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## ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK

In the 2015 update of the *ILS Competition Manual*, the ILS Sport Commission separated content that addresses the 2016 Lifesaving World Championships specifically from content that addresses the rules, procedures and standards for lifesaving sport competition generally. This has resulted in two new publications: the *2016 Lifesaving World Championships Handbook* and the *ILS Competition Rule Book* (2015-2019 edition).

This handbook presents information specific to the September 2016 Lifesaving World Championships hosted by Reddingsbrigade Nederland, the Royal Dutch Lifesaving Federation, in Eindhoven and Noordwijk, The Netherlands. The handbook should be consulted in conjunction with the 2015-2019 edition of the *ILS Competition Rule Book* (available at [www.ilsf.org](http://www.ilsf.org)).

Additional information about the 2016 championships will be found at [www.lifesaving2016.com](http://www.lifesaving2016.com) and [www.ilsf.org](http://www.ilsf.org).

### 1.1 ILS AUTHORITY

The sport of lifesaving contributes to the worldwide drowning prevention mission of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS). As the international federation for lifesaving sport, the International Life Saving Federation establishes rules for the purpose of ensuring a safe and fair system, within which lifesaving competitions may be regulated and conducted.

In addition to the rules and procedures outlined in this document, ILS Lifesaving World Championships are governed by the *ILS Competition Rule Book, 2015-2019*. The ILS Sport Commission may also issue clarifying bulletins or circulars from time to time.

#### 1.1.1 World championships

- a) ILS authorises the following world championships every two years:
  - National Teams Lifesaving World Championships
  - Interclub Lifesaving World Championships
  - Masters Lifesaving World Championships
  - Surf Boat World Championships
  - Inflatable Rescue Boat World Championships
  - Beach Run World Championships
- b) ILS may also authorise non-championship, demonstration events (e.g., March Past, Long Distance Surf Ski, Long Distance Board Race) to be organised at the same time as world championships.
- c) All Lifesaving World Championships occur under the auspices of ILS. ILS may conduct the championships but usually awards the championships to a member national lifesaving organisation to conduct on its behalf.

### 1.1.1 World championships (*cont'd*)

- d) **ILS Management Committee:** For Lifesaving World Championships, ILS shall appoint a Management Committee responsible for the management of the competition on behalf of ILS. The ILS Management Committee will liaise with the host organising committee. The ILS Management Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters not assigned by the rules to the Chief Referee or other officials.

The ILS Management shall:

- Sign off on the Safety and Emergency Plan, the Relocation Contingency Plan, and event circulars prepared by the host organising committee.
- Appoint the Championships Official's Panel (COP) responsible for the appointment of ILS Event Managers, Chief Referees, Appeals Committee, and Technical Officials.
- Appoint the Disciplinary Committee.
- Manage serious disciplinary matters.
- Appoint the Surf Boat Rowers Panel.
- Delete, alter, or otherwise vary competition rules including the relocation, postponement, and/or cancellation of all or part of championships.
- Make organisational decisions relating to Surf Boat rowing.

The ILS Management Committee shall consist of:

- the Chair of the ILS Sport Commission
  - the Chair of the host organising committee (or the host organising committee's nominee approved by the Chair of the ILS Sport Commission)
  - the Safety Officer
  - the Event Manager(s)
  - the Chief Referees appointed to oversee: pool events, ocean events, Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC), and any other competition that may be part of the championships. The Chief Referees sit on the Management Committee only for the events they are overseeing.
  - other ILS Sport Commission members appointed by the ILS Sport Commission (e.g., ILS expert advisers, ILS Sport Commission Secretary).
- e) **Championships venue inspection:** The ILS Sport Commission shall appoint a representative to visit the host venue for the Lifesaving World Championships at least two months prior to the commencement of the championships to inspect all facilities and technical aspects. The host country shall pay the travel and accommodation expenses incurred in connection with the inspection visit, which shall last a maximum of four days.

### 1.1.1 World championships (*cont'd*)

- f) The host is required to provide a declaration to the ILS Management Committee that the pool venue and all provided equipment to be used in the competition will meet ILS standards.
- g) **Host organising committee responsibility for equipment.** The host organising committee shall provide the following equipment, which **must be used by competitors**:
- Batons for Beach Relay and Beach Flags events (at least 64 plus 4 extra)
  - ILS-endorsed rescue tubes for ocean events (at least 18 plus 2 extra); in addition, at least 9 for training/warm-up
  - ILS-endorsed rescue tubes for pool events (at least 16 plus 2 extra in competition pool); in addition, 8 plus 2 extra for training/warm-up pool
  - ILS-endorsed rescue manikins for pool events (at least 24 plus 4 extra in competition pool); in addition, at least 8 plus 2 extra for training/warm-up pool
  - Throw lines for pool events (at least 8 plus 2 extra in competition pool); in addition 8 plus 2 extra for training/warm-up pool
  - Obstacles for pool events (at least 16 plus 2 extra in competition pool); in addition 8 plus 2 extra for training/warm-up pool
  - All SERC equipment requested by ILS Management Committee.

The host organising committee shall provide an equipment pool of:

- Surf skis and ski paddles – at least 24 each
- Boards – at least 24
- Inflatable rescue boats (IRBs) – at least 10 plus 2 extra (see below)
- Surf boats – at least 4 plus 2 extra (see below)

The host organising committee shall advise all registrants of the contents of the equipment pool, under what terms and conditions such equipment is available to competitors, and the type or brand of all equipment supplied. See 12.1 for equipment pool information pertaining to the 2016 Lifesaving World Championships.

The host organising committee shall be responsible for the provision of automatic officiating equipment for timing, placing and interfacing with the scoring system for all pool events. In addition, the host organising committee shall provide 30 stop watches for pool events.

The host organising committee shall be responsible for the provision of all equipment and material required to establish and maintain courses for all world championships events, and to operate the Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC).

### 1.1.1 World championships (*cont'd*)

The host organising committee of ILS IRB World Championships shall be responsible for the provision of all craft and related equipment:

- Fully equipped IRBs (at least 10 plus 2 extra)

The host organising committee of ILS IRB World Championships shall also provide 6 IRBs or equivalent for competition and set-up and safety.

The host organising committee of ILS Surf Boat World Championships shall be responsible for the provision of all craft and related equipment:

- Fully equipped surf boats (at least 4 plus 2 extra)

## 2.1 COMPETITION SAFETY

a) The provision of safe competitions is essential and a priority in competition planning. At all Lifesaving World Championships, the host national lifesaving organisation is responsible for the provision of adequate resources to ensure the safety of those involved with the competition.

b) The host organising committee shall appoint a Safety Officer who is responsible for ensuring that all competition facilities and environments are safe for use, and that the appropriate safety plan, equipment, craft, procedures and emergency personnel are in place to ensure the safety of competitors, officials and spectators, etc.

