



# Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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## **2010 Whereis<sup>®</sup> Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships**

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### **Scrutineering Circular**

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#### **Summary**

This document contains information relating to Craft & Equipment Scrutineering for the 2010 Whereis<sup>®</sup> Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

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### **1. GENERAL**

A Chief Scrutineer will be appointed for the 2010 Whereis<sup>®</sup> Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships and the 2010 Whereis<sup>®</sup> Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships. The Chief Scrutineer will have full authority over the eligibility, or otherwise of all competition equipment to be used in the Championships. However any matters determined may be subject to protest or dispute as outlined in the current edition of SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins and/or circulars.

Competitors or teams found on the arena, or in the hands of Marshalls with equipment which does not carry scrutineering endorsement as detailed in this bulletin and undertaken at these Championships, may be dealt with as an infringement of the regulations, or as an attempt to cheat, irrespective if the equipment does (or does not) eventually prove to be eligible.

SLSA reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout both championship events and officials may also conduct random checks after the quarter-finals, semi finals and finals in the craft areas.



## 2. SLSA SPECIFICATIONS & POLICY STATEMENTS

### a) Surf Lines and Waxed Surf Lines

Surf Lines and waxed surf lines used for belt races, R&R and March Past events shall be tested for a minimum diameter of 6mm. In the case of waxed lines, excess wax shall be removed prior to testing.

**Note:** The purpose of this check is to ensure that the line has not been stretched beyond safe limits prior to waxing. The actual line is being tested - not the diameter of the wax in and around the line. The length of surf lines shall be a minimum of 250 metres with a minimum Breaking Strain of 273kg at the time of manufacture. Such specifications may also be checked.

For more detailed information refer to the 33rd Edition of the Sports Manual Appendix A, Page 4.23 located at:

[http://www.slsa.com.au/site/\\_content/resource/00000953-docsource.pdf](http://www.slsa.com.au/site/_content/resource/00000953-docsource.pdf)

### b) Reels and Surf Belts

These items of equipment will also be subject to scrutineering for safety and compliance with their respective specifications.

For more detailed information refer to the 33rd Edition of the Sports Manual Appendix A, Pages 4.18 – 4.27 located at:

[http://www.slsa.com.au/site/\\_content/resource/00000953-docsource.pdf](http://www.slsa.com.au/site/_content/resource/00000953-docsource.pdf)

### c) Rescue Tubes

The rescue tubes used at these 2010 Whereis® Australian Championships must be in strict accordance with the requirements of the SLSA Policy Statement 1.7.

For more detailed information refer to the SLSA website:

[http://www.slsa.com.au/site/\\_content/resource/00000295-docsource.pdf](http://www.slsa.com.au/site/_content/resource/00000295-docsource.pdf)

### d) Boards & Skis

Boards and Skis shall be constructed in strict compliance with the SLSA Policy Statement 5.6 which details the specifications of these craft.

Rescue boards shall also be subject to scrutineering with regard to weight, safety, length and width and must be acceptable in appearance and presentation.

For more detailed information refer to the SLSA website:

[http://www.slsa.com.au/site/\\_content/resource/00000322-docsource.pdf](http://www.slsa.com.au/site/_content/resource/00000322-docsource.pdf)

### e) Boats

Boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the SLSA Policy Statement 5.7 which details the specifications of these craft.

For more detailed information refer to the SLSA website:

[http://www.slsa.com.au/site/\\_content/resource/00000724-docsource.pdf](http://www.slsa.com.au/site/_content/resource/00000724-docsource.pdf)



### 3. PROCESSES

**Note: SCRUTINEERING EQUIPMENT AND OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMPETITORS TO VOLUNTARILY CHECK CRAFT BEFORE COMPETITION BEGINS.**

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Scrutineering will be on a random basis only.

