

# **CAVE DIVERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

**(Incorporated in South Australia)**



## **REGULATIONS**

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REGULATIONS

1. These are the Regulations of the Cave Divers Association of Australia Inc (CDAA).
2. Each member shall comply with these Regulations.
3. In these Regulations, where 'he' or 'his' appears, it should be taken to include 'she' or 'her'.
4. Where there is any conflict between these Regulations and the CDAA Constitution, the Constitution takes precedence.

Amending the Regulations

5. These regulations may be amended by a majority decision of Committee.
6. The regulations may also be amended by a motion passed by a General Meeting.
7. Amendments will come into force when they are published in 'Guidelines'.

Categorization and Control of Sinkholes

8. A sinkhole will be deemed to come under the control of the CDAA, and CDAA members subject to the Regulations relating to it, when the Committee publishes the name and category of the hole in Guidelines, or by other means.
9. The Category of a new sinkhole will be determined by the Committee on the recommendation of the Examiner sub-committee.
10. A list of sinkholes and their categories is given in Schedule A to these Regulations.

Access to Sinkholes

11. Each member shall comply with the landowner access requirements.
12. The access requirements for individual sinkholes are listed in Schedule B to these Regulations.

Sub-Committees - Research Group

13. There is a Sub-Committee known as the Research Group which consists of general members of the CDAA under the control of a Co-ordinator.

14. All reports of the work carried out by the Research Group will remain the property of the CDAA. Reports may be made available to the general members of the CDAA provided that the release is authorized by the Landowner.
15. The Research Group shall provide a report on each Research Project to the Committee.
16. Each member of the Research Group shall comply with the directions of the Research Group Co-ordinator.

Sub-Committees - Examiners

17. There is a Sub-Committee known as the Examiner Sub-Committee which consists of duly appointed Examiners under the control of the National Testing Officer.
18. Each Examiner shall adhere to the requirements of the Examiners' Manual.
19. Each Examiner shall comply with the requirements of the Examiners' Manual regarding the need for Independent Examining.

Relationship between Committee and Examiners

20. The Committee must consider and at its discretion ratify any changes to the Examiners' Manual.
21. The Committee must consider and at its discretion endorse the appointment of any new Examiner.
22. The Secretary shall refer any complaints or charges made against an Examiner within 14 days, to the National Testing Officer.
23. In the event of disciplinary action being instigated against the National Testing Officer, the Committee may appoint an acting National Testing Officer.
24. The Committee will make the final decision regarding any penalty to be imposed on an Examiner.
25. The President shall sign all Examiners' category cards.
26. The Records Officer shall inform the National Testing Officer of any Examiner who returns incorrect paperwork.
27. The Secretary will refer all requests for examining to the National Testing Officer.

Emergency Contact List

28. The Secretary shall lodge an Emergency Contact List with the South Australian Police Underwater Recovery Squad.



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29. The Emergency Contact List will be in accordance with Schedule C to these Regulations.
30. The members on the Emergency Contact List shall advise the Secretary of any change in address or telephone number.

### Indemnity Form

31. Each member shall sign an indemnity form approved by the Committee.
32. The signed indemnity form will be filed with the member's records.
33. Any member who refuses to sign an indemnity form will have his Category card withdrawn.

### Membership

34. A person becomes a CDAA member when the following has been received by the Committee or an Examiner, and a receipt issued:
  - a. a completed application form and two photographs,
  - b. membership fees,
  - c. a signed indemnity form

### Diving Members

35. A person (CDAA member) becomes a Diving member when he receives a Category card.

### Issue of Category Cards

36. A Category 1 card may be issued by an Examiner.
37. A Category card will be issued when proof of completion of the requirements for each category as laid down in the Examiners' Manual, is presented.

### Diving Categories

38. Category cards issued are Category 1, Category 2, Category 3, Advanced Category 3, and Examiner.
39. A Category card may be endorsed as a Special Visitors Permit.

### Diving in Categorized Sinkholes

40. A member shall not dive in any categorized hole with a category higher than his category rating, except as allowed for in these Regulations.

(Penalty: Suspension for a period to be determined by the Committee)

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41. A member shall not encourage or assist a non-member to dive with him in a categorized sinkhole, except as allowed for in these Regulations.

### Committee Member Reimbursement

42. A member may, at the discretion of the Committee, be reimbursed for travelling or other expenses actually incurred in furthering CDAA business.

### Carrying of Category Card

43. Each member shall have his Category card in his possession at a dive site, and produce it on the request of any other CDAA member.
44. Each member shall offer his Category card for inspection to any landowner or landowner representative, to whose property access is sought.
45. Each member attending a Special State Meeting or General Meeting shall have his Category card in his possession, and shall produce it when so requested.

