



Risk Management – Special Events

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What is **NOT** a Special Event?



- Normal activity can be considered as patrols, training of SLSA awards, social BBQs, club surf races, coaching, etc.

What is a Special Event?



- A **special event** is any event that involves some aspect of surf lifesaving involvement (advice, safety or organisation) that is outside the parameters of normal surf lifesaving, SLSA or SLS branch activity, as well as some events not covered in the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual*.
- Special events must be endorsed by your SLS state/territory centre before they can be held.



Examples of a Special Event

- Aquatic safety supervision away from the surf club's patrol area;
- Community education programs involving aquatic water safety or instruction;
- Events conducted outside of the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual*;
- First aid posts at external concerts sporting events, or community events;
- Non-organisational approved surf carnivals, boat events or events using SLSA brand, gear, personnel, etc;
- Ocean swims (see www.oceanswims.com);
- Community events, such as public street markets, festivals, fetes, carnivals and exhibitions; and
- Sports events, such as marathons, duathlons, triathlons or beach volleyball.

Some considerations – before you decide



- Levels of risk
- Insurances
- Personnel involved
- Equipment required
- Attendees
- Local requirements
- Remuneration
- Approvals required.

Water Safety ratios



		1.2 km swim					
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Numbers*	Craft						
0-50	IRB	2	2	3	2	2	2
	Boards	3	3	4	3	3	3
51-150	IRB	3	3	5	3	3	3
	Boards	4	4	5	4	4	4
151-250	IRB	5	5	7	5	5	5
	Boards	5	6	6	5	5	5
251-400	IRB	6	6	8	6	6	6
	Boards	5	6	6	5	5	5
401-600	IRB	7	7	8	7	7	7
	Boards	8	8	10	8	8	8
601-800	IRB	8	8	8	8	8	8
	Boards	10	10	10	10	10	10
801-1,000	IRB	8	8	8	8	8	8
	Boards	12	12	12	12	12	12

Table 4.5—Water safety for 1.2 km swim distances *Numbers of swimmers in the water at any one time.

Risks?





Risks?

- Weather, surf conditions, Water quality
- Lack of safety, medical personnel
- Lack of equipment
- Communications
- Lack of planning
 - Emergency Management Plans,
 - Emergency Response Plans
 - Contingency Options
 - Traffic Management
- Chain of Command and decision-making process
- Approvals, insurances not in place
- Adequate facilities

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1. Ocean Swim
2. State Titles
3. Providing first aid at the school fete
4. Providing water safety at an Ocean Swim, 1.5 km, 500 people
5. Friday night pub raffle
6. Ocean Swim, e.g. Pier2Pub
7. Flood rescue operations for VICSES
8. School visit to a non-patrolled beach



Where do I find further information?

- Guidelines for Safer Surf Clubs, v3, May 2018.
- SLSA Surf Sports Manual – Chapter 1.
- The Gascoyne Development Commission—Event Management Plan Checklist and Guide.
- SafeWork SA—Event safety.
- Safe Work Australia—Traffic Management Guide—Events.
- Australian Centre for Event Management—Crowd Management, Crowd Safety.
- Australian Centre for Event Management—Risk management, Safety and Security.
- Victoria Police – MIPU
- Life Saving Victoria

Questions?



Thank you!!

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