



# CRONULLA SLSC.

## 2016-17 Patrol Rules.

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## **SEASON 2016-17 PATROL RULES**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE LIFESAVING COMMITTEE and MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

#### **Patrol Rules and Obligation for Season 2016-17**

Developing the patrol roster is extremely complex, trying to balance many competing demands and considerations. It is important that members patrol to the roster to allow for the efficient management of all our patrol members time, and to ensure that we are able to maintain compliant patrols.

It is a SLSA requirement that all competitors meet the patrol obligations of their membership, including any additional rules set by their club. If the club fails to enforce the club's rules, and permits a member to compete in a carnival, the entire team may be excluded from the results of a carnival.

The Management has agreed the following rules to encourage members to patrol to the roster. We trust that all members will understand the underlying motive of improved public safety and benefits to all members that underpin the patrol rules for this season.

#### **Minimum Patrol Hours requirement for Competition.**

***Competitors are required to complete at least their minimum hours requirement to be eligible for competition.***

It is an SLSA and SLSNSW requirement that members complete the prescribed minimum number of patrol hours for their membership category, and comply with the club's patrol obligations.

If you are unsure of the minimum patrol hour requirement of your membership category please refer to the SLSA 5.04, available online, or ask the office for a copy of the requirements. If you do not meet the minimum requirements applicable to your category, or you fall into default of your hours, (normally 25 hours) then the club cannot (and will not) enter you in any carnivals.

SurfGuard will not allow members to be entered for competition if the required patrol hours have not been recorded, and allowing members to compete who have not complied with our club rules could result in the entire club being excluded from the results of that competition.

The 25 hours for competition is patrol hours performed from 1st Jan 2016 till 31st Dec 2016. If you are unsure of your hours, please review your record via the Members Portal in Lifesaving Online, or contact the club office.

## **Minimum Rostered Patrol Hours Requirement;**

***Members who do not undertake a minimum of 50% of their hours as Rostered Hours may be called upon to make a submission to the club management to maintain active membership in the subsequent season.***

It is a requirement of Active Membership to be rostered to a Patrol, to attend your rostered patrols, or to have arranged a substitute in advance. It is vital that the Patrol Captains know in advance that they will have sufficient members in attendance to remain compliant with our obligations, and maintain public safety.

Advising your patrol leaders in advance gives them an opportunity to assess likely patrol attendance, and call out for additional volunteers if required.

## **Requirement to advise in advance if unable to attend;**

***Members who do not advise the Patrol Captain in advance that they are unable to attend a patrol, will be logged as a 'no-show'. Members who record 3 successive 'No-Show's may be called upon to make a submission to the club to maintain active membership.***

The lifesaving committee recognises modern lifestyles make it difficult for people to provide and commit so much time to keeping our beach safe. We understand that all members cannot attend all their rostered patrols on any weekend, however we need to manage attendance to ensure public safety. The Club signs an agreement with the SLSNSW, SLSS and Sutherland Council to meet certain guidelines and minimum patrol requirements, and as such must ensure that adequate volunteer numbers are available for each patrol.

If you **cannot** attend your rostered patrol,

**A: You must attempt to obtain a substitute** with similar qualifications to cover your patrol, and advise your Patrol Captain and Vice-Captain in advance.

**B: If you cannot obtain a substitute 5 days before your, you must inform your patrol Captain and Vice-Captain.**

It is vital that Patrol Captains are able to ensure that minimum patrol standards are met, and have sufficient time to take action if there is a risk that minimum standards will not be met. If members fail to show for a patrol without the Patrol Captain knowing in advance, it is too late for the Patrol Captain to take action to fill the gap.

A simple email to the patrol captain a minimum of 5 days before a rostered patrol, allows us to ensure that minimum standards are met, and that public safety is not compromised.

## **Patrol Requirements and Guidelines;**

Members are reminded of the requirements contained within the Patrol Guidelines that accompany the Patrol Handout and Roster.

Please ensure you understand all the Patrol Rules and Guidelines. The Rules and Guidelines are developed with member safety and the safety of the public in mind.

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Club Captain

Darryl Easton  
Vice Captain

Enjoy Your Season.

