

# **CIRCULAR**

Title:	Gear and Equipment Inspections 2023-2024	
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Department:	Lifesaving	
Audience:	Club Captains, Vice Club Captains/Captain of Lifesaving, Administrator	
Date:	August 2023	

Summary:	All Clubs are to complete the Gear and Equipment Inspection process as outlined in the 2023-2024 Patrol Agreements.	
Action:	<ul> <li>All lifesaving gear and equipment is recorded in Surfguard.</li> <li>Surfguard details are updated to reflect newly appointed and relinquished positions.</li> <li>Clubs are to complete inspections on all patrol equipment and record via the SLSA Operations App by 09 October 2023.</li> </ul>	

#### **OVERVIEW**

The annual Gear and Equipment Inspection program ensures all Surf Life Saving patrols have sufficient equipment to meet Patrol Agreement requirements. The inspections promote club knowledge, member involvement and continuous improvement as well as the accurate recording of gear and equipment details in Surfguard, providing current information to support funding applications and equipment turnover programs. Furthermore, it promotes the management, maintenance and quality of all patrolling gear and equipment, creating a safer working environment for members and enhanced rescue capabilities.

#### REQUIREMENTS

In preparation for the upcoming season, all clubs and services are required to ensure that all key lifesaving gear and equipment is captured within Surfguard i.e. add in any new equipment and delete sold or discarded items, and inspected prior to the commencement of each patrol season to ensure:

- Gear and equipment are operationally fit for purpose and response ready.
- Safe for use, not damaged or faulty.
- Clubs and Services meet the minimum patrol equipment requirements as outlined in their Patrol Agreement.
- Gear and equipment repairs, maintenance, and upgrade requirements are identified.
- Correct and current information is updated on Surfguard.
- All gear and equipment are SLSA endorsed <u>SLSA Gear and Equipment List 2023-24</u> (SLSSA website).

Gear and Equipment to be inspected (minimum):

- First Aid Equipment
- Oxygen Resuscitator kits and suction units
- Defibrillators
- Spinal boards, spinal straps
- Patrol tent and surround
- Rescue Boards and Rescue Tubes
- Radios TAITs

- SSVs
- 4WDs
- Manikins
- Club trailers (rego plate compliance only)
- IRB Hulls
- IRB Motors
- PFDs

All Club Captains and Vice club Captains have been provided with access to the Gear and Equipment Audit/Inspections section in the SLSA Operations App.

#### COMPLETION

As per Patrol Agreements, inspections are to be completed by Monday 09 October 2023 to provide the first patrol weekend to finalise any minor details. Patrol agreements for season 2023 – 2024 contain links to training resources outlining the process to be taken when completing your inspections, along with reference to gear and equipment servicing guidelines.

Please refer to page 2 for a guide on minimum equipment requirements and replacement recommendations.

### QUERIES

If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact the Lifesaving team at SLSSA <u>lifesaving@surflifesavingsa.com.au</u> or call (08) 8354 6900.



## **Equipment Minimums and Replacement Guide**

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