



Victorian IRB

Competition

Handbook 2010

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Section 1

Handbook overview

Welcome to another season of IRB competition! With more events being conducted than ever before, all clubs must be organised to ensure maximum enjoyment from winter competition.

The “Victorian IRB Handbook has been carefully constructed to include information that will assist clubs in training and competing for IRB competition. This handbook will assist all Surf Life Saving Victoria members and clubs to prepare for IRB competition with minimum complications and assist new clubs when competing for the first time.

The “Victorian IRB Handbook has been designed for easy usage and can easily be updated each season when required.

This “Victorian IRB Handbook could not have been completed without the assistance of the dedicated IRB competitors and their desire to improve the sport.

Good luck to all competitors and clubs in the upcoming winter competition!

Yours sincerely

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IRB Southern States Challenge

Saturday 12th June Warrnambool

NON Victorian Premiership Carnival

Random Scrutineering 10.00am

Racing start 11.00am

Random technical scrutineering only after carnivals

Location:

Distance from Melbourne:

Directions:

Expected Water Temperature: Could be as low as 13^c (sealed 4*3 mm wetsuits, caps and booties strongly recommended for all patients).

Events To be confirmed

Event Format Round Robin Racing with finals

High Tide. 13.00 1.28 **Low Tide** 21.14 0.63

Round 3 TRE Victorian Premiership Series

Sunday 13th June Warrnambool

Random scrutineering at 8.00am,

Racing start 9.00am

Events Open Men's & Women's Mass Rescue Race
Open Men's & Women's Tube Rescue Race
Open Men's & Women's Teams Rescue Race
Open Men's & Women's Rescue Race

Event Format Knock Out Racing

Accommodation available:

TRE Victorian IRB Championships

Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th June Ocean Grove
Back up Lorne

Scrutineering from 8am to 12 noon Saturday

Racing starts at Noon Saturday, all Heats & Women's Quarters

Racing starts at 8.30am Sunday, Men's Quarters and all Semi's and Finals

Events Open Men's & Women's Mass Rescue Race
Open Men's & Women's Tube Rescue Race
Open Men's & Women's Teams Rescue Race
Open Men's & Women's Rescue Race

Event Format Knock Out Racing

Expected Water Temperature: Could be as low as 10c (sealed 4*3 mm wetsuits, caps and booties strongly recommended for all patients).

Low Tide: 08.17 0.22
High Tide : 15.22 0.94

Section 3

Carnival Entries

All carnival entries will be via the on line electronic system

<http://www.registration.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/tide/registration/>

Entries For all rounds of the TRE Premiership series excluding State Titles must be received before midnight Tuesday prior to said carnival, officials names must be entered at this time as well (000).

Entries requirements for TRE State Titles will be issued in a circular issued by LSV closer to the event.

Carnival Fee's

TRE Premiership series carnival entry fees have been set at \$12 per competitor for the 2009.

TRE Victorian IRB State titles entry fees will be \$27.50 per competitor.

Clubs fees will be invoiced monthly by LSV.

Section 4

Carnival Draws

Carnival Event Draw will be emailed to club team managers or nominated representative of the Friday morning preceding the carnival.

Clubs are advised that ALL teams must be entered prior to midnight on the Tuesday before the carnival or four days prior to the carnival.

Southern States Challenge teams need to be entered 4pm Tuesday 8th June 2010 and State Titles Friday 18th June 2010

A draw for lanes takes place at this time thus NO late entries of Teams is permitted.

Team Officials need to be nominated along with team competitors.

The advertised carnival event ORDER may be changed at any time, dependant on prevailing conditions. Any decision will be announced by chief referee.

Section 5

Carnival Format – State Titles

State Titles will be run as per the following (Australian Titles format).

Saturday	8am – 12.00noon	Scrutineering
Saturday	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Heats, Quarter,
Sunday	8.300am – 1.00pm	Semi Finals Finals
Sunday	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Technical Scrutineering
Sunday	3.30pm	Presentations TRE State Title Events TRE Premiership Point Score

Eg. The order of events will be set on the day, determined by the number of teams entered.

The intention of this is to have the events in order by the time of Semi finals. This is intended as a guide, and the carnival referee may change guide at his / her discretion dependant on conditions.

