



CITY OF BUNBURY  
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.  
**POLICY STATEMENT**  
**SURF SPORTS POLICY**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Surf Life Saving Surf Sports competition and activities play a vital role in providing City of Bunbury SLS Club members across a wide range of ages, opportunities for participation.

By extending the opportunity of education and participation across the full range of surf lifesaving sport and recreation activities, and awarding trophies and rewards to successful competitors, encourages members to acquire personal and competition skills, and realise their potential and athletic abilities.

## 2. POLICY

This policy statement is made for the proper advancement, encouragement, management and administration of surf sports competitions and activities in the City of Bunbury SLSC.

### 2.1 The policy reflects that

- 2.1.1 All members are at different levels of skills, abilities, motivations and opportunities.
- 2.1.2 Each member needs to be given access and opportunities to strive to reach their highest potential.
- 2.1.3 Members compete and participate in surf sports competition and activities to demonstrate their physical and mental skills.
- 2.1.4 Surf Life Saving can be inherently dangerous.

## 3. OBJECTIVES

### 3.1 This policy aims to ensure that City of Bunbury SLSC

- 3.1.1 Members are aware of intra club competition eligibility requirements.
- 3.1.2 Members are aware of SLSWA and SLSA competition eligibility requirements.
- 3.1.3 Events are held with sufficient water safety as determined by having due regard to the prevailing conditions; the number of competitors; and the age and ability of participating members.
- 3.1.4 Competitions and activities are conducted by duly authorised and/or accredited officers of the City of Bunbury SLSC.



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#### **4. COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY**

**4.1** To be eligible to compete on behalf of the City of Bunbury SLSC or in any City of Bunbury SLSC competition and/or receive a trophy and/or award for competition success, City of Bunbury SLSC members must

- 4.1.1 Be financial on the day of the event;
- 4.1.2 Be proficient;
- 4.1.3 Hold the appropriate, current surf lifesaving qualification for their membership category as stated in the SLSA Competition Manual.
- 4.1.4 Comply with all requirements as stated in section 5.1 and 5.2, Intra Club Competition; and section 6.2; 6.3 and 6.4 of this policy.

**4.2** To compete in any SLSWA and SLSA competition members must comply with SLSA Policy 5.4 'Proficiency and Patrol Hours Requirements for Competition Eligibility'.

**4.3** General and Associate members are not eligible to contest the club competition Trophy Races and Club Championships and shall not represent the club in interclub competition except for the March Past event.

#### **5. INTRA- CLUB COMPETITION**

**5.1** All City of Bunbury SLSC intra club-competition and events will be conducted in accordance with the Competition Manual of SLSA unless prior notice is given by the Director of Surf Sports.

**5.2** The Director of Surf Sports shall be responsible for the conduct and event management of the City of Bunbury intra club competition and shall be the competition referee.

**5.3** The Director of Surf Sports and Director of Youth shall be responsible for the conduct and event management of Junior surf sports intra club competition.



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## 6. CLUB COMPETITION TROPHY EVENTS

6.1 The Trophy events of the Club shall be:

- 6.1.1 KF Hoskins U/17 Surf Race (Handicap)
- 6.1.2 Leschenault Senior Surf Race (Handicap)
- 6.1.3 Barrett Half Mile (800m) Open Surf Race (Handicap)
- 6.1.4 Fradelos Mile (1600m) Open Surf Race (Handicap)
- 6.1.5 FR Hay Open Beach Sprint (Handicap)
- 6.1.6 Captain's Open Ski Race (Handicap)
- 6.1.7 Lanny Smith Ski Marathon (Handicap)
- 6.1.8 Drummond Open Board Race (Handicap)
- 6.1.8 Soulos Open Boat Race (Handicap)
- 6.1.9 Higgins Open Marathon (No Handicap)
- 6.1.10 Glenn McAlister Youth Ski Race

6.2 To obtain a handicap for a Trophy Race, eligible members must have previously finished at least two (2) Club swims.

6.3 Club handicap trophy events held before December will require only one (1) Sunday morning club swim to qualify.

6.4 To win a Senior and/or Open Club Handicap Trophy event eligible members must hold their Bronze Medallion.

6.5 To win the Glenn McAlister Youth Ski Race eligible members must hold their SRC or Bronze Medallion and be in the U15 or U17 age category.

6.6 Excluding the Glenn McAlister Youth Ski Race and Lanny Smith Ski Marathon, all other Club Handicap Trophy events can have the following age category winners, but no Trophy is awarded:

Nipper – U10 to U13

Youth – U14 and U15



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## 7. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

City of Bunbury SLS Club Championships shall be conducted for Junior's (u8 – u13 age groups), Senior's (U14 to Open) and Masters, and in accordance with the following -

### 7.1 Senior and Masters

7.1.1 Cadet, Active Members, Reserve Active, Long Service and Life members are eligible to compete in the Club Championships provided they hold the appropriate, current surf lifesaving qualification as stated in the SLSA Competition Manual.

