

# Coffs Harbour Surf Life Saving Club

## POLICY DOCUMENT

**Policy Title:** Equipment Use & Assistance Policy

**Board Directorate:** Surf Life Saving

**Reports Through:** Director of Surf Life Saving

**Managing Committee:** Surf and Beach Committee

**Board Approval Date:** 11 / 10 / 2016



### 1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

This Policy is designed to assist members in complying with SLSA requirements for the use of surf craft and equipment in patrols, competition and training. It is also designed to regulate the allocation of the Club's equipment and resources to club members to allow them to achieve optimum performance.

### 2. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CLUB POLICY:

- a. *Surf Sports Competition & Training Policy.*

### 3. EQUIPMENT USE & REQUIREMENTS- GENERAL

- a. All members engaged in club patrol, training or competition activities must only use equipment which has been approved for use by SLSA.
- b. When engaged in club patrol, training or competition activities, members must use and operate either privately owned or club owned equipment in a responsible manner, ensuring compliance with SLSA SOPS and to avoid serious injury or illness to any person.

### 4. ALLOCATION OF CLUB OWNED EQUIPMENT

- A. The Club will from time to time provide equipment to be used by its members. For the purpose of this policy, this equipment may include boards, ski's or paddles, surf boats, IRB's and shall be known as "Assisted Equipment".
- B. The allocation of Assisted Equipment to club members is at the ongoing discretion of the Surf and Beach Committee.
- C. Any member requiring the allocation of Assisted Equipment must apply in writing to the Surf and Beach Committee.
- D. The lodgment of a request for the use of Assisted Equipment does not in itself guarantee the allocation of club resources. The allocation of Assisted Equipment is at the discretion of the Surf and Beach Committee and in the event of any disagreement, the decision of the majority of the committee will be final.

- E. The allocation of Assisted Equipment is generally made for each surf season. The member must return any club equipment to the club at the conclusion of the season.
- F. The member's use of Assisted Equipment may be revoked by the Surf and Beach Committee in accordance with this policy.
- G. In exercising its discretion to initially approve the allocation of assisted equipment to members and in considering whether to revoke its approval, the Surf and Beach Committee shall take into consideration all of the following factors;
  - o Members must compete in events that require the assisted craft.
  - o Members must not be in breach of the requirements of any club Policy.
  - o Whether the Member is entitled to have sole use of the piece of equipment.
  - o whether to purchase new or second hand craft and any extra's such as custom paint jobs.
  - o Member previous and anticipated participation in surf club fundraising activity.
- H. The Surf and Beach Committee may at its discretion, impose conditions of use of Assisted Equipment.
- I. The club will retain complete ownership of the Assisted Equipment.
- J. Under no circumstances should club equipment be sold without the authorisation of the Surf and Beach Committee.
- K. If requested by the Surf and Beach Committee, the member must return the Assisted Equipment to the club without delay.
- L. The member will be wholly responsible for repairing any damage to the Assisted Equipment. Repairs need to be undertaken in a timely manner so as not to reduce the value of the piece of equipment.
- M. If a member wishes to upgrade their Assisted Equipment, they must reapply again through the procedure described in this Policy.
- N. Member must sign the Equipment Hire Agreement.

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*Record of Approval for this Policy*

Surf and Beach Committee Approval Date:        /        /

Signed By Director of Surf Lifesaving: \_\_\_\_\_