



DATE 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
SUBJECT High Visibility Clothing – Surf Sports Competition

Approved by State Sports Committee and Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) Management Committee

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The following policy statement was adopted at the Queensland State Surf Sports Committee meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 and adopted as State Policy from 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 following approval of the SLSQ board.

### **BACKGROUND**

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is committed to ensuring all surf sports events are run at the highest standard whilst ensuring the safety of competitor's remains paramount at all times. With this in mind SLSQ will be implementing a policy requiring all competitors in ocean or open water-based surf lifesaving events held in Queensland to wear a high visibility lycra/rash top/singlet/stinger suit/buoyancy vest. In order to allow competitors sufficient time to acquire the clothing this policy will come into effect on September 22, 2012.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy applies to anyone who competes in a surf lifesaving ocean or open water-based event endorsed by SLSQ. This includes members from a club outside of Queensland or members of the public who compete in a Queensland based event. Events defined as surf lifesaving ocean-based events are defined in the surf sports manual. The vest must be worn in **all** ocean based events, with the exception of beach events, march past, first aid competition, reelman in Belt races (linesmen are not exempt). High Visibility vests must also be worn in all open water events conducted or endorsed by SLSQ. High visibility vest will not be required for pool based events.

In IRB Competition all patients and crew members will be required to wear a high visibility vest whilst the driver will be provided with a vest corresponding to the turning buoys to assist with judging purposes.

For board riding events to assist with judging purposes all competitors will be provided at the event with different coloured high visibility vests.

In addition to the above SLSQ strongly recommends the use of high visibility vests during all club competition training activities and all nipper activities.

SLSQ will adopt the identical colour that has been identified by the SLSA Lycra Clarification Circular (46/11-12). The colour will be strictly enforced, and variations of the identified colour are not permitted.

The colour that is permitted for use is:

"Fluoro Pink" (PMS International colour code 806C\*)

\*Please note that the PMS (Pantone Matching System) is the international authority on colour and is not a specific manufacturer code.

The vests can be purchased from a supplier of the Club's choice, provided the supplier can create an exact match of the colours required above. Long sleeve options are also permitted.

Sponsorship is permitted on a vest provided it follows the existing SLSA policy (5.8) regarding SLSA Competition Sponsorship. For reference, the vests will come under the category of "Lycra Singlet's/Full Costumes". There will be occasions when a sponsored vest will be provided for an event; in these situations the supplied vest **must** be worn. If a competitor chooses to wear a rash vest or other item of clothing, the high visibility vest must be worn as the top layer of clothing.

### **CONSEQUENCES**

If a competitor is not wearing a high visibility singlet/suit then they will not be allowed to commence any ocean or open water-based surf lifesaving competition or event.

Compliance of the vest at the start of the race (wear & tear, fading etc) will be at the discretion of the referee.

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