



WATER SAFETY POLICY - PROCEDURES

2. R&R

[Applies to any training session when team members swim as part of the session]

1. Coach or nominated team member is water safety supervisor. One of the swimmers can undertake role of water safety person **but must in the water at all times the other swimmers are in the water.**
2. Coach needs to be at least 18, hold BM as a minimum and be proficient. If coach does not meet this criteria, one of the team members to take on role of water safety supervisor.
3. Coach must undertake risk assessment prior to any training session taking place.
4. Coach needs to ensure that –
 - Risk assessment documentation completed
 - Rescue tube is available
 - Team members who are to swim confirm that they are ok to swim and that they are not carrying any injuries that may impact on their ability to swim in the surf.
 - Team members capable of swimming in the conditions
5. If training takes place during patrol hours, coach to liaise with patrol captain or lifeguard regarding the location for the training session. Patrol captain or lifeguard has ultimate authority to determine where the activity is to occur. If no patrol or lifeguard on duty, coach determines where the training is to occur.
6. If the risk assessment indicates a high risk, the training session must not take place.
7. Inexperienced swimmers to wear caps for identification. Caps are optional for experienced swimmers.
8. Each coach to conduct their own risk assessment even if teams training at the same time or after each other at same location. A coach cannot rely on a risk assessment conducted by another coach.
9. Coach is to ensure that all completed risk assessment documentation is returned to the club for filing.