### Special Visitor Permits

46. Special Visitor Permits may be issued to a certified diver on application to the Committee in writing.
47. The intent of a Special Visitor Permit is to allow overseas, interstate and special purpose divers temporary access to the sinkholes in a controlled manner.
48. An application for a Special Visitor Permit should be as detailed in Schedule D to these Regulations.
49. An applicant for a Special Visitor Permit shall sign an indemnity form approved by the Committee.
50. A Special Visitor Permit holder shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Association, and any additional restrictions placed on him.

(Penalty: immediate withdrawal of the Temporary Visitor Permit)
51. A Special Visitor Permit holder shall pay such fees as the Committee decides.

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### Special Visitor Permits - Procedures

52. The application will be passed to the National Testing Officer who will assess the diver as necessary, and recommend a categorization level. A practical assessment will normally be required.
53. The National Testing Officer may impose any additional restrictions on the diver as he considers necessary.
54. A Special Visitor Permit may be issued for any category up to and including Advanced Category 3.
55. The Special Visitor Permit will be valid for a fixed period of time.
56. The maximum time for a Special Visitor Permit will be three months.
57. The holder of a Special Visitors Permit shall only dive in a categorized sinkhole when accompanied by a CDAA member.

### Records

58. Records of members will be kept at a State level.
59. A member's records will be kept in a personal record file, one for each member.
60. A member's personal record file will include:
  - a. the member's application form,
  - b. a photograph of the member,
  - c. an indemnity form,
  - d. a list of qualifying dives for each category,
  - e. any other documents pertaining to the member.

### Maximum Diving Depth

61. No CDAA member shall dive deeper than 37 metres in a categorized sinkhole.

(Penalty: Suspension of membership for a period determined by the Committee)

### General Behaviour

62. A member shall not act in a manner contrary to the stated interests of the CDAA.

### Use of Octopus Regulators

63. Each member whilst diving in a Category 2 or Category 3 sinkhole shall have an octopus regulator or an independent alternative air source.

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### Advanced Category 3 Diving

64. For an Advanced Category 3 dive, the group of divers shall appoint a responsible adult to act as a surface member who will hold the key at the dive site until all divers in the group return safely.

### Ewens Ponds

65. Each member shall abide by the provisions of "Guidelines for the use of Ewens Ponds" published by the South Australian Department of Lands.

### Penalties for Infringement of Regulations

66. Penalties for a breach of these Regulations will be determined by the Committee and may include:
  - a. Reprimand,
  - b. Reduction in Category,
  - c. Suspension, or
  - d. Withdrawal of CDAA membership.

### Penalties

67. A member shall comply with any penalties imposed on him.  
(Penalty: Withdrawal of membership card)

### Reduction in Category

68. A member shall not dive in a sinkhole rated higher than his reduced category.  
(Penalty: Suspension for a period to be determined by the Committee)

### Suspended Members

69. A suspended member shall not dive in a categorized sinkhole.  
(Penalty: Withdrawal of membership)
70. A suspended member shall surrender his Category card to the Committee within 14 days of being given notice, in writing, of his suspension.



# SCHEDULES

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### SCHEDULES TO THE REGULATIONS

#### SCHEDULES:

- A. List of Sinkholes and their categories.
- B. List of Landowner access requirements
- C. Emergency Contact List
- D. Application for Special Visitor Permit

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### REGULATIONS    SCHEDULE A

#### List of Sinkholes and their Categories

##### Uncategorized

Ewens Ponds

##### Category 1

Baby Blue (Little Blue)	L-9
Tea Tree	L-128
Horse and Cart	L-129
Gouldens Hole	L-8
The Sisters	L-43, L-44

##### Category 2

Piccaninnie Ponds	L-72
Ela Elap	L-14
One Tree	L-7
Swimthrough	L-167, L-168
The Black Hole	L-47
Hell Hole	L-40
Ten Eighty	L-42

##### Category 3

Max's Hole	L-100
Bullock Hole	L-163
The Pines	L-61
Fossil Cave	L-81
Allendale East	L-11
The Shaft	L-158
Englebrechts East side	L-19 ?

##### Advanced Category 3

Englebrechts West side	L-20 ?
The Three Sisters	L- ?

Note: The 'L' number refers to the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia (CEGSA) designation. 'L' stands for Lower South Eastern Region.

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Landowner Access Requirements

The Landowner access requirements are detailed in the centre pages of 'Guidelines' No 25 (August 1986).

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Emergency Contact List

The following people will appear on the Emergency Contact List:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. National Testing Officer
- e. South-East Representative
- f. Other CDA A members as nominated by the Committee.

The Emergency Contact list will include the following information:

- a. name,
- b. address,
- c. telephone number (work and home),
- d. category attained,
- e. special qualifications (eg. doctor)

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Application for Special Visitor Permit

The application should where possible provide the following details:

- a. Personal details (name, address, age, etc),
- b. Proof of diver certification (eg. photocopy of certification card),
- c. Diving experience and qualifications,
- d. Cave diving experience and qualifications,
- e. Any other relevant details (eg. references from other divers), and
- f. aA current (within 12 months) diving medical.