

Umina SLSC Policy Statement

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COMPETITION / TRAINING POLICY High Visibility Vest

BACKGROUND

Umina Surf Life Saving Club (Umina SLSC) and Surf Life Saving Central Coast (SLSCC) is committed to ensuring all surf sports events are run at the highest standard whilst ensuring the safety of competitors remains paramount at all times. With this in mind, Umina SLSC have implemented a policy requiring all competitors in ocean or open water-based surf lifesaving events to wear a high visibility lycra vest.

1 IMPLEMENTATION

1.1 This policy applies to anyone who competes in a surf lifesaving ocean or open water-based event endorsed by Umina SLSC or SLSCC. Events defined as surf lifesaving ocean-based events are defined in the surf sports manual. The vest must be worn in **all** ocean-based events including team events with a water based component/leg, with the exception of beach events, march past, first aid competition, reelman in Belt races (linesmen are not exempt). High Visibility vests must be worn in all open water events conducted or endorsed by SLSCC. High Visibility vests will not be required for pool based events.

1.2 For board riding events to assist with judging purposes all competitors will be provided at the event with different coloured high visibility vests.

1.3 In addition to the above this policy also applies to anyone who is participating in Umina SLSC water/ocean club competition, training activities and nipper activities.

1.4 Umina SLSC will adopt the identical colour that has been identified by the SLSC Lycra Clarification Circular (46/11-12). The colour will be strictly enforced, and variations of the identified colour are not permitted.

The colour that is permitted for use is:

“Fluoro Pink” (PMS International colour code 806C*).

*Please note that the PMS (Pantone Matching System) is the international authority on colour and is not a specific manufacturer code.

1.5 The vests will be purchased from a supplier of the Club’s choice, provided the supplier can create an exact match of the colours required above. Long sleeve options are also permitted at individuals expense.

1.6 Umina SLSC will provide one (1) vest per Nipper, Under 8 to Under 14, for the season. If a second vest is required this can be purchased from the Umina SLSC Uniform Shop.

Umina SLSC will provide one (1) vest per Water Based Senior & Master competitor. If a second vest is required this can be purchased from the Umina SLSC Uniform Shop.

All vests will be distributed through the Umina SLSC Uniform Shop.

1.7 Sponsorship is permitted on a vest provided it follows the existing SLSA policy (5.8) regarding SLSA Competition Sponsorship. For reference, the vests will come under the category of “Lycra Singlet’s/Full Costumes”. There will be occasions when a sponsored vest will be provided for an event; in these situations the supplied vest **must** be worn as the top layer of clothing.

2 CONSEQUENCES

2.1 If a competitor is not wearing a high visibility vest then they will not be allowed to commence in any ocean or open water-based surf lifesaving competition, event or activity.

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