

Coffs Harbour Surf Life Saving Club

POLICY DOCUMENT

Policy Title: Surf Sports Competition & Training Policy

Board Directorate: Surf Life Saving

Reports Through: Director of Surf Life Saving

Managing Committee: Surf and Beach Committee

Board Approval Date: 01 / 08 / 2023



1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

CHSLSC is committed to improving member performance in surf sports at a Regional, State & National level. The club invests substantially in surf sports through coaching, subsidising carnival fees and providing equipment. If members are willing to meet certain conditions, the Club will further assist members in pursuit of their Surf Sports goals. This policy is designed to ensure that the club's surf sports activities are conducted in a professional and safe manner within SLSA, SLSNSW, North Coast Branch and Club guidelines.

The overriding objective of the club's participation in surf sport's activity is to encourage member development and to improve the club's performance in its core activity of patrolling the beach.

2. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CLUB POLICY:

The Surf Sports Competition & Training Policy works in conjunction with the Clubs;

a. Equipment Use and Assistance Policy; b. Team Selection Policy;

3. CLUB MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. At each training session attended, the member must complete the program for that session, as allocated by the club coach.
- b. Members must demonstrate a positive and cooperative attitude to completing scheduled training sessions.
- c. Members may only leave a training session prior to the scheduled completion time, after first obtaining the coach's permission, if a member is U18 written or expressed permission by a parent or guardian is required.

- d. Members must comply with any safety directive communicated by the coach, water safety personnel or risk assessment officer prior to or during a training session.
- e. Members must wear all personal protective clothing or equipment which the Surf and Beach Committee has directed the club's members to wear.
- f. During competition, Members must only wear clothing or equipment approved by the Surf and Beach committee.
- g. Unless granted the use of club owned equipment under the *Equipment Use and Assistance Policy*, members must provide their own craft when participating in competition or club training sessions.
- h. Images of **members** in uniform are not to be posted to personal social media platforms. The club asks that images be shared to the club Publicity Officer (Markell Hughes) to post to club platforms. Of course, parents posting images of their own children is permissible. Where sponsorship is involved and posting to the web is required families are asked to consult the club prior to posting e.g. If you child is sponsored permission to use the club branding, logo and colours is required.

4. **COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. To promote and encourage individual member skill development.
- b. To promote and encourage an inclusive environment at all training sessions.
- c. To ensure member safety through proper risk assessment before, during and after each session.

5. **ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND CLUB TRAINING**

- a. A member of the club is eligible to attend all organised club training sessions, provided that he or she;
 - i. is a current financial member of the club; and
 - ii. has met the required proficiency applicable to the member's age group and craft to be used.
- b. members of other SLSA clubs may attend club training after first obtaining the approval of the surf sports manager.
- c. any junior member (U8 – U14) attending training must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the whole of the training session. A parent's failure to remain in close proximity to the training location may render the junior member ineligible to further participate in that session.

Record of Approval for this Policy

Surf and Beach Committee Approval Date: 01 / 08 / 23

Signed By Director of Surf Lifesaving: _____