Carnival Format – TRE premiership Series Round

The 2009 TRE premiership Series will be conducted using a knock out format.

Teams will compete in heats, quarter Finals, semi finals & a final as required (depending of available time and beach conditions).

The number of teams progressing through each round will be advised to Team Managers on the draw sheets.

All points gained by each individual club will be combined to give us an overall carnival winner

SECTION 6

VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES:

These local rules have been put into place to help Victorian Carnivals run smoothly. Please be aware that the Chief Referee has the discretion to over rule or change as they see fit.

1. Clubs may “borrow” without forming a composite team up to one (1) patient for the Mass or Teams Races provided that the patient has been entered for that carnival.
This rule **does not** apply to clubs who already have a team entered for that event. This rule **does not** apply to the State Titles
2. The Carnival referee on advice from appointed Medical Coordinator is given the discretion to remove a competitor(s) from the carnival on grounds of Safety.
3. At the Victorian State Titles an up front \$200? Appeal fee will apply for all appeals. This fee is fully refundable if the appeal is upheld. Any collection of this fee shall have a receipt issued to the protesting club and income returned directly to the IRB Completion area.
4. Clubs will be required to supply official’s (some of which will have to be accredited) (all of whom need to be members of LSV affiliated clubs) dependant on the number of teams they enter into said carnival. The highest number of teams (either Male or Female) that a club “ENTERS” “NOT STARTS” in any particular event will be used to calculate said clubs requirements.

1 team = 1 official
2 teams = 2 officials
3 teams = 3 officials, 2 accredited
4 teams = 4 officials, 2 accredited
5 teams = 4 officials, 3 accredited
6 teams = 4 officials, 4 accredited
7 teams = 5 officials, 4 accredited
8 teams = 5 officials, 5 accredited
9 or more teams 6 accredited officials
5. Clubs may apply in writing for a dispensation on the number of officials they need to supply. Applications must have been received by The Manager of Aquatic Sports 7 day’s Prior said carnival.

If a club falls into any of the following they may apply for a dispensation.

- # If the club is in its first year of competition (minimum 4 years away from the sport) they would be granted a 66% discount in required number of Officials
 - # In the second year a 33%
 - # A further discount of 33% would be available to any “country club”
Country Clubs club’s west of Apollo Bay & East of Waratah Beach + Mildura
6. Club who wish to borrow Officials (members of other club’s) need to get approval “in writing” from the said official. Identifying that said Official is happy to officiate with that club at the said event. The written approval need to have

been received by the Manager of Surf Sports before the close of entries for said carnival. Non receipt of written notification on time will deem those said Officials not part of the club entry list. Penalties could be less teams in the official draw.

7. Club supplied officials will need to make them selves available to the carnival Referee 1 hour prior to the advertised carnival start time. Officials will be required to officiate until 1/4hour after the conclusion of the last event. Some Officials may be required for longer times than stated; these Officials will be notified of this prior to the carnival. Failure to have the correct number of officials available will make your club ineligible to compete at this carnival or another. The Club/Club's may also be referred to the carnival disciplinary committee
8. LSV understands that due to unforeseen circumstances club nominated officials may not be able to attend said carnival. Clubs may be able to substitute officials, substitution may only be by a member of said club (Referee may ask for evidence of club membership).
9. Composite teams may compete at all Victorian IRB Carnivals except State Titles, No points, pennants or prizes can be awarded to composite teams.
10. Clubs will be rostered to supply work force to assist with carnival set up and pack up. Clubs will be required to supply work force
11. The roster and job list will be emailed to club nominated representative along with the draw sheet.
12. For the 2010Victorian IRB Competition season LSV will be introducing a Carnival Calculator to deem the eligibility of competitors to compete in relation to their coach sign off form. Clubs will need to make them selves compliant with this calculator before signing off their competitors for competition in Victoria in 2010.
13. The competition area (including all Cans) is a no go area for all craft until the Boat Marshal sends crews to the line for the first event of the day. Crews whilst involved in the set up of the course are excluded from this.
14. No Competitors can compete in more than 8 events ant any given carnival not including trial events.

