



## **INTERNATIONAL LIFE SAVING (ILS)**

### **CLARIFICATION OF DETERMINING AGE GROUPS FOR THE 2014 LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Reference: ILS Competition Manual, 2013 Edition**

#### **1. SUMMARY**

This document clarifies the determination of age calculations at the coming Lifesaving World Championships (Rescue 2014) that will be held in France.

The ILS Board of Directors agreed to follow the International Olympic Committee (IOC) guidelines for determination of youth age groups for ILS World Championship competitions.

For consistency this methodology has been extended to apply to the Open and Youth National Teams and Interclub, Masters, Surf Boats, IRB and 2km Beach Run World Championship competitions to be conducted at the 2014 Lifesaving World Championships.

In short, a competitor's age is determined by how old he or she is as at 31 December of the year in which they are participating in the Lifesaving World Championships.

This document clarifies the various age eligibilities for Rescue 2014.

#### **2. YOUTH: NATIONAL TEAMS AND INTERCLUB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.1.c) and 2.3.2.b)):

Youth – be 15 to 18 years of age (in the year of the Championships)

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age on or before 31 December 2014.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 14 or 19 in 2014.

#### **3. OPEN: NATIONAL TEAMS AND INTERCLUB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.1.c) and 2.3.2.b)):

Open – be a minimum of 16 of age (in the year of the Championships)

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before 31 December 2014. There is no maximum age.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who are younger than 15 or turn 15 in 2014.

#### 4. MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.3.a) and 2.6.2):

Masters – be a minimum of 30 years of age (in the year of the Championships)

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 30 years of age on or before 31 December 2014. There is no maximum age.

Not Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 29 in 2014.

Note: For Masters team events, the same principle applies, viz, the ages of the team members are to total a specified cumulative total age. This cumulative age is also determined as at the age of the team members in the year of the Championships. For example, in a four-person team where the total age is to be a minimum of 140 years, the team members may be 30 years, 35 years, 37 years and 38 years of age on or before 31 December 2014 (totaling 140 years).

#### 5. OPEN SURFBOATS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.4.a), 2.6.3, 7.1 and 7.13):

##### A. Open and Reserve Surf Boats – be a minimum of 16 of age

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before 31 December 2014. There is no maximum age.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 15 in 2014.

##### B. Under 23 Surf Boats – be a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 23 years (in the year of the Championships)

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 or 23 years of age on or before 31 December 2014.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 15 or 24 in 2014.

##### C. Under 19 Surf Boats World Championships – be a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 19 years (in the year of the Championships)

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 16, 17, 18, or 19 years of age on or before 31 December 2014.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 15 or 20 in 2014 are not eligible to compete.

##### D. Masters Surf Boat World Championships – be a minimum of 30 years of age (in the year of the Championships)

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 30 years of age on or before 31 December 2014. There is no maximum age. Boat Sweeps do not need to be Masters age competitors but eligible to compete in Open Surf Boat competition.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 29 in 2014.

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7. **OPEN IRB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.4.a), 2.6.4 and 8.3.4):

**IRB** – be a minimum of 16 of age.

Section 2.3.4.a) indicates a minimum age of 15 but Section 8 species a minimum age of 16 in the year of the Championships. This notice advises that the minimum age shall be as detailed below:

**A. Patient and or Crew**

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before 31 December 2014. There is no maximum age.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 15 in 2014.

**A. IRB Driver**

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 18 years of age on or before 31 December 2014. There is no maximum age.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 17 in 2014.

8. **YOUTH BEACH RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.4 and 2.6.5):

Youth – be 15 to 18 years of age (in the year of the Championships)

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age on or before 31 December 2014.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 14 or 19 in 2014.

9. **OPEN BEACH RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.4 and 2.6.5):

Open – be a minimum of 16 of age (in the year of the Championships)

Eligible to compete: Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before 31 December 2014. There is no maximum age.

Not eligible to compete: Competitors who are younger than 15 or turn 15 in 2014

10. **OTHER**

**A. Participation in Youth and Open National Teams and Interclub World Championships**

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.1.g) and 2.3.2.g)

The ILS Competition Manual, 2013 Edition, places restrictions on youth competitors seeking to participate in both the National Teams and Interclub World Championships:

*“National Teams Lifesaving World Championships: Competitors 16 to 18 years may enter either the Open or Youth competition but not both. Fifteen year-olds are not eligible for Open competition.”*

*“Interclub Lifesaving World Championships: Competitors who are 16–18 years of age in the year of the championships may enter individual events in either the Open or Youth competition but not both. Competitors 16–18 years may enter team events in either or both the Open and Youth competition. No event will be delayed to allow participants to compete in both competitions.”*

(Reference: ILS Competition Manual Section 2.3.2.g))

#### **B. Other Lifesaving World Championships Entry Conditions**

For all other entry conditions including eligibility and right to participate, team composition, detailed event requirements and restrictions etc. refer to the ILS Competition Manual, 2013 Edition.

### **11. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please refer to ILS for further information. The email address is: [ils.hq@telenet.be](mailto:ils.hq@telenet.be).