Activity scope

This document relates to student participation in Rowing as a curriculum activity.

Minimum activity-specific qualifications for supervisors

- An adult with Level One coaching qualifications from Rowing Australia.
- If a boat is used to assist with instruction, the boat driver must hold the necessary driving qualifications. Refer to Maritime Safety Queensland for further information.

Minimum activity-specific equipment/facilities

- A powered safety boat for rescue missions. This craft must conform to the boating regulations of Maritime Safety Queensland.

Activity-specific hazards/risks and suggested control measures

- Check currents and tides before activity commences.
- Assess suitability of surrounds and reach of water.
- Ensure appropriate entry and exit points at the water's edge.
- Maintain visual contact with crews and scullers.
- Ensure students have reached a level of swimming and water safety competency appropriate for rowing.
- Provide instruction on rules and regulations regarding the use of waterways and ensure these are adhered to.
- Constantly monitor surrounds for other craft.
- Develop a water safety plan, including for rescue craft.
- Ensure access to waterways by emergency vehicles.
- Adopt signals to identify crews experiencing difficulty.
- Identify operational procedures for carrying out a rescue.
- Ensure support facilities are available.
- Ensure a communication system is in place.
- Ensure students know how to right and re-enter an upturned boat before they scull or row for the first time.
- Ensure students know to remain with an upturned boat and await rescue if they are unable to re-enter the craft.
- Guidelines/codes of practice are established for this activity, refer to Rowing Australia and Rowing Queensland.

Useful activity-specific links

- International Federation of Rowing Associations (FISA) http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa
- Rowing Queensland http://www.rowingqld.asn.au/
• Safety in Recreational Water Activities Act 2011 (Qld)

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