

# COMPETITION BY-LAWS



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## 1.0 GENERAL

1. (a) The Club Competition Committee, as defined in Paragraph 5.7 of the Constitution, is responsible for the conduct of all competitions, and to ensure adequate coaching services and competition equipment are available to members (wishing to compete).
1. (b) The Captains have overall responsibility for their individual discipline including equipment, coaching, training, performance, development, entries and representation
1. (c) The Competition Director must ensure competition is conducted fairly and in the best interests of the club and may, from time to time, make rulings to this effect. Such rulings shall be binding until the next meeting of the Competition Committee, where rulings may be reviewed at the discretion of the Competition Director.
1. (d) Only financial members who have fulfilled their patrol obligations as set down by the Lifesaving Committee shall be eligible to compete in any Intra or Inter Club Competitions, gain points towards any competition, and be selected to represent the Club or receive any trophy.
1. (e) Members failing to comply with these Bylaws may be issued with a penalty as determined by the Competition Committee or be required to face the Club Disciplinary Committee.
1. (f) The Club Competition Committee in conjunction with the Competition Director will appoint a Coaching Panel annually, reporting to the Competition Committee on coaching, athlete management and athlete selection.
1. (g) Members may make written application to the Competition Committee for an exemption to any section of these Bylaws. The Competition Committee will rule on the merit of each application. Rulings will be by majority and in the event of a tie the Competition Director will have the casting vote. Members may make appeal to the Board of Directors on any ruling by the Competition Committee.

## 1.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1.1. (a) The following code of conduct applies to all coaches, members, parents, athletes and spectators whilst competing for Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club:
  - Treat each other with respect
  - Be courteous to each other
  - Every athlete must compete fairly and in the spirit of the event.
  - All Club equipment shall be used in the correct manner.
  - Act in a manner acceptable to the Club and within the rules of that event.
  - Must wear the approved club competition cap and uniform.

## 1.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

1.2. (a) All athletes wishing to compete in both intra and inter club events must:

- Have nominated their Competition Club rights to Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club, for team events any member transferring from another club must have done so before the 1<sup>st</sup> of February of the calendar year in which the State Championships and National Championships are occurring
- Be financial members of Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club, unless transferring of competition rights has occurred
- Be proficient in their award by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the previous calendar year
- In conjunction with Clause 1. (d), must complete minimum patrol hours in the previous calendar year as per current Surf Life Saving Australia requirements.

Table 1: Minimum Annual Patrol Hour Requirements					
Award Gained/Returning member proficiency date	Active and Under 15 QLD/NSW	Reserve Active QLD/NSW	Active and Under 15 VIC, SA WA & NT	Reserve Active VIC, TAS, SA,WA & NT	Active and Under 15 TAS
January	25	12	16	8	16
February	24	12	15	8	15
March	20	12	12	8	12
April – September	16	8	8	4	4
October	12	8	8	4	4
November	8	4	8	4	4
December	4	4	4	4	4

## 2.0 CAPTAINS

2. (a) Each season the Competition Director shall call for nominations from suitably qualified people to apply for the positions of Boat Captain, Ski Captain, Board Captain, Beach Captain, IRB Captain, Water Captain, Handicapper, Officials Liaison, R & R and Lifesaving Captain (s), Coaching Coordinator, and other discipline captains as required.
2. (b) If there is more than one (1) nomination for any position mentioned in section 2 (a) then the Competition Director will make an appointment based on the merits of the application submitted.
2. (c) All nominees will go the Board of Management to be ratified into the respective Captain's position.
2. (d) Every discipline Captain will follow the roles, responsibilities and duties as outlined in the SOSLSC Captains Roles and Duties document. <https://www.soslsc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Captains-Roles-26.06.2023.pdf>

## 3.0 COMPETITION

### 3.1 CLUB EVENTS

- 3.1. (a) Before the start of the season the Competition Committee shall nominate the type of and when Intra Club Competition Events will be conducted. At the start of the season the times and dates of Intra Club Competition Events shall be displayed on the Club web site and notice board.
- 3.1. (b) The Handicapper or delegate shall set each member's handicap if applicable and record all placings.
- 3.1. (c) The Competition Director shall appoint a Safety Officer for all Club events who determines if events should proceed or be stopped and that all Risks have been assessed and actioned.