The Safety Officer is a member of the ILS Management Committee.

c) The host organising committee shall submit its safety and emergency plan (see 2.2.1 below) to the ILS Management Committee no later than six months prior to the start of the championships.

d) No competition shall be conducted until the ILS Management Committee is satisfied that the competition facilities are safe, and that the appropriate safety and emergency plan, equipment, procedures and personnel are in place.

e) No ocean event shall be conducted until the Chief Referee has assessed the surf conditions and reported to the ILS Management Committee. Only the ILS Management Committee has the authority to cancel, reschedule, or relocate the championships, an event or event final.

f) The Chief Referee or the appointed coordinator of emergency services (as named in the safety and emergency plan) shall assume control of emergencies arising during competition.

### 2.1.1 Safety and emergency plan

a) The host organising committee shall prepare a safety and emergency plan to ensure:

- the venue(s) are fit and proper for the purposes of competition.
- the general safety of competitors, competition personnel and spectators.



### 2.1.1 Safety and emergency plan (*cont'd*)

- the personnel and procedures are in place in case of minor or major emergencies involving injury to or illness of competitors, technical officials, competition personnel or spectators.
- b) The plan shall:
- outline the facilities to be used during the competition by competitors, technical officials, competition personnel, and spectators.
  - identify the individuals with authority to initiate the plan and the chain of command and coordination of emergency services.
  - identify safety personnel and protocols including land and water patrols and their respective job descriptions.
  - identify logistical information necessary for the deployment of emergency services: personnel and their deployment, access to competition venues, equipment, communications protocol and methods, vehicle access, and alternate venue(s).
  - identify the emergency care facilities including the number, location and type of first aid sites, the equipment at each site, and the personnel in place or on call to staff these sites. The plan will identify on-site and off-site medical facilities including the location and contact details of the nearest medical centre and hospital.
  - identify the protocols for the operation of the emergency vehicle(s) on hand in case of the need to transport patients from or rescue teams to an incident site.
  - identify available emergency services and their tasking protocols, and specify how internal and external agencies and services are to be activated.
  - specify the decision-making responsibility in the event of death or serious injury to a competitor, technical official, competition personnel or spectator during the competition.
- c) The plan shall be shared with the local agencies and services expected to participate in case of emergency, and shall be explained at team manager and officials briefings. An outline of the plan – including availability and details of emergency medical facilities – should also be provided to each team manager and be available and promoted to all competition personnel.

### 2.1.2 Relocation contingency plan

- a) In open water competition, adverse weather can create extremes in heat or cold, storms, dangerous surf or swell and associated dangers for competitors. Man-made disasters such as pollution of the water and beach cannot be discounted.

### 2.1.2 Relocation contingency plan (*cont'd*)

- b) The host organising committee shall prepare a contingency plan to ensure the protocols and procedures are in place in the event adverse weather or other conditions threaten to prevent the conduct of part or all of the competition.
- c) The contingency plan shall:
  - identify the decision-making authority and protocol for suspension, cancellation, postponement, or relocation of part or all of the competition.
  - identify alternative locations where part or all of the competition may be safely conducted within the timeframe set down.
  - specify the responsibilities and procedures for communicating decisions and directions concerning suspension, cancellation, postponement or relocation.
  - outline the logistical plan for relocating competitors, competition personnel and equipment to an alternate location.
  - outline the responsibilities for event set-up and re-scheduling at the alternate location(s).

## 3.1 ELIGIBILITY AND RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

ILS Lifesaving World Championships are intended for bona fide lifesavers who have demonstrated a commitment to lifesaving – people who are lifesavers first, competitors second.

ILS considers it unethical to recruit competitors for their high-performance athletic ability whose lifesaving credentials are tenuous or merely convenient for purposes of competition.

Team management personnel and coaches are the key to preventing such unethical practices and must emphasise “play within the rules” behaviour. The personal conduct of team managers and coaches is measured by the ILS Code of Conduct in Section 2 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.

### 3.1.1 National Teams Lifesaving World Championships

- a) The National Teams Lifesaving World Championships is open to one Youth team and one Open team per nation.
- b) Each nation, as defined by ILS, must have at least one current ILS Full Member to be eligible to enter a team.
- c) To be eligible to compete on a national team, competitors shall:
  - Be citizens, by birth or naturalization, of the nation they represent.
  - Be bona fide lifesavers and members in good standing with that national lifesaving organisation and currently qualified for lifesaving duties.

### 3.1.1 National Teams Lifesaving World Championships (cont'd)

- Have been members of their team's national lifesaving organisation for at least 90 days prior to the first day of the World Championships – regardless of which competition is scheduled first. For the 2016 World Championships, competitors must have been a member on or before June 4, 2016.
- Be members of their nation's ILS Full Member organisation.
- For purposes of out-of-competition testing, be registered with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) prior to the first day of the world championships programme (regardless of which competition is scheduled first).
- Attain the required age in the year of the Championships:

- Youth – be 15 to 18 years of age
- Open – be a minimum of 16 years of age.

Specifically, for 2016 ILS Lifesaving World Championships:

#### Youth

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age on or before December 31, 2016.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 14 or 19 in 2016.

#### Open

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before December 31, 2016. There is no maximum age.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who are younger than 15 or turn 15 in 2016.

#### Determining age

*ILS follows IOC guidelines for determining the age of competitors in ILS world championships. In short, a competitor's age is determined by how old he or she is as at December 31 of the year in which they are participating in the championships.*

- d) A competitor who is a citizen of more than one nation must choose which one to represent. The competitor shall then fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of that nation's ILS Full Member.
- e) ILS Full Members shall provide an endorsement declaring that their national team members are bona fide lifesavers; and provide proof of eligibility, i.e., copy of the passport or other citizenship document for each member of the national team.
- f) **Composition of a team:** Competitors enter the National Teams Championships only as members of a team, not as individuals. A team may consist of a minimum of one competitor and a maximum of six females and a maximum of six males, in addition to any non-competitive management or coaching personnel. It is not mandatory to have both male and female competitors in a team. Teams may not increase the number of male or female competitors beyond six.

### 3.1.1 National Teams Lifesaving World Championships (*cont'd*)

- g) National Team competitors 16 to 18 years may enter *either* Open *or* Youth competition *but not both*. Fifteen-year-olds are not eligible for Open competition.

