



2018/19

**Youth/Senior Team Managers and Officials
Handbook**



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Forward

Lifesaving sport competition plays a major role in the preparation of a lifesaver to meet the physical standards necessary for saving lives in the water. Over the years the competition element of lifesaving has evolved from an aid, to the physical preparation of a lifesaver to its own identity and plays a major part in the social development of a lifesaver.

This Team Managers' and Officials' Handbook is designed to guide Team Managers, Officials, Coaches, Parents/Supporters and Club Office Bearers/Administrators through the basic systems and processes to support members involvement in lifesaving sports whilst following some general guidelines and principles in order to ensure an even and fair playing field.

Life Saving Victoria wishes all clubs the best of luck for season 2018/19 and look forward to seeing you all on the beach soon.

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1. Carnival Entry

1.1. Competitor Eligibility

To compete at any LSV carnival, members must meet the Competition Eligibility requirements under SLSA Policy 5.04 and guidelines.

LSV expect the Clubs' accredited coaches and Team Managers to continuously assess the conditions and the skills of any Non-Award members (who meet the relevant eligibility requirements under SLSA Policy 5.04 and guidelines) and make appropriate decisions about their ability and suitability to compete in water events throughout the day at Carnivals.

The Carnival Referee will hold sole discretion as to whether Non- Award members (who meet the eligibility requirements under SLSA Policy 5.04 and guidelines) will be allowed to compete at any given carnival. This will be based on the risk assessments conducted throughout every carnival.

There are additional requirements for competing in the Victorian Lifesaving Championships as below:

1.2. Victorian Lifesaving Championships

Proficiency and Patrol Hour Requirements for the Victorian Lifesaving Championships

All competitors must comply with the requirements set out in SLSA Policy 5.04, which can be located at: https://lsv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/5.04-Competition-Eligibility-Guidelines_-1.pdf

All U14s will require their SRC and Competition Skills Evaluation to be eligible to compete at the Victorian Lifesaving Championships.

Competitors are require to compete at at least one Victorian carnival during the summer season of 2018/19 to be eligible for entry to the Victorian Lifesaving Championships.

Notes:

1. This requirement will not be applicable to First Aid and Patrol events where there is no opportunity to compete in an event prior to State Championships.
2. Where a limited number of events are available for participation throughout the season, long term injury or other extenuating circumstances occur that may require special consideration, an application detailing the situation can be presented for consideration by the Aquatic Sport Director prior to the close of entries for the Victorian Lifesaving Championships.
3. Competitors who are competing for interstate clubs will be exempt from the eligibility requirement for the Victorian Lifesaving Championships.

Exemptions

Members who have failed to meet the requirements of SLSA Policy 5.04 and wish to apply for exemption must do so before **31 December 2018** via written application. Please provide evidence where applicable. Submissions should be sent to sport@lsv.com.au. The approval of requests for exemption are at the discretion of the LSV Director of Lifesaving Services and LSV Director of Aquatic Sport. No late exemptions will be accepted.

1.3. Victorian Masters Championships

- The 2019 Victorian Masters Championships will be held at Lorne SLSC on Saturday 9th February 2019. Entries for the Victorian Masters Championships are open to all eligible athletes over the age of 30 (as at 30 September 2018).
- Entries for the Victorian Masters Championships will close at 11.00pm on Tuesday 5th February 2019.
- For a race to run there must be a minimum of 2 individuals or teams.
- Officials' ratios for the Victorian Masters Championships are as per normal carnivals.

1.4. Australian Surf Life Saving Championships (Including Masters)

- Clubs must note requirements in SLSA's Event Entry Circular for the Australian Championships. This will be posted to the [Aussies website](#).
- Team Managers should understand that patrol hours and proficiency requirements for the Australian Championships are the same as those listed in SLSA Policy 5.4.

1.5. Australian Championships Restricted Entries

- Life Saving Victoria is responsible for entering Club competitors and teams in selected events for the Australian Championships.
- The quota positions are offered to the highest place getters within the respective events at the Victorian Lifesaving Championships until all positions are filled.
- Please refer to the SLSA Australian Championships entries circular for current event qualification information.

1.6. Membership Clearances and Transfers

Please refer to the Surf Sports Manual – Section 2.2.4
Access an online version of the SSM via your members portal.

1.7. Carnival Entry Fees

The following is a list of entry fees for season 2018-2019:

Carnival Type	Fees
Victorian Lifesaving Championships (Youth/Senior, Masters, Endurance)	\$38
Youth/Senior Carnivals	\$25

- All fees are GST inclusive
- Prices are per person
- All entries must be submitted by online entry system

1.8. Carnival Entry Procedure

Entering competitors for carnivals is the responsibility of the Team Manager:

- Entries for all carnivals must be lodged with Life Saving Victoria via the online entry system by **11.00pm on the Tuesday prior to each carnival. No late entries will be accepted.**
- All competitors must be a financial member of a Club for the current season at the time of entry. It is the Club's responsibility to check that their competitors are proficient and hold the appropriate award or proficiency to ensure each competitor entered is eligible to compete.
- For all carnivals and championships, competitors need to be entered into the events in which they plan to race. ***Please note: when entering events only tick the events that they are going to compete in.***
- Clubs have until 10.00am on the morning of the carnival to remove members from their list who are not competing. **Under no circumstances can a Club add or swap names.**
- Clubs with competitors found competing who are not listed on the official Club entry sheet will be charged an entry fee of four times the normal entry fee and will be referred to the Competition Disciplinary Committee. Random checks will be carried out throughout the season.
- Entries for the 2019 Victorian Lifesaving Championships will close at **11.00pm Tuesday 19 February, 2019.**

1.9. Entry System

The online entry system can be accessed via:

<http://sportlsv.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport>

Please note: a username and password are required for accessing the system. Only the Team Manager from each club will be given a username and password. If you do not know your username or password please contact the Aquatic Sports Department.

2. Club Requirements

2.1. Officials Requirements

Clubs are reminded that they must supply qualified Officials, as per the following ratio to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of carnivals.

Number of Competitors	Number of Officials
6 – 10 Competitors	1 Official
11 – 19 Competitors	2 Officials
20 – 29 Competitors	3 Officials
30 – 39 Competitors	4 Officials
40 – 49 Competitors	5 Officials
50 – 59 Competitors	6 Officials
60 – 69 Competitors	7 Officials
70 + Competitors	8 Officials

Clubs are reminded that they must supply qualified Water Safety Officers and rescue boards/tubes for the U14 area as per the following ratios.

