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**To:** All Members  
Club Secretaries  
Team Managers  
Club Coaches  
Club Administrators

**Cc:** Club Presidents  
Club Captains

**From:** Aquatic Sports Department

**Date:** 20 March 2020

**Subject:** **IRB, Pool and ILS World Lifesaving Competition Update**

**Action:** Clubs to disseminate information to members

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The LSV Board, Aquatic Sport Executive and LSV Staff have been closely monitoring the Government's advice and response to COVID-19. The following provides an update to members on the Pool Lifesaving and IRB competition seasons. This update is based on information that is changing rapidly and we will continue to monitor and keep our members informed of any further changes.

To view LSV's latest information please refer to: <https://lsv.com.au/healthalerts/>.

## Pool Lifesaving Competition

All competition and MSAC State Pool Training, scheduled up to and including 30 June 2020, has been cancelled. All competition existing past 30 June 2020 will continue to be monitored with the changing environment and members will be provided with an update as soon as possible.

In summary;

- LSV's **Junior Pool Competition** - scheduled to commence in May and be completed by June, is cancelled.
- LSV's **Senior Pool Competition** - no carnivals will be held before 30 June 2020. Carnivals currently scheduled for July and August and the State Championships, scheduled for September, are under review by LSV.
- **SLSA Pool Australian Championships**, scheduled for 7-9 August 2020, are under review by SLSA.

Please note, that if the Senior Pool Competition does proceed in some form, the option for under 11s to compete in these carnivals is being considered. Additionally, the holding of a joint junior and senior short course competition and some junior pool lifesaving activities later in the year, are also being considered. All these options, are of course, subject to further Government advice regarding COVID-19.

## IRB Competition

All competition scheduled up to and including 30 June 2020, has been cancelled.

In summary;

- IRB TRE Series Round #1, May 10 2020 – Cancelled
- IRB TRE Series Round #2, May 24 2020 – Cancelled
- IRB TRE Series Round #3, June 6 2020 – Cancelled
- IRB TRE Series Round #4, June 7 2020 – Cancelled
- IRB TRE Victorian Championships, June 20 & 21 – Cancelled
- SLSA IRB Australian Championships, 23-26 July 2020 – Under review by SLSA



It is important to note that LSV is currently considering two options:

1. If SLSA IRB Australian Championships **proceed as planned**, currently scheduled for 23-26 July 2020:
  - a. LSV will:
    - i. Proceed with cancelled competition up until 30 June 2020
    - ii. Plan to schedule (pending Land Owner and Council permit approval), a carnival for 4 July 2020, hosted on the Surf Coast (TBC)
    - iii. All of the above is pending further Government advice regarding COVID-19
2. If SLSA IRB Australian Championships **are cancelled**:
  - a. LSV will:
    - i. Proceed with cancelled competition until June 30 2020; and
    - ii. Scope opportunities to hold a modified, shorter season between September to November 2020, pending developments related to COVID-19 and in consultation with clubs.

### **Lifesaving World Championships 2020**

The International Lifesaving (ILS) Federation has decided that the Lifesaving World Championships 2020, scheduled for 18 September - 5 October 2020 in Riccione, Italy, will not take place. The event will be postponed until 2021 (or even 2022).

For further information, please visit: <https://www.ilsf.org/lifesaving-sport/lwc/lwc2020/>.

#### **Please Note:**

The decision to cancel LSV Pool and IRB events has been made in line with the Federal Government's advice (released on 18 March), that all non-essential organised events of 100+ (indoors) and 500+ (outdoors) should be cancelled.

The health and well-being of our members is paramount. We share the disappointment this news brings for our members, and we apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused.

A guidance tool for non-essential activities has been developed to assist lifesaving clubs to determine if a non-essential activity should proceed, based on current guidance for COVID-19 from State and Federal Government. This guidance tool should be used in addition to any activity specific risk management practices (e.g. your activity's specific risk assessment). Please visit: <https://lsv.com.au/covid-19-guidance-tool-for-non-essential-activities/>.

