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Surf Boat Competition Circular

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Summary

This document contains information relating to Surf Boat racing arrangements at 2010 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships



The following advice details additional arrangements for the conduct of the Surf Boat competition at the 2010 Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships.

- ◆ Competition shall be conducted in terms of the SLSA's Competition Manual 33rd Edition, any subsequent Bulletins and the 2010 Australian Championship Club Entries, Final Carnival and Scrutineering Bulletins.
- ◆ Surf, beach and weather conditions permitting two boat arenas shall be established with each club being allocated to one arena until the semi final stage of the competition. The arena allocations will be seeded as evenly as is practicable based on an assessment of club performance at State Titles. In allocating areas consideration will also be given to club entries and club performances in other divisions. Arena allocations shall not be the subject of protest.
- ◆ Surf, beach and weather conditions permitting a "round robin" will be conducted in each division over three rounds to determine qualifiers to further rounds of competition. Progression into further rounds in each division shall then be by elimination. The conditions detailed in this dot point shall not be subject to protest.

Qualifiers to further rounds of the competition will be determined based on total points gained in the round robin rounds (unless otherwise disqualified from the event). The points available in each of the rounds of the round robin are as follows:

- ◆ 1st place: 11 points
- ◆ 2nd place: 9 points
- ◆ 3rd place: 8 points
- ◆ 4th place: 7 points
- ◆ 5th place: 6 points
- ◆ 6th place: 5 points

In the event of a dead heat in an individual round of the round robin, equal points shall be allocated for the placing achieved. For example, two crews coming equal first in a race shall be awarded 11 points each with the crew finishing third being awarded 8 points.



If a count back is required to determine the crews to progress to the elimination rounds of the competition the following procedures shall apply:

1. All the results from the round robin will be compared between the crews involved in the count back. The highest placing points achieved in any of the individual round robin races shall be, in the first instance, the determining factor. The second highest placing points achieved by the crews shall then be compared and so on.
2. If crews cannot be separated after comparing all placing points in all three rounds then all the crews achieving the dead heat will be allowed to progress in the competition.

Following the conduct of the round robin not less than 50% of starters in each division of racing shall be eliminated. The Referee or his delegate shall advise the exact number of crews in each division to progress to the elimination rounds of the competition prior to the commencement of the first event, or prior to the first race of an event.

- ◆ The SLSA Competition Manual 33rd Edition Clause 5.3 provides for round robin racing, disqualifications and penalties.
- ◆ The application of penalties and disqualifications are addressed in the SLSA Competition Manual 33rd Edition.

If a crew is disqualified from an event they cannot compete in further rounds of that category of boat competition from which they are disqualified and lose all standing in that event.

If a penalty is applied a crew may continue in an event or be allocated placings or points (in the round robin) or be eliminated from a round or event as determined.

A "penalty" is defined as a punishment or consequence as a result of an infringement or breach of the competition rules. Penalties may include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Allocation or reallocation of placing(s) (and therefore points in the round robin).
Note: In such circumstances the aggrieved crew may be allocated or reallocated placings and therefore points;
 - ◆ Elimination from a round in round robin racing (but allowed to continue) in the event. In such circumstances zero points will be allocated to the crew in that particular round of the round robin;
 - ◆ Total disqualification from the event;
 - ◆ Crew being permitted to continue through to the following round.
- ◆ The composition of the Boat Panel for the 2010 Championships has been determined in terms of Clause 5.1 [f] of SLSA's Competition Manual 33rd Edition. The appointed Panel is:

John Wright – Chair	Matt Burgess
Michael King	Tamara Brawn
Andrew Hogan	Scott Tannahill
Ron Diamond	
 - ◆ All protests and/or Appeals shall be managed in terms of the SLSA's Competition Manual 33rd Edition, any subsequent Bulletins and the 2010 Australian Championship Club Entries, Final Carnival and Scrutineering Bulletins.

For clarification of this advice please refer to Surf Life Saving Australia.

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