Number of Competitors	Water Safety/Officials Required
1 - 7	1 Water Safety Officer only (with rescue tube)
8 – 15	2 Water Safety Officers with 1 x rescue board and 1 x rescue tube
16 – 29	2 Water Safety Officers with 1 x rescue board and 1 x rescue tube
30+	2:15 ratio of Water Safety Officers. 1 x rescue board, and 1 x rescue tube

Team Managers are required to enter officials into the online spreadsheet as well as enter the volunteer's name and club details into each allocated area by **11.00pm on the Tuesday** before each carnival. [Click here](#) to access the spreadsheet.

- All Officials must be signed on and assigned a role at LSV Admin by 7.45am.
- Surf boat area Officials are to report to the surf boat area after signing in at LSV Administration tent.
- Official allocations will be determined by the Area Referee on the day, or prior to.
- LSV reserves the right to move Officials where deemed necessary.
- Club official ratios are based on the number of competitors entered – Clubs should be mindful that official requirements will not change if competitor numbers are lowered as officials will be pre-allocated positions prior to the carnival.
- Clubs can arrange for substitute Officials from other Clubs to sign on their behalf provided these Officials have not signed on as part of another Clubs Officials requirements.
- Random check may be taken to ensure officials remain on duty.

2.2 Powercraft Rosters

Powercraft rosters are developed based on the number of competitors that a club entered in the previous season. The allocation is done on a ratio basis, so clubs with more competitors will be allocated a greater number of shifts.

IRBs are crucial to setting up the courses and providing water safety for carnivals, so it is important that all clubs meet the requirements that have been allocated to them. Clubs may swap shifts with other clubs, but they must notify LSV of the swap by close of entries for that carnival by email to sport@lsv.com.au.

The clubs listed below will be responsible for the provision of one IRB Powercraft Crew (consisting of one driver and one crewperson) for the nominated carnivals.

- Craft area drivers and crews are to report to the Powercraft Coordinator 15 minutes prior to the start of their shift ready to go.
- The IRB Crew supplied must be competent in handling the conditions of the beach allocated.
- Clubs crews may be separated at the discretion of the Powercraft Coordinator.
- It is desired that the crew must also be a minimum of a Technical Official. This allows the crew to assist in judging events from the water.
- Club crews MUST provide their own **life jackets** and sufficient gear and clothing for all types of weather. Crews that report to the Powercraft Coordinator unprepared for the conditions will be requested to return with appropriate clothing and PPE or find a suitable alternative.

2.3 Course Set Up and Water Safety Roster

Please note Clubs are required to provide an IRB Driver and Crew member to set up the competition course areas prior to competition, provide water safety during the carnival and assist with removing the course at the conclusion of the carnival, as set out in the rosters below. Clubs that are allocated to supply an IRB need to provide a fully operational IRB for the carnival:

Carnival		Endurance Championships Mornington LSC 10/11/2018	Surf Boat Carnival Ocean Grove SLSC 11/11/2018
Set Up	Time:	9.30am – 11.00am	7.00am – 8.30am
	1	Mornington LSC	St Kilda LSC
	2	Half Moon Bay SLSC	Portsea SLSC
Session 1	Time:	11.00am – 2.00pm	8.30am – 12.00pm
	1	Mornington LSC	Port Campbell SLSC
	2	Half Moon Bay SLSC	Port Fairy SLSC
	3	Half Moon Bay SLSC	
	4	Mentone LSC	
	5	Mt Martha LSC	
Session 2	Time:	2.00pm - Finish	12.00pm - Finish
	1	Mornington LSC	Fairhaven SLSC
	2	Half Moon Bay SLSC	Torquay SLSC
	3	Mentone LSC	
	4	Mordialloc LSC	
	5	Ocean Grove SLSC	
Supply an IRB	1	Mornington LSC	
	2	Mornington LSC	

Carnival		State Team Trials Fairhaven SLSC 17/11/2018	IRB Carnival South Melbourne LSC 18/11/2018	VSRL Carnival Lorne SLSC 02/12/2018
Set Up	Time:	6.30am – 8.30am		
	1	Ocean Grove SLSC		
	2	Fairhaven SLSC		
Session 1	Time:	8.30am – 12.00pm		
	1	Fairhaven SLSC		
	2	Jan Juc SLSC		
	3			
	4			
	5			
Session 2	Time:	12.00pm - Finish		
	1	Torquay SLSC		
	2	Half Moon Bay SLSC		
	3			
	4			
	5			
Supply an IRB	1			
	2			

Carnival		Full Carnival #1 Ocean Grove SLSC 16/12/2018	Twilight Craft, Beach and Surf Boats Carnival Sandridge LSC 21/12/2018	Full Carnival #2 Anglesea SLSC 06/01/2019
Set Up	Time:	6.30am – 8.30am	3.30pm – 4.30pm	6.30am – 8.30am
	1	Ocean Grove SLSC	St Kilda LSC	Anglesea SLSC
	2	Torquay SLSC	Hampton LSC	Lorne SLSC
Session 1	Time:	8.30am – 12.00pm	4.30pm - Finish	8.30am – 12.00pm
	1	Ocean Grove SLSC	Mentone LSC	Hampton LSC
	2	Torquay SLSC	Williamstown S&LSC	Ocean Grove SLSC
	3	Warrnambool SLSC	Elwood LSC	Torquay SLSC
	4	Pt Lonsdale SLSC		Seaspray SLSC
	5	Seaspray SLSC		
Session 2	Time:	12.00pm - Finish		12.00pm - Finish
	1	Ocean Grove SLSC		Anglesea SLSC
	2	Fairhaven SLSC		Lorne SLSC
	3	Jan Juc SLSC		Torquay SLSC
	4	Portsea SLSC		Pt Lonsdale SLSC
	5			
Supply an IRB	1	Torquay SLSC		

