

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b><u>2020/21 HIGH VISIBILITY LYCRA VESTS FOR YOUTH, SENIOR AND MASTERS COMPETITORS</u></b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Club Administrators, Club Competition Directors/Officers and Competitors
<b>Summary:</b>	This document provides information on the use of high visibility lycra competition vests during SLSWA water-based competitions.
<b>Action:</b>	Clubs are to purchase high visibility lycra competition vests for their water-based competitors who compete in SLSWA Surf Sports events. All orders must be completed and sent to <a href="mailto:surfsports@slnwa.com.au">surfsports@slnwa.com.au</a> by no later than 26 June 2020.
<b>Attachment:</b>	<a href="#">Order Form</a>

### BACKGROUND

The provision of a safe environment at all SLSWA competitions is paramount. All youth, seniors and masters competitors in water-based surf lifesaving events held by SLSWA in 2020/21 will be required to wear a high visibility YELLOW lycra competition vests. One of the five SLSA approved hi-vis colours for competitor identification, as per SLSA Water Safety Policy and Procedures 1.01. Please note that this requirement does not apply to club-based activities or training.

***Please note, information on vest requirements for Woodside Nippers is contained in Circular 03, 2020/21***

### ***Youth, Senior & Masters Competitors***

All Youth, Senior and Masters Competitors are required to wear high visibility vests that conform with the requirements of this circular. Clubs may purchase these vests from the supplier of their choice or may purchase vests at a subsidized rate from Engine, SLSWA's exclusive supplier of high visibility vests, state team clothing and swimwear. Subsidized Engine vests must be ordered by no later than Friday 26 June 2020.

***Please note: Any clubs that do not take up this offer of ordering vests within this time frame will miss out on the Engine vest subsidy from SLSWA. If clubs wish to place vest orders after 26 June, the club will need to contact Engine directly and will need to pay full price per vest plus printing costs.***

**A. HI-VIS REQUIREMENTS FOR SLSWA EVENTS – YOUTH, SENIORS & MASTERS COMPETITORS**

**Event requirements for 2020/2021**

As a condition of entry, competitors will be required to wear FLUORO YELLOW high visibility vests in all water based individual and team events contained within the:

- Senior Ocean Carnivals
- R&R events (all participants)
- Surf Boat events (this applies to the WA Surf Rowers Series. Navy sponsored vests must be worn in Navy Series events as per ASRL requirements).
- Senior and Masters State Championship events
- SunSmart WA Surf League Series

SLSWA water-based events are defined within the current SLSA Surf Sports Manual. Vests must be worn by all competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth. In addition, competitors warming up prior to their events and within 30 minutes of the commencement of the program must wear a competition vest and have suitable water safety provided by their club until the rostered water safety period commences, as well as when cooling down between events.

**SLSWA Events in which high visibility vests are not required.**

High visibility vests are not required for:

- IRB Series (given competitors must wear an approved PFD)
- Beach events
- March Past Competition
- First Aid Competition
- Reelmen in Belt races (linesmen are not exempt)
- Pool Rescue events
- Board Riding events (competitors will be provided with different coloured judging vests)

**Engine Vest Subsidy**

Through the SLSWA/ Engine partnership, clubs may purchase high visibility vests for use in SLS events in the 2020/21 season for the subsidized rate of \$12.50 exc. GST per vest. The design will be as per the diagram below and includes printing of club name on back.

Due to supply lead times, all club orders must be received by SLSWA no later Friday 26 June 2020. It is anticipated that vests will be received in October/ November 2020. A more accurate delivery date will be communicated to clubs once the supplier advises SLSWA.





### Club Sponsors

If a club would like to have a club sponsor printed on their competition vests in season 2020/2021, they need to contact Marketing & Partnerships Coordinator Minda Penn in writing for sponsor approval. This is to avoid potential sponsorship conflicts. (email: [mpenn@slnwa.com.au](mailto:mpenn@slnwa.com.au)).

- Logo size – Maximum size of logo that may appear on the front or rear of the vest will be 100cm<sup>2</sup>, i.e. 10cm x 10cm logo.
- Cost – Clubs will be responsible for paying an additional cost of \$3/unit for the printing of a Club Sponsor logo if printing through Engine. *This cost is not included in the pricing outlined within this circular.*

Prior to printing, artwork proofs showing logo specs, will need to be provided to SLSWA for sign off.

Alternatively, clubs may purchase vests from an alternative supplier of their choice. Vests worn in SLSWA competitions must have the SLSWA roundel on the right breast position of the vest and have any sponsors and artwork approved by Marketing & Partnerships Coordinator Minda Penn.

Each Club is required to ensure that it orders enough vests for its Youth, Senior and Masters Competitors.

Clubs are reminded that they **do not** need to order vests for their Woodside Nippers through this circular. Each Woodside Nipper will be provided with a free high visibility vest through the SLSWA Woodside Partnership. This vest is to be worn for all nipper activities including participation in Surf Sport competition.

### Vest Ordering Procedure

A Club Order Form containing all applicable details is attached to this Circular.

- Clubs are required to complete the attached order form listing appropriate quantities. SLSWA will invoice each club directly for the orders placed via this circular.
  - Clubs are to forward their completed order forms to [surfsports@slnwa.com.au](mailto:surfsports@slnwa.com.au) by no later than Friday 26 June 2020.
- If clubs wish to place vest orders after this date, they will need to contact Engine directly and will need to pay full price per vest plus any printing costs.

## B. CLUB BASED ACTIVITIES

This high visibility vest policy does not apply to club activities or training for the 2020/21 Season. Clubs are welcome to purchase additional vests for club activities and can utilise any of the hi-vis colour range. However, please note that only hi-vis yellow vests can be used in SLSWA competitions.

### Further Information

Should you or any of your members have queries regarding the information contained in this circular please contact Andrew Mosel, Surf Sport Officer on (08) 9207 6666 or [amosel@slnwa.com.au](mailto:amosel@slnwa.com.au).

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**James O'Toole**  
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