



MEMBERSHIP 2020 2021

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Will the Season 2020/2021 proceed as normal?

We are governed by both government and LSV guidelines and time frames. We hope to be able to offer a season in 2020/21, however until we receive advice from LSV we are unable to predict what the season currently looks like. We will communicate to all members once we have information.

2. When will presentations from last season happen?

The committee are currently planning and looking at options of how to conduct this so we can recognise and celebrate the achievements from last season. As soon as is practicable we will inform all members from Season 2019/2020 and hope to provide an engaging presentation even if it cannot be in the clubhouse.

3. Will there be an open day?

We are still planning for the Club Open Day to occur, until we receive direction from Government, we will not know what this will look like. Open day will still be aimed at new members coming down to the club, looking around and being able to ask questions. We hope to be able to conduct this, although it may be later than we had hoped, and it may be virtual. New members will also have the option to register online.

4. What is the fee structure for the season?

The fee structure will remain the same as last season and is as follows:

- A family membership of \$275
- A Senior membership of \$150 (18 upwards)
- A Youth membership of \$120 (18-22 and a full-time student)

5. What if the season doesn't start on time, will I get a refund?

The Board/Committee will address this, if and when the need arises and will take into consideration the various factors including the expected length of season and any restrictions that may still be in place in Melbourne or Victoria.

6. When can I register/renew?

Any returning members will be encouraged to register online from the comfort of your own home. The registration portal will be open for members to register from Monday 14th September.

7. What Covid-19 Plans are in place for the clubrooms?

As per government requirements and based upon "Return to Play" guidelines we will have a Covid-Safe Officer (this role may be shared between a number of people). We will ensure that there are sanitising stations around the club, appropriate distance is maintained between members, equipment is not shared (if possible) and equipment is sanitised between users.

Please note that the club has had a full clean and been sanitised when the second round of restrictions were implemented and access to the club has been restricted. Another full clean will be completed prior to re-opening the facility.

8. How will you ensure we will be safe at the club?

The club take the necessary measures to ensure all our members are safe when we do return to the club. We encourage families to have the CovidSafe tracing app on your phones and we will require members to sign in when accessing the clubhouse or facilities or attending training (similar to cafes/restaurants when they are open). This will assist in any tracing if required.

9. Has the Club been preparing for a normal season?

The club has continued to meet on a regular basis and has been planning for all possible scenarios. We have been working with Life Saving Victoria who have provided training sessions and guides to clubs during the last few months and will continue to do so during this coming season. What the exact format will look like is still uncertain.

10. Will training continue?

We hope to be able to offer training with our valued coaches, however we have currently been providing training sessions via Team App to our members. We hope you have been making the most of these sessions. If we can train at the Club, we will need to ensure our Covid Safe Plan is clear and understood by all prior to returning to the Club.

11. In what format will training continue?

As listed above, we hope for training to resume however this may be different to what you have experienced in the past. We may need to break into smaller groups, we may need to stagger times. Once we know restriction limits/dates we will let all members know via Team App.

12. Will I be able to shower at the club?

At this point in time we expect that a number of restrictions will still be in place, similar to swimming pools we envisage that shower facilities will not be available. Toilet facilities will be open, with increased cleaning schedules. Members will be asked to not linger in the change rooms and adapt an in/out format. More details will be provided within our "Return to Play" guide.

13. Will there be Thursday dinners?

We hope that this will continue, however, it will entirely depend on the restrictions in place at the time. Our club comes under the rules of restaurants/cafes and the associated number restrictions. More information will be provided as it becomes available and members will be informed via Team App.

14. Will nippers be on Sunday mornings?

Nippers are a large percentage of our member base and we look forward to seeing our nippers out on the beach each week. We are currently planning for our nipper program to commence as normal and continue being held on Sunday mornings commencing at 10.15am – 11.45am. Again, the format may change depending on the restrictions in place and the "Return to Play" information for Nippers. This may mean nipper groups alternate Sundays to reduce number sizes and parents may have restricted access (one parent only). We will do everything we can to offer this program, however this season may require many more parents to step up and help in some way – from assisting Age Managers, toilet rosters to gaining qualifications as an official to help at carnivals.

15. Will Patrol be as normal?

Patrol is classified as an "essential service" under government guidelines, it is highly likely that patrols will continue this season. Again, information will be provided through LSV and we may need to operate under different conditions than we are used to. At this stage we are planning on normal operations of our Patrol Groups on a rostered basis.

16. Will there be bronze/SRC courses on offer?

Yes, we plan to run all courses this season, utilising online learning wherever possible. We will however need to adapt the practical components (that cannot be delivered online) as restrictions change, which may delay completion of some awards. We encourage members who are wanting to complete their Bronze/SRC or other awards this season to

contact Liam Smith – liamsmith3101@hotmail.com to register your interest, so you can be contacted directly when these courses will be available.

17. Will I be able to access club equipment at training?

Depending on the stage of restrictions we are in, member access to club equipment may be restricted/limited. If we are able to offer equipment for use, there will be strict cleaning/sanitising procedures in place at the beginning and end of each session and sharing of equipment will not be possible within a session. We encourage members who may have the opportunity to purchase their own equipment, to consider this as an option.

18. Will Aquatic Sports proceed?

Updates to sports events will be communicated via the LSV Aquatic Sports Team. Please ensure you are following both our club and Life Saving Victoria on Team App to stay up to date with important information.

19. How do I get involved?

Now, more than ever we need our club members to get involved in club activities, ranging from helping on a weekly basis to carnivals where we need to meet the criteria set by LSV for our members to be able to compete. More information will follow around the types of volunteer roles across the club and carnivals. As a volunteer-based organisation, we really need more parents to help out and continue the great tradition of the club. If you wish to assist this season please email admin@mlsc.com.au

20. How do I register?

Visit <https://mlsc.com.au/memberships-payments/>

Follow the prompts for being a New Member or Returning Member. At the end of completing your details, please finalise your membership by processing the payment. If you are registering your child for nippers you will need to set up a family membership and your child's details will need to be completed along with the details of you as a parent/guardian. Any person aged 18 and over will also need to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC) that will need to be added to your profile.

If you already have a WWCC, please add Mordialloc Life Saving Club to your profile via <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

If you do not have a WWCC, please apply through the above link and again list Mordialloc Life Saving Club and any other groups you may be associated with.

21. How do you communicate with members?

Our main form of communication is via Team App. This is a free app that can be loaded to your phone/ipad/desktop. Facebook is also used along with Instagram, however as we allow members of the public to view these social media accounts, important information for members is via Team App.