### 3.1.2 Interclub Lifesaving World Championships

- a) The Interclub Lifesaving World Championships are open to one Youth team and one Open team per club or lifesaving unit. All team members must be in good standing with a current ILS Full Member.
- b) To be eligible to compete in the Interclub Lifesaving World Championships, competitors shall:
- Be bona fide lifesavers and members in good standing of a current ILS Full Member, and currently qualified for lifesaving duties.
  - Have been members of their team's national lifesaving organisation for at least 90 days prior to the first day of the World Championships – regardless of which competition is scheduled first. For the 2016 World Championships, competitors must have been a member on or before June 4, 2016.
  - Be members of one lifesaving club, or lifesaving “unit” of a national lifesaving organisation and not from multiple clubs or units.
  - Have equalled or bettered the qualifying time for each event in which they are entered within the period beginning with the first day of the previous Lifesaving World Championships to the entry deadline.
  - Attain the required age in the year of the Championships:
    - Youth – be 15 to 18 years of age
    - Open – be a minimum of 16 years of age.

Specifically, for 2016 ILS Lifesaving World Championships:

#### **Youth**

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age on or before December 31, 2016.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 14 or 19 in 2016.

#### **Open**

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before December 31, 2016. There is no maximum age.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who are younger than 15 or turn 15 in 2016.

### 3.1.2 Interclub Lifesaving World Championships (*cont'd*)

- c) **Definition of a club for Interclub Lifesaving World Championships:** Competitors entered as a club must be members of the same club or “lifesaving unit”. The definition of a club – for national lifesaving organisations that do not have a club system – is:

*The basic administrative or lifesaving unit of the lifesaving organisation (not an amalgam of such units); such unit having a constitution and having representation to a higher body.*

- d) For entry into the Interclub Championships, national lifesaving organisations shall provide an endorsement declaring that competitors meet the eligibility requirements listed above, and
- That all competitors have proof of entry times for all events in which they are registered. Times may be proved by published records, published rankings, published competition results or published time trials.
- e) **International transfers:** Competitors must apply to transfer to a foreign club. For the application to succeed, competitors require approval from their home club, region and national organisation:
- Applicants shall seek clearance from their current club and forward this clearance to their regional (if any) and national organisation for endorsement.
  - The national organisation shall advise the applicant of its decision and forward its approval, if granted, to the national organisation of the applicant’s new club.
  - National organisations shall not unreasonably withhold transfer approval.

The ILS Sport Commission shall resolve disputes over international transfers in consultation with the disputing parties. The Sport Commission’s decision shall be final.

The club international transfer rules (above) do not apply to National Teams Championships.

- f) **Composition of a team:** Competitors enter the Interclub Lifesaving World Championships only as members of a club, not as individuals. A team may consist of a minimum of one competitor and a maximum of ten females and a maximum of ten males, in addition to any non-competitive management or coaching personnel. It is not mandatory to have both male and female competitors on a team. Teams may not increase the number of male or female competitors beyond ten.
- g) Interclub competitors who are 16–18 years of age may enter individual events in *either* Open competition *or* Youth competition *but not both*. Regardless, team size remains 10 males and 10 females maximum.

### 3.1.2 Interclub Lifesaving World Championships (*cont'd*)

- h) Interclub competitors 16–18 years may enter team events in *either or both* Open and Youth competition. Regardless, team size for both Open and Youth Interclub teams remains 10 males and 10 females maximum.

No event will be delayed to allow participants to compete in both competitions.

### 3.1.3 Masters Lifesaving World Championships

- a) To be eligible to compete in the Masters Lifesaving World Championships, competitors shall:

- Be bona fide lifesavers and members in good standing of a current ILS Full Member organisation, and hold the required lifesaving award.
- Have been members of their team's national lifesaving organisation for at least 90 days prior to the first day of the World Championships – regardless of which competition is scheduled first. For the 2016 World Championships, competitors must have been a member on or before June 4, 2016.
- Be members of one lifesaving club, or lifesaving “unit” of a national lifesaving organisation and not from multiple clubs or units.
- Have equalled or bettered the qualifying time for each event in which they are entered within the period beginning with the first day of the previous Lifesaving World Championships to the entry deadline.
- Be a minimum of 30 years of age in the year of the Championships. Specifically, for 2016 ILS Lifesaving World Championships:

#### **Masters**

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 30 years of age on or before December 31, 2016. There is no maximum age.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 29 in 2016.

**Note:** For Masters team events, in which the ages of the team members total a specified cumulative age, the cumulative age is also determined by the age of the team members *in the year of the Championships*. For example, in a four-person team where the total age is to be a minimum of 140 years, team members may be 30 years, 35 years, 37 years and 38 years of age on or before 31 December 2016.

- b) Masters competitors may not compete in more than one age category in Masters competition.
- c) Masters competitors may enter the Masters Lifesaving World Championships as individual members of a club, and may participate in both individual events and team events. In team events, the team may not be made up of competitors from multiple clubs.

### 3.1.3 Masters Lifesaving World Championships (*cont'd*)

- d) **Definition of a club for Masters:** Competitors entered as a club must be members of the same club or “lifesaving unit”. The definition of a club – for national lifesaving organisations that do not have a club system – is:

*The basic administrative or lifesaving unit of the lifesaving organisation (not an amalgam of such units); such unit having a constitution and having representation to a higher body.*

- e) For entry into the Masters Lifesaving World Championships, national lifesaving organisations shall provide an endorsement declaring that competitors meet the eligibility requirements listed above, and:

- That all competitors have proof of entry times for all events in which they are registered. Times may be proved by published records, published rankings, published competition results or published time trials.

- f) **Team events:** Team events may only be entered by a club. Team members must represent the same club.

In each team event, Masters competitors shall compete only in the age-group for which they are eligible. In the Masters Line Throw event, the two-person team shall compete in the age-group of the younger competitor.

- g) **Individual events:** In individual events, Masters competitors must compete only in the age-group for which they are eligible.

### 3.1.4 Open Lifesaving World Championships

- a) To be eligible to compete in Open Lifesaving World Championships, competitors shall:

- Be bona fide lifesavers and members in good standing of a current ILS Full Member organisation, hold the required lifesaving award and be currently qualified for lifesaving duties.
- Have been members of their team’s national lifesaving organisation for at least 90 days prior to the first day of the World Championships – regardless of which competition is scheduled first. For the 2016 World Championships, competitors must have been a member on or before June 4, 2016.
- Be members of one lifesaving club, or lifesaving “unit” of a national lifesaving organisation, not from multiple clubs or units.
- Be a minimum of 16 years of age in the year of the Championships to compete in Surf Boat and IRB competition, and 15 years of age in the year of the Championships in other events unless otherwise prescribed. Specifically, for 2016 ILS Lifesaving World Championships:

#### **Open and Reserve Surf Boats**

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before December 31, 2016. There is no maximum age.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 15 in 2016.

### 3.1.4 Open Lifesaving World Championships (cont'd)

#### **Under 23 Surf Boats**

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 or 23 years of age on or before December 31, 2016.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 15 or 24 in 2016.

