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To: Club Presidents
Club Secretaries
Chief Instructors
Coaches
Cc: LSOC Executive
LSO Council
Club Captains
Junior Coordinators
Team Managers
Officials
From: Lifesaving Operations Department; and Membership & Leadership Development Department
Date: 16 July 2014
Subject: Updated SLSA Water Safety Policy 1.1 and Procedure 1.1
Action: Please inform relevant committee members and members alike of this policy

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Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) has provided the following information regarding the recent updates of the Water Safety Policy 1.1 and Water Safety Procedure 1.1.

Policy Purpose

The SLSA Water Safety Policy and Procedure outlines the requirements and procedures that SLSA and the affiliated Clubs need to be enacting in order to maintain a safe working environment for its members and the public.

Policy Updates

The ratios of participants to Water Safety Personnel (WSP) have been updated. There have been changes in the ratios for Junior Activities, Member Training as well as the addition of Pool Activities. The ratio outline is summarised in the table on the following page.

In addition the required water safety uniform per event type has also been amended to bring it in line with the current uniforms requirements. This is summarized in a table on the following page.

The SLSA Water Safety policy can be found via the link below:

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Water Safety Ratio Summary

SLS ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS WHO <u>DO NOT</u> HOLD A SRC OR ABOVE	ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS WHO <u>DO HOLD</u> A SRC OR ABOVE
Junior Activities (Nippers)	1:5 (WSP: participants)	Buddy procedure
	1:10 (WSP: participants) Low-risk conditions Determined after a pre-activity risk assessment	
Member Training (Lifesaving and Sport)	1:5 (WSP: participants)	Buddy procedure
	1:10 (WSP: participants) Low-risk conditions Determined after a pre-activity risk assessment	Buddy procedure
Pool Activities	Where applicable, refer to local pool management requirements If no requirements 1:10 (WSP: participants) determined after a pre- activity risk assessment	
Surf Sport Competition	Refer to SLSA Surf Sport Manual	
Sanctioned/Special Events	Refer to 'Guidelines for Safer Surf Clubs'	
Lifesaving Patrols	Refer to relevant State/Territory 'Standard Operating Procedures'	

Uniform Summary

EVENT TYPE	HIGH-VISIBILITY LYCRA VEST OR SHIRT	SWIMMING CAP	SURF RESCUE uniform
Surf Sports (Competition)	<i>Mandatory</i>	N/A	N/A
Sanctioned Events	<i>Mandatory</i>	Recommended	N/A
Ocean Swims	Recommended	<i>Mandatory</i>	N/A
Junior Activities (Nippers)	Recommended	N/A	N/A
Member Training (Lifesaving and Sport)	Recommended	N/A	Recommended BM training and above
Water Safety	N/A	N/A	Cap - <i>Mandatory</i> Rash Shirt - <i>Mandatory</i>