Carnival		Craft Carnival Torquay SLSC 13/01/2019	VSRL Carnival Anglesea SLSC 20/01/2019	Full Carnival #3 Mordialloc LSC 02/02/2019
Set Up	Time:	6.30am – 8.30am		6.30am – 8.30am
	1	Torquay SLSC		Mordialloc LSC
	2	Jan Juc SLSC		Mornington LSC
Session 1	Time:	8.30am – 12.00pm		8.30am – 12.00pm
	1	Lorne SLSC		Pt Leo SLSC
	2	Anglesea SLSC		Black Rock LSC
	3			Mentone LSC
	4			South Melbourne LSC
	5			Wonthaggi LSC
Session 2	Time:	12.00pm – Finish		12.00pm - Finish
	1	Warrnambool SLSC		Mentone LSC
	2	Torquay SLSC		Williamstown S&LSC
	3			Mordialloc LSC
	4			Mornington LSC
	5			
Supply an IRB	1			Mentone LSC

Carnival		Masters Championships Lorne SLSC 09/02/2019	Craft and Beach Carnival Pt Leo SLSC 17/02/2019	Lifesaver Events Championships Life Saving Victoria 02/03/2019
Set Up	Time:	6.30am – 8.30am	6.30am – 8.30am	6.30am – 8.30am
	1	Anglesea SLSC	Pt Leo SLSC	Mordialloc LSC
	2	Lorne SLSC	Pt Leo SLSC	
Session 1	Time:	8.30am – 12.00pm	8.30am – 12.00pm	8.30am – Finish
	1	Black Rock LSC	Black Roack LSC	Jan Juc SLSC
	2	Hampton LSC	Mt Martha LSC	South Melbourne LSC
	3	Warrnambool SLSC	Woolamai SLSC	
	4	Lorne SLSC	Venus Bay SLSC	
Session 2	Time:	12.00pm – Finish	12.00pm - Finish	
	1	Ocean Grove SLSC	Pt Leo SLSC	
	2	Lorne SLSC	Pt Leo SLSC	
	3	Wye River SLSC	Waratah Beach SLSC	
	4	Portsea SLSC		
Supply an IRB	1			

Carnival		States Day 1 Warrnambool SLSC 09/03/2019	States Day 2 Warrnambool SLSC 10/03/2019
Set Up	Time:	6.30am – 8.30am	6.30am – 8.30am
	1	Warrnambool	Half Moon Bay
	2	Ocean Grove	Jan Juc
	3	Mordialloc	
Session 1	Time:	8.30am – 12.00pm	8.30am – 12.00pm
	1	Half Moon Bay	Altona
	2	Mornington	Mornington
	3	Pt Leo	Pt Leo
	4	Anglesea	
	5	Mentone	
	6	Port Campbell	
Session 2	Time:	12.00pm – 3.30pm	12.00pm – 3.30pm
	1	Williamstown	Warrnambool
	2	Altona	Ocean Grove
	3	Portland	Mentone
	4	Apollo Bay	
	5	Fairhaven	
	6	Jan Juc	
Pack Down	Time:	3.30pm – Finish	3.30pm - Finish
	1	Seaspray	Altona
	2	Mordialloc	Williamstown
	3	Pt Lonsdale	
Supply an IRB	1	Warrnambool	Warrnambool
	2	Half Moon Bay	Half Moon Bay

Team Managers are required to enter the volunteer's driver and crew name and Club details into each allocated role by **11.00pm on the Tuesday** before each carnival via the online spreadsheet. [Click here](#) to access the spreadsheet.

2.4 Set Up and Pack Up Rosters

All Clubs are required to provide 1 member per carnival they attend for set up and pack up shifts. These members are required to sign on with an LSV staff representative before commencing their shift and sign off after their shift.

Please make sure you send appropriate personnel i.e. people who are capable of lifting boats, motors and anchors. These personnel are to be on time and are required until told they are no longer needed by LSV or the Carnival Referee.

The morning set-up personnel are required to report to the Carnival Referee at the LSV IRB Trailer at **6:30am SHARP** unless notified by LSV in the week prior to the carnival.

Set up roles will include:

- Assist in getting the duty boats set up and onto the beach.
- Assist in getting buoys, ropes and anchors onto the beach and ready to be put into the water.
- Assist getting any of the beach course equipment onto the beach.
- Assist in setting up LSV Administration and the PA system.

The afternoon pack-up personnel are required to report to the Carnival Referee (or nominated person) outside the LSV IRB Trailer at the conclusion of the carnival or when announced over the PA system.

Pack up roles will include:

- Assist in getting all buoys, ropes and anchors off the beach once packed up.
- Assist in getting all duty boats off the beach as soon as they are ready.
- Assist in packing up of the duty boats, running motors and packing of the LSV gear trailer.
- Assist in packing up the LSV Administration area and PA system.

2.5 Club Penalties/Sanctions

Clubs who fail to meet their officials, powercraft or set-up/pack-up requirements will be penalised accordingly. In the event that a Club fails to meet their requirements for a carnival, the Team Manager will be asked to speak with the Carnival Disciplinary Committee (CDC).

Upon review by the CDC, they may impose a sanction at the time, or refer the matter to the Aquatic Sport Executive for consideration.

Sanctions may include one, or any combination of the following:

- The offending Club being ineligible to compete at that specific carnival, the following carnival or the State Championships.
- Financial penalties.
- Additional powercraft and/or set-up/pack-up duties.

Reports of any failures to meet requirements will be provided to the Aquatic Sport Executive following each carnival and will be recorded for future reference.

3 Competition Information

3.1 State Carnivals

- Programs may be changed due to conditions on the day. This will be judged by the Carnival Referee and the Safety Committee.

Pennants

- Pennants and medals will only be awarded to the competitors that competed in the final – i.e. if team changes have been made, replaced competitors will not be awarded pennants or medals.
- At Youth/Senior Carnivals pennants will be awarded to 1st placegetters. Pennants will not be awarded for special event carnivals. At all Victorian Championships (Youth/Senior's and Master's) medals for placegetters will be supplied.

Marshalling

- To ensure we get through the days program of events, all competitors are asked to listen carefully and be punctual to all marshalling calls. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure athletes are on time and in the right area.
- Events will not be held up due to disorganised Clubs/athletes not marshalling on time. Once the Marshall has made their 3rd and final call, the event will be closed to entrants.

3.2 Local Rules

Board and Ski Area

- All competitors and in particular the first four (4) place-getters may be scrutineered without prior warning, at the conclusion of the event. Any member whose craft does not comply with scrutineering requirements may be subject to a minimum of three (3) months disqualification in ALL events as determined by the Disciplinary Panel.