#### **Masters Surf Boats**

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 30 years of age on or before December 31, 2016. There is no maximum age. Sweeps do not need to be Masters competitors but they must be eligible to compete in Open Surf Boat competition.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 29 in 2016.

#### **Under 19 Surf Boats**

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 16, 17, 18 or 19 years of age on or before December 31, 2016.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 15 or 20 in 2016.

#### **Inflatable Rescue Boats**

**Eligible (Patient and Crew):** Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before December 31, 2016. There is no maximum age. **Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 15 in 2016.

**Eligible (Driver):** Competitors who turn 18 years of age on or before December 31, 2016. There is no maximum age. **Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 17 in 2016.

#### **Youth Beach Run**

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age on or before December 31, 2016.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who turn 14 or 19 in 2016.



### 3.1.4 Open Lifesaving World Championships (cont'd)

#### Open Beach Run

**Eligible:** Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before December 31, 2016. There is no maximum age.

**Not eligible:** Competitors who are younger than 15 or turn 15 2016.

**Note:** *Eligible competitors may enter both Youth and Open Beach Run competition.*

- b) Open Lifesaving Championship competitors may enter as individual members of a club, and may participate in both individual events and team events. There is no restriction on club participation numbers in Open Lifesaving Championships individual or team events.
- c) **Definition of a club for Open Lifesaving Championships:** Competitors entered as a club must be members of the same club or “lifesaving unit”. The definition of a club – for national lifesaving organisations that do not have a club system – is:  

*The basic administrative or lifesaving unit of the lifesaving organisation (not an amalgam of such units); such unit having a constitution and having representation to a higher body.*
- d) For entry into the Open Lifesaving Championships, national lifesaving organisations shall provide an endorsement declaring that competitors meet the eligibility requirements listed above.

## 4.1 ENTRY PROCEDURES

### 4.1.1 Championships registration

All teams must register prior to the championships in accordance with the procedures and deadlines established by ILS and the host organising committee.

ILS maintains a database of the names of all competitors registered for all Lifesaving World Championships.

Registrations received after the deadline may be subject to terms and conditions established by the organising committee for late registration. No entries in individual or team events shall be accepted later than 48 hours prior to the day of the competitor’s first event of the Lifesaving World Championships.

### 4.1.2 Qualifying times for Interclub and Masters Lifesaving World Championships

- a) The ILS Sport Commission shall establish qualifying times and qualifying periods for Youth, Open and Masters competitors in pool events in the Interclub and Masters Lifesaving World Championships. These times shall be posted on the ILS website ([www.ilsf.org](http://www.ilsf.org)) and published with the registration information.

#### 4.1.2 Qualifying times for Interclub and Masters Lifesaving World Championships (*cont'd*)

Qualifying times for Youth, Open and Masters competitors in the 2016 Interclub and Masters Lifesaving World Championships shall be the world record time at August 31, 2015 plus 50 per cent.

- b) To enter an event, a competitor must have equalled or bettered the qualifying time for that event at a competition within the period beginning with the first day of the previous Lifesaving World Championships to the entry deadline for the upcoming Lifesaving World Championships.

ILS Full Members shall provide a declaration that they have proof that competitors have equalled or bettered the qualifying times for each event in which they are entered. Qualifying times may be proven by published records, published competition results or published time trials.

- c) The ILS Management Committee may levy penalties on competitors whose performance is slower than the qualifying time.

#### 4.1.3 Entry times

Seeding shall be used for Interclub, National Teams and Masters Lifesaving World Championships. For pool events, competitors' times at competitions within the period beginning with the first day of the last Lifesaving World Championships to the entry deadline for the forthcoming Lifesaving World Championships, shall be submitted on the entry forms. Times are required to be submitted for both individual and team events. Competitors and teams shall be ranked according to their entry times.

For seeding information see the *ILS Competition Rule Book*, Sections 3 and 4.

#### 4.1.4 Entry fees

The ILS Sport Commission shall approve Lifesaving World Championships entry fees proposed by the host organising committee. Entry fees must be paid with the registration.

#### 4.1.5 Changes in national team and interclub composition or size

- a) Only the team manager may advise a change of team composition or size to the appropriate official of the host organising committee, up to two hours prior to the team's first entry into a point score event. After that time, there shall be no further alteration of team composition. Competitors who subsequently withdraw due to injury or other reason may not be replaced by a non-registered competitor.
- b) The team manager shall notify the championships organisers of the change in team composition in writing indicating:
- Date and time
  - Name of the team
  - Name of the member(s) to be withdrawn
  - Name(s) and surname(s) of the competitor(s) being added

#### 4.1.5 Changes in national team and interclub composition or size (*cont'd*)

- c) Notification must be accompanied by documentation from the team's national organisation which provides endorsement declaring that the replacement team member meets the eligibility criteria and is a bona fide member.
- d) If team member numbers increase, all appropriate entry fees (including applicable late entry fees) must accompany the written notice.
- e) In addition, the new competitor(s) or team management shall complete any registration documentation that the organisers may require. New competitors and team management are responsible for acquainting themselves with matters that may have previously been dealt with at team briefings, etc.

#### 4.1.6 Substitutions in individual events

- a) Only the team manager may substitute team members in individual events with another member from the same team. Team managers must notify the appropriate officials of substitution no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the event or prior to the commencement of marshalling – whichever comes first.
- b) Competitors who have been replaced in an event may not be re-substituted into that same event, but they may contest other events in the competition.
- c) Substitutions are not permitted after the first round of an individual event has been conducted.

**Note:** An event is a series of races with the same prescribed rules and conditions (e.g., facility, equipment, distance and style), for example Beach Flags is an event, Obstacle Swim is an event.

#### 4.1.7 Substitutions in team events

- a) Substitutions are permitted in any round of team events.
- b) Only the team manager may substitute members in a team event with other members of the same national team or club. Team managers must notify the appropriate officials of the substitution(s) no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the first round of the team event or 30 minutes prior to the commencement of marshalling in subsequent rounds.

## 5.1 TEAM UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

### 5.1.1 Team uniform

- a) Each team shall have a uniform suitable for official ceremonies and award presentations. Team managers, coaches, and assistants will be encouraged to take part in the ceremonies and shall wear a uniform that complements that of the team.

### 5.1.1 Team uniform (*cont'd*)

- b) All competitors' uniforms must be in accordance with standards approved by ILS. The Chief Referee has the authority to exclude any competitor whose uniform or swimwear is not in accordance with ILS standards or the commercial identification policy.
- c) Commercial identification on uniforms, competition apparel or equipment shall be acceptable only where it conforms to the commercial identification policy (5.1.2 below).
- d) No club, competitor or handler may have any signage, logos or corporate identification on clothing, competition apparel, gear, equipment or on the person in the competition arena that the Chief Referee deems to be objectionable.
- e) Refusal to comply with any of the above renders the clothing, competition apparel, or equipment ineligible for the competition, and the competitor (and/or team) ineligible for further participation in the championships.
- f) If such breaches are found after the event or in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) will forfeit titles and awards.

