



# **SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA POLICY STATEMENT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES AND WATER SAFETY**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This policy sets out the minimum award criteria for junior activities and water safety.

## **POLICY**

Only proficient Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion qualified members are eligible to act as Water Safety Officers for any SLSA activities. Clubs are to ensure that all SLSA aquatic activities has water safety coverage commensurate with the activity and the number, experience and type of members involved in the activity.

Those volunteers showing interest in gaining the Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion should be placed in groups of similar age and background to begin early season training. This can be organised at Club level.

These members, once qualified may act as Water Safety Officers under the guidance of experienced proficient Bronze Medallion holders and the control of the beach Patrol Captain.

The following are the minimum standards for water safety:

- i. The ratio of Water Safety Officers to Junior Activities members will be one (1) Water Safety Officer to five (5) participants (competition, training & educational activities);
- ii. 50% of those Water Safety Officers should be on rescue craft;
- iii. It is highly desirable that those Water Safety Officers not on rescue craft, wear swim fins and make use of rescue tubes as flotation aids.

Clubs should show extreme caution when operating IRBs in close proximity to Junior Activities.

The Club must ensure all Water Safety Officers are proficient and that the provision of water safety matches the possible need.