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#### 3.1.1 CLUB TROPHY EVENTS

- 3.1.1. (a) Trophies or medals shall be awarded in the following "age" groups, male and female, for the Mile Swim, Presidents Marathon and Club Championship events.

- Under 14 & 15
- Under 17
- Under 19
- Senior
- Masters 30- 39
- Vets 40- 49
- Super Vets 50-59
- Super Super Vets 60-69
- Super Super Super Vets 70+

Where there are fewer than 3 competitors in an age group from 30+, the age group will be combined with the age group below.

3.1.1. (b) Trophies for Club Events will only be awarded to members who have fulfilled their obligations under Section 1.2

3.1.1. (c) .

3.1.1. (c) Points shall be allocated on the following basis in all club events:

- 1st 7points
- 2nd 6 points
- 3rd 5 points
- 4th 4 points
- 5th 3 points
- 6th 2 points
- 1 point for completing the Course

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### 3.1.2 HANDICAPPED EVENT

3.1.2. (a) Trophies will be awarded for the highest accumulative event points calculated as first over the line in each category at each club event (handicap adjusted). This may include club swim, run, board, ski etc.

3.1.2. (b) One point will be allocated for members who have completed the course but not placed.

3.1.2. (c) One point will also be allocated for members unable to participate in handicapped events due to attendance at a rostered patrol, acting as a proxy or have been selected and competing for the club or officially representing the Club at an official function. It is the responsibility of the member to notify the Handicapper **in writing (email)** of their inability to attend and request the point allocation.

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3.1.3 MILE SWIM

3.1.3. (a) Trophy awarded to the first over the line in each category

3.1.3. (b) Trophy also awarded to the fastest time.

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3.1.4 PRESIDENTS MARATHON

3.1.4. (a) Is a non-handicapped individual event.

3.1.4. (b) Course set by the Handicapper.

3.1.4. (c) The course must include at least two swimming legs and at least two running legs.

3.1.4. (d) Team's consisting of two water athletes and two beach athletes may be nominated but no points will be awarded

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3.1.5 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.1.5. (a) The following events shall be conducted

- Surf Race
- Beach Sprint
- Beach Flags
- Iron Person
- Ski Race
- Board Race

3.1.5. (b) Club Championship events shall be conducted in all age groups including:

- U/14,
- U/15,
- U/17,
- U/19,
- Senior,
- Masters,
- Vets
- Super Vets
- Super Super Vets
- Super Super Super Vets
- An additional Open category (Male and Female) conducted for all events at the conclusion of the age group races.

## **3.2 INTERCLUB COMPETITION**

- 3.2. (a) The Competition Committee shall review and approve the Athlete Selection Policy annually.
- 3.2. (b) The Coaching Panel shall select competitors to represent the Club. This will include members for individual and team events.
- 3.2. (c) The Competition Committee will review all selections for all inter club competitions and may make changes to selected individuals and or teams.
- 3.2. (d) Where a member is required to pay the nominated fee, it must be paid to the Club before their name can be added to the entry form.
- 3.2. (e) Each competition a member competes in will be considered a Club Event for the purposes of Section 4.2.1. (e)

## **3.3 ATHLETE AWARDS AND TOURING TEAMS**

### **3.3.1 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

Athlete of the Year will be awarded to an athlete from U14 and above who has demonstrated outstanding performance in competition while representing Sorrento, as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within the season.

Areas taken into account may include performance in major competitions or competition series, participation in representative teams, and any other areas where the nominee has made an important contribution.

### **3.3.2 COACH OF THE YEAR**

Coach of the year will be awarded to a coach who has made a significant contribution to athlete performance and to the educational development of other coaches in surf lifesaving. Criteria:

- Competition results achieved by discipline
- Role in Mentoring and developing club coaches
- New initiatives successfully introduced

### **3.3.3 TEAM OF THE YEAR**

Team of the Year will be awarded to a team from U14 and above who have demonstrated outstanding performance in competition while representing Sorrento.

Areas taken into account may include performance in major competitions or competition series, and any other areas where the nominee has made an important contribution.



