

CRAFT POLICY**POLICY U1.2****Introduction**

The policy is important for the control and management of the club's craft, ensuring boards and skis are kept in the best possible condition so that safe and efficient craft are available to all members. This policy is also designed to ensure that the competitors which the club is supporting are, in return supporting the club, by completing 100% of rostered patrols or arranging substitutes, supporting Club Training Sessions and playing an active role within the club, on the beach and at carnivals.

Definitions Key terms used in this policy are defined below;

Club Training Session - these training sessions will be as required under the direction of an appropriately approved (skill specific) Club Coach. Members shall see the approved Club Coach or Coaches who will form training sessions to meet the demand. A timetable of these training sessions will be shown on the club notice boards and website. Training must be conducted in accordance with SLSA water safety guidelines.

Overview of Craft Classes

Training craft usage: All financial Bronze and SRC proficient members and Water safety personnel. Equipment marked TRAINING can be used at any time when club access is available.

Competition Usage: All financial bronze and SRC proficient members that are going to compete for Umina SLSC. The craft is NOT to be used for water safety at any time unless a rescue situation arises. Craft can be used at training sessions under the instruction of a club qualified (skill specific) coach, by members that are going to compete for Umina SLSC. Competitors are to train on the equipment that they are going to use in competition whenever possible.

1. The Craft Policy - Boards and Ski

- 1.2** This policy is designed to support patrols and the club's lifesaving roles, thus all senior members, apart from Long service, Active Reserve and Life members, must be listed on the current Patrol Roster and fulfilling Patrol obligations to qualify for use of any of the club's craft other than 'training craft', and all junior members must be fulfilling their club obligations to do likewise.
- 1.3** Craft are only to be used by financial and proficient Bronze and SRC holders of Umina SLSC and financial and proficient junior members of Umina SLSC (junior members need to be supervised by a Club allocated Coach).
- 1.4** All Boards and Skis must be scrutinized by qualified Surf Life Saving Association (SLSA) officers to approved SLSA guidelines and annually by the Club Board and Ski Captains.
- 1.5** Boards and skis owned by the Club, whenever practicable, are stored in the craft shed and kept under lock and key. Boards and skis owned by the member maybe stored in the allocated racks of the craft shed with the permission of the Board and Ski Captain and the owner-member shall accept all responsibility for any damage or loss of the equipment stored in the Club.
- 1.6** Non-members surfboards shall not be stored in the Club's racks.
- 1.7** Register of all craft. This will reside with the Board and Ski Captain and all allocation agreements are to be reviewed annually.
- 1.8** A Craft Relocation/Usage Log book must be filled out for all craft leaving and returning to Umina Beach, a pro-forma is included in the Appendices. Approval from Board or Ski Captain or approved club coach must be sort first.
- 1.9** All Competition Boards leaving Umina Beach Surf Club area are to be transported in covers if available and all care is to be taken during conveyance.

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1.10 Fibreglass “nipper boards” can only be used by U11 to U13 age groups. The Longer “cadet” fibre glass boards should only be used by Under 14’s and up or by members with SRC Award.

2. Loss or Damage to Craft

2.1 In the event that the loss, theft or damage of Club equipment arose by virtue of the Club member’s neglect or misuse, the costs of repairs or replacement of any such loss or damage shall be paid by the Club member irrespective of whether the loss or damage was caused:

- Whilst on patrol, whether rostered or voluntary;
- During a sanctioned Club training session;
- Whilst competing for the Club; or
- During private use.

2.2 If any loss or damage was caused during the use of the Club equipment but was not caused through neglect or misuse but rather as a result of fair wear and tear, considering the age and condition of the Club equipment, then the Club member shall not be liable for the repair or replacement costs. Further if any theft of Club equipment was not caused through neglect of the Club member, then the Club member shall not be liable for the replacement costs.

2.3 In the event that a Club member considers that clause 2.2 should apply in their particular circumstances, he or she must state that he or she is applying for special consideration under clause 2.2 of this Policy, the determination of which shall be made by the Management Committee at the next Management Committee Meeting.

The Management Committee shall consider any application made by a Club member under clause 2.2 of this Policy and may call for further evidence or submissions from the Applicant Club member or any other member it considers may assist it in its deliberations, provided that the Applicant may have an opportunity to respond to the further evidence or submissions. The provision of evidence or submissions may be supplied by way of appearing before the Management Committee or “on the papers” at the sole discretion of the Executive.

The Management Committee shall provide the Applicant Club Member with written reasons for its Decision and such Decision shall be final.

2.4 Any damage to craft is to be recorded in the Damaged Craft Log and reported to; the supervising approved Club Coach or Age Manager, Board or Ski Captain. The club will pay for repairs to club craft unless willingness to damage or reckless use of the equipment can be proven. The Club Executive will take further action.

2.5 The maintenance of club craft and associated equipment is the responsibility of the Board and Ski Captain and all damaged boards and skis are to be logged and tagged so that no-one is injured by any damaged craft and so that damage can be assessed and repaired.

2.6 The penalties for **any breach of any part** of this Policy will vary depending on the severity and loss to the club. The Club Executive will decide on the severity of the case and any penalties that may need to be handed out. Penalties may include; holding the member responsible for the repair of damage if it is due to improper riding or misuse, suspension, or written warnings in less severe cases followed by a penalty for any repetitive breach of the same part of the Policy.

3. Damage to Third Party Property

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3.1 The Club accepts no liability in the event of any loss or damage to any third party (not being a member of the club) or their property arising out of or caused through the negligent misuse of Club equipment during:

- Club training sessions, whether officially sanctioned or not;
- Club, Branch, State, National or International carnivals or other forms of competition;

4. Personal Equipment stored at the Club Premises or storage facility whether permanent or temporary

4.1 It is a condition of Club membership that each Club member who stores or otherwise leaves equipment on, in or near Club premises, either at, in, near or within the surrounds of the Clubhouse, its storage facilities, whether permanent or temporary, does so at his or her own risk. The Club accepts **no** liability in the event of any loss, theft or damage and the Club member releases and discharges the Umina Surf Life Saving Club, its member's employees and Office bearers from any and all liability howsoever arising from the loss, theft or damage.

- Patrols, whether rostered or voluntary;
- Personal use sessions, that is whilst not part of any sanctioned Club activity.
- Club members release and discharge the Umina Surf Life Saving Club, its members, employees and Office Bearers from any and all liability howsoever arising from any loss or damage

5. Boats

In this clause, "**Boat**" includes **Inflatable Rescue Boat ("IRB")** unless specifically excluded.

- 5.1 The boats and boat gear shall, whenever practicable, be stored in the Clubhouse boat shed or sheds and kept under lock and key.
- 5.2 A member authorised by the, Director of Surf Sports Director of Lifesaving, Surf Boat Captain (for oared boats) or IRB Captain (for IRB's) to use a boat shall be responsible for the safe return of the boat and its gear.
- 5.3 The Surf Boat Captain shall report in writing to the Executive any loss or damage to the boats or boat gear (excluding IRB related losses).
- 5.4 The IRB Captain shall report in writing to the Director of Lifesaving any loss or damage to the boats or boat gear (IRB related losses).
- 5.5 No person other than proficient Bronze Medallion holders of the Club shall be allowed the use of any Club boat.
- 5.6 No more than the boat's crew shall be allowed in any boat unless rescue duties or other special circumstances require otherwise.
- 5.7 At least one fully equipped IRB must be available on Umina Beach at all times during patrol hours and in accordance with the Club's Patrol Service Agreement.