

## Missing Junior Surf Member at Sea Responsibilities

### Junior Surf Co-Ordinators Response and Responsibilities:

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1. Immediately close and clear the water and beach of members and craft with the continuous sounding of air horns & whistles until all members are out the water.
2. With the assistance of supporters immediately clear member's equipment from the beach within the affected arena/s then keep supporters and members who are not part of the member search party (MSP), out of the area and back on the grass area in front of the club.
3. JSC then moves to the meeting point (foot of the access way to beach, beach end) and with assistance of club officials and team managers/coaches, assemble the designated MSP into orderly lines, ensuring each are "buddied up," and with lifeguard (LG) support. LGs must have tubes and other applicable rescue kit.
4. JSC will then either arrange IRB to be readied to assist or delegate this task to a coach.
5. JSC will then arrange to have a buoy dropped and dye put in ocean where missing member was last seen. If possible a floater can be arranged as well (liver person in a life jacket).
6. JSC or designated official will then deploy the CSP team into to sea, then observe and monitor progress of the CSP and their safety.

### Team Managers/Coaches response and responsibilities.

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1. Team managers/coaches to get members out of the water and check that their competitors are all accounted for.
2. Move all members off the beach with gear up to the club / grass area.
3. Coaches then report to the JSC (Junior Surf Co Coordinator) at the foot of the access way to the beach (beach end) and organise their MSP in line/s, ensuring that they are 'paired up' while awaiting instructions from the JSC.
4. MSP should be sorted into lines with the most capable members closest to the water and least capable furthest from to the water. Coaches to remind MSP that when in the water, searchers will take turns at diving under water to search, while their buddy makes sure they are safe and that their buddy returns to the surface.
5. Coaches/Team manager's must should know the number and names of their MSP prior to entering the water and ensure that they are all accounted for prior to leaving the water and or search party.
6. Team Managers/Coaches and the MSP must follow the instructions of the JSC and or designated controller at all times to ensure that the search is implemented in a coordinated manner. If anyone do not feel confident or capable of implementing a search, they must withdraw from the MSP, ensuring that they notify their buddy and JSC before leaving the water.

## SUPPORTERS' response and responsibilities.

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1. Supported and parents to immediately leave the beach area closest to the water, taking all equipment that they can, in order to provide clear open access to the beach area by club officials and search parties.
2. Only re-enter the beach area, if required, to continue to remove craft and equipment from the area.
3. Then to remain outside the arena and the designated search zone until instructed or permitted to do so by JSC or another club official.

If parents or supporters are a qualified and refreshed lifeguard, a competent swimmer and preferably have a wetsuit vest, they may wish to consider making yourself available to join a support search party. If they meet all these requirements, they can report to an official in the affected arena/s with the equipment detailed above and follow their instructions as directed.