



CITY OF BUNBURY
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.
**POLICY STATEMENT
USE OF LIFESAVING
EQUIPMENT POLICY**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The use of City of Bunbury Surf Life Saving Club (COBSLSC) lifesaving equipment is in accordance with:

- SLSA Policy 1.2 'Use of SLSA Equipment'; and
- SLSA Gear and Equipment Manual.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are:

- to ensure personal safety for all COBSLSC members and community members; and
- to minimise and manage risk.

3. POLICY

All persons using SLSA craft / equipment for operational activities (e.g. patrols, lifesaving and competition) must be qualified and currently proficient with the appropriate SLSA award applicable to the craft/equipment.

Personnel otherwise using SLSA and COBSLSC craft/equipment should have met the prerequisites for the training in the appropriate award applicable to the usage of the craft/equipment.

In addition the following shall be adhered to:

- 3.1** In an emergency any member may use, or direct the use of, any item of club equipment to assist in rescue or emergency procedures;
- 3.2** Club equipment may only be used for patrol duty, lifesaving practice or competition training;
- 3.3** During patrol hours club equipment required for patrol duty may only be used by permission of the Patrol Captain;
- 3.4** Club equipment required for lifesaving practice as in the training for SLSA awards may be used by members after sufficient instruction has been provided in its use;



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- 3.5** Club equipment required for competition training shall be used only with the permission of the Club Officer responsible for that equipment or the Director of Surf Sports;
 - 3.6** Members using Club equipment must return the equipment to storage in good and clean condition;
 - 3.7** Club equipment shall only be used for the purposes for which it is designed unless an emergency requires extraordinary use;
 - 3.8** Any damage or fault to any equipment or craft must be reported to the relevant Club Officer responsible for the equipment/craft or to the Director of Lifesaving;
 - 3.9** The Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) shall be prepared for use under the supervision of a member with an IRB Driver's Certificate;
 - 3.10** The IRB shall be driven only by members holding an IRB Driver's qualification. For members training for an IRB Driver's qualification an IRB Instructor or IRB Instructor candidate must be supervising the training as required by SLSA guidelines and rules;
 - 3.11** The IRB must not be operated at high speed within 50 metres of the public except in an emergency;
 - 3.12** Oxygen Resuscitation equipment used for lifesaving practice shall be marked accordingly; and
 - 3.13** All equipment required for patrol use shall be left in a state of readiness. Oxygen cylinders must be more than half full.