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## **SURF CRAFT USAGE POLICY**

**As at 26th October 2019**

### **PURPOSE**

To provide a framework for the use of Club surf craft that is fair and consistent, encourages the development of skills and ensures efficient use of club resources.

### **SCOPE**

Applies to the use of all club owned boards, skis and any other one or two person craft owned by the club. This policy excludes use of surf boats.

### **Applicability and relationship with surf lifesaving**

Applies to Toowoomba Bay Surf Lifesaving Club (TBSLSC) surf craft use from the day it is approved by the Club Executive until it is replaced by a newer version. This policy is subordinate to policies developed by Surf Lifesaving NSW (SLSNSW) and Surf Lifesaving Australia (SLSA). In the event of conflicting information, the policies of SLSNSW and SLSA take precedence over this policy.

Member refers to anyone using surf craft, normally a member of TBSLSC but also refers to anyone from another club as specified in “use by other clubs.”

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Club surf craft are for use by financial members who are suitably qualified to use the surf craft under the regulations of SLSA or SLSNSW or in training as permitted.

Anyone using surf craft must ensure to their own satisfaction that the surf craft is undamaged and safe to use before using the surf craft.

### **Minors using surf craft must have their parents or guardian’s permission**

The interpretation of this policy and day to day responsibility for decision making in relation to the use of surf craft belongs with the Board and Ski Captain for competition surf craft and the Club Captain for lifesaving surf craft.

All surf craft must be cleaned before being returned to the gear shed or board racks

All surf craft must be returned immediately after use

### **SURF CRAFT CARE AND DAMAGE**

It is the duty of all members to ensure that all craft is stored, transported and used in a manner that restricts or eliminates the chances of craft damage.

It is the duty of all members to report damage to any craft to the Board and Ski Captain. **Except where covered by club insurance, Members are responsible for any damage to or by the surf craft.**

The Board and Ski Captain may, at their discretion and subject to delegated authority from the Executive, approve the cost of repair and would usually do so if the surf craft were damaged as a result of storage, transportation or usage as part of an approved surf club activity, and reasonable care was taken by the member.

**Members should be aware of the limitations of the club insurance, and the potential for personal liability for damage and injury caused by surf craft under their control**

### **USE OF FOAMIES AND FIBREGLASS NIPPER BOARDS**

Foamies and fibreglass nipper boards are only to be used during approved nipper activities or coaching sessions organised by Surf Life Saving and returned to the gear shed after use. All boards are to be returned free of sand.

**Minors using surf craft must have their parents or guardian's permission**

### **USE OF NON-COMPETITION EQUIPMENT**

These surf craft are for general use by members at Toowoombay Beach for coaching sessions, while on patrol for water safety and individual training if the user is suitably qualified.

Use of non-competitive surf craft away from Toowoombay Beach must be approved by the Board and Ski Captain or the Club Captain as specified earlier.

For use in competition, the Board and Ski Captain must give permission for the use of the craft.

### **USE OF COMPETITION SURF CRAFT**

This section refers specifically to mals, skis and nipper boards

Permitted use:

- Under board lease scheme (see below).
- Use in competition or training sessions with the approval of the Board and Ski Captain or Club Captain.
- Boards or skis marked as "competition only" are not to be used without the approval of the Board and Ski Captain or Club Captain and will only be used for competition and agreed training sessions prior to competition.

## **BOARD LEASING SCHEME**

The club may operate a board leasing scheme. Members taking advantage of this scheme are defined as "participants" for the purposes of this clause. The Executive may or may not determine to operate the scheme in any given season.

### **SURF CRAFT LEASING SCHEME**

Under the scheme, boards are hired for the whole season on payment of a fee to be determined by the Executive and may be kept by a member off the premises. The fee covers the period from 1 May

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to final surf lifesaving event of the year (typically Australian Titles or State Titles for juniors). The Executive may insist on the early return of the craft.

