

CIRCULAR

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With regards to qualified and non-qualified persons being in the club's IRB the following points need to be adhered to.

Part 1

1.1 A person cannot be in an IRB without holding the current award unless actively training for that award under the supervision of a qualified IRB trainer (unless covered under Part 3).

1.2 Once a training course has been set and sessions logged in the IRB logbook a person is considered to be training for the award (IRBD or IRBC).

1.3 The only time a trainee crew member can be in the IRB is under the supervision of a qualified IRB trainer (which may or may not be the driver at the time).

1.4 The only time a trainee driver can drive the IRB is under the supervision of a qualified IRB trainer (either supervising from the beach or in the boat crewing for the trainee driver).

When commencing training, a trainee crew must spend quality time in the IRB with a qualified IRB trainer before crewing for a non-trainer, until such time it is deemed that the crew has the skills needed to safely negotiate the surf and have mastered the other required skills needed to maintain the safety of all involved.

When IRB Drivers commence training it is highly advisable that an IRB trainer is the driver's crew, until such time it is deemed that the crew has the skills needed to safely negotiate the surf and have mastered the other required skills needed to maintain the safety of all involved.

Part 2

2.0 All drivers (inc trainee) must hold a boat licence (SA) before commencing IRBD training.

2.1 Boat licence details must be entered into SurfGuard before a new assessment request can be raised.

Part 3

Often, parties want to experience what being in an IRB is like before undertaking the actual award. This section allows for this to occur.

We acknowledge that familiarisation in the IRB is often part of the surf lifesaving experience. This section covers this situation. Under any circumstances, they should not be allowed to drive the IRB.

3.0 A person can be in the IRB with a qualified crew **and** driver as a passenger, if they are financial, Bronze or SRC proficient and have the correctly fitted PPE.

3.1 Nippers can be in the IRB with a qualified crew **and** driver as a passenger, if they are financial and have the correctly fitted PPE, and written permission from a parent/guardian.

3.2 A person who does not hold SRC or Bronze Medallion can be in the IRB with a qualified crew **and** driver as a passenger, if they have signed the appropriate club waiver and have the correctly fitted PPE.