

SLSQ Policy

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Introduction

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) recognises that there are members of the community who would like to try our sport prior to engaging in the necessary training as a surf lifesaver. As such SLSQ has recognised that there is a need to provide a mechanism for Clubs to allow for activities for Non SLSA award holders.

SLSQ recognises SLSA Policy 1.02 Use of Equipment, however has determined that within Queensland additional provisions will apply.

Note : Any member of the community who wishes to use SLS Equipment but does not hold an SLSA Award must be a financial member of a club and complete Working with Children exemption application if over 18 years.)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements for the Use of Equipment for members of SLSQ that do not hold SLSA Awards.

Definitions

- High Intensity: For the purposes of this policy ‘high intensity’ refers to training and activity that would exceed skill development and/or cause the body to be exposed to forces that require the individual to exert more force or strength that is not suitable to their age, gender or experience. Examples include:
 - Activity in surf where the potential to be exposed to risk situations may occur due to skill level, development of participant and risk of injury; or
 - Training which exposes individuals to stresses that are not developmental or skill based.
- The nature of Non-High Intensity Training for all Non SLSA Award Holders is to be formally signed off by a Qualified Coach for each individual prior to the commencement of any training program (i.e. a schedule of training sessions), and associated risk assessment completed.
- Competition: in this Policy for Non SLSA Award Holders refers to any Carnivals run by affiliated Surf Life Saving entities except Championship events (Branch, State and National).
- BM: Bronze Medallion/Certificate 2 Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue).
- SRC: Surf Rescue Certificate.

- Sweep: Member accredited with necessary qualifications to steer/coach a surf boat.

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SLSA AWARD HOLDERS

All persons using Surf Life Saving (owned) craft for operational activities (e.g. lifesaving and surf sports) must be qualified and currently proficient with the appropriate SLSA award applicable to usage of the craft.

NON SLSA AWARD HOLDERS

Persons who are not the holder of a current SLSA award and wish to use SLS (owned) craft must have met the prerequisites for the training in the appropriate award applicable to the usage of the craft.

Should a person not gain (nor be enrolled in a relevant accreditation course for) the required award (e.g. SRC for Boards or Bronze Medallion for Skis and Surf Boats) within 90 days, the prerequisite requirements (i.e. swim assessment) must be reassessed for the individual to continue to use SLS craft. If the relevant qualification is not attained within a further 30 days, then the person is no longer eligible to use the craft under this policy. Such person shall then only be eligible to use craft upon the attainment of the relevant SLSA Award.

The timeframe for completion shall be identified in the Surf Guard system against all persons utilising this designation and Clubs must enforce the ineligibility to use SLSA Equipment at the end of the nominated timeframe.

Participants in come and try days must meet the requirements of financial members and be enrolled in a course and have also completed working with children application, within 90 days and/or prior to participating in a second or subsequent sessions.

Special Events: Clubs are able to apply for Come and Try days through the Special Events Application process if this involves non-members

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Initial instruction/training must include clear instructions or training protocols on how to use the equipment, particularly in regard to injury prevention and survival in the event of a possible accident or loss of craft. Members under the age of 15 years must not undertake high intensity training and are excluded from surf boats or surf skis competition

All members are required to sign onto relevant Club Training Attendance Sheets and adhere to all SLSQ policies

SUMMARY

Equipment	Competition	Training *
Surf Boats:	Minimum 15 years of age as at 30 September	Minimum 14 years of age as at 30 September
	Eligible for Under 17 Age Group	Proficient SRC holder or met prerequisite for BM Non-High Intensity training
	Proficient BM Holders or met prerequisite for BM	Qualified Sweep in attendance
Surf Ski	Minimum 15 years of age as at 30 September	13 years of age as at 30 September
	Proficient BM Holders or met prerequisite for BM	Proficient SRC holder or met prerequisite for BM Non-High Intensity training
		Qualified Coach in attendance

(*) Training is focused on building competence and confidence in/on these craft and should be undertaken in calm surf conditions or still water conditions.

Competition in IRB events or as a Surf Boat Sweep is not permitted until a Member has met the appropriate competition prerequisites.

TIME FRAMES

Activity	Item	Who
Come and Try Day /Event	One-time only participation per individual in any 24 month period. Conditions of Special Event Application and Approval.	1:1 Water Safety for unqualified participants. As per Special Event Approval requirements.
Prior to Commencing Activity using SLS Equipment	Pool Swim – 400m in 9 minutes or less Award : QLD Pool Swim 90 days	This can be signed off by a Pool Coach, SLSQ Trainer or Assessor, SLSQ Coach.
Day One	Induction	New members are to be inducted into relevant policies.
	Course Information	New members are to be informed of available courses for enrolment.
Day One - Day 90	Enrolment in Course	A member must be enrolled or have completed an SRC or BM course.
Day 90	Pool Swim Expires	If members have not enrolled or gained award, the pool swim will expire and they cannot participate any longer.
Day 91	Pool Swim Re-Assessment	Pool Swim can be re-assessed for participation.
Day 91 – Day 120	Award	Member MUST gain an SRC or BM in this timeframe to continue participation.

Policy Reference

SLSA Policy 1.01 Water Safety
SLSA POLICY 1.02 Use of SLSA equipment
SLSA Policy 1.06 Gear and Equipment
SLSA Policy 5.04 Competition Eligibility
SLSA Policy 6.05 Member Protection

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