



Position Description

Role: Safety Officer (SO)

Appointed By: The body hosting the event as per Rule 4.2(b)(iii) of the Ski Racing Australia Rule Book 2019/20 Edition (**Rule Book**).

Reports to: Race Director

Purpose: Is responsible for the overall safety of the event. The Safety Officer works closely with the Race Director and Chief Judge to ensure racing operations are well organised and racing is completed in a safe and timely manner. The Safety Officer is responsible for the management of external stakeholders including the relevant marine authorities, paramedics and ambulance. The Safety officer must have intimate knowledge of the local area.

Direct Reports: CP Boats, Rescue Boat Crews, Contracted Paramedics

External Stakeholders: Ski Racing Australia, Roads and Marine Services, Emergency Services

Experience/Training Required.

- Knowledgeable about Ski Racing Australia and the sport of Ski Racing
- Able to identify and evaluate risk and management plans
- Strong but calm demeanour and clear ability to work under pressure
- Expert knowledge of local water conditions and surrounds

Duties and Responsibilities.

- Fulfil all duties of the Safety Officer as prescribed in the Rule Book.
- The SO is a member of the Race Organising Committee and must fulfil its duties as a member of that committee as required by the Rule Book.
- Be aware at all times of the safety and welfare of competitors, officials and other personnel involved in an Event.
- Understand and report on local conditions to the Race Director.
- Understand in detail the location of boat ramps and access points to the river banks in an Event course.
- Ensure all course and safety boats drivers are correctly briefed.
- Ensure that all course and safety boats are in position and accounted for prior to approval to race.
- Ensure radio communications and recording mechanisms are in place and remain in contact with the Race Director at all times during an Event.
- Understand the critical incident management plan and be able to assist with the plan as and when required.
- Approve the course in Events and Championships, in conjunction with the Race Organising Committee
- Approve those allowed on official boats where required by the Rule Book.

- Stop the race where appropriate to do so, and with agreement of the Race Director. This includes requesting the Race Director to halt an Event or call a poll of the Event Judges in regard to a competitor's actions or condition.
- Ensure all competing and official boats are safely accounted for at the conclusion of the racing in an Event.
- Ensure completion of an SRA Incident Report and any additional reporting required by applicable authorities including the Marine Authority or as required by the Event Sanctioning Policy.
- Prevent competitors from competing where, in the SO's opinion, they would be endangering themselves or other competitors if they were to continue competing.