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NEW ZEALAND

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Subject: 2018 Scrutineering Update

Further to the distribution of 17-SC02 – Scrutineering Circular July 2017, Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) have become aware that a range of equipment does not fully comply with the specifications detailed in the SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual. In almost every instance, the noncompliance issues that have been identified are the result of design and or manufacturing shortfalls. In most cases the noncompliant craft have an overseas approved manufactures sticker attached to them and in some instances they may also have previously overseas scrutineering checks without the non-compliance issues being picked up, hence they may also carry an overseas scrutineering sticker.

The currently identified issues include;

1. Skis and boards weighing less than the minimum specified weight.
2. Skis measuring less than the minimum specified width.
3. Skis and boards measuring longer than the maximum specified length.
4. Skis exceeding the allowable design specifications.
5. Tubes exceeding the maximum specified length.

Unless equipment has clearly been modified after production, there is limited awareness or knowledge by athletes and or clubs of these potential issues, as they rely heavily on the manufacture for compliance to the required specifications.

While SLSNZ is aware that hundreds of NZ based craft may be affected by the currently identified issues, the full extent of the non-compliant issues has yet to be quantified within NZ and possibly other countries. Given that the number of affected craft is estimated to be reasonably significant, SLSNZ intends to proceed with caution before excluding any individual craft or model of craft from events, to avoid unduly penalising athletes and or clubs, whom have purchased craft and equipment in good faith, with the expectation that their craft and equipment complies with the required specifications.

However, SLSNZ is also committed to working with manufacturers to ensure that the currently identified issues are resolved as promptly as possible for all existing noncompliant craft and equipment, and to ensure that all craft and equipment comply with the required specifications in the future.

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Table 1 below details the actions and responsibilities expected of SLSNZ, athletes, clubs and manufactures regarding non-compliant craft and equipment for the 2018 and 2018/19 seasons, where noncompliance is deemed by SLSNZ to be a design/manufacturing issue. These responsibilities will be reviewed and possible amendments made and notified to clubs prior to 1 October 2018.

Equipment	Issue	Action/s	Responsibility	Outcome
Board / Ski	Fails to meet minimum weight specifications.	Add temporary then permanent additional weight.	Board owner, athlete, club, manufacturer.	Craft can be used immediately with temporary additional weight.
		Record the manufacturer, model, serial # of noncompliant equipment and then work with the manufacturer for permanent resolution.	SLSNZ with assistance from the owner, athlete, club.	Craft with permanent additional weight can be struck from SLSNZ non-compliant register. Manufacturer modifies production, quality assurance procedures to negate any further issues.
Ski	Failure to meet; 1. minimum specified width 2. exceeds maximum specified length 3. exceeds design specifications	Record the manufacturer, model, serial # of noncompliant equipment and then work with the manufacturer for permanent resolution.	SLSNZ with assistance from the owner, athlete, club.	Craft may continue to be used until the end of the 2018/19 season, with possible extension pending the outcome of SLSNZ's enquiries. Existing craft are made compliant. Manufacturer modifies production, quality assurance procedures to negate further issues.
Tubes	Tube length (excluding lanyard, eyes and clips) exceeds maximum specified length.	Record the manufacturer, model, serial # of noncompliant tube and then work with the manufacturer for permanent resolution. may continue to be used until further notice by SLSNZ.	SLSNZ with assistance from the owner, athlete, club.	Tubes that exceed the maximum tube length alone i.e. excluding lanyard, eyes and clips, may continue to be used until the end of the 2018/19 season, with possible permanent extension pending the outcome of SLSNZ's enquiries. Manufacturer modifies production, quality assurance procedures to negate further issues.

Yours sincerely



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