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Surf Sports Manual Clarification – Surf Boat Events

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Summary

Amendments have been made to the 32nd Edition of the Surf Sports Manual (Section 5.1 (c) & (d)) to alter the categories in which surf boat events may be conducted.

The Board of Surf Sports has resolved to introduce an Under 23 Surf Boat age category commencing in the 2006/2007 Season. This decision will result in the deletion of the Under 21 Surf Boat category.

Further to this it has been resolved that the U/23 Boat Race at the 2007 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships shall be conducted in both male and female categories.

SURF BOAT EVENTS

As a result of these decisions changes have been made to the 32nd Edition of the Surf Sports Manual, Section 5.1 (c) & (d) – General Conditions. The Manual Sections now read:

(c) *Boat races may be conducted in the following events:*

- *Under 19*
- *Under 23 Male*
- *Under 23 Women*
- *Under 23*
- *Reserve*
- *Open Men*
- *Open Women*
- *Open*
- *Senior Men*
- *Senior Women*
- *Senior*
- *Masters Male*
- *Masters Women*
- *Masters*



Note 1: With the exception of the Sweep (refer Section 2 of this Manual) no Crew or Individual shall contest more than one of the following categories at the same competition: Open, Open Men or Open Women and Reserve Grade categories. The Sweep may compete in different grades, but can only compete in a particular grade once.

Note 2: When a Women's Boat Race is conducted in an age category, the corresponding age race becomes a male only event (Refer Section 2). As such, no women's Crew or Individual may contest both the Open Women's Boat Race and the Reserve Grade or Open Men's Boat Race at the same competition.

Note 3: With the exception of the Sweep and Masters Crews, an age division Crew or Individual may compete only in their age division plus one older age division or Open or Reserve Grade. Masters Crews/individuals may compete in their age division plus Open or Reserve Grade.

Note 4: In Masters events boat, Sweeps do not need to be Masters Competitors, but must be proficient SLSA Members and may compete in multiple Masters Age categories as the Sweep.

Note 5: A Masters Competitor may only compete in one Masters age group as a Rower but may also compete in multiple masters age groups as the Sweep.

Note 6: No member is permitted to compete in Surf Boat competition until reaching the age of 16 years.

(d) In U/19, U/23 and women's events the Sweep may be older or of a different gender i.e. crews may utilise a suitably qualified proficient SLSA male or female club member over the age of 16 years as their sweep.

Note: In due course changes will also be made to Section 2.3 of the Surf Sports Manual to reflect the amendment from U/21 to U/23 age category for Boats and all amendments will be included on the Surf Sports Manual on the SLSA website at www.slsa.com.au