Belt Races

- Open, U19 and U17 Belt Race Handlers shall be eligible for pennants at carnivals and shall be charged the entry fee. As such, the handlers' names are still required on the team entry information supplied to Life Saving Victoria, stating that they are a "handler".
- Belt Race Handlers shall be eligible for medals at the Victorian Lifesaving Championships and shall be charged the entry fee for the Victorian Lifesaving Championships.

U14 Competition

- The U14 competition age group may only compete within their own age group for all individual events.
- U14s will be required to choose to compete in either an U14 or U15 team per event e.g. if an U14 competes in the U14 surf team event, they can't also compete in the U15 surf team event.
- U14 and U15 age groups can compete in combined team events as per the SLSA Youth National Championships (within the restriction above of one team per event).
- U13s can compete in U14 team events only, not in U14 or U15 individual events, at Junior Carnival #3 – Cosy Corner, Junior Carnival #4 – Bancoora.
- U13s are not permitted to compete at Youth/Senior carnivals.

- For all LSV State Carnivals U14s require their competition skills evaluation and will require their SRC prior to competing in the Victorian Lifesaving Championships.
- Belt and Reel events will continue to be scheduled at selected Junior and Youth/Senior carnivals as team events and will run within the beach arena.

Wetsuits

- Competitors can wear any wetsuit of their choice that is considered “fit for purpose” for their event at the **Endurance Championships only**. Competitors are encouraged to protect themselves from the cold by wearing wetsuits.
- At Youth/Senior state carnivals and Championships, wetsuits are not to be worn in swim events or in swim legs of multi-discipline events unless the Carnival Safety Officer, Carnival Referee and Water Area Referee deem prevailing weather/wind/water conditions necessitate wetsuits can be worn on that day, for warmth and safety. ‘On the day’ recommendations to wear wetsuits in swim events will prohibit efficient, fair scrutineering of all wetsuits worn and as such, any “fit for purpose” wetsuit of choice can be worn.

Triple Dipping

- Notice is given that the following changes to Section 2 – General Competitive Conditions will come into effect from 1 October 2019 This will be a local rule in the Victorian 2018/19 Season, from 1 October 2018. Amendment to Section 2.3.7 detailing that competitors shall be limited to two team ages only - U17, U19, U21, U23, Open - their own age or older age groups including the Open team age group. The specifics for each age grouping is detailed in the respective sections 2.3.8 – 2.3.10.

3.3 Surf Boats

Entries

All entries for crews must be submitted on or before **11.00pm on the Tuesday** prior to the carnival. No entries will be permitted on the day of competition unless those entries can be accommodated in the completed draw. (No new draws will be made to accommodate late entries).

Seeding of Crews

Alley allocation for semi-finals

Nominated officials (generally the recorder and/or the Boat Referee) will draw alley positions randomly in the order of qualification for semi-finals.

For example, the 1st qualifier for the semi-final from the Round Robin will be allocated the first alley number selected randomly for semi-final number 1, the 3rd qualifier for the semi-final from the Round Robin will be allocated the second alley number selected randomly for semi-final number 1, the 5th qualifier for the semi-final from the Round Robin will be allocated the third alley number selected randomly for semi-final number 1 and so on.

This will be repeated for semi-final number 2 with the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th qualifiers.

Alley allocation for finals

This shall be a RANDOM draw conducted by carnival officials at the direction of the sectional referee.

Withdrawal from a Division

If after the commencement of racing a crew withdraws from a division, that crew shall not be entitled to continue in any other Surf Boat division for which it has been entered on that day.

Composite crews

- Composite crews must report their status as composite at the time of entry by naming the crew “composite (and the two clubs names)”. A crew must notify the Boat Referee in the situation that they will become a composite crew during the day of racing due to the need to replace members of the crew.
- Composite crews can compete in all rounds and finals of any division, including winning the pennant. Refer to the LSV Combined Club Teams Policy for State and Masters Titles medals.

Mixed crews

Mixed gender crews will be allowed to race within the Reserve Grade Male and U19 Male events for all Victorian LSV and VSRL events/carnivals including the VSRL Open and the Victorian Lifesaving Championships. The purpose of this rule is to assist clubs unable to enter single gender crews and allow participation.

3.4 Athlete Numbering

This season we will again be using an athlete numbering system to assist with recording results for all events excluding surf boats and R&R.

The number format for a competitor will be their club number (eg. Elwood is 42, Jan Juc is 35) and a three-digit number assigned by the Club’s Team Manager, so the first athlete from Jan Juc would be 35 001 and numbers would increase from there. Please note, for all athletes that were allocated a number last season, and are competing for the same club, please ensure you use the **same number**. These numbers need to be assigned **prior** to the carnival and written on their upper arm.

The number assigned to an athlete will stay with them for the season, and Team Managers will need to provide their list of athletes with their assigned numbers prior to the first carnival via the online spreadsheet (and provide any updates throughout the season). [Click here](#) to access the spreadsheet.

3.5 Open Grading System

- U17s, U19s and Open competitors are all welcome to compete in the open grading system.
- U17 novice races will be run so that U17s new to the sport or lacking experience in skis and boards will have an easy transition into the system.
- All Coaches and Team Managers are encouraged to only enter U17s with less experience into the U17 novice races.
- Two 1st or 2nd placings in U17 novice race will make a competitor ineligible for U17 novice race events at future carnivals.
- Competitors are permitted to compete in only one system. E.g. if they are competing in the U17 novice ski race then they are unable to compete in the U17 ski race.

At the commencement of a craft event, competitors will be requested to line up in approximate ability order based on where each finished at in the last round of the previous carnival (or previous year in the case of the first carnival of the season). The Marshall will direct the top 16 competitors

on the day to A Grade. The remainder will be divided into B, C or D Grades of 16 each. The bottom grade may have less competitors based on total numbers marshalling.

Note - the objective of the rounds system is for all competitors to have multiple races in their chosen craft event and, through use of the promotion and relegation process described below, to compete in a final round against others of similar ability. As a result, it is not necessary for initial grading to be precise, but competitors should make their best effort to rank themselves appropriately.

Three rounds of racing in each craft event will be conducted. After Round 1 in all grades is complete, the final 4 athletes across the line in A Grade will be relegated to B Grade for Round 2. Similarly, the top 4 in B Grade will be promoted to A Grade for the next round. The process will be repeated for C and D Grades. Following Round 2, the whole promotion and relegation process will be repeated. At each round, all places (first to last) will be recorded in each grade.

