

## SLSQ Policy

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### Introduction

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) conducts various carnivals across a wide variety of disciplines throughout the State all of which require a high level of water safety both from the personnel involved and the equipment being utilised. SLSQ requires assistance from clubs to full fill these duties at our major State Championships ensuring both equipment and personnel are adequate for the task at hand.

### Purpose

The Water Safety – State Championships outlines the requirements from clubs in relation to the number of personnel supplied by competing clubs and the requirements of SLSQ in relation to Powercraft being supplied by clubs and being checked for suitability of being used at an event.

### Application

This policy will apply for all State Championship events administered by SLSQ.

### Policy

Water Safety requirements for competing clubs at State Championship events will be based around the number of competitors each club has involved in the event. This will include both the number of personnel required and any powercraft requirements based on the ranking of the club on its overall entry numbers.

Water Safety personnel will be worked out on a 1:10 per number of competitors entered with clubs then rostered on over the course of the event.

Powercraft (IRB's) will be supplied by clubs based on the overall competitor numbers and the amount of clubs that are required to supply will depend on the size of the event e.g State Endurance Championships top 5 clubs to supply, State Senior Championships top 10 clubs to supply.

Powercraft personnel will also be determined by the overall competitor entry numbers with clubs from Hervey Bay north not included in the supply of Powercraft personnel for events held in South East Queensland due to the different surf conditions. These clubs may be required to supply higher numbers of water safety personnel to compensate not supplying Power Craft Personnel.

At all SLSQ coordinated events all Inflatable Rescue Boat's (IRB) are logged and a visual inspection is carried out by the IRB coordinator prior to use for water safety to ensure the gear is in good working order.

SLSQ will ensure that any State Youth, State Masters and State Senior Championships that are held in South East Queensland (Gold & Sunshine Coast) will have a qualified outboard motor mechanic on site to carry out inspections on all IRB motors prior to being used for water safety.

Any faulty gear provided to SLSQ coordinated events will not be used with the Club Team Manager notified and replacement gear provided to fulfill any club requirements or clubs will be ineligible to partake in the event. Branch Director of Lifesaving, State Lifesaving Officer and State IRB Advisor will also be notified of any faulty gear that is presented to surf sport events for follow up with clubs.

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