IRB Taplin Relay

The events will be tube, mass, single

A total of 3 teams are needed, 1 male 2 female or 1 female 2 male

A draw will be done to decide either 2 male or 2 female teams to be run

A draw will be done to decide which gender will race which event

This draw will be done at the Team Managers meeting in the morning of the carnival

SECTION 7

Carnival Competitor Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in IRB competition competitors must meet stringent criteria.

Officials

- # Be a financial member of an LSV affiliated club
- # Be 15 years of age.
- # Be accredited (where required)

3.6.1.4 Competitor pre-requisites

At the date of entry closure for the competition to be contested:

(a) Drivers are required to:

- (i) Have held the IRB drivers award for a minimum of six months, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged twenty IRB driving hours within the previous twelve months.
- (ii) Be endorsed by a current licensed Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition.

(b) Crewpersons are required to:

- (i) Be a minimum of sixteen years of age.
- (ii) Have held the IRB crewpersons award for a minimum of six months, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged a minimum of twenty IRB crewing hours within the previous twelve months.
- (iii) Be endorsed by a current licensed Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition.

(c) Patients are required to:

- (i) Be a minimum of fifteen years of age.
- (ii) Have held the IRB crewpersons award for a minimum of three months, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged twenty IRB crewing hours within the previous twelve months, or, hold the IRB crewpersons award, be currently proficient as required by SLSA and have logged twenty competition specific IRB training hours under the tuition of a current licensed Surf Coach.
- (iii) Be endorsed by a current licensed Surf Coach as being competent for IRB competition.

(d) Handlers, at the date of competition, are required to:

- (i) Hold the IRB crewpersons certificate and be currently proficient as required by SLSA.
- (ii) Be entered in the competition contested and wear a competition cap whilst handling the IRB. Note: Exemption may be given by the Referee for a competitor to be an IRB handler for a club other than their own.

(e) Competitors should be conversant with all current specifications, competition rules and event conditions etc pertaining to IRB competition and comply accordingly. Attention is also drawn to other relevant sections of the Surf Sports Manual including *Section 2- General Competitive Conditions* and any other relevant circulars or bulletins which must also be complied with.

SECTION 8

Coaching Requirements

To be eligible to compete in IRB Competition all competitors need to be signed off by an accredited IRB coach.

Please contact Manager Aquatic Sports to access a form to fill in with club coach's endorsement.

Section 9

Protest Procedure

The Protest Procedure is available to all competitors and clubs and must be correctly completed for the protest to have any success. In most cases, protests are dismissed instantly because the correct procedure has not been adhered to.

A successful protest is one that is clearly written on the correct form, quoting the page and paragraph from the Competition Manual that supports your protest. Simply writing why you should be allowed to proceed through to the next round will not be a "successful" protest.

Protest forms should be completed by a Team Manager who has access to the Competition Manual (and they're dry!!). Ideally competitors should not be directly involved in completing the protest form. However they may have to verbally inform the Sectional Referee (or Carnival Referee) that a protest will be lodged and this **MUST** be within 5 minutes of the results being posted.

Remember: No protest will be accepted that is a direct challenge to the Finish Judges decision.

For example – "Team A should be allowed to go into the final of the Tube Race because they

Placed 4th not 5th as the judges have indicated" is a direct challenge to the judges decision and will not be accepted.

PROTEST PROCEDURE

(Refer "SLSA Competition Manual – 33rd Edition Revised")

1. PROTEST AGAINST THE START OR FINISH JUDGES DECISION

A protest is not allowed.

2. PROTEST AGAINST EVENT CONDITIONS

Must make verbal protest to Referee/Sectional Referee **prior** to event being conducted. The competitors shall be informed of such protest prior to the event.