7.1.2 Members must have completed 16 hours as per SLSWA and SLSA competition policy in the calendar year. Life Members and Long Service Members are exempt from this patrol obligation.

7.1.3 To be eligible to compete in the Club Championships, members must have completed at least two (2) Sunday morning club swims.

7.1.4 Members must compete in their age category.

7.1.5 Masters competitors will be 40 years of age or over on October 1 of the current season.

7.1.6 The events to be contested, and the age categories applying to each event shall be:

7.1.7 Surf Race – U14 Male, U14 Female U/15 Male, U/15 Female, U/17 Male, U/17 Female, U/19 Male, U/19 Female, Senior Male, Senior Female, Masters Male, Masters Female

7.1.8 Single Ski – U17 Male, U17 Female; U/19 Male, U/19 Female, Senior Male, Senior Female, Masters Male, Masters Female

7.1.9 Board Race – U14 Male, U14 Female; U/15 Male, U/15 Female, U/17 Male, U/17 Female, U/19 Male, U/19 Female, Senior Male, Senior Female, Masters Male, Masters Female

7.1.10 Beach Sprint - U14 Male, U14 Female; U/15 Male, U/15 Female, U/17 Male, U/17 Female, U/19 Male, U/19 Female, Senior Male, Senior Female, Masters Male, Masters Female



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7.1.11 Beach Flags - U14 Male, U14 Female; U/15 Male, U/15 Female, U/17 Male, U/17 Female, U/19 Male, U/19 Female, Senior Male, Senior Female, Masters Male, Masters Female

7.1.12 Iron Man – U14 Male, U14 Female; U/15 Male, U/15 Female, U/17 Male, U/17 Female, U/19 Male, U/19 Female, Senior Male, Senior Female, Masters Male, Masters Female

7.1.13 The winner of the senior Female Diamond Lady Race will be awarded the Earnshaw Family Diamond Lady Trophy; and the winner of the senior Male Ironman will be awarded the De Chaneet Ironman Trophy

7.1.14 No handicaps will apply to events in the Club Championships

7.1.15 Placegetters in the specified Club Championships age groups will be allocated the following points:

- 1st 5 points
- 2nd 4 points
- 3rd 3 points
- 4th 2 points
- 5th 1 point

7.1.16 The winner of a Club Championship event for the specified age group shall be known as a Club Champion.

7.1.17 To be a Club Champion the competitor must have swum in their respective age group Club Championship Surf race, and competed in at least two (2) Club Championship events.

7.1.18 The combined tally of points accrued by competitors in all Club Championship events shall determine the Club Champion and the Runner Up Club Champion for Masters Male, Masters Female, Senior Male, Senior Female, U/19 Male, U/19 Female, U/17 Male, U/17 Female, U15 Male, U/15 Female, and U14 Male, U14 Female.

## **8. JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

8.1 Under 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, and 13s are eligible.

8.2 The Director of Youth and the Director of Surf Sports shall be the Competition Referees.



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- 8.3 The EVENTS to be contested are:
- Surf Swim
  - Board Paddle
  - Beach Flags
  - Beach Sprint
- 8.4 No handicaps will apply to events in the Club Championships.
- 8.5 A 70% and above attendance for Sunday Morning Nipper Activities shall contribute to the eligibility for each discipline as Club Champion: overall Club Champion and runner-up Champions.
- 8.6 To be a Club Champion the competitor must have competed in two (2) swims in their respective age group Club Championship Surf Race and competed in at least two (2) Club Championship events.
- 8.7 Placegetters in the Club Championships will be allocated the following points:
- 1st 6 points
  - 2nd 5 points
  - 3rd 4 points
  - 4th 3points
  - 5th 2 point
  - 6th 1 point
- 8.8 The tally of points accrued in each individual discipline over the three (3) Club Championship Rounds for the season, shall determine the Age Group Club Champion for the particular discipline.
- 8.9 The combined tally of points accrued by competitors over all disciplines across the three (3) Club Championship Rounds and the tally of participation points over the season shall determine the Junior Champion Club Lifesaver and Runner – Up Junior Club Champion.
- 8.10 Junior Champion Club Person, male and female under 8s, 9s, 10s,11s, 12s, and 13s, and 14s age categories shall be selected by the Age Group Managers, Director of Youth and the Director of Surf Sports at the conclusion of the Junior Activities season.