

SOSLSC SURF SKI EQUIPMENT POLICY



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1.0 OVERVIEW

The following policy outlines the purpose and principles for the use of Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club (SOSLSC) surf skis, paddles and other related equipment (the equipment).

The purpose of the club providing surf skis, paddles and other related equipment for member use is to encourage as many active Bronze Medallion holders and youth development program members to participate in the sport of surf ski paddling. The club also aims to enable maximum participation in surf competitions where members can represent the club in surf ski events.

The club seeks to make the best use of the equipment; maximising its availability for the youth ski development program and competition athletes as a priority and also encouraging other members who hold a Bronze Medallion and are interesting in surf ski paddling to get involved through access to the equipment.

In recent years the growth of the youth ski development program has increased demand for the use of club surf skis. This is a tremendous reflection on the success of the program and suggests a promising future for member participation and performance in the sport, however, his situation does require the club to outline a clear, fair and practical policy that supports the club's purpose for providing this equipment for use by our members.

2.0 USE OF EQUIPMENT

The use of club surf ski equipment is governed by the Ski Committee and directed and managed by the Ski Captain or their nominated representative. Members must ensure that they have approval from the Ski Captain prior to the use of any equipment for training, competition and general use.

2.1 TRAINING

The following direction is provided for the use of the equipment for club sanctioned and / or facilitated training activities:

- 2.1. (a) Active members who hold a Bronze Medallion may use the club Spec skis, plastic skis, double skis and paddles for sanctioned training sessions at Sorrento Beach;
- 2.1. (b) Youth members that have completed the club's six-lesson 'introduction to ski paddling' may use the club Spec skis, plastic skis, double skis and club paddles for sanctioned training sessions at Sorrento Beach;
- 2.1. (c) At a minimum, members must wear a fluorescent shirt / top for safety. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are encouraged; and
- 2.1. (d) If there are more members wishing to participate than equipment is available, the Ski Captain, Coach or Youth Manager of the session is to allocate the equipment; prioritising youth ski paddlers and members who are representing the club in surf sports competition.

2.2 COMPETITION

The following direction is provided for the use of club surf ski equipment at competitions (Youth, Senior and Masters):

- 2.2. (a) All equipment will be allocated by the Ski Captain to ensure that it is fairly allocated in accordance with this policy and that the club knows who is using what equipment;
- 2.2. (b) An athlete wishing to use club equipment is to contact the Ski Captain via text message a minimum of one day prior to the day the equipment is required;
- 2.2. (c) The Ski Captain or their nominated representative will then communicate the equipment allocations via the 'Surf Athletes' Facebook page; and
- 2.2. (d) It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that the equipment is safely transported to and from the competition, washed and put back in the shed.

2.3 GENERAL USE

The following direction is provided for the use of club surf ski equipment outside of sanctioned training sessions and competitions:

- 2.3. (a) All casual use is subject to approval from the Ski Captain via text message a minimum of one day prior to the day the equipment is required;
- 2.3. (b) Bronze Medallion members may access the equipment for general use;
- 2.3. (c) Youth members who are SRC qualified and who have completed the six-lesson 'introduction to ski paddling' program may access the equipment for general use;
- 2.3. (d) An SRC member who has not completed the six-lesson 'introduction to ski paddling' program must be supervised by a Bronze Medallion member while using the equipment;
- 2.3. (e) Individuals who do not meet the criteria at 2.3 (b) (c) or (d) may not use the equipment unless prior approval from the Ski Captain is given in accordance with 2.3 (a);
- 2.3. (f) Members must use the equipment within their capabilities; taking into account weather and ocean conditions. Paddling with a buddy is strongly encouraged;
- 2.3. (g) At a minimum, members must wear a fluorescent shirt / top for safety. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are encouraged; and
- 2.3. (h) Club surf ski equipment may only be used at Sorrento beach, unless prior approval has been granted by the Ski Captain or their nominated representative.