It is the decision of the Board and Ski Captain whether to consider the application to join the scheme.

For mal boards and fibreglass nipper boards, the decision will be considered and determined by a minimum of five (5) members of the Competition Committee. If a member's application has been denied the member may ask for the decision to be reviewed by the TBSLSC Board of Management

For foam nipper boards leasing may occur outside of the terms and conditions below through recommendation of the Vice President Rescue Services and the child's Age Manager.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

All members must be suitably proficient relevant to age and surf craft to be used.

Member is fulfilling patrol obligations

Must be a member of TBSLSC

A member will only compete for TBSLSC

Member is responsible for all damage to craft. Repairs are to be completed by a professional board repairer to be chosen by the Board and Ski Captain or Club Captain

Member must pay a bond and surf craft usage fee as determined by the Executive prior to commencement of the surf craft lease. Must have competed in board events at three (3) or more carnivals for TBSLSC in the prior season including Branch and State or Aussie Titles, or as determined by the Competition Committee.

Will commit to the above for the entirety of the current season

Involved with the club in fund raising and social activities

Craft hirers are encouraged to store the craft at home and are encouraged to actively use the craft both at scheduled training and outside of scheduled training

## **CRAFT ALLOCATION**

Will be executed by the Board and Ski Captain, and in conjunction with the hiree.

## TOOWOON BAY SURF CLUB BOARD LEASING SCHEME

NAME.....

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS .....

PHONE NUMBER.....EMAIL.....

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

All members must be suitably proficient relevant to age and surf craft to be used.

Member is fulfilling patrol obligations where relevant

Must be a member of Toowoon Bay Surf Club

A member will only compete for Toowoon Bay Surf Club

Member is responsible for all damage to craft

Member must pay a bond and surf craft usage fee and determined by The Executive prior to the surf craft lease

Must have competed

- in board events at three (3) or more carnivals for TBSLSC in the prior season including Branch and State or Aussie Titles or as determined by the Competition Committee


Nipper foam boards as agreed to by the Vice President Youth Services and the Board and Ski Captain. Will commit to the above for the entirety of the current season

Involved with the club in fund raising and social activities

### MEMBERS ARE RESOPSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO OR BY THE SURF CRAFT

Craft hirers are encouraged to store the craft at home and are encouraged to actively use the craft both at scheduled training and outside of scheduled training

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**APPLICANT NAME**.....**Board and Ski Captain**.....  
**Signature**.....**Signature**.....  
**Date**.....**Date**.....  
**Parent/Guardian if member is under 18 years of age**  
**Name**.....**Signature**.....  
**Phone number**.....**email**.....  
**Board registration number**.....**weight**.....**Photo**.....

## SCHEDULE OF FEES SEASON 2019/2020

CRAFT	COST
Racing Mal	\$1800.00
Fire glass nipper board	\$1100.00
Foamy nipper board	\$600.00

### FEES FOR SENIOR CRAFT

20% of the valuation Craft is no more than 3 years old	\$360.00
15% of valuation craft is no more than 6 years old	\$300.00
10% of valuation craft is more than 6 years old	\$180.00

**BOND** The bond is \$150.00 returnable if the craft is returned free of damage and within 5% of the hire weight as stated on the hire agreement

### FEES FOR JUNIOR CRAFT

Foamies	3 years and under	\$150.00
	Over 3 years	\$50.00
<b>**First Year, then will be reviewed**</b>		
Fibre Glass	3 years and under	\$250.00
	Over 3 years	\$200.00

**\*\*First Year, then will be reviewed\*\***

**BOND** The bond is \$150.00 returnable if the craft is returned free of damage and within 5% of the hire weight at commencement of the hire agreement

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD SCHEME HIRERS TO RETURN THE CRAFT TO THE BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN PRIOR TO THE END OF THE PATROLING SEASON <NAMELY END OF APRIL> TO ENSURE RETURN OF THE BOND**

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