### 5.1.2 Commercial identification policy

- a) The ILS Management Committee reserves the right to order the removal or coverage of commercial identification in conflict with official championship sponsors. This includes body tattoos or body paint.
- b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, official sponsors of clubs and teams may retain their identification on competition apparel and equipment irrespective of commercial conflict, but must not display other signs, banners, flags or other identification within close proximity to the competition arena.
- c) Competitors in all craft event heats, semi-finals, and finals may be required to carry championships sponsor signage affixed on craft or equipment provided. All team and individual sponsor signage on craft and equipment will not be covered unless it is unavoidable when fitting the championships sponsor signage.
- d) All individual competitors in championships events may be asked to wear naming-rights sponsor's vests for televised heats, semi-finals and finals. If the naming-rights sponsor conflicts with an existing team or individual sponsor, unbranded vests shall be worn.
- e) **Body tattoos, body paint.** Sponsors may be shown once only on the body and may not exceed 150 mm by 50 mm in size.
- f) Television interviews may be undertaken in the competition arena with prominent competitors. Competitors interviewed may be asked to wear championships sponsor apparel.

### 5.1.2 Commercial identification policy (*cont'd*)

- g) **Presentation:** At the conclusion of the events, place winners may be offered items of apparel identified with championships sponsors. Competitors will be asked to wear such items during the presentation.

Every co-operation is requested in this regard; the support of sponsors helps to curtail significant expenses that would otherwise be passed onto competition participants.

### 5.1.3 Competition attire

The specifications and requirements for the following are detailed in Sections 2 and 8 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*:

- Swimwear
- Swim caps and helmets
- Vests
- Lifejackets and personal flotation devices
- Eyewear
- Footwear

### 5.1.4 Standardised competition equipment

- a) Competitors must use the following equipment provided by the host organising committee:

- Batons for Beach Relay and Beach Flags events
- Rescue manikins for pool events
- Rescue tubes for pool and ocean events
- Throw lines for pool events
- Obstacles for pool events
- Inflatable rescue boats (IRBs)
- Surf boats

- b) Competitors may use their own swim fins, boards, surf skis and paddles. The specifications and scrutineering requirements for this equipment is detailed in Section 8 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.

- c) At Lifesaving World Championships:

- All equipment used in National Teams competition shall be scrutinized prior to use. Craft and fins used in Masters and Interclub events are subject to random scrutineering:
  - Surf skis shall be checked for maximum length, minimum weight, minimum widths, minimum rocker and safety (e.g., state of repair). Paddles shall also be checked for competitor safety.
  - Boards shall be checked for maximum length, minimum weight and safety (e.g., state of repair).
  - Swim fins shall be checked for maximum length.

#### 5.1.4 Standardised competition equipment (*cont'd*)

- The host organising committee shall provide a stamp or sticker to be affixed to each piece of equipment as proof of the check.
- A person appointed by the ILS Management Committee shall approve the supplier of any pooled equipment provided (who must produce craft that meets ILS specifications). These craft shall also to be checked and stamped.

### 6.1 DOPING CONTROL

- a) The International Life Saving Federation (ILS) has a policy of drug-free competition with possible drug testing for all ILS world championships, ILS regional championships and World Games. View or download *ILS Anti-Doping Rules* at [www.ilsf.org](http://www.ilsf.org).
- b) ILS recognises that the host country may have laws or legal requirements in addition to the ILS drug policy. Competitors must be informed of such requirements as part of registration procedures.
- c) A violation of the *ILS Anti-Doping Rules* leads to disqualification of an athlete's individual results including forfeiture of points, medals and prizes in individual events. In a team event, if a member of a team violates the *ILS Anti-Doping Rules*, the entire team shall be disqualified from that event with the attendant loss of points, medals and prizes.

See Section 2 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book* for more details.

### 7.1 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- a) For ILS Lifesaving World Championships, the programme of events shall be established by the ILS Sport Commission. For ILS-sanctioned competition, the programme of events shall be established jointly by the ILS Sport Commission and the body responsible for the sanctioned competition.
- b) For the 2016 Lifesaving World Championships, the ILS Sport Commission has approved the following:
  - National Teams Open Lifesaving World Championships
  - National Teams Youth Lifesaving World Championships
  - Interclub Open Lifesaving World Championships
  - Interclub Youth Lifesaving World Championships
  - Masters Lifesaving World Championships
  - Open and Masters World Surf Boat Championships
  - Open World Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships
  - Open World Beach Run Championships

## 7.1 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS (cont'd)

### 7.1.1 National Teams and Interclub Lifesaving World Championships

- a) Open and Youth competition shall be conducted in National Teams and Interclub championships in male and female categories.

Open and Youth athletes compete in the events listed below.

10 Pool Events	National Teams Maximum entries per team	Open Interclub Maximum entries per club	Youth Interclub Maximum entries per club
200 m Obstacle Swim	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
50 m Manikin Carry	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
100 m Rescue Medley	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
100 m Manikin Carry with Fins	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
100 m Manikin Tow with Fins	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
200 m Super Lifesaver	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
Line Throw	1 team	1 team	1 team
4 x 25 m Manikin Relay	1 team	1 team	1 team
4 x 50 m Obstacle Relay	1 team	1 team	1 team
4 x 50 m Medley Relay	1 team	1 team	1 team
10 Ocean Events	National Teams Maximum entries per team	Open Interclub Maximum entries per club	Youth Interclub Maximum entries per club
Surf Race	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
Beach Flags	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
Beach Sprint	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
Surf Ski Race	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
Board Race	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
Oceanman / Oceanwoman	2 competitors	4 competitors	2 competitors
Rescue Tube Rescue	1 team	1 team	1 team
Beach Relay	1 team	1 team	1 team
Board Rescue	1 team	1 team	1 team
Oceanman / Oceanwoman Relay	1 team	1 team	1 team
<b>Simulated Emergency Response Competition</b>	1 team	1 team	1 team

- b) **Simulated Emergency Response Competition:** The Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) shall be conducted *without* separate male and female categories. Teams may consist of any combination of males and females.

## 7.1.2 Masters Lifesaving World Championships

**Pool events:** For 2016 world championships, the following pool events (see chart, p. 22) shall be conducted in both male and female categories. For event descriptions, see Section 3 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.

