



Policy C11 – Lane Allocation – Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre

1. Policy Intention

To ensure that lane allocation to pool stakeholders is allocated fairly, and does not exclude public use of facilities.

2. Policy

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 The Murray Aquatic & Leisure Centre (MALC) will always aim to retain some pool space for recreational use, unless the public are notified of an event, function or activity that prohibits this.
- 2.1.2 The MALC has responsibility for the allocation of pool space for casual recreational and structured recreational use including swimming clubs.
- 2.1.3 The management of the MALC will have the overall right to cancel any bookings if the need arises. This would only be necessary in unforeseen circumstances and users will be provided with as much notice as is practicable.
- 2.1.4 Council reserves the right to approve special events (including, but not limited to School Carnivals) as a priority over the regular bookings.
- 2.1.5 All users will at all times endeavour to maintain cordial relations with other pool patrons, coaching personnel, pool staff and representatives of the Shire of Murray and Council.
- 2.1.6 All users will at all times remember that this is a public facility and ensure their behaviour does not affect the ability of other patrons to enjoy the MALC.

2.2 Fees and Charges

- 2.2.1 In recognition of the need to support continued growth of swimming clubs, a discount 80% *will be applied to lane hire charge for a local not for profit Club training at the MALC.*
- 2.2.2. Standard entry fees will be applicable to all members of swimming clubs other than nominated coaches of each club.

2.3 Pool Lane Allocation

Clubs and User Groups are required to allocate lanes based on the age groups of swimmers and in accordance with the minimum numbers of swimmers per lane.

Age/defining factor	No of swimmers required for additional lane allocation
Up to 11 years	Eight per lane
12 to 14 years	Six per lane
15 years and over	Five per lane

Priority lane space will be provided to the home Clubs, being the Pinjarra Piranhas and the Murray Masters.

2.4 Coaching from a Public Space

No coaching from a public lane is permitted other than in circumstances where the coaching:

- is being undertaken by an immediate family member; and
- is not on a regular basis; and
- is for a short-term period (for example: training for a school sports carnival).

Or where

- more than three lanes are available for general public use, and
- the coaching causes no disruption to other swimmers.

MALC management have the authority to determine if the conditions are not suitable for coaching, e.g. where environmental conditions result in large numbers of recreational swimmers seeking to use the facility and further public space is required.

For the purposes of this clause, the following definitions apply:

- **'Family Member' means** parent, grandparent, brother or sister.
- **'Regular' means** on a day or time that is consistent over the short-term period.
- **'Short term period' means** a period less than six weeks.

2.5 Refusal to Comply

A Club or patron refusing to comply with the directions of Pool Staff or who behaves in any way that is deemed inappropriate by staff may:

- be requested to leave the Centre;
- result in cancellation of a membership; and/or
- be banned from future entry into the Centre.

3. Definitions

'Local Club' means a Club is defined as local, if more than 50% of its members reside in the Shire.

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Responsible Officer	Manager Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre	
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