

### POWERCRAFT TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

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| <b>Department:</b>      | Education   |
| <b>Audience:</b>        | Chief Training Officers, IRB Training Officers, Assessors and RWC Facilitators        |
| <b>Summary:</b>         | IRB and RWC Training and Assessment Update  |
| <b>Action Required:</b> | Club Chief Training Officers to communicate to all those affected within their Clubs. |

#### PURPOSE OF CRITERIA

To advise SLSSNB Clubs on Powercraft training and Assessment updates on COVID-19.

#### THE CURRENT SITUATION

The virus can spread from person to person through:

- close contact with an infectious person (including in the 24 hours before they started showing symptoms)
- contact with droplets from an infected person’s cough or sneeze
- touching objects or surfaces (like doorknobs or tables) that have cough or sneeze droplets from an infected person, and then touching your mouth or face

SLSSNB is following advice from SLSNSW, SLISA and the latest information announced by the Australian Government with regards to good hygiene, self-isolation and social distancing. For example:

- staying at home when you are unwell
- avoiding large public gatherings if they’re not essential
- keeping a distance of 1.5 metres between you and other people whenever possible
- minimising physical contact, especially with people at higher risk such as older people and people with existing health conditions

#### DECISION

At this stage, SLS SNB believes the risk for Powercraft training and assessment is low; candidates are outside, there is limited close, person-to-person contact, and the groups are small. It is recommended that the candidates, trainers and assessors self-assess whether they should be participating or not, prior to each training session.

#### WHAT NEXT

Please ensure your Training Officers monitor their personal health, and TO’s should discuss this with their candidates – either verbally or over email – to ensure that if the candidate is symptomatic then they don’t attend. Obviously, this may affect their ability to complete the course however this is a minor problem in comparison.

If anyone is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please consult with their doctor. Symptoms can range from a mild illness to pneumonia. Some people recover easily, others may get very sick, very quickly. There is evidence that it spreads from person to person. Good hygiene can prevent infection. Please make sure your education teams are aware of the increased risk to exposure.

We recognise that this is a rapidly changing situation and if any other changes are necessary the Branch will advise the Clubs accordingly.