



# Use of Association Equipment

## **Purpose**

To outline the requirements for use of association equipment.

## **Scope**

All operational levels of Life Saving Victoria

## **Policy**

All persons using craft for operational activities (e.g. patrols, lifeguarding, and competition) must be registered and qualified with the appropriate LSV award applicable to the operational status.

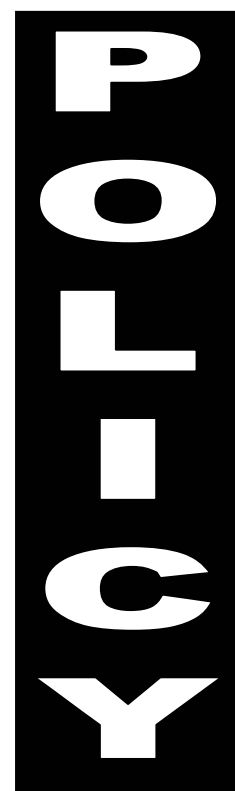
Personnel using lifesaving craft should be registered and qualified in, or have met the prerequisites for the training, of either the Lifesaving Bronze, Lifesaving Star or other appropriate award as this means they are capable of surviving if they lose the craft they are using.

Initial training must include clear instructions on how to use the equipment, particularly in regards to injury prevention and survival in the event of any possible accident.

Due to medical advice, under 16 members should not undertake formalized competitive training programs in boats or skis. This does not preclude them from participating in less formal skill based sessions using these craft once obtaining a relevant award, with the added consideration that all under 16 members when skill training in surf boats or surf skis are supervised by a suitably qualified person/coach.

Where a club wishes to hold "Open Days", Social days for disabled or disadvantaged children, school visits, etc, the club needs to submit advice to their State Centre and confirm insurance coverage, ensure that there is adequate water safety and undertake a risk assessment process to ensure the safety of all users. Members operating the craft must be accredited to use that equipment.

This policy has been developed following advice from the Australian Institute of Sport and SLSA's National Medical Advisory Committee.



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