#### **2010 Whereis® Australian Open Surf Life Saving Championships**

##### **a) Reels, Lines, Belts and Rescue Tubes**

Reels, Lines, Belts and Rescue Tubes will be checked in the marshalling area prior to the event being conducted.

##### **b) Surf Craft:**

The following conditions will be in operation for the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships:

- The 2010 Whereis® Australian Championships will recognise scrutineering stickers and/or stamps from all 2010 State Championships. Competitors who attain the level of finals of the Champion Lifesaver and Patrol Events or Quarter Finals for Board & Ski, Ironman, Ironwoman, Board Rescue and Taplin Relay must have their craft scrutineered.
- Any craft that was not scrutineered at their State Championships, will be required to be scrutineered at the 2010 Whereis® Australian Championships prior to the commencement of competition.
- Competitors must take their craft to the scrutineering area for checking and endorsement before they can progress further in the championships unless the craft has already been scrutineered and approved [stamped] at these championships.
- Random scrutineering may take place at any time throughout the championships.

Any craft substituted for further competition will require scrutineering prior to use.

Craft failing scrutineering shall incur the following penalty:

- i) If craft is found to be under weight at scrutineering prior to its first use in competition the competitor may rectify the fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
- ii) If craft is under weight after use the competitor may be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
- iii) If craft is deemed unsafe, the competitor may rectify fault or provide a substitute craft for scrutineering.
- iv) If craft fails to comply with specifications [apart from i) and ii)] then such craft shall not be permitted to be used in further competition. In addition if such failure is deemed to have occurred due to alterations being carried out on the craft after manufacture then the competitor may also be disqualified from further competition in these championships and further action may be taken.
- v) From quarter finals and finals (as appropriate) only craft endorsed with the appropriate stamp can be taken into the competition area. Officials will check endorsements in the marshalling area. Competitors or teams found in these areas with equipment which does not carry scrutineering endorsement, undertaken at these championships, may be dealt with as an infringement of the regulations, or as an attempt to cheat, irrespective if the equipment does (or does not) eventually prove to be eligible.

It should be clarified that, in the event of a competitor (and/or team) being excluded from an event, then any other competitor (and/or team) who would otherwise not have qualified in that heat, would then be advanced in the competition.



However, the exclusion of a competitor (and/or team) for non-specification equipment found in a scrutineering check before a round/event, will not be retrospective to earlier heats or competitions and will not advance (other) competitors (and/or teams) who were thus eliminated.

**The scrutineering location for boards and Skis shall be at the marquee located on the grassed area south of Kurrawa SLSC.**

**c). Surf Boats:**

Surf boats shall be constructed in strict compliance with the SLSA Policy 5.7 which details the specification for surf boats, electric pumps and other equipment and any subsequent bulletins that have been released.

- All surf boats shall be weighed and subject to a safety and specified approved equipment check, all of which must be presented for inspection prior to the commencement of competition.
- All boats are to be made available for weighing prior to entering the competition arena.
- Boats will be required to be presented in a "Base Structural Condition" i.e. excluding oars rowlocks, rescue tube and all operational equipment.
- In addition, protective padding etc placed around the quarterbars and in other places in boats may be left in place for weighing but if a weight problem is noted, this may also be required to be removed from the boat for reweighing.
- On successful completion of weighing, the craft will then need to be assembled to its competitive condition for the final safety scrutineering. Once the scrutineering has been completed the craft will be stamped with the current approval stamp. In addition to the stamp a coloured sticker will be placed on the bow to assist the tractor drivers to identify the boats which are to be taken onto the beach each day. Once racing has commenced and all competitive craft are on the beach, crews may gain assistance by the tractors to take their craft onto the beach for training.
- Failure to comply with the above may render your club disqualified from the Championships.
- Listed below are the days and grade of events that will **take priority** for towing onto the beach.

**Wednesday: MASTERS CREWS**  
**Thursday: RESERVE GRADE & U/23s CREWS**  
**Friday: OPEN WOMENS, U/19s AND OPEN MENS CREWS**

Further, all boats will be subject to random weighing throughout the course of the Championships and at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer, Area Referee, Carnival Referee or Chairman of the Championships Committee.