- a) In the Masters Line Throw event, the two-person team shall compete in the age group of the younger competitor.
- b) Pool four-person team events are conducted as total-age events with competitors whose ages total 140-169 years, 170-199 years, 200-229 years and 230 years or more. The total of the four competitors' ages determines the team's age group. For example, a team comprised of a 30-year-old, a 40-year-old, a 50-year-old, and a 60-year-old (= 180 years) would compete in the 170-199 years age group.
- c) **Time-finals:** In the Masters Lifesaving World Championships, finals shall not be conducted for pool events. All pool events shall be conducted as time-finals. That is, each competitor swims the event only once. The competitor's final placing shall be determined on the basis of his or her time.
- d) **Seeding:** Competitors shall be seeded in the following manner into heats according to their submitted times with the time-finals swum slowest to fastest:
  - **If one heat:** it shall be seeded as a final.
  - **If two or more heats:** the fastest competitors shall be seeded in the last heat (as set out in "Assignment of Lanes" Section 4.4), the next fastest **competitors** into the second last heat, and so on until all competitors have been allocated a heat and lane according to submitted times.

Masters Pool Events	Masters Age Groups								
	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70+
200 m Obstacle Swim	X	X	X	X	X				
100 m Obstacle Swim						X	X	X	X
100 m Manikin Carry with Fins	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
100 m Manikin Tow with Fins	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
50 m Manikin Carry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Masters Team Events	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70+
Line Throw	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total-Age Team Events	Ages total 140-169		Ages total 170-199		Ages total 200-229		Ages total 230+		
4 x 25 m Manikin Relay	X		X		X		X		
4 x 50 m Medley Relay	X		X		X		X		
4 x 50 m Obstacle Relay	X		X		X		X		





### 7.1.2 Masters Lifesaving World Championships (*cont'd*)

Total-Age Team Events	Ages total 110-129	Ages total 130-149	Ages total 150-169	Ages total 170+
Surf Teams Race (3 competitors per team)	X	X	X	X
Surf Ski Relay (3 competitors per team)	X	X	X	X
Beach Relay (3 competitors per team)	X	X	X	X
Board Relay (3 competitors per team)	X	X	X	X
Oceanman/Oceanwoman Relay (3 competitors per team)	X	X	X	X

Masters Ocean Events	Masters Ocean Event Distances
Surf Race & Surf Teams Race	Minimum 120 m to furthest buoy
Beach Flags	Minimum 15 m
Beach Sprint & Beach Relay	Minimum 70 m
Surf Ski Race & Surf Ski Relay	Minimum 250 m to first turn buoy
Board Race & Board Relay	Minimum 250 m to first turn buoy
Board Rescue	Minimum 120 m to buoys
Oceanman/Oceanwoman	Swim minimum 120 m, board and ski buoys set approximately 50 m respectively behind each other.
Oceanman/Oceanwoman Relay	Same as Oceanman/Oceanwoman event
Surf Boat Race	Minimum 400 m to buoys

### 7.1.3 Open and Masters World Surf Boat Championships

World championship surf boat competition is conducted in both male and female categories in the Open and Masters categories. There is no restriction on the number of club entries in this championship.

The surf boat competition does not contribute to the point score in National Teams or Interclub Lifesaving World Championships.

The 2016 World Surf Boat Championships shall be conducted in the following categories:

- Open Male
- Open Female
- Reserve Grade (crews may consist of any combination of males and females)

### 7.1.3 Open and Masters World Surf Boat Championships (*cont'd*)

- Under 23 years Male
- Under 23 years Female
- Under 19 years (crews may consist of any combination of males and females)

The 2016 World Masters Surf Boat Championships shall be conducted in male and female categories in the following age groups:

- 120 years+
  - 140 years+
  - 160 years+
  - 180 years+
  - 200 years+
  - 220 years+
  - 240 years+
  - 260 years+
- a) The Masters Surf Boat Race is conducted in eight total-age groups: 120 years or more; 140 years or more; 160 years or more; 180 years or more; 200 years or more; 220 years or more; 240 years or more; 260 years or more. The age group is calculated using the total of the ages of the four rowers in the crew and does not include the sweep.
  - b) The sweep need not be a Masters competitor but must be proficient as a sweep. The sweep is considered to be gender neutral with respect to participation in male and female events. A female could act as sweep with a male crew and vice versa.
  - c) With the approval of the ILS Management Committee, proficient sweeps who are non-team members may act as sweeps for clubs from national lifesaving organisations which are developing surf boat racing, provided the sweeps are a member of a current ILS Full Member organisation, and are registered to participate at the championships in some capacity.
  - d) The course shall be as for the Surf Boat Race (see diagram in 6.3 Surf Boat Event of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*).

For event description, see Section 6 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.

### 7.1.4 Open World Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Championships

Open (non-point score) world championship IRB events are conducted in both open male and open female categories. Competitors may enter regardless of their involvement in the Interclub or National Teams World Lifesaving Championships provided that they comply with the eligibility requirements.

There is no restriction on the number of club entries in this championship.

IRB events do not contribute to the point score in National Teams or Interclub Lifesaving World Championships.

#### 7.1.4 Open World Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Championships (*cont'd*)

The 2016 IRB World Championships shall be conducted in both male and female categories. For event description, see Section 7 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.

#### 7.1.5 Open World Beach Run Championships

The 2016 World 2km Beach Run Championships shall be conducted in male and female categories in both Open and Youth competition. For event description, see Section 4 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.

There is no restriction on the number of club entries in this championship.

#### 7.1.6 Minimum entries required to constitute an event

Unless determined otherwise by the Chief Referee, an event will be contested with at least one entry. Organisers will determine how best to facilitate this (e.g., races with combined genders, age-groups). Medals will be awarded according to competitors' placing.

## 8.1 SCORING

### 8.1.1 Finals in world championships

- a) Finals shall be conducted in Pool and Ocean events for National Teams Lifesaving World Championships and the Interclub Lifesaving World Championships.
  - **In Ocean events:** The fastest 16 competitors based on heats are assigned positions in a final of 16 competitors, or in an A- and B-final of eight competitors each.
  - **In Pool events:** The fastest 16 competitors based on heats are assigned positions in an A- and B-final of eight competitors each.
- b) Winners of A-finals shall be declared world champions.
- c) In Masters Lifesaving World Championships, finals shall not be conducted for pool events. All pool events shall be conducted as time-finals. That is, each competitor swims the event only once. The competitor's final placing shall be determined on the basis of his or her time.
- d) Competitors shall be seeded according to their submitted times with the time-finals swum slowest to fastest.
- e) In IRB events, A- and B-finals are required for point score purposes.

### 8.1.2 Point allocation

- a) Teams competing in National Teams, Interclub and IRB world championships shall be allocated the following points based on team member placing in finals. No points are allocated to Masters clubs.

