

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>DFES Grant – IRB Equipment in Competition</b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Presidents, Directions of Lifesaving and Surf Sports, Club Administrators
<b>Summary:</b>	A formalised position has been developed that will allow clubs to re-purpose DFES Grant IRB equipment into competition providing the equipment falls into the age criteria.

Circular 23, 2012/13 (Capital Expenditure Equipment Funding Distribution) included a direction that the IRB hulls and outboard motors supplied to clubs under this program were only to be used for patrols or water safety activity.

The first version of the grant had a term of 6 years from July 2012 to June 2018. In June 2018, the grant was renewed for a further five years. Clubs that received equipment that was distributed between the seasons 2012/2013 to 2015/2016 may be starting to review if it remains fit for purpose for patrolling, rescue or water safety activity. This will depend on hours of use, beach type and lifecycle care of the equipment.

Rather than dispose of the equipment two clubs have sought permission from SLSWA for the equipment to be re-purposed and used in IRB competition/training. A formal position on this request is now available and is circulated for clubs to consider according to its circumstances.

### Position:

1. Club participating in IRB competition may use IRB equipment received from the DFES grant under the following conditions:
  - a) The equipment has reached a lifecycle age of 5 years from the date of license registration.
  - b) The equipment does not hold any markings of the WA Government; however, retains those markings required by the Department of Transport and SLSA/SLSWA.
  - c) Clubs that propose to use the equipment in competition must provide notice to SLSWA along with the Hull Identification Number and the Engine Serial Number.
  - d) Clubs will acknowledge that competition officials for the purpose of compliance, may complete random checks of the equipment against the information supplied.

If your club wants to take advantage of this position, please forward the relevant details to Graham Snook (Surf Sports Officer) [gsnook@slnwa.com.au](mailto:gsnook@slnwa.com.au).



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