

Rainbow Bay SLSC Policy Statement

COMPETITION & CLUB TRAINING POLICY

The following Policy statement was adopted at the Management Committee meeting held in 22 December 2018 and adopted as a Club Policy from 22 December 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

This policy provides a guide for member's requirements to their responsibilities in relation to the participation in surf sports competition as part of the club Surf Sports Program

2. AIM

- Clarify Rainbow Bay SLSC's position relating to the requirements of members as they relate to patrols and the consequences of missing patrols
- Clarify the process for members being invited to and chosen for Surf Sports Competitions
- Outline the necessary requirements and systems to be undertaken to alert members to patrols missed
- Outline the necessary systems in relation to payment for events and necessary fundraising required by individual members.

3. WHAT DO MEMBERS NEED TO DO TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TRAINING WITH CLUB COACH AND FOR COMPETITION?

- Be an active patrolling member of Rainbow Bay SLSC.
- Must hold Competition Rights with Rainbow Bay SLSC to train and/or compete with club coach
- Be involved in Club or other training to have the skills and fitness to compete safely.
- Attend competitor's meetings / workshops / events.
- Know the carnival entry process.
- Adhere to the Personal Conduct at Carnivals and On Tour Policy and the Code of Conduct.

4. CLUB COACH – TRAINING SESSIONS

- Training sessions may be altered due to numbers attending & weather conditions
- Each training session must be logged with Surfcom by radio, LIMSOC app or phone (or as the SLSQ or Branch requirements dictate).
- Training register filled out with risk assessment attached for each session, all documents placed with admin and filed every Monday.
- Rainbow Bay SLSC is committed to the safety of its members and as such adherence to the Water Safety Policy is mandatory for all training sessions. Water Safety must be carried out by personnel other than the coach
- Minimum numbers of members per session for training to continue is to be 10 consistently attending training sessions to be viable for club to provide the Surf Sports Training programme.
- Members from other surf clubs at the discretion of the Surf Sport Officer will accept an occasional travelling member from another surf lifesaving club, who wish to participate in our training.
The occasional participant must be an active patrolling member of an SLSA club.
Be involved in other training to have the skills and fitness to train safely.
Adhere to the Personal Conduct at Carnivals and On Tour Policy and the Code of Conduct.

5. REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITORS FOR PATROLS & PROFICIENCY

- All members involved in the competition who hold patrolling awards (SRC or Bronze Medallion) are required to attend ALL rostered patrols.
- Should they not be able to attend members are to arrange their own substitute and let the office staff know, the office staff is to keep an excel spreadsheet of these changes.
- It is **NOT** the responsibility for the office staff or office bearers to organise substitute on behalf of any member (regardless of membership category). They are to be informed that this is their responsibility.
- Members who miss patrols are required to make these patrols up.
- All members are required to complete ALL patrols as rostered in order to ensure that all members do an equal amount of hours.

- If a competitor does not attend rostered patrols as required or complete make up patrols for missed patrols then they will not be permitted to attend carnivals or the Surf Sports Training programme.
- The Surf Sports officer is to liaise with the Club Captain on a monthly basis to check the patrols. Those who have missed patrols or who owe make up patrols are to be contacted and reminded.
- Competitors are required to complete a minimum of twenty five (25) hours patrols in a calendar year to be eligible for Championship events.
- Members must attend a club proficiency day prior to 31st December in any one year to remain eligible for competition.
- Members who participates in official club training must be prepared to have their competition rights with Rainbow Bay

5. PROCESS OF INVITATION TO AND PAYMENT FOR EVENTS

- All members will be invited to attend carnivals via all necessary means of the club i.e. e-mail, text message, Facebook, notice board.
- Competitors must alert the club Team Manager and/or Surf Sports Officer of their intent to enter a competition at least one week prior to the closing date of the event. Should a competitor determine that they wish to enter an event after close of entries the competitor will be responsible for payment of the late entry fee.
- At various times members may be required members to pay for events prior to attending. If this is the case members will be informed and payment must be made prior to the event. If payment if not received then entries will be removed.
- Competitors must also be aware that for any events that involve travel and/or accommodation occasion may arise where they may have to contribute to this cost. Members will be informed prior to the event.
- The Management Committee will be responsible for the overall approval of events and the attendees. Their decisions in this regard shall be final.

6. FUNDRAISING

- All members of the Surf Sports Team are required to attend the annual Surf Rescue Appeal Collection.
- At times the club organises fundraising activities to contribute to the cost of events and activities.
- Members are required to attend fundraising events as required by the club to assist in gaining funds for surf sports.
- Non attendance at fundraising events as required by the Club may make members ineligible for surf sports events
- All expenditure for the surf sports team must first be approved by the Management Committee

7. USE OF EQUIPMENT

- The use of Club equipment for training and competition purposes is to be limited to members who hold **competition rights** with Rainbow Bay SLSC.

This includes all competition equipment such as: Boards, Skis, Surf Boats, IRB's, pool rescue equipment, equipment for beach events.

Special considerations may be appointed by applying in writing to the Surf Sports Officer who will present the request to management committee for approval based on reasons for use of equipment.

8. CONCLUSION

This policy is a Rainbow Bay SLSC policy and as such all Club Office Bearers, Staff and Members must adhere to this as part of their responsibility towards the Club, actions towards not adhering to the policy will result in disciplinary actions.

This policy is to be brought to the attention of all personnel for strict compliance.