### 8.1.2 Point allocation (*cont'd*)

Place	Points	Place	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	9 <sup>th</sup>	8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18	10 <sup>th</sup>	7
3 <sup>rd</sup>	16	11 <sup>th</sup>	6
4 <sup>th</sup>	14	12 <sup>th</sup>	5
5 <sup>th</sup>	13	13 <sup>th</sup>	4
6 <sup>th</sup>	12	14 <sup>th</sup>	3
7 <sup>th</sup>	11	15 <sup>th</sup>	2
8 <sup>th</sup>	10	16 <sup>th</sup>	1

- b) Interclub competitors' results in open competitions (e.g., Surf Boat, IRB, Beach Run) are not counted in the Interclub team totals.

### 8.1.3 Point score blocking

There shall be no point score blocking in National Teams or Interclub championships. All competitors are eligible to earn points for their team and to earn individual awards.

### 8.1.4 Scoring disqualifications or DNFs

- a) Competitors who do not finish (DNF) or who are disqualified in an A-final shall earn 10 points. Competitors who do not finish (DNF) or are disqualified in a B-final shall earn one point. (See 2.14 *Disqualifications and Did Not Finish classifications* in the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.)
- b) However, competitors shall not earn any points if they are disqualified for "Competing unfairly" or for a "Serious discipline offence". (See 2.13 *Misconduct* in the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.)

For clarification of "elimination" vs "disqualification", see 4.10 Beach Flags in the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.

### 8.1.5 Withdrawal from a race

- a) Competitors who withdraw from an A-final prior to the start shall earn 10 points. Competitors who withdraw from the B-final shall earn one point.
- b) Where one or more competitors in the Interclub or National Teams Championships withdraw from an A-final, competitors shall not be called forward from the B-final. The A-final shall not be re-seeded.
- c) Where one or more competitors in the Interclub or National Teams Championships withdraw from a B-final, alternate competitors shall not be called forward from the heats. The B-final shall not be re-seeded.

### 8.1.6 Event cancellation

No points shall be credited to any team if an event is cancelled – even if some heats have been run.

### 8.1.7 Ties

- a) Ties in overall team point scores shall be broken using the following system:
  - Most first-place final finishes;
  - Most second-place final finishes;
  - Most third-place final finishes;...and so on.
- b) In finals, if two teams tie for first, each receives first-place points (20). The next placing team earns 16 points, and so on.
- c) When a tie occurs in an ocean event that qualifies for a final, the tied competitors shall advance to the final. However, if there are insufficient places available in the final, a *repêchage* shall be conducted between the tied competitors to determine the finalist.
- d) In pool events, when competitors in heats have equal times registered to 1/100 of a second for either the eighth place or sixteenth place, there shall be a swim-off to determine which swimmer shall advance to the appropriate final.

## 9.1 AWARDS

### 9.1.1 National Teams Open Lifesaving World Championships

- a) **Overall:** Awards shall be presented to the first, second, and third place national team, based on the overall point score for all pool and ocean events, and the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

The *Alan B. Whelpton, AO Trophy* shall be presented to the winning team of the National Teams Lifesaving World Championships.

Individual awards shall be presented to each member of the first, second, and third place teams, and to a maximum of two management or coaching personnel per team.

- b) **Pool events – overall:** An award shall be presented to the first place team in pool events, based on the total point score of all pool events *excluding* the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

**Pool events – overall male team:** An award shall be presented to the male team placing first overall in pool events (excluding SERC), based on the total male point score.

**Pool events – overall female team:** An award shall be presented to the female team placing first overall in pool events (excluding SERC), based on the total female point score.

- c) **Ocean events – overall:** An award shall be presented to the first place team in ocean events, based on the total point score of all ocean events.

**Ocean events – overall male team:** An award shall be presented to the male team placing first overall in ocean events, based on the total male point score.

### 9.1.1 National Teams Open Lifesaving World Championships (*cont'd*)

**Ocean events – overall female team:** An award shall be presented to the female team placing first overall in ocean events, based on the total female point score.

- d) **SERC:** *The Royal Life Saving Society Trophy* shall be presented to the national team placing first in the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.
- e) **Event winners:** Individual awards shall be presented to the first three places in the final of all *events* at the National Teams Championships. Event winners shall be recognised as National Teams Lifesaving World Champions in those events.

### 9.1.2 National Teams Youth Lifesaving World Championships

- a) **Overall:** Awards shall be presented to the first, second, and third place national youth team, based on the overall point score for all pool and ocean events, and the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

Individual awards shall be presented to each member of the first, second, and third place teams, and to a maximum of two management or coaching personnel per team.

- b) **Pool events – overall:** An award shall be presented to the first place team in pool events, based on the total point score of all pool events *excluding* the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

**Pool events – overall male team:** An award shall be presented to the male team placing first overall in pool events (excluding SERC), based on the total male point score.

**Pool events – overall female team:** An award shall be presented to the female team placing first overall in pool events (excluding SERC), based on the total female point score.

- c) **Ocean events – overall:** An award shall be presented to the first place team in ocean events, based on the total point score of all ocean events.

**Ocean events – overall male team:** An award shall be presented to the male team placing first overall in ocean events, based on the total male point score.

**Ocean events – overall female team:** An award shall be presented to the female team placing first overall in ocean events, based on the total female point score.

- d) **SERC:** An award shall be presented to the first place team in the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

### 9.1.2 National Teams Youth Lifesaving World Championships

- e) **Event winners:** Individual awards shall be presented to the first three places in the final of all events in the National Teams Youth Age Group Championships. Event winners shall be recognised as National Teams Youth Lifesaving World Champions in those events.

### 9.1.3 Interclub Open Lifesaving World Championships

- a) **Overall:** Awards shall be presented to the first, second, and third place club team, based on the overall point score for all pool and ocean events, and the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

The *Kevin Weldon Trophy* shall be presented to the winning club team of the Interclub Lifesaving World Championships.

Individual awards shall be presented to each member of the first, second, and third place teams, and to a maximum of two management or coaching personnel per team.

- b) **Pool events – overall:** The *Josef Schmitz Memorial Trophy* shall be presented to the club placing first in the pool events based on the total point score of all pool events *excluding* the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

**Pool events – overall male team:** An award shall be presented to the male team placing first overall in pool events (excluding SERC), based on the total male point score.

**Pool events – overall female team:** An award shall be presented to the female team placing first overall in pool events (excluding SERC), based on the total female point score.

- c) **Ocean events – overall:** The *Mike Mortimer Memorial Trophy* shall be presented to the club placing first in the ocean events based on the total point score of all ocean events.

**Ocean events – overall male team:** An award shall be presented to the male team placing first overall in ocean events, based on the total male point score.

**Ocean events – overall female team:** An award shall be presented to the female team placing first overall in ocean events, based on the total female point score.

- d) **Event winners:** Individual awards shall be presented to the first three places in the final of all events of the Interclub Lifesaving World Championships. Event winners shall be recognised as Interclub Lifesaving World Champions in these events.