Competitors may not wish to participate in all three rounds and may withdraw at any time, but may not compete in Round 3 if they have withdrawn from Rounds 1 or 2. Note - pennants will only be awarded to competitors who race in all three rounds.

3.6 Dead Heats

Where a dead heat (as defined in the Surf Sports Manual) occurs in the final of an event individuals/teams will share the placing points and medal relative to the finish placing. The Club of the next individuals/teams to finish will receive the relative placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals/teams finish equal 1st, both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each and the gold medal (if at a Championship Event). The next placing individual/team shall be awarded the 4 points and the bronze medal for coming 3rd.

3.7 Appeals

- Appeals will be dealt with as defined under rule 14.4 in the 35th Edition Surf Sports Manual.
- At the State carnivals appeals cost an individual \$50, or a team \$50 per person up to a maximum of \$100. Refunds are provided if an appeal is successful.
- At the Victorian Lifesaving Championships appeals cost an individual \$100, or a team \$100 per person up to a maximum of \$250. Refunds are provided if an appeal is successful.

3.8 Code of Conduct

- Clubs are reminded that they are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of all members of their team, including their supporters and parents. Any unbecoming conduct or behaviour emanating from members or supporters may be subject to action by a Competition Disciplinary Committee as per appropriate LSV processes.
- Refer to the Surf Sports Manual Rules 2.27 SLSA Code of Conduct, 2.28 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour, and 2.29 Competing Unfairly.

3.9 Expectations

<p style="text-align: center;">Competitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Abide by the rules and spirit of the competition ✓ Will not impede any other athlete intentionally or interfere with their equipment 	<p style="text-align: center;">Spectators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Will not approach any Officials ✓ Will not abuse or attack verbally any Official or competitor ✓ Will stay away from the course when an event is under way
<p style="text-align: center;">Officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Will Officiate fairly and honestly ✓ Will remain impartial ✓ Will maintain a safe environment ✓ Will be respectful and considerate of other ✓ Must wear appropriate clothing with no club identifications 	<p style="text-align: center;">Water Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Will decide if a competitor needs assistance and step in where necessary ✓ Will stay in the water for no more than 2 hours and will have at least a 2 hour break prior to undertaking a second shift. ✓ Will not assist a competitor who is still competing which gives them an advantage ✓ Must wear designated water safety uniform including an orange long sleeved water safety rash vest and orange water safety cap.
<p style="text-align: center;">Team Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Will be appropriately identified as club team / age manager. ✓ Will ensure all competitors are entered appropriately ✓ Will ensure their club provides the correct personnel and equipment ✓ Will ensure every competitor has the correct awards entered on SurfGuard ✓ Will promote fair play and respect amongst their team 	

4. Athlete Awards

U14 Champion Athlete Awards

Awarded to the most outstanding U14 beach and water competitors for that season.

Award Criteria:

Competition results in either the water or beach individual events for the season, this includes all Senior State Carnivals, Bancoora and Cosy Corner Junior State Carnivals and the Victorian Lifesaving Championships.

Points are awarded for results in individual events at State Carnivals (1st place = 6 points, 2nd place = 5 points down to 6th place = 1 point), and results from the Victorian Lifesaving Championships are double points (1st place = 12 points, 2nd place = 10 points down to 6th place = 2 points).

Events Included:

Beach Events – Beach Flags, Beach Sprint 1km Run
Water Events – Iron, Surf Race, Board Race

Victorian Junior Athlete of the Year (Fred Westfield Medal)

Awarded to the most outstanding U14 competitor for that season (one overall winner)

Award Criteria:

Competition results in both water and beach individual events for the season, with includes all State Carnivals, the Bancoora and Cosy Corner Junior State Carnivals, the Youth Pathway Cup and the Victorian Lifesaving Championships.

Points are awarded for results in individual events at State Carnivals (1st place = 6 points, 2nd place = 5 points down to 6th place = 1 point), and results from the Youth Pathway Cup and Victorian Championships are double points (1st place = 12 points, 2nd place = 10 points down to 6th place = 2 points).

Events Included:

Beach Events - Beach Flags, Beach Sprint, 1km Run
Water Events - Iron, Surf Race, and Board Race.

R & R (Rescue and Resuscitation) Youth Team of the Year (U14-U15 2 Person R&R)

To participate in Youth Team of the Year (YTOY) a team must compete at three carnivals, however participation at all four carnivals is permitted. The best three scores from each team will count towards the point score system.

The R& R team of the Year Award will be presented at the 2019 Victorian Lifesaving Championships. The award is designed to encourage and recognise participation in R&R at youth/senior carnivals.

The points system is based on attendance, achievement and overall improvement.

Attendance Points:

Attendance at only 1 carnival: 15 points

Attendance at 2 carnivals: 10 points

Attendance at 3 carnivals: 5 points

Achievement Score:

The R&R score for each carnival will be added together, and then divided by number of carnivals attended. This average will then be added to attendance score and the lowest overall points will win. In the event of a tie, the lowest score at 2019 Victorian Lifesaving Championships will decide the winner.

5. Carnival Day Information

5.1 Carnival Meetings

Officials meetings are scheduled for all carnivals approximately 1 hour prior to the first event and Team Managers have meetings scheduled approximately 45 minutes prior to the first event. All meetings will take place at the LSV administration area unless stated otherwise.

- Officials are all required to sign in at the administration tent before they commence their position at the carnival.
- On the day of the carnival, if a Club's required number of officials are not signed on by 7.45am, the Club's competitors may not be permitted to compete until the correct number of officials have signed on.

5.2 Courses

For "Youth/Senior Carnival- All Events" carnivals, courses will as far as practicable be as per the Surf Sports Manual, however other nominated carnivals may run with a modified course format.

These courses are designed to be as flexible as possible, and to assist with the adjustment of courses as the tide rises and falls to make racing as efficient as possible.

5.3 Warm Up

- No competitor shall enter the competition area prior to events. A separate warm up area will be setup off to the side of competition areas, whilst courses are being set. This will be marked by feather flags which will be clearly set on the beach. Athletes must endeavour to stay inside these flags.
- Competitors must be wearing a High Vis singlet and Club competition cap during any warm up or cool down.

