



## WOONONA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB POLICY STATEMENT USE OF SURF LIFESAVING CRAFT

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### POLICY

All persons using surf lifesaving craft for operational activities (e.g. patrols, lifesaving activities, etc.) and competition must be qualified and currently proficient with the appropriate SLSA award applicable to the craft.

Personnel otherwise using surf lifesaving craft should have met the prerequisites for the training in the appropriate award applicable to the usage of the craft. Initial training must include clear instructions and protocols on how to use the equipment, particularly in regards to injury prevention and survival in the event of a possible accident or loss of craft. Participants to be under strict supervision of a level 1 coach at all times while using craft.

Prior to all usage of craft, approval must be given by the relevant sectional head. All craft and equipment shall be stored in appropriate areas as designated, kept clean, tidy and serviceable with any faults, damages or losses being reported to the relevant sectional head.

### SURF BOATS

To commence formalised surf boat training, persons *MUST*:

- be a financial member of the club
- be over 16 years of age
- have completed the swim component of the Bronze Medallion award

Persons who fulfil *ONLY* the above requirements are limited to formalised training in flat water conditions, under the supervision of an accredited sweep.

Members can train in surf conditions and compete in surf boat events once they are over 16 years of age and have fully completed the requirements of the Bronze Medallion award.

### INFLATABLE RUBBER BOATS (IRBs)

To commence IRB Crewman training, persons *MUST*:

- be a financial and proficient member of the club
- have fully completed the requirements of the Bronze Medallion award

To commence IRB Driver training, persons *MUST*:

- be a financial and proficient member of the club
- have fully completed the requirements of the IRB Crewman's award

Members can perform the duties of an IRB Crewman/Driver during operational activities, member training and compete in IRB events once they have fully completed the requirements of the IRB Crewman/Driver's award.

### SURF BOARD

To commence formalised surf board training, persons *MUST*:

- be a financial and proficient member for the club, relevant to their age group
- be using the relevant craft for their age group, as outlined in SLSA surf sports manual section 6, and SLSA Policy 5.6

### SURF SKI

To commence formalised surf ski training, persons *MUST*:

- be a financial and proficient member of the club
- be over 15 years of age
- have completed the swim component of the Bronze Medallion award

Members can compete in surf ski events once they are over 15 years of age and have fully completed the requirements of the Bronze Medallion award.

\* *Note:* This policy does not preclude members under the age of 16 years (surf boats) or 15 years (surf ski) participating in less formal skill based sessions, on the proviso that they are a financial member of the club, are supported by a suitably qualified coach and have completed the swim component of the Bronze Medallion award.