



# Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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## Accreditation of Surf Boat Sweeps

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### Summary

The purpose of this circular is to advise surf club members regarding the changes that are being implemented to the procedures in becoming an accredited Surf Boat Sweep.

### In Brief:

This circular contains information for Surf Clubs and Surf Boat Sweeps, regarding the accreditation process required to be an accredited Surf Boat Sweep.

### Background

Following consultation with boat sweeps and other interested people relating to surf boat sweep accreditation the Board of Surf Sports adopted to support the introduction of the following procedures relating to boat sweep competencies and coaching:

#### 1. Currently Accredited Sweeps

By October 1st 2007, each State should have a database of the names of sweeps already accredited and continue to maintain this database.

Those Sweeps who are currently deemed to be accredited will be required to **gain a Level 1 Surf Coach Certificate by October 1st 2008** in order to maintain their accreditation and be eligible to sweep in SLSA competitions and activities.

*Note: Accredited sweeps are not covered by the Associations Professional Indemnity Insurance unless they have completed their SLSA Level 1 (or higher) Coaching Certificate and maintain their accreditation.*

#### 2. Sweep Reaccreditation

Re-accreditation of existing sweeps will be linked to coaching reaccreditation and will occur every 4 years (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> of January). The Coaching reaccreditation will be modified so that points are gained for being on boat panels plus conducting or attending Sweep and Rowing Schools.

#### 3. New or Unaccredited Sweeps

From October 1st 2007 **new or unaccredited sweeps must only operate in the presence of a nominated accredited sweep** until accreditation is gained. An exception to this would be a sweep who is a qualified Level 1 Surf Coach would be able to practice skills without an accredited sweep being present in flat water where there is no swell or waves.



To gain **accreditation** the New or Unaccredited sweep must;

- Demonstrate competence in boat sweeping ([checklist on the SLSA website](#)) under the supervision of and to the satisfaction of a nominated accredited boat sweep.
- Become an SLSA level 1 Surf Coach – Sweeps will be able to choose “sweeping” and “rowing” as their two practical sections. Completing a “sweep school” in conjunction with a SLSA level 1 course would cover the practical part of the level 1 coaching course.

*Note: Attendance at a boat sweep school is not a compulsory part of sweep accreditation but it is recommended as a training and motivation course for sweeps to help achieve the necessary competencies.*

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