#### 9.1.4 Interclub Youth Lifesaving World Championships

- a) **Overall:** Awards shall be presented to the first, second, and third place club team, based on the overall point score for all pool and ocean events, and the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

Individual awards shall be presented to each member of the first, second, and third place teams, and to a maximum of two management or coaching personnel per team.

- b) **Pool events – overall:** An award shall be presented to the club placing first in the pool events based on the total point score of all pool events *excluding* the Simulated Emergency Response Competition.

**Pool events – overall male team:** An award shall be presented to the male team placing first overall in pool events (excluding SERC), based on the total male point score.

**Pool events – overall female team:** An award shall be presented to the female team placing first overall in pool events (excluding SERC), based on the total female point score.

- c) **Ocean events – overall:** An award shall be presented to the club placing first in the ocean events based on the total point score of all ocean events.

**Ocean events – overall male team:** An award shall be presented to the male team placing first overall in ocean events, based on the total male point score.

**Ocean events – overall female team:** An award shall be presented to the female team placing first overall in ocean events, based on the total female point score.

- d) **Event winners:** Individual awards shall be presented to the first three places in the final of all events of the Interclub Lifesaving World Championships. Event winners shall be recognised as Interclub Lifesaving World Champions in these events.

#### 9.1.5 Masters Lifesaving World Championships

Within each Masters age group, awards shall be presented to the first three places in the final of all events at the Masters Lifesaving World Championships. Event winners shall be recognised as Masters World Lifesaving Champions.

There shall be no club award presented at the Masters championships.

#### 9.1.6 Open Surf Boat World Championships

Awards shall be presented to the overall first, second, and third place crews in both Open and Masters categories. The first place crews shall be recognised as World Surf Boat Champions in that category.

### 9.1.7 Open World Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Championships

Individual team medals shall be presented to the first three places in the final of all IRB events conducted at the IRB World Championships and winners shall be recognised as Lifesaving World Champions.

The *Charles Thomson, MBE Memorial Trophy* shall be presented to the winning club team of the World IRB Championships.

## 10.1 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

- a) Official ceremonies shall be conducted at all Lifesaving World Championships and consist of the following elements:
- Parade of teams in front of the official reviewing stand
  - Playing of the ILS song
  - Raising of the ILS flag
  - Administration of oaths (below) to athletes, team managers/coaches, and officials
  - Official welcome by the International Life Saving Federation
  - Official welcome by host authority
  - Official photographs
- b) **Oath for competitors:** *“In the name of all competitors, I promise that we shall respect and abide by the rules of these championships, competing with a spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.”*
- c) **Oath for team managers and coaches:** *“In the name of all team managers and coaches, I promise that we shall commit to exemplary leadership consistent with the ILS code of conduct and its guiding principles.”*
- d) **Oath for officials:** *“In the name of all officials, I promise that we shall officiate in these championships with impartiality, honouring the rules which govern this competition and the spirit of fair play which inspires them.”*

### 10.1.1 Award presentations

Official presentations of awards to event and team winners shall be conducted throughout the championships. All award presentations shall share the following characteristics:

- Presentations shall be staged on a podium or dais.
- An official presenter will place medals on ribbons around competitors' necks.
- In National Teams Lifesaving World Championships award presentations, the national anthem of the winner will be played.
- Official photographs will be taken.

### 10.1.2 Flags and banners

- a) Each team shall bring a national flag to the championships.
- b) The organising committee will provide banners or plates indicating the nation.
- c) Flags and banners shall be carried at the official opening ceremony. In addition, organisers may request the flags and banners to be displayed at the competition sites, official functions, and award presentations.
- d) On flags and banners in the Interclub Lifesaving World Championships, the club identity (name and/or symbol) shall be prominent, although other elements (e.g., country or national association) may be included.
- e) On flags and banners in the National Teams Lifesaving World Championships, the nation's identity (i.e., national flag) shall be prominent although other elements (national team name and/or symbol) may be included.

## 11.1 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- a) The ILS Sport Commission appoints Event Managers, Chief Referees, and the Championships Officials Panel (COP).
- b) Separate Event Managers are designated for Pool and Ocean competition to deal with any issues and represent the ILS Management Committee (see 1.1.1 d) at the respective venues.
- c) The Chief Referees appoint Referees, Technical Officials and volunteers who are endorsed by the Championships Officials Panel (COP).

The full nomination and appointment process is detailed in the *ILS Competition Operations Manual*. The roles and responsibilities of Technical Officials are outlined in Section 2 of the *ILS Competition Rule Book*.

## 12.1 POOLED EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2016 LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2016 Lifesaving World Championships organising committee has prepared this list of contents of the equipment pool with the brand or description and reference information available at the time of publication. The committee reserves the right to substitute similar equipment and will provide updates as appropriate on the ILS website ([www.ilsf.org](http://www.ilsf.org)).

### 12.1.1 Manikins

DRLG manikins will be used.

Website reference: <http://epaper.bw-h.de/dlrg/gesamtkatalog/#/142>

### 12.1.2 Rescue tubes

Rescue tubes will be sourced from Wetiz.

Website reference <http://www.wetiz.eu/fr/accessoires/789-gurtretter-wetiz.html>

### 12.1.3 Throw lines

Throw lines (20) for competition and training, will be sourced from Wetiz.  
Website reference: <http://www.wetiz.eu/fr/accessoires/89-la-corde.html>

### 12.1.4 Obstacles

Obstacles will be from Wetiz or have been manufactured in-house. The construction is red or orange aluminium 40 mm pressure pipe with red or orange coloured cloth (mesh) inserts. The obstacles are suspended over the lanes ropes and are screwed together to form a straight line across the pool surface.

### 12.1.5 Batons

Batons, constructed of flexible hose (Nylex brand), are 300 mm long and 24 mm wide.

### 12.1.6 Surf skis

Assorted surf skis (24) will be made available by Wetiz, different sizes and models similar to those supplied during Rescue 2014.  
Website reference: <http://www.wetiz.eu/en/32-livesaving-surskis>

### 12.1.7 Surf ski paddles

Assorted paddles (24) with different lengths and shapes to fit the demands of participants similar to those supplied during Rescue 2014.  
Website reference: <http://www.wetiz.eu/en/23-paddle>

### 12.1.8 Racing boards

Assorted racing paddle boards (24) to fit different weights and abilities of participants as supplied during the Rescues 2014.  
Website reference: <http://www.wetiz.eu/en/10-boards>

### 12.1.9 IRB hull

Details to be confirmed, but they will be Arancia A388 as supplied during Rescue 2010 in Alexandria.

### 12.1.10 IRB engines

The standard motor is a modified Yamaha 25 HP two stroke engine, fitted with a stainless steel propeller and prop guard. Boats will be identical but the power output from motors may differ slightly.