
Development of officials – Sport of Pool Lifesaving

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Royal Life Saving Society – Australia, National Sport Committee submission for a workshop presentation: RLSSA works to prevent drowning and facilitate healthy, active lifestyles by equipping all Australians with water safety skills. They are the leading water safety organisation in the Sport of Pool Lifesaving in Australia.

Background

The sport of pool lifesaving tests a lifesaver's skills in rescue, accident prevention and emergency care. The Royal Life Saving has an established sport participation pathway that provides regular opportunities for participants from officials, coaches and athletes from community level to the elite.

Aims and objectives of workshop

To provide participants with a framework for the development of high quality officials to conduct competitions at a local or elite level and an understanding of how to implement. Overall focus of getting people involved in the sport of pool lifesaving.

Target

Anyone who conducts; participates in, or would like to, pool lifesaving competitions.

Methods / implementation

Practical workshop with discussion on developing officials (a pathway); how to develop rules; demonstration of the application of rules and how to interpret and implement them; and modifying a competition to suit the local environment and participants.

This will include utilising the RLSSA as a case study in how they implemented a development pathway for their officials and the associated infrastructure whilst working with State and Territory Branches

References

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