5.4 High- Vis Vests

All competitors entering the water must wear an SLSA approved high visibility competition vest (**note that Orange vests are not allowed at Youth/ Senior Carnivals**) – no vest no start.

5.5 2018/19 Combined Clubs Team Policy

Aim:

To encourage the developing clubs who are unable to field teams in the team events to become more involved in Surf Sports.

Policy:

- This Policy is applicable to only the 2019 Victorian Lifesaving Championships & 2019 Masters Championships.
- Each competitor will represent their own club and wear their own club competition cap within their combined team.

- Points will be distributed accordingly. For example, in a 4 member team, if each member is from a different club they will each receive 25% of the points' allocated to the placing of the team.
- Competitors can change club combinations between different events but not within the same events. Once a combined team is entered, those clubs will be represented in that team, another club cannot be substituted.
- The priority will always be to form a Club Team rather than a Combined Club Team. If a club has individual competitors entered within the same discipline as the team event, including competitors in the same age category or the age category directly below, they must be utilised.
- Combined teams are eligible to receive medals/ pennants.

Notes:

- The Carnival Referee's discretion can be employed if it is deemed that the CCT is not within the intention of this policy.
- This policy will be reviewed at the conclusion of the 2018/19 season.

Procedure:

Combined club teams will be based on the total of the previous year's aggregate point score from the State Championships event. Those scoring less than 50 points will be deemed eligible to create combined teams at the 2019 Victorian Lifesaving Championships. Those scoring 50 points or more cannot combine, nor can they have any of their members participate in a combined team with clubs that are eligible to combine teams.

The following clubs will be unable to create CCT's for the 2019 Victorian Lifesaving Championships:

- Ocean Grove SLSC
- Jan Juc SLSC
- Mentone LSC
- Half Moon Bay SLSC
- Point Leo SLSC
- Warrnambool SLSC
- Torquay SLSC
- Mordialloc LSC
- Lorne SLSC
- Anglesea SLSC
- Waratah Beach SLSC
- Mornington LSC
- Altona LSC

The following clubs will be unable to create CCT's for the 2019 Victorian Masters Championships:

- Mordialloc LSC
- Point Leo SLSC
- Ocean Grove SLSC
- Mount Martha LSC
- Black Rock LSC

- Venus Bay SLSC
- Lorne SLSC
- Half Moon Bay SLSC
- Hampton LSC
- Fairhaven SLSC
- Portsea SLSC
- Jan Juc SLSC
- Williamstown S&LSC
- Anglesea SLSC
- Mornington LSC
- Seaspray SLSC

Combined teams can be formed by:

1. Clubs can pre-register a combined team of their choosing with LSV by submitting the competitor's names, the clubs involved, the events and the relevant age group to sport@lsv.com.au.
2. Clubs can form a combined team on the day of the carnival.

Please note:

- In both instances, the information should be received by close of entries.
- This only applies to the Victorian Lifesaving Championships and Victorian Masters Championships, combined teams at the remaining carnivals can still be made from members of any club.

5.6 Photography

Please note any participant images captured by official LSV photographers will remain the property of LSV and may be used in promotional materials. This is a condition of entry for any LSV event.

Please note:

- Before any photographs are taken by any person(s), photographers must obtain a media identification wristband that must be worn for the duration of the event.
- Media wristbands can be obtained by registering at the Life Saving Victoria Carnival Administration tent.
- Proof of Working with Children Check must be provided at registration.

LSV's Photography and Social Media Policies are available here: <https://lsv.com.au/clubs-members/support/club-policies/>.

5.7 Alteration to Carnival Venues

- Decision to move the carnival or nominated events (within the carnival) to a back-up venue will be implemented only after a consultation by the Carnival and Safety Committee.

- Members to be involved in discussions will be the President of the host club (or other club representative), Carnival Referee, Deputy Referee, and Safety and Emergency Coordinator of the event and the Director of Aquatic Sport depending on availability.
- There must be a minimum of 3 present for a decision to be reached (which should include the Carnival Referee and Safety, Emergency Coordinator, and generally one other either Club representatives, Powercraft Coordinator, or other key officials).

6. Resources

6.1 Feedback App



LSV encourages feedback through the LSV from Anywhere App. The app can be located via - <http://www.lsv-from-anywhere.com.au/>.

App. Feedback can be provided to relevant areas:

- Aquatic Sports
- Club & Volunteer Services
- Lifesaving Facilities
- Lifesaving Operations
- Member & Leadership Development
- Training

6.2 Useful Links

SLSA Bulletins, Policies and Circulars can be accessed through the SLSA Members Portal https://members.sls.com.au/SLSA_Online/modules/login/index.php

LSV Policies

<http://lsv.com.au/clubs-members/support/club-policies/>

LSV Circulars

<http://lsv.com.au/clubs-members/support/circulars/>

Aquatic Sport Communication Platform

<https://lsvic.sharepoint.com/sites/AquaticSport>

6.3 SurfGuard

Life Saving Victoria is available to provide training and assistance with SurfGuard.

A dedicated Helpdesk at SLSA is also in operation from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am – 1:00pm Saturday to Sunday enabling users to report problems or get personal assistance by phone or logging a support ticket.

Helpdesk Phone: 1300 724 006

Support Ticket: <http://support.sls.com.au>

6.4 Carnival Manager

The online entry system can be accessed via:

<http://sportlsv.carnival.sls.com.au/eventmgr/sport>

Instructions on how to use the system are can be accessed by this link:

http://lsv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Carnival_Manager_Team_Managers_Userguide_v1_3.pdf

Please note: A username and password is required for accessing the system. **Only the Competition Manager** from each club will be given their username and password. If you do not know your username or password please contact the Aquatic Sports Department at sport@lsv.com.au.

7. Policies

7.1 SLSA Member Protection Policy (6.05)

SLSA including subsidiary companies and affiliated clubs, branches and states, is committed to the health safety and wellbeing of all its members and is dedicated to providing a safe environment for those participating in surf lifesaving activities.

Surf lifesavers are nurtured in an environment that values safety, trust, respect, caring and responsibility. This environment encourages acceptance, confidence and risk taking. For surf lifesavers to venture into challenging waters in times of distress, they need to have faith and trust in themselves, and in the people around them.