### 3.3.4 OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Official of the Year will be awarded to an accredited surf sports official who has made a significant contribution to both officiating at a state, national and/or international level, and to the educational development of other officials. Criteria:

- Officiating qualifications
- Officiating roles and achievements
- Mentoring and Development of club officials

### 3.3.5 AWARD SELECTION

The competition committee will meet following the completion of the Aussies to review nominations for each of the above awards.

Members of the Competition Committee will provide nominations from their discipline for each award. A shortlist of three for each award will be selected by majority vote with the Competition Director selecting the winner of each category.

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### 3.3.6 MALE AND FEMALE CLUB CHAMPIONS

Club Champions will be the Male and Female members with the highest aggregated points achieved by totalling each members' point score in club events (listed below) with their attendance points score from Inter Club Competitions. Club Events will include:

- Mile Swim (True Time)
- Presidents Marathon
- Club Championship Open Events

### 3.3.7 TOURING TEAMS

3.3.7.1 The Competition Committee, in conjunction with the Coaching Committee, will select all competition Touring Teams.

3.3.7.2 The Competition Committee has the power to reject any member(s) forming part of a Touring Team representing Sorrento if they believe the member(s) may bring SOSLSC into disrepute or cause SOSLSC reputational damage, or if the member(s) behaviour during the season has been unacceptable. The member(s) rejected will have the right of appeal to the Club Board of Management.

3.3.7.3 The criteria for selection for the competition touring teams will be based on performances and commitment given to competition throughout the season; selection will also incorporate practical medal prospects.

3.3.7.4 The selected members of these teams will be the only members of the club eligible to gain financial assistance, if available from the club and outside of fundraising.

- The Touring Team Manager shall oversee and be responsible for all Touring Team members. He or she will ensure the Team has every opportunity to succeed. He or she will ensure that team members conduct themselves in a manner acceptable to the Club and may issue instructions to any touring team member in the course of their duties
- A Touring Team Code of Conduct is required to be signed by all Touring Team Members prior to entry submission and subsequent travel / event attendance.
- The Club Touring Team Discipline Committee has the authority to adjudicate any breaches of this Code of Conduct and to impose any sanction as they feel necessary. Such decision will be binding until the next Club Board of Management Meeting. At that meeting the Board, after reviewing the report from the Touring Team Discipline Committee, may accept, reject or modify any sanction imposed. Members have the right of Appeal to the Club Board of Management.

3.3.7.5 The Touring Team Discipline Committee will consist of the

- Touring Team Manager
- And two other touring team members not directly involved with the alleged breach selected by the Touring Team Manager from the following list,
  - Any Club Life Member
  - Any former Club President
  - Any member of the Club's Competition Committee

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#### 3.3.7.6 TOURING TEAM FUND RAISING

- The Board of Directors must approve all events in advance. The Director of Competition is responsible for seeking the Board's approval for each event.
- Each event to be conducted must have an Event Organizer and nominated Event Volunteers. The names of these persons must be submitted before the event is to be conducted.
- The type of event, preferred date and expected income and expenditure must be submitted.
  - The Competition Director and the Touring Team Manager are to vet all intended events, determine when they are to be conducted, approve the list of event organisers, and volunteers and decide if the event should be forwarded to The Board of Directors for approval to conduct.
  - The total funds available shall be divided by the total number of points recorded by the Touring Team Manager. This shall determine the amount of money per point available.

- Each eligible member will be allocated an amount of money equal to the amount per point multiplied by the number of points recorded for that member.
- An eligible member (touring athlete, their partner or other immediate family) may direct their allocation.
- Actual Touring Team monies can only be paid to an eligible member who is touring with the Team and has signed and agreed with the Touring Team Code of Conduct.
- The Touring Team Manager and The Competition Director shall use any unallocated funds as they see fit to ensure the Touring Team members are assisted in their travel to the event.