3. PROTEST AGAINST A COMPETITOR OR AGAINST AN OFFICIAL'S DECISION

- a **Lodge verbal protest** to Referee/Sectional Referee within five (5) minutes of completion of event or of announcement of result of the event.
- b **Submit written protest** to Referee/Sectional Referee within fifteen (15) minutes of lodging verbal protest.
- c **Result** will be withheld until protest is decided.
- d. **NOTE: Protest may be withdrawn** or not proceeded with, if the competitor is confident that the judges/officials are dealing with the relevant breach of rules.
- e **Adjudication by the Referee/Sectional Referee** shall proceed on the written protest or a judges report(s) as appropriate. The Referee/Sectional Referee may, if necessary, hear evidence from the competitors concerned with the alleged breach of rules.
- f **Direct referral of the protest or report** to the Carnival Disputes Committee is an option for the Sectional Referee.
- g **The Sectional Referee's decision may be disputed** by way of referral to the Carnival Disputes Committee.
- h **Lodge dispute within fifteen (15) minutes** in writing to the Carnival Disputes Committee.
- i **All sides of the dispute** shall have the opportunity to put their case to the committee.
- j **Carnival Disputes Committee decision** heard in camera, shall be advised to relevant officials and competitors. This decision is final and there is no further right of appeal. Reasons may be given for this decision.
- k **The Carnival Disciplinary Committee** may have serious breaches of SLSA discipline referred to it by the Carnival Disputes Committee.
- l (a) **Judges must report** all apparent breach of rules to the Referee/Sectional Referee for investigation and adjudication or referral to the Carnival Disputes Committee.
 (b) **Video / electronic** aids may be used by officials only.

NOTE: WHEN LODGING YOUR PROTEST YOU MUST QUOTE THE PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBERS FROM THE RELEVANT MANUAL OR BULLETIN WHICH SUPPORTS YOUR PROTEST.

Section 10

Point Score explained

This year there again will be two point score systems.

One which operates at each carnival to determine the carnival winner at each carnival, the second follows a crew in a specific event through the carnival season.

Carnival Winners

1 st	8 points	5 th	4 points
2 nd	7 points	6 th	3 points
3 rd	6 points	7 th	2 points
4 th	5 points	8 th	1 point

Each team representing their club are eligible to score points for their team. If a club finishes 1st & 3rd in an event then they score 14 pts (6+8) for that event.

The winning club will be the club with the highest point score. Should the points be even at the conclusion of racing then the final places shall be determined on a count back, as per the Australian Titles.

This point system is also in place for the Victorian IRB State Titles for which the Bob Anthony perpetual Trophy will be awarded.

Season Event Champions

In order to recognise consistency and specialist skills within each of the events there will be a perpetual trophy awarded to the highest scoring team (Driver / Crew combination) for the Victorian Season (not including state titles).

Points at each of the local carnivals will be recurred per event to determine the highest point scorer for the event. If the points are deadlocked at the conclusion of the local carnivals duel winners will be declared.

Female Tube
Female Mass
Female Rescue
Female Teams

Male Tube
Male Mass
Male Rescue
Male Teams

Section 11

Officials – Your Responsibility

HINTS

- Include your Officials as part of the team. Transport / accommodation etc.
- Train your officials to the correct standard, demonstrate rules and disqualifications.
- Introduce your officials to the **Carnival Referee**
- Summer officials who were unable to attend their required carnivals can make up requirements through IRB carnivals.
- Mums, dads, sisters, brothers, kids, boy / girlfriends etc can all make good officials. Ask and give them a go.
- It is a lot easier to have 10 people do 10 jobs than have one person doing the lot.
- **Most importantly, make it fun.....**

Section 13

Helpful Hints (make it to your race in the allocated time)

- 1) If at all possible each club should appoint a **non competing** Team Manager to assist with the organisation of each team.
- 2) Know the order of events, how many teams progress through each event and how many heats per event. (NB: this is possible to change each carnival dependant on the surf and number of clubs entered)
- 3) Know which heat is currently racing and how many until your next event.
- 4) Patients are taken out to sea by Duty Boats on the **direction of the Patient Marshall**, wait until the **Boat Marshall directs** you then proceed directly to your allocated lane after the conclusion of the previous race. This way you will maximize your time to get set up. Once all crews are ready and indicate this to the starter he / she may start the event anytime.
- 5) Your patient is in the previous race.
 - a) Anticipate the situation, and inform the Patient Marshall ASAP that your patient for event, heat and lane will be late due??
 - b) Arrange to have another person to take your patient position in the marshalling area;
 - c) Try to avoid having patients competing in all events.
- 6) Have your back up motor, extra fuel, basic tool kit and spare parts on the beach with you. If something goes wrong these should be within easy reach.
- 7) Always know where your boat is parked. Crews have put excess stress on themselves or even missed races by not being able to find their boat. Remember where it is, what distinguishing marks it has (the red one with BP on it is a bit vague).