Surf Clubs

The *SLSA Guidelines for Safer Surf Clubs* has been updated based upon member feedback and the recommendations of a state nominated Safer Surf Clubs Working Group. The update has established a national *Safer Surf Clubs* online course which is now available in the Safety and Wellbeing training library on the SLSA eLearning platform. Members can access this online training and SLSA resource via the SLSA Members Area.

Included in this suite of resources are:

- SLSA Guidelines for Safer Surf Clubs v3 May 2018
- SLSA Safer Surf Clubs Online Course 2018
- SLSA Example Special Event Risk Matrix v1 May 2018
- SLS Contractor Induction Checklist v1 May 2018
- SLS Club WHS Self-Audit Checklist v2 May 2018
- SLSA Self-Audit Checklist Health and Safety Policies and Guidelines v1 May 2018
- SLSA Sample Surf Club Hazard and Risk Register v1 May 2018
- SLS Club Emergency Evacuation Checklist v3 May 2018
- SLS Bomb Threat by Phone Checklist v1 May 2018
- SLS Club Member Induction Checklist v2 May 2018
- SLSA Surf Club Responsibility Matrix v2 May 2018
- SLSA Fire Extinguisher Selection Chart v1 May 2018

Refer to the SLSA Members Area for these and other work, health and safety resources such as:

- SLS Member safety and critical incident information brochures
- SLS club hazard and chemical substance registers
- SLS incident reporting and return to surf duties documentation
- SLS special event sanctioning forms
- SLS gymnasium forms, and
- SLS WHS posters and stickers.

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Notable changes to the SLSA Guidelines for Safer Surf Clubs

All chapters:

- New SLSA formatting.
- Inclusion of links to national WHS websites, as well as video resources and case studies.
- Order of some topics.

Chapter 1- An Introduction to Health and Safety

- Inclusion of information on bullying, harassment, discrimination and member protection.
- More information on promoting a culture of Safety First.
- Overview of WHS penalties added.
- Reference to a Work Health and Safety Management Plan.
- More information on Mental Health First Aid training.
- Club contractor induction highlighted as part of club awareness training requirements.

Chapter 2 - Risk Management Process and Club Safety Inspections

- Risk Matrix score updated.
- More information on near miss incidents and how to report them.
- Information on injury management and reporting moved to this chapter.
- Reference to head concussion as an example for injury reporting procedure.
- Reference to new SLSA risk management mobile applications.

Chapter 3 – Common hazards in the surf club environment

- More information on considerations for children.
- More information on club gym inductions.
- Reference to the new SLSA Fire Extinguisher Selection Chart.
- Information on how to use a fire blanket for kitchen fires.
- Inclusion of information on food handling, gambling and the service of alcohol.
- Some information on sun safety outsourced to leading organisation in Australia (Cancer Council Australia).
- Reference to a SMEAC plan.

Chapter 4 – Special events and event safety

- Clarification of distinction between special events, special events of national significance and special events of international significance with examples provided for each.
- More considerations referenced before deciding to hold or be involved in a special event.
- More information on land-based event safety considerations.
- Examples of different category events have been provided, including the provision of first aid at an event.
- SLS special event application process entered into a checklist table.

2. Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC)

The SLSA ARTC resources were updated in response to feedback received from the membership and to align with the update to Australian Resuscitation Council Guideline 9.1.1 – First Aid for Management of Bleeding.

The updated ARTC resources include:

- SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate Learner Guide v4.1 May 2018
- SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate Assessment Portfolio v4.1 May 2018
- SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate Delivery and Assessment Guide v4.1 May 2018
- SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate Online Course 2018

Refer to the SLSA Members Area for these and other SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate resources.

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**Notable changes to the ARTC resources include:**

- Use of a defibrillator on an infant referenced on page 70 of the ARTC Learner Guide has been updated to align with wording in the SLSA Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue 34th Edition (Revised July 2016) training manual.
- Assessment Task 2.3 now specifies that the infant resuscitation manikin is to be 'placed on a firm surface' instead of 'on the floor'.
- The prioritisation of airway management over any other injury on page 27 and 30 of the ARTC Learner Guide has been updated to emphasise that management of severe, life-threatening external bleeding takes precedence over airway management.
- Slides 11 and 16 of Part 1 of the SLSA ARTC online course have been updated to reflect the changes in the learner guide.

3. SLSA Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid (SMAFA)

The SLSA SMAFA resources were updated in response to feedback received from the membership and to align with the update to Australian Resuscitation Council Guideline 9.1.1 – First Aid for Management of Bleeding.

The updated SMAFA resources include:

- SLSA Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid Learner Guide v1.1 May 2018
- SLSA Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid Online Course 2018

Refer to the SLSA Members Area for these and other SLSA Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid resources.

Notable changes to the SMAFA resources include:

- The SMAFA Learner Guide topic 5 which covers the prioritisation of airway management over any other injury and the use of tourniquets on pages 18-19 has been updated. It now emphasises that management of severe, life-threatening external bleeding takes precedence over airway management, and that a 2nd tourniquet can be used if needed for uncontrolled bleeding from a limb.
- The SMAFA Learner Guide topic 8 which covers first aid kits on page 26 now contains information on haemostatic dressings.
- Slide 9 of Part 2 of the SLSA Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid Online Course have been updated to reflect these changes in the learner guide.

Where can I find out more information?

Please feel free to contact the SLSA learning and development team with your feedback or questions on the resources, or alternatively you can speak with your SLS state/territory education manager.

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