The motivation for surf lifesavers to give freely of their time is to be found in surf lifesaving environments that value:

- Safety and Support
- Caring and Camaraderie
- Trust and Teamwork
- Respect and Responsibility

As part of the surf lifesaving community, each lifesaver makes a commitment to actively encourage behaviours that promote such a supportive and nurturing environment.

The SLSA Member Protection Policy can be found linked to the Life Saving Victoria policies page of our website - <http://lsv.com.au/clubs-members/support/club-policies/>.

7.2 SLSA Youth Policy (6.15)

SLSA youth programs provide a safe, educational and enjoyable environment that promotes the Australian way of life and a healthy active lifestyle. This policy includes guidelines for instruction in lifesaving, surf sports and development for members aged between 5 and 17 years

- SLSA Policy 6.5 Member Safety & Wellbeing
Annexure 1 – CHILD PROTECTION
- SLSA POLICY 6.5 MEMBER SAFETY & WELLBEING
Annexure 2 – CODES OF CONDUCT

This Member Safety & Wellbeing Policy aims to ensure our core values, good reputation and positive behaviours and attitudes are maintained. It assists us in ensuring that every person involved in surf lifesaving is treated with respect and dignity, in a safe and supportive environment. This policy also ensures that everyone involved in surf lifesaving is aware of his or her legal and ethical rights and responsibilities.

7.3 Child Safe Standards

Life Saving Victoria is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People (SCYP) and acknowledges a safeguarding organisation doesn't just happen; it requires conscious action to protect children from harm.

It is imperative that we provide a safe and supportive environment for children and young people, that focus' on fun, education and building the confidence of our people through positive learning and development.

LSV's core values include being open, welcome and inclusive and building stronger and safer communities for everyone. LSV empowers and expects all employees, members, board members, affiliated Clubs, consultants, contractors and licensees, to create and maintain a safe culture for children and young people.

LSV is committed to reducing the risks of abuse and harm to children and young people, and will ensure all staff; members, affiliated Clubs, consultants, contractors and licensees understand and adhere to the SCYP Policy and Procedure, relevant legislation, and statutory requirements.

Our commitment to children and young people

1. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people who access any of our activities, programs, events or services.
2. We are committed to providing children and young people with positive and nurturing experiences.
3. We commit to supporting families and communities to promote children and young people's healthy development and wellbeing.
4. We will strive to ensure that children and young people are protected and are not exploited, abused or harmed during their involvement with any of our activities, programs, events or services.
5. We will listen to children and young people and empower them by taking their view seriously and address any concerns that they raise with us.

Our commitment to parents and carers

6. We are committed to supporting parents and carers to protect their children. We will offer assistance that builds on a family's strengths and empowers them to meet the changing needs of their children.
7. We are committed to communicating honestly and openly with parents and carers about the wellbeing and safety of their children
8. We will promote and distribute information about this Child Protection Commitment Statement to children and young people and parents/carers as part of an introduction to our services and programs.
9. We commit to transparency in our decision-making with parents and carers as long as doing so does not compromise the safety of children and young people or breach any confidentiality obligations.
10. We will work to create an environment in which children and young people are safe and feel safe in any of our program, activities, and/or events.

Our commitment to LSV people

11. We commit to a management structure that supports and develops staff in their roles.
12. We commit to providing all LSV people with the necessary support to enable them to fulfil their roles. This will include regular and appropriate development opportunities and supervision.
13. We commit to providing regular opportunities to clarify and confirm policy and procedures in relation to children and young people protection and welfare.

14. We commit to regular training with regards to understanding the principles and intent of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.
15. We commit to listen to all concerns voiced by LSV people in regards to keeping children and young people safe from harm.
16. We are committed to providing a robust reporting mechanism for all LSV people for any concerns around the safety or wellbeing of children and young people.
17. We commit to provide opportunities for LSV people to receive the most appropriate support, which may include formal debriefing and counselling arising from incidents of child and young person abuse.

Our commitment to ensuring a child safe organisation

18. We are committed to using good practice standards in the recruitment, screening and employment of LSV people, so as we protect from harm, abuse or exploit children and young people who are involved in our events, programs, services or activities.
 19. We commit to creating an environment for children and young people to be safe and to feel safe in any of our programs, activities or events.
- LSV behaviour guidelines can be found here - [Life Saving Victoria Safeguarding Children and Young People Behavioural Guidelines](#).
 - Further safeguarding children and young people resources can be found on the LSV website - <http://lsv.com.au/clubs-members/support/member-welfare/>.

7.4 Working with Children Checks

This information should be read in conjunction with:

- The full policy can be found by clicking on the attached – [Working with Children Check Policy 3.0](#)
- The member guidance notes can be found by clicking on the attached - [Working with Children Check – Member Guidance Note](#)
- SLSA Policy Statement – [Member Protection Policy – Policy Number 6.05 dated Oct 2016](#)
- Working with Children Act 2005 (the Act)

Life Saving Victoria is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all its members and is dedicated to providing a best practice approach to ensure a safe environment for those participating in lifesaving activities.

Life Saving Victoria is a unique organisation that has multiple purposes including community service, sporting, education and leadership opportunities and programs. Each of these individual aspects inter-relate with each other. It is due to the multifaceted nature of Life Saving Victoria, that members 18 years of age and above interact with children across a broad spectrum of activities, that this policy must be broadly applied.

Additionally, Life Saving Victoria as an employer and volunteer organisation has a responsibility to:

- Ensure no employee or volunteer with a Negative Notice (ie. have been found unsuitable to work with children from the WWC Check) and/or Interim Negative Notices (as defined under the Act), undertakes child related work
- Employees and volunteers have the appropriate WWC Check according to the work undertaken

LSV has a moral obligation to protect its young members (U18). It also has a State legal requirement to ensure all young members are protected from physical and sexual harm. This legal requirement involves all members eighteen (18) years and older who undertake volunteer work that:

Any person 18 years and over, in a voluntary or salaried position, who works with person's under 18 years of age in any capacity is required to have a valid Working with Children Check registered to Life Saving Victoria and their Life Saving Club. The Department of Justice WWC Check website defines Child related work as contact with a child that is "direct" **and** part of the person's duties. Direct contact includes oral, written or electronic communications as well as face to face". (viewed 11 July 2017, www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

This includes all patrolling members, all members involved in any aspect of nipper programs (qualified or unqualified) and all training and leadership camps (lifesaving and competition).

