



1. Introduction

This policy will assist in ensuring that Club Members are aware of intra-club surf sport competition procedures, including entry criteria and water safety requirements.

This policy aligns with SLSA policies – Policy 1.01 Water Safety and Policy 6.09 Risk Management.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this document are to;

- Ensure that Club members are aware of intra club competition requirements.
 - Ensure that events are held with sufficient water safety as required having due regard to the prevailing conditions and the number of competitors.
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3. Club Competitions and Trophy Events

- 3.1 All members are encouraged to participate in club points and trophy races. All members participating in intra club events must be financial at the time of the event.
- 3.2 Points will be allocated in all weekly regular structured events as set annually by the Surf Sports Committee.
- 3.3 Members participating in Club points and trophy events must be current financial members and have signed any required waivers and be recorded in the relevant event attendance sheet.
- 3.4 Pre any intra-club competition the Director Surf Sports will have overall responsibility to ensure that appropriate liaison is undertaken with the Director Beach Operations, or their delegate, to ensure that:
- Appropriate water safety is provided for the event.
 - That appropriate first aid is available at the event.
 - That the area to be set aside for the event is not encroaching on a flagged patrol area, or will be of any major inconvenience to the public without appropriate signage.
- 3.5 Before commencement of the activity, the Event Coordinator and/or Director Surf Sports (or their delegate) will brief participants and water safety personnel on the conditions likely to be encountered during the activity.
- 3.6 Participants are to inform the Event Coordinator of any pre-existing ailments that may impact on their participation.
- 3.7 Participants are required to wear an SLSA approved high visibility rash vest/swim cap in accordance with approved specifications when involved in water based intra-Club competition events e.g. swims, marathons, Club championships.

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Event participants entering the water without the required high visibility attire will not be deemed as compliant with the event requirements/rules and therefore not allocated points or trophies in accordance with the competition.

- 3.8 In the event of conditions/swim course being deemed unsafe by either the Director Surf Sports or Director Beach Operations (or their delegate) in their absolute discretion, the event may be reduced to a shorter/safer course, relocated or cancelled. The Director in attendance (or their delegate) will make the final determination considering risk, water safety provision and prevailing conditions on the day
- 3.9 In the event of cancellation of the event, no points or trophies will be awarded to the participants in attendance.

4. Club Trophies - Eligibility

- 4.1 Any member suspended during the season shall lose all rights to any trophies won during that season.
- 4.2 Any member in arrears of patrol hours at the conclusion of the season or in arrears of any other Club obligations (as deemed by the Board) shall lose all rights to any trophies won during that season.
- 4.3 A member must be financial and not in arrears of any other obligations as a member to be eligible to take part in any intra-club events, competitions or races.