



MEMORANDUM

4 February 2014

TO: Presidents, Secretaries, Club Captains, Lifesaving Officers

FROM: Ashlee Biddle, Lifesaving Officer

SUBJECT: Lifejacket Order

SLSA remains committed to ongoing enhancements of safety and protection of members operating on patrol and competing in SLS competition. Following consultation with members, SLSA announced a number of additional safety initiatives in 2013 on behalf of the Surf Life Saving Australia Board of Directors including ***all surf lifesavers operating inflatable rescue boats (IRBs), both in frontline lifesaving operations and in competition, must wear certified lifejackets from 1 October 2014.***

It has been mandated that compulsory wearing of Australian/International Standard certified lifejackets [AS:4758 or ISO:12402 - Level 50] by all IRB operators (drivers and crewperson/s) when operating IRBs for both frontline lifesaving services and competition (including all IRB training). The implementation of lifejackets will also be reflected in an update to the SLSA Surf Sport Manual 34th Edition, SLS state/territory standard operating procedures and the SLSA powercraft manual.

Equipment Requirements

- Certified lifejackets must meet the SLSA specification; most notably the safety standard that underpins the specification – Australian Standard:4758 Personal Floatation Devices - Level 50 or International Standard:12402:5 Personal Floatation Devices - Level 50]
- Clubs/services are to procure certified lifejackets to satisfy their current SLS state/territory service agreement/ standard operational procedures or their local operational and membership requirements. As a guideline only, it is recommended that 3 x PFDs per IRB owned by the club/service in varying sizes (XS-XXL) be held.
- Certified lifejackets [AS:4758 or ISO:12402 - Level 50] are subject to gear and equipment inspection and competition scrutineering requirements (to be confirmed in due course prior to 1 October 2014).

Operational Requirements

- Both IRB driver and crewperson/s are to wear a certified lifejacket [AS:4758 or ISO:12402 - Level 50] (worn correctly; zipped and clipped up applicable and in the correct size) at all times when in an IRB on the water.
- The IRB crewperson may only remove the certified lifejacket [AS:4758 or ISO:12402 - Level 50] when exiting the boat to perform an in-water rescue. The lifejacket must be put back on upon re-entry to the IRB.

Funding and Supply

- Clubs/Services/Members are to fund the purchase of life jackets themselves
- SLSSA has sourced a supplier that can supply lifejackets (at a competitive rate) to our Clubs by 1 October 2014, see more information below and on following pages, and order form:

Supplier: PFD Australia

Features:

- Tapered cut for snug fit avoids movement or riding up of jacket
- Split foam design improves flexibility and comfort
- Single Internal 38mm Belt to reduce snagging
- Retro reflective tape improves visibility for rescue
- Hi visibility red and yellow neoprene which passes colour fastness requirements
- Radio pocket allows carriage of essential communication devices
- SLSA branding identifies SLSA staff quickly and effectively
- Uses high quality soft flexible buoyancy foam front and back
- Zigzag stitching improves strength and durability

Sizes: Male: Men's S – 3XL
Female: 6 – 18

Cost (inc GST: Minimum Order of 50 = \$75
Minimum order of 100 = \$70
Minimum order of 200 = \$65

(The final cost will depend on how many the whole state orders, Clubs will be invoiced)



Orders due: Friday 28 February



LIFEJACKET ORDER FORM

Orders due: Friday 28 February

Club: _____

Officer Name (placing order): _____

Order:

GENDER	SIZE	QUANTITY
Male	S	
	M	
	L	
	XL	
	2XL	
	3XL	
Female	6	
	8	
	10	
	12	
	14	
	16	
	18	

Clubs will be invoiced for their order.

Send this order form **(by Friday 28 February)** to Ashlee Biddle, either by:

Email: ashleeb@surfrescue.com.au

Post: PO Box 117, West Beach SA 5024

Deliver: 2 Barcoo Road, West Beach SA 5024

Fax: 8354 6999

Please note: If you have members within your Club wanting to order their own jacket rather than use the Club ones, please have them contact Ashlee Biddle direct (payment must be paid prior to collection of goods), otherwise feel free to add member orders to your Club order and work out payment amongst yourselves.