7.5 Sun Smart Guidelines

SunSmart, SmartPlay, Cancer Council Victoria and the Victorian Government have developed resources to help clubs spread the message of sun and heat safety whilst participating in sport/outdoor activities. The following resources can be found in the Nippers Resources section of the Life Saving Victoria website – <http://lsv.com.au/clubs-members/support/member-welfare/>.

- Member Sun Safety Guidelines
- Beat the Heat Brochure
- Hot Weather Guidelines
- Drink Up Brochure
- UV Alert Sun Protection Times
- SunSmart Heat and UV Guide
- Nippers Sun Safety Certificate

7.6 Cyber Bullying

This information is collated from the Australian Sports Commission and various national anti-bullying organisations. All states recommend similar information and advice regarding cyber bullying.

What is Cyber Bullying?

Cyber bullying is a form of bullying which is carried out through an internet service such as email, chat room, discussion group, online social networking, instant messaging or web pages. It can also include mobile phone technologies such as SMS.

Examples of cyber bullying behaviour are:

- teasing and being made fun of
- spreading of rumours online

- sending unwanted messages
- defamation

Cyber bullying can happen to anyone and the harasser can act anonymously making this type of harassment even more insidious.

What can be done to stop this harassment?

Life Saving Victoria is dedicated to the protection and wellbeing of all its members. This type of harassment does not differ from any other form and will not be tolerated.

If you feel you are being harassed or you know of someone experiencing these issues you should contact the appointed Member Protection Officer at your club as soon as possible. Further advice can be sought from a LSV Member Protection Officer (Volunteer). For contact details please speak with the Manager – Member & Leadership Development on (03) 9676 6945. While LSV can assist victims of cyber bullying from other members, victims can also seek assistance from the Police as cyber bullying is illegal and constitutes criminal activity.

7.7 Social Media

The internet presents great ways to communicate. Social media sites and smartphones provide fantastic opportunities to stay in touch and let people know what you're up to, but there are also risks. Whatever you post online stays online – potentially forever.

Family, friends and future employers could all have access to whatever we put online - even if it is stuff you wouldn't want them to see or know about. This doesn't mean you should stop using technology to communicate, though. It just means you need to be careful and understand the risks.

The Victorian Government, with the help of LSV, wants to get the message out there that when you post or send something, it's there for life!

Life Saving Victoria Social Media Policy can be found in the policies section of the website – <http://lsv.com.au/clubs-members/support/club-policies/>.

7.8 Code of Behaviour

(a) SLSA expects all members involved in competition to co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship. Any incidents or behaviour likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of SLSA or lifesaving competition will be initially managed by the Referee and, as appropriate, referred to a SLSA Disciplinary Committee. Penalties may include censure, expulsion of individuals, teams and/or clubs from competition and/or the competition venue and/or other penalties deemed appropriate.

(b) SLSA expects the highest standard of behaviour of its competitors, officials, and members. These expectations are reflected in SLSA's constitution and in this Manual.

(c) For the purpose of applying the code of behaviour, the definition of a "team" includes the actual competitors competing in an individual and/or team event, coaches, assistants, supporters, spectators, etc.

(d) Clubs and their team members are required to abide by SLSA rules and/or constitution. Any breaches will be reported to the Referee who may initiate action.

(e) Team and individual members represent themselves, their club, their sponsors, and SLSA. As such, they shall at all times behave themselves in a proper manner travelling to and from competitions, during competitions and related activities including social functions.

(f) Unbecoming behaviour by a club and/or its team members is a serious offence and will be dealt with as such.

(g) Any action by an individual or team during the course of a race or competition or which attempts to disrupt or interfere with another individual or team is a serious offence and will be dealt with as such.

(h) The general behaviour of all participants will be measured by the following SLSA code of fair play:

7.9 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour

(a) In addition to the SLSA Code of Behaviour, any SLSA member who abuses an official, a competitor, SLSA member or member of the public at an SLSA competition, carnival or event may be excluded or disqualified from that competition, carnival or an event at the discretion of the Referee.

(b) The Competition Disciplinary Committee may also impose additional penalties. For the purposes of this rule “abuse” includes making direct or implied threats or behaving in an inappropriate manner as determined by the Referee and/or the relevant official(s) in their absolute discretion.

Note: SLSA is committed to ensuring that every person involved in the movement is treated with respect and dignity and protected from discrimination, harassment and abuse. Members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the SLSA Code of Conduct for people in Positions of Authority when dealing with children and young people. Any concerns a member or the general public may have around the safety and protection of a child should be reported immediately via the Online Complaint and Report form (forms.sls.asn.au) Reports can remain anonymous. For further information please refer to the SLSA Member Protection Policy or contact the SLSA Office.

7.10 Competing Unfairly

(a) A competitor or team may be disqualified if a competitor, team or handler is deemed to have competed unfairly.

(b) For the purpose of this rule “competing unfairly” or whether a competitor or team has “competed unfairly” will be determined by SLSA, the Referee and/or the relevant officials(s) in their absolute discretion. Examples of “competing unfairly” include:

- Competing without entry or for another club without clearance or transfer.
- Competing without membership, award, or proficiency or patrol hour obligation eligibility.
- Impersonating another competitor.
- Attempting to defeat the ballot or draw for events or positions.

- Competing twice in the same individual event.
- Competing twice in the same event in different teams.
- Using equipment in competition not meeting SLSA specifications.
- Purposely interfering with a course to gain an advantage
- Deliberately impeding that includes jostling or obstructing another competitor or handler so as to impede their progress.

Note: Deliberate impedance during the run to the finish line is defined as “the deliberate use of hands, arms, feet or legs or a deliberate and significant change of direction to impede another competitor’s progress towards the finish line”. Any competitor, who commits a deliberate impedance of another competitor or handler may be penalised, eliminated or disqualified, dependent on the circumstances and the event. If two or more competitors are guilty of deliberate impedance, the competitor who first deliberately impeded will be penalised, eliminated or disqualified. For Beach Flags refer to Section 9.

- Receiving physical or other outside assistance (other than verbal or other direction except where specifically excluded by the rules of the event).
- Competing and/or participating contrary to the specific direction of the Referee or designated official.

(c) SLSA may, in their absolute discretion, investigate and take action on any matter of “competing unfairly” prior to, during or following completion of competition. This includes, but is not limited to, referral to the Competition Disciplinary Committee or other judicial processes.