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**CIRCULAR**  
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**Circular No:** C10061  
**TO:** Club Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Junior Activities Officer, Competition Officers, BoSS  
**FROM:** Michael Schetter, SLSSA  
**SUBJECT:** Junior Carnival Water Safety requirements - Updated

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Along with the information provided in Circular C10055, please find below further information in regard to the provision of water safety primarily at Junior Carnivals.

Due to the introduction of the new Carnival Program for Junior Carnivals and the requirement for an extra water area, there is obviously also a requirement to increase the number of water cover personnel. As outlined in the Junior Activity Handbook, each Club is to supply qualified (proficient Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate) water safety person/s with a SLSA approved rescue tube or rescue board for the duration of the carnival. Clubs' duty of care to their own members should see them equip their person with a Rescue Board on inclement weather days so they are not physically in the water too long.

These people are to sign on at the Administration Desk by NO LATER THAN 8.30 am – in the Carnival Patrol Log Book. They will then be allocated to a competition area depending on conditions, events and participant numbers. Clubs should ensure their person is adequately protected from the elements (i.e. sunscreen, shirt/rash top, hat where possible, wetsuit & blanket if cold etc) and should have a **person to substitute**, especially when weather conditions warrant such.

To adequately meet requirements the following will be implemented for Junior Carnivals in season 2010-11. This will be reviewed following the first two Carnivals.

<b>Number of competitors</b>	<b>Number of water cover personnel club to supply.</b>
<b>5 - 45</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>45 - 90</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>90 +</b>	<b>3</b>

Qualified water safety persons are those who are registered members of SLSSA and hold current award proficiency for the Bronze Medallion (50% must hold Bronze Medallion) or the Surf Rescue Certificate.

## **ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Host Clubs – Junior Carnivals**

The host club of a Junior Carnival shall remain the primary provider of water safety personnel for the duration of the carnival. As such the Junior Carnival host shall:



1. Supply a total of 11 qualified water safety personnel (a minimum of 8 must be Bronze Medallion awardees) for the duration of the carnival.
  - Minimum of 5 water safety persons to be equipped with an SLSA approved Rescue Board.
  - Remaining water safety persons to be equipped with an SLSA approved Rescue Board or Rescue Tube
  - Water Safety persons will be distributed amongst the competition areas depending on conditions, events and participant numbers.
2. Fulfil their requirements as per the Carnival IRB Water Safety policy and roster (refer to Circular C10046 for further information).
3. Supply a minimum of 6 patrol persons for a Carnival Patrol – separate from a normal patrol (including a nominated Carnival Patrol Captain) to initiate any First Aid management as required.
  - This includes out-posting first aiders to the Beach Sprint/Flags area if required
  - Patrol/First Aid equipment is also to be supplied and maintained by the host club.
4. Use their Club Patrol Log Book to sign on/off ONLY THEIR CLUB PATROLLING MEMBERS – the Carnival Referee shall authorise the start and finish times and sign the log book accordingly. Members of clubs other than the host club shall sign on/off of the State Patrol Log Book provided in the Caravan or with the Carnival Referee.

### **Junior Carnival Referee and Area Referees**

Junior Carnival Area Referees are responsible for the duty of care of competitors in their area and as such shall:

1. Ensure all water safety personnel and the IRB allocated to their area are in their area by 8.50 am
2. Appoint a Team Leader from their allocated water safety personnel. The Area Referee will liaise with this person to ensure the correct number of water safety personnel are in the water for each event
3. Liaise with the Carnival Patrol Captain to ensure all water safety personnel in their area are signed on and signed off appropriately

The Junior Carnival Referee (or nominee) shall:

1. Ensure the host club and all competing clubs have provided their water safety requirement by 8.30 am
2. Allocate water safety personnel to appropriate areas depending on conditions, events and participant numbers.
3. Authorise sign on/off times in the relevant patrol log books
4. Forward the duplicate copy of the Carnival Patrol Log Book to SLSSA