However, Team Managers are advised that ALL quarter finalists' surf boats will be weighed at the conclusion of these races at the discretion of the Championships Referee.

**Note:** For early registration of boats, team captains should visit the Carnival Administration Centre for details after Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at which time they will be on display at the Administration notice board. This information will also be displayed on [www.slsa.com.au](http://www.slsa.com.au). All boat event draws will also be on display from 7.30am on Thursday in the Boat Arena for the day's competition.

**Note:** It is reminded that to comply with the Australian Council directive, the box line equipment in *all* surf boats should be removed or at least rendered inoperable by the removal of the belt at least, with removal of line and belt preferred.

**The scrutineering location for Surf Boats shall be in the Boat trailer parking area located in the grassed area north of Kurrawa SLSC.**



**Note: TEAM MANAGERS, BOAT, BOARD AND SKI CAPTAINS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE SPECIFICATION DETAILS SET OUT IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED BULLETINS AND TO ENSURE THEIR BOAT/S AND/OR CRAFT AND/OR REELS, LINES, BELTS AND/OR RESCUE TUBES COMPLY WITH THESE SPECIFICATIONS.**

Having no knowledge of the above Bulletins will not be an excuse if the contents and directions contained therein are not followed by competing clubs.

#### **4. SCRUTINEERING BRIEFING / TIMES**

##### **a) Reels, Lines, Belts and Rescue Tubes**

Reels, Lines, Belts and Rescue Tubes will be checked in the marshalling area prior to the event being conducted

##### **b) Boards and Skis**

Scrutineering equipment will be available for competitors to check craft before competition on the following days. **This will be carried out by a licensed scrutineer:**

- Monday, March 15, 2010 - 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Tuesday, March 16, 2010 - 7.00am to 3.00pm
- Wednesday, March 17, 2010 - 7.00am to 3.00pm
- Thursday, March 18, 2010 - 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Friday, March 19, 2010 - 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Saturday, March 20, 2010 - 9.00am to 3.00pm

##### **c) Boats**

All boats are to be scrutineered before they are taken onto the beach. Scrutineering times are as follows:

- Monday March 15, 2010 9.00am to 3.00pm  
**(For Wednesday: Masters Crews)**
- Tuesday March 16, 2010 9.00am to 3.00pm  
**(For Wednesday & Thursday: Masters Crews, Reserve & U/21 Crews)**
- Wednesday March 17, 2010 9.00am to 3.00pm  
**(For Thursday: Reserve & U/21 Crews)**
- Thursday March 18, 2010 9.00am to 3.00pm  
**(For Friday, Open: Women's & U/19 Crews)**
- Friday March 19, 2010 9.00am to 3.00pm

#### **5. SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION**

The 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships have naming rights and partnership sponsorships with conditions that apply to signage in accordance with the SLSA Competition Sponsorship Policy ([SLSA Policy 5.8](#)).

For more detailed information refer to the SLSA website:  
[http://www.slsa.com.au/site/\\_content/resource/00000323-docsource.pdf](http://www.slsa.com.au/site/_content/resource/00000323-docsource.pdf)

The following details also clarify the requirements of all sponsored competitors/clubs participating in the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships:

- If breaches are found after the event, in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) will forfeit titles and awards.
- The refusal to fulfill the conditions of entry will see the competitor disqualified from further participation.



- At the conclusion of the events, place getters may be offered items of apparel (T-shirt etc) identified with the specific event sponsor as applicable, to be worn during presentation.
- Apart from the items identified above, no items giving commercial identification shall be worn during the dais presentation ceremony.
- Every co-operation is requested in this regard and members should keep in mind that the involvement of sponsors helps to curtail significant expenses that would otherwise need to be passed onto competitors and clubs.