## 4.0 EQUIPMENT

### 4.1 CLUB COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. (a) Each Competition Captain shall have overall responsibility for the equipment within their discipline.
- 4.1. (b) Policy and procedures for the use of club Surf Ski equipment are set out in the Surf Ski Equipment Policy
- 4.1. (c) A member allocated club equipment for use outside of club sanctioned events is responsible for that equipment, including any service or repair costs incurred in the everyday upkeep and maintenance of that equipment.
- 4.1. (d) Allocated equipment shall only be used by that member or members allocated that equipment.
- 4.1. (e) Members wishing to use equipment not allocated must first gain the approval of the appropriate Competition Captain.
- 4.1. (f) Any member who damages equipment through a use other than that intended for the equipment may be issued with a penalty as determined by the Competition Committee or be required to face the Club's Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.1. (g) All equipment shall be washed down and stored correctly after use.
- 4.1. (h) Any member damaging or losing club equipment must immediately report it to the appropriate Competition Captain. Damaged equipment shall be marked (tagged) and not used until repaired.
- 4.1. (i) It is each member's responsibility to ensure equipment necessary for them to compete, is available at each competition and returned to the club as soon as possible after the event.

### 4.2 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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#### 4.2.1 ALLOCATION OF STORAGE SPACE

- 4.2.1. (a) The annual allocation of storage space / racks for boards and skis is the responsibility of the appropriate Captain and Competition Director, who will allocate positions based on the worthiness of each application against the listed requirements and prioritisation listed in 4.2.1. (e); and [4.2.1. \(f\)](#).

Policy and procedures for the storage of Surf Ski equipment is set out in the Surf Ski Equipment Policy

- 4.2.1. (b) At the start of each season members must make written application for a rack allocation to the appropriate captain. Applications should address all the requirements and prioritisation listed in 4.2.1. (e); and [4.2.1. \(f\)](#).

4.2.1. (c) The Competition Committee will review the allocations as proposed.

4.2.1. (d) Allocations may be changed throughout the year at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

4.2.1. (e) To apply for a rack allocation a Member must be

- A Current Financial member with competition rights at Sorrento SLSC; Rack allocations will be prioritised as follows
- Club Owned Equipment will be allocated a rack, followed by;
- Craft owned by those actively competing for the Club and being trained by a Club endorsed coach based on competition category in the following order with commitment to training also considered

1. Open,
2. U/19,
3. U/17,
4. U/15
5. U/14
6. Masters
7. Development athletes.

4.2.1. (f) Any available racks after the allocation above has been done will be allocated to members on a Club Contribution basis.

## 5.0 RECORD OF CHANGE/AMENDMENTS

Rev	Prepared By	Reviewed By	Approved By	Date	Reason for Changes
A	Unknown			27/10/2015	Original Document
B	J Bunford			21/04/2017	Unknown
C	M Saunders	A Kirkpatrick	A Kirkpatrick	9/08/2019	<p>Update to reflect the new format and to allow document to flow and be easier to read.</p> <p>Some amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Handicapper has been replaced by either the Competition Director and/or Competition Committee</li> <li>● Code of conduct added from other sections of the document</li> </ul>
D	M Saunders			13/07/2020	Inclusion of nominations for discipline captain positions
E	M Saunders			15/09/2020	Updating of Constitution referencing.
F	R Chin	Competition Committee	Adrian Kirkpatrick	5/10/22	<p>Updated for 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ski Policy and Mile Swim (no longer handicapped event)</li> <li>● Changes to Presidents Marathon (no minimum or maximum distance and specification of individual),</li> <li>● update of Beach Committee to Lifesaving Committee</li> <li>● Adjustments to Touring Team Fundraising points</li> </ul>
					Updated for 2023

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General1c &amp; 1g – updated processes for rulings</li> <li>• 3.1.1a and 3.1.1 b - Change to age groups to 10-year increments, adding 70 category and adding minimum of 3 competitors</li> <li>• 3.3 Athlete Awards – updated criteria to align with SLSWA and added 3.3.5 Award Selection</li> <li>• 3.3.7 Touring Teams) Added criteria of ‘cause reputational damage’ and Simplified touring team section</li> <li>• Equipment: 4.1 c Added Club Sanctioned Events to description</li> <li>• 4.2 Added requirement to hold competition rights. Removed requirement to attend 50% club events</li> </ul>
G		K.Jenner	Constitution Committee	21/09/23	Updated Bylaws