

E12 EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER DISCOUNT**PURPOSE**

To regulate the conditions for the granting of Irwin Recreation Centre gym discounts of 50% to Emergency Services volunteers and to provide guidance in identifying eligible volunteers within the Emergency Services wishing to apply.

Emergency Services volunteers play a unique role in protecting people and property and assisting community members in physical need or distress, at times of potential personal danger and often the commitment of many unforeseen hours. These volunteer roles also require a certain degree of physical fitness, which gives the community the opportunity to enhance this requirement as well as supporting and acknowledging their valued contributions.

POLICY

This policy covers active volunteers within our Emergency Services and is limited to Bush Fire Brigades, Fire and Rescue Units, St John Ambulance and Dongara Sea Search and Rescue. All Emergency Services groups must operate within the Shire of Irwin and all eligible volunteers reside in the Shire of Irwin.

Emergency Services volunteer memberships are charged at 50% of the Irwin Shire Council's Fees and Charges set out in the Annual Budget.

A single membership is only valid for the person that purchased it, they are not transferrable. A membership can only be suspended for a set period of time upon the receipt of a doctor's certificate and through consultation with Irwin Recreation Centre management.

Bush Fire Brigades

All eligible members must be a volunteer of a local Bush Fire Brigade, actively involved in the fighting of fires and fire control exercises. All members must have their Irwin Recreation Centre gym applications endorsed by their Bush Fire Brigade captain. All applications must be signed off by the Shire of Irwin's Community Emergency Services Manager.

Fire and Rescue Units

All eligible members must be volunteers of Dongara Fire and Emergency, actively involved in fighting structural fires and road rescue. All members must have their Irwin Recreation Centre gym applications endorsed by their Fire and Rescue captain. All applications must be signed off by the Fire and Rescue secretary.

Note: All volunteers with Fire and Emergency also volunteer within the Bush Fire Brigade.

St John Ambulance

All eligible members must be volunteers of St John Ambulance Irwin District Sub Centre, actively involved in the delivery of ambulance services in the Irwin community. All members must have their Irwin Recreation Centre gym application endorsed and signed off by the Community Paramedic for the Mid West South.

Dongara Sea Search and Rescue

All eligible members must be volunteers of Dongara Sea Search and Rescue actively involved in the delivery of Sea Search and Rescue operations. Identified active members are limited to radio operators, skippers and crews.

This policy does not cover social members, boat owner members, committee members or social committee members.

All members must have their Irwin Recreation Centre gym application endorsed and signed off by the Dongara Sea Search and Rescue Commander.

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