3.0 EQUIPMENT ACCESS, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

3.1 INVENTORY

- 3.1. (a) The club has a variety of surf ski equipment available for member use in accordance with this policy.
- 3.1. (b) The current inventory includes the following equipment:

Equipment	Manufacturer / model
Spec skis	Fenn LS
Double skis	Interceptor / BOS
Plastic skis	Finn Endorphin
General use paddles	Various
Competition paddles	ZSS

3.2 ACCESS

- 3.2. (a) Given the increased demand for the use of club skis, it is strongly recommended that Senior athletes (19 years and older) purchase their own SLS Spec ski and paddle. This will support the club's objective to maximise equipment availability for the youth ski development program and ensure there is sufficient equipment available to enable active Bronze Medallion members to get started in the sport.
- 3.2. (b) The priority for the allocation of equipment is at the discretion of the Ski Captain (or their nominated representative). Where demand exceeds the available equipment, priority will generally be determined as follows:
1. Youth athletes;
 2. Senior athletes (19 years and older); and
 3. Masters athletes.
- 3.2. (c) The club normally sells a few second-hand former club SLS Spec skis each year at a discounted price. To assist members to purchase one of these skis, a payment plan may be available through consultation with the Ski Captain and on behalf of the Ski Committee. The sale of these skis is at the sole discretion of the Ski Captain. Priority for allocation for sale of these skis will generally be:
1. Senior athletes (19 years and older),
 2. Youth athletes; and
 3. Masters athletes.
- 3.2. (d) Purchase of your own ski is one of the best ways to improve your paddling. Even if you are not purchasing a former club ski, it is recommended that members speak to one of our coaches to get advice on a suitable ski to purchase.

3.3 MAINTENANCE

- 3.3. (a) The Ski Captain is responsible for the maintenance, repair and allocation of club surf ski equipment in accordance with this policy.
- 3.3. (b) All damage or equipment maintenance issues should be immediately reported to the Ski Captain.
- 3.3. (c) If the equipment is unsafe or unfit for use it must also be tagged by the member who has identified the issue, to eliminate risk to other members and prevent further use until the issue has been rectified. Equipment maintenance tags are available from the office.

3.4 STORAGE

- 3.4. (a) The ski racks in the club boat shed are a valuable resource. With the growing popularity of ski paddling within the club, these spaces are at a premium.
- 3.4. (b) The need to store club equipment is the highest priority. The remaining rack spaces are then available for members of the club to store a SINGLE personal craft. To manage the resource fairly and appropriately, the club administers an annual formal application process for members to request and to be allocated rack spaces in the ski storage area.
- 3.4. (c) Eligibility and priority ranking criteria for applicants is as follows:
 - Must be a current financial (or life) member of the club;
 - Must be an SRC or Bronze Medallion holder (or greater);
 - Compete for SOSLSC in both club and Surf Life Saving WA events;
 - Train with the club at least once per week;
 - Age priority is given as follows:
 1. Senior athletes (19 years and older),
 2. Youth athletes; and
 3. Masters athletes.
 - An applicant's other significant contributions to the club will also be taken into account.
- 3.4. (d) If these criteria are met, then the application will be accepted for ranking within the group of members requesting a rack space. The highest-ranking applicants will be offered the available storage spaces.
- 3.4. (e) All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified as soon as possible via e-mail. All craft owners without an approved or pending application will be asked to remove their craft. Members can apply for unallocated or future vacated rack spaces at any time during the season.
- 3.4. (f) Continued use of a rack is dependent on the person maintaining a significant commitment to training and competition as well as fulfilling all other membership requirements. Any member who is eight hours or more down on their patrol obligations will be asked to remove their craft from the rack so that the space can be allocated to another member.

3.4. (g) The Ski Captain is the primary assessor of a member’s initial and ongoing eligibility for ski storage at the club. Any concerns or requests for a decision to be reviewed must first be raised with the Ski Captain or the Ski Committee, then the Competition Director.

4.0 RECORD OF CHANGE/AMENDMENTS

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