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Subject: Personal Protective Equipment – IRB Patients

Action: Communicate to all members

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SUMMARY

Effective **1st October 2013, next month**, SLSA have mandated the wearing of helmets for IRB patients in SLSA competition, competition training and events.

The use of helmets for IRB patients in IRB competition (both competition training and events) will be mandatory for all LSV affiliated clubs from the 1st October 2013.

Helmets permitted for use in IRB competition must meet the following requirements:

Helmets are to be approved by and meet the 'European Standard EN 1385 (2012): Helmets for canoeing and white water sports'. Please note the EN 1385 stamp must be shown on the helmet

The predominate colour of the helmet is to be SLSA approved high visibility, which includes:

- Fluorescent Pink (PMS #16-2130 TN 'Knockout Pink')
- Fluorescent Yellow (PMS #13-0630 TN 'Safety Yellow')
- Fluorescent Green (PMS #13-0340 TN 'Green Gecko')
- Fluorescent Orange (PMS #15-1360 TN 'Shocking Orange')
- Fluorescent Red (PMS #485C)

The use of helmets by IRB patients, crew and drivers in frontline lifesaving training and operations is not currently mandatory. Best practice would indicate the use of helmets in all areas. Research is ongoing with a decision to be made in the near future.

APPROVED HELMET SUPPLIERS:

Current suppliers of EN 1385 approved helmets include:

Gath Sports Helmets: <http://www.gathsports.com/>

Further Information

SLSA Bulletin 5/12-13 Mandatory use of helmets for IRB patients in Surf Sports
<http://www.slsa.com.au/default.aspx?s=adminresources&id=897>

