

# DARWIN SWIMMING CLUB INC



## Darwin Swimming Club Cyclone Policy 2023-24

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## Cyclone Policy

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this procedure is to outline a process that will assist in protecting Darwin Swimming Club Inc members, property and minimise potential losses and trauma in the event of a cyclone.

### **Commencement of Procedure**

This procedure has been updated on 9 December 2023 and replaces all other cyclone procedures of Darwin Swimming Club Inc.

### **Application of the Procedure**

This procedure applies to all members of Darwin Swimming Club.

## Tropical Cyclone Advice

A tropical cyclone watch is issued for coastal communities, when the onset of gales is expected within 48 hours, but not within 24 hours. Watches are issued every six hours.

A tropical cyclone warning is issued for coastal communities, when the onset of gales-force winds are expected within 24 hours, or are already occurring. Warnings are issued every three hours, becoming hourly when a cyclone is close to the coast.

Cyclone Category System (Source: Bureau of Meteorology) - The severity of a tropical cyclone is described in terms of categories ranging from one (weakest) to five (strongest) related to the maximum wind gusts:

Cyclone Category	Description
1	Negligible damage to homes. Limited damage to some caravans, crops and trees. Boats may drag moorings
2	Minor damage to homes. Significant damage to caravans, signs and trees. Heavy damage to some crops. Risk of power failure. Small boats may break moorings.
3	Some roof and structural damage. Some caravans destroyed. Power failure likely.
4	Significant roof and structural damage to homes. Many caravans destroyed and blown away. Dangerous airborne loose items. Widespread power failures.
5	Extremely dangerous with widespread destruction. A lot of damage to homes and structures.

## Responsibilities

City of Darwin Pool Management control the pool during open hours and club members must take direction from the Lifeguard on duty at all times.

In the situation that the Club is occupying the pool outside opening hours the Head Coach, or Coach on duty in the Head Coach's absence, is responsible for making the decision to close the pool and will do so if he/she deems it necessary due to adverse weather. This decision is not conditional on a Cyclone Watch or Warning having been issued and may occur where the Coach feels it is necessary for the safety and well-being of swimmers or coaches. Swimming NT's Lightning Policy will be adhered to at all times.

## **Parent/ Swimmer Responsibilities**

It is club parent members' responsibility to be aware of deteriorating weather conditions and relevant Bureau of Meteorology warnings if their child/children are attending pool training session unsupervised. Parents must be immediately contactable by the Head Coach if the City of Darwin deems the closure of the pool necessary. Swimmer/s must be collected immediately. It is parents' responsibility to ensure their current contact details are updated with the Club Registrar and Head Coach.

## **Training Cancelled**

In the case of inclement weather, the Head Coach may decide to cancel training. In these circumstances the Head Coach will advise the President and Secretary and an advice will be emailed out to all members. It is parents' responsibility to check for Club emails before training in situations where weather appears to be an issue and/or the Bureau of Meteorology has issued a Cyclone Watch.

In the situation where a Cyclone Watch is issued and active, parents must not leave children at the pool unsupervised.

## **Cyclone Committee**

In the event of a **cyclone watch** being issued by the BOM, responsibility passes to the Club's Cyclone Committee being:

- President
- Vice President
- Head Coach
- Registrar and
- Secretary.

The President and Head Coach are the primary points of contact, however the Cyclone Committee has responsibility for the implementation of this policy.

