



Family, safety, respect, excellence, integrity and unity.

Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club Gymnasium Use Policy

PURPOSE

Gym facilities are provided by the Club for the benefit of its members. This policy outlines the gym rules for Club members.

This policy recognises the limited gym resources (ie. space, access time, equipment) compared to its potential usage, so aims to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of members when using the gym, offer a fair access to members based on priority and ensure occupational health and safety (OHS) of the users of the gym.

DEFINITIONS

- 'The Club'** – Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club
- 'The Gym'** – The designated area (currently located in the ground floor of the Club) and associated gym equipment.
- 'Gym user'** – Anyone entering the gym.
- 'Peak Times'** – The periods when the gym is likely to be in highest demand, currently defined as weekdays (Monday to Friday inclusive) from 5am–8am and 4pm–8pm.
- 'Non Peak Times'** – The periods when the gym is likely to be in least demand, currently at times other than peak times.
- 'Full Member'** – As defined in the Club Constitution.
- 'Active Member'** – Bronze medallion holders undertaking rostered patrols and/or competing on behalf of the Club.
- 'Long Service Members'** – Those members granted exemption from patrolling duties by the Club. (must be proficient)
- 'Gym Supervisor'** – The General Manager of Surf Sports or Manager of Coaching may appoint a Gym Supervisor(s) to be responsible for:
- maintenance of the gym;
 - liaison with the Manager of Coaching on capital purchases for the gym; and
 - maintaining up-to-date sign-in books of the users of the gym.
 - Maintaining OSH requirements through audits etc.
- 'Gym Membership'** – Available for purchase by Social Members (as per Club Constitution) at an annual fee.



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

All gym users must adhere to the following rules:

Access

For insurance and good management purposes, all gym users must be a member of the Club. The Club endorsed coaches may extend the use of the gym to other Surf Club affiliated members and individuals (ie. not affiliated with any surf club, such as guest coaches) only upon the approval of the General Manager of Surf Sports or Manager of Coaching.

To ensure fair access, subject to the other conditions of this policy, the following rules must be observed by gym users:

1. Access during Peak Time is reserved for financial, active, patrolling/long service Club members.
2. Access during Non-Peak Times is open to financial, active, patrolling/long service Club members and social members who have purchased 'Gym Membership'.
3. Every member wishing to use the gym must have a gym key (can be purchased at the Club office). Families may share a gym key between them.
4. Unless otherwise stated in this policy, non-Club members must not use the gym and Club members must not allow access to the gym by non-members.
5. All members using the gym must complete the sign-in register.
6. Long service, active, financial members exempt from patrol rosters are eligible to access the gym during peak times.
7. The minimum age for gym users is 15 years.
8. Members who purchase Gym Membership may only use the gym during Non Peak Times.
9. From time to time, training squads may book sections of the gym through the Gym Supervisor or Manager of Coaching. During these times, such squads have exclusive rights to the use of the booked section.
10. Members less than 15 years of age may be granted access by the Manager of Coaching if:
 - approved by a parent/guardian;
 - the gym user is assessed as appropriate by a Club endorsed coach; and
 - constant supervision is provided by a Club endorsed coach.

Conduct

All gym users are expected to:

1. Each time you use the gym please complete the Gymnasium Sign In/Sign Out Sheet. The Gymnasium Sign In/Sign Out sheet is located inside the gym near the entrance.
2. No smoking, food or drink (other than plastic/metal bottles/water cooler) is permitted in the gym.
3. Do not remove equipment from the gym without supervisor approval.
4. Always use a towel for hygiene purposes and WIPE EQUIPMENT AFTER USE.
5. If you are the last person in the gym, switch off all electrical equipment and secure premises on leaving.
6. Lifters must use collars on bars and must not drop weights on floor.
7. Lifters must use spotters on all moderate to heavy sets.
8. Do not leave weights on the floor. Return all weights to racks after use.
9. Return all equipment to its allocated position.



10. Gym users must dress appropriately at all times (ie. Closed shoes must be worn at all times. Lower body clothing: athletic shorts, tights or aerobic outfits. Upper body clothing: T-shirts, singlets, sweat shirts or tank tops required).
11. Respect your fellow gym users at all times. Do not make derogative comments or use abusive language and do not engage in inappropriate or disruptive behaviour.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE

All gym users must agree in writing to the following Terms and Conditions of use:

1. I waive all claims or causes of action which I might otherwise have arising out of loss or life or injury, damage or any other loss, which I may suffer in the course of or consequent upon my entry or participation in any activities in the gymnasium.
2. This waiver, release and discharge shall operate separately in favour of any person involved in the ownership and/or operation of the Gymnasium. The waiver shall operate whether or not the loss, injury or damage is attributable to the act or neglect of any one or more of such persons.
3. I acknowledge that I will comply with any reasonable direction of the officials and staff of the Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club, as per the 'Gymnasium Use Policy' and 'Code of Conduct'.
4. I acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my personal possessions and athletic equipment whilst at the Gymnasium or during its related activities.
5. I consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness whilst on the premises. It is suggested that all persons seek medical advice and obtain a medical clearance prior to engaging in physical exercise.
6. I am aware that the use of the Gymnasium and its facilities may involve strenuous activity that can be physically demanding and that exercise and the equipment used is potentially dangerous.
7. I agree that I am in a good state of health and I am medically fit to use the gymnasium facilities and there is no medical reason to prevent me from proceeding with the use of the gymnasium facilities without endangering my health.
8. I agree to conduct myself in an orderly and proper manner and not engage in conduct which could cause harm, create a hazard or nuisance to other members, or damage equipment or facilities.
9. I acknowledge that the Club cannot warrant the safety and suitability of the Gymnasium equipment.
10. I hereby assume all risks associated with the use of the premises and facilities.
11. I acknowledge that the Gymnasium is an unsupervised facility and its use is therefore the responsibility of authorised members.

SANCTIONS

Failure to comply with the above rules could result in the Club endorsed coach, Gym Supervisor and/or Manager of Coaching asking a gym user to leave the gym.

Depending on the severity and repetition of the breach of rules, a General Manager may also suspend, cancel and/or permanently restrict a Club member or gym user from accessing the gym.