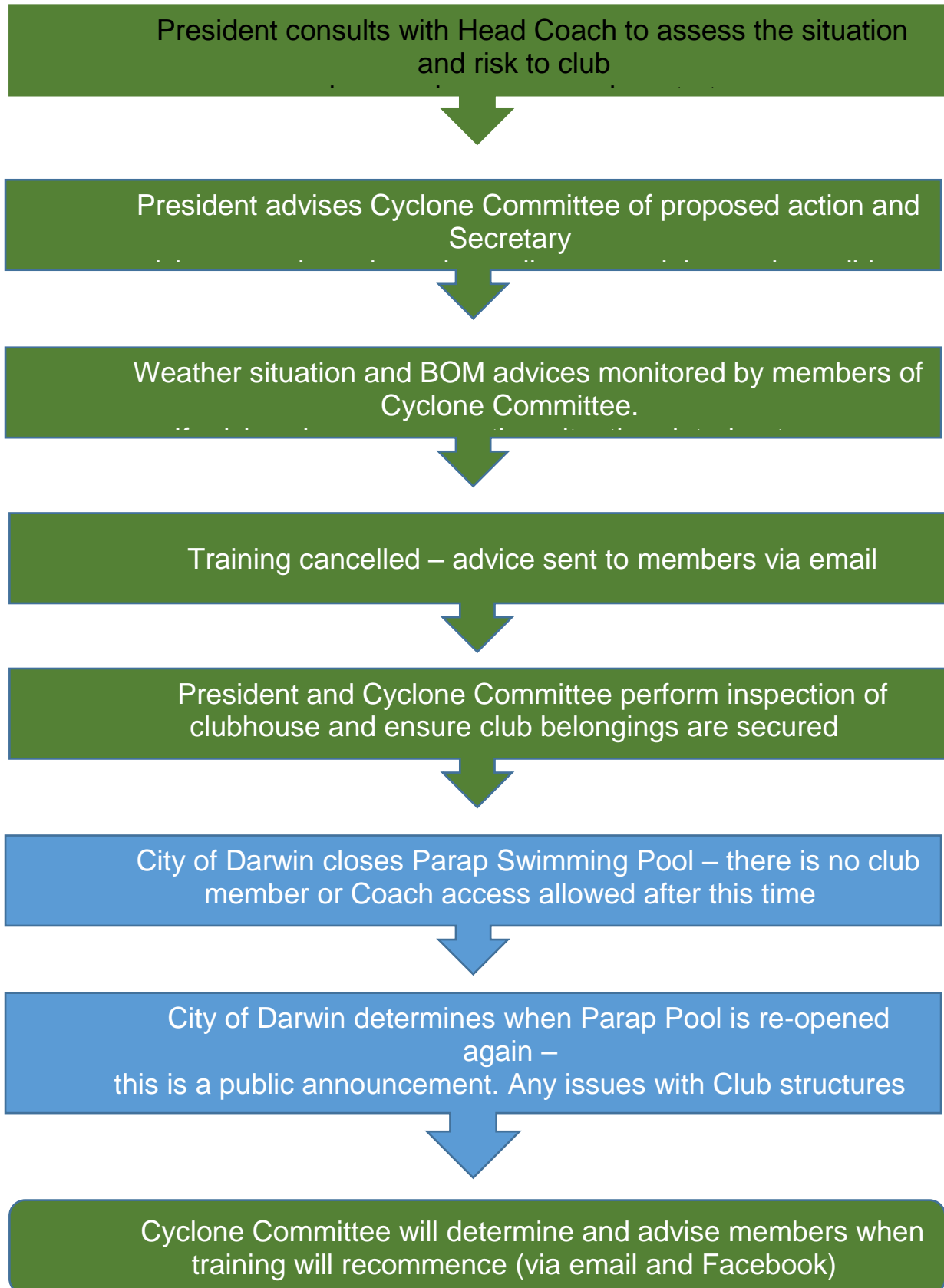
On the issue of a Cyclone Watch, the Cyclone Committee will meet and inspect the Clubroom and storage areas to ensure all club property is properly secured and the Clubroom is safe.

## **Emergency Management**

In the event of significant threat and/or damage to the pool or surroundings, the command and control of the site may be managed by relevant Emergency Services and/or the Territory Emergency Operations Centre. In the event this occurs, the Cyclone Committee will comply with all relevant directions.

# Procedure where a Cyclone Watch is Issued

Pool Open



## **Post Cyclone**

The City of Darwin will determine when the Pool will be reopened and is safe for club members and swimmers to return. The Cyclone Committee is responsible for meeting at the Pool and checking for damage to the Clubroom and or stored club equipment. The President or delegate will liaise directly with pool management prior to any decision about recommencing training.

Where possible and safe to do so, equipment, uniform stock, photos and trophies with any damage should be taken and records made for insurance purposes.

President to contact Darwin Swimming Club members to advise the state of the Clubhouse and any other related updates/ information.

Where a decision is made to recommence training an announcement will be made to all members via email and Facebook.

## **CONTACTS**

**Pool Management** – YMCA Duty Manager: Rob West 0412 683 870  
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**NT Emergency Services (NTES):** (08) 8922 3630  
[www.nt.gov.au/pfes](http://www.nt.gov.au/pfes)

**Bureau of Meteorology**  
1300 659 211 (Cyclone Advisory)  
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