



CRONULLA SLSC.

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Patrol Rules

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SEASON 2021-22 PATROL RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE LIFESAVING COMMITTEE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Patrol Rules and Obligation for Season 2021-22

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 members 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. We endeavour to balance the needs of the club with the need to ensure we do not put our teams at risk.

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.

The Club Rules allow for The Management to lapse the membership of any Active or Reserve Active member who does not fulfil the patrol requirements of their membership category. These rules provide the framework under which The Management may exercise that right.

Members are able to check their roster, patrol hours record, awards status and other details using the SLSA Online Members Portal <https://members.sls.com.au>

A summary of the 2021-22 Club Rules is provided here, with the specifics of the rules contained later in this document.

Summary - Club Rules for the 2021-22 Season will be:

- *Members who do not undertake a minimum of 25% of their hours as Rostered Hours may be called upon to make a submission to the club management to maintain active membership of the club. If you are unable to undertake rostered patrols, you should apply for consideration of an exemption, via a submission to the Club Captain.*
- *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 'No-Show's in the season may be called upon to make a submission to the club to maintain active membership.*
- *Members who wish to perform a Voluntary Patrol must perform a minimum of 3 consecutive hours of active patrolling. Active patrolling means reporting to the Patrol Captain in uniform, being present on the beach, available for duties as asked by the Patrol Captain, and rescue ready. Specifically, if a member is volunteering on a Sunday morning, they cannot participate in the Sunday races.*
- *Members are reminded that they are also required to complete at least the SLSA minimum hours requirement to be eligible for competition (nominally 25 hours in a calendar year).*

Lifesaving Awards.

To encourage rostered patrol attendance and support our public safety outcomes, The Management of the club provides for the Lifesaving Awards outlined below.

100% Attendance Award;

To gain this award, members must have been on the Patrol Roster for the entire season, and performed all their rostered patrols as per the roster without any time missed or any changes. Additional hours to rostered patrols, have no impact on the achievement of the 100% Attendance Award.

Outstanding Patrol Attendance Award (OPAA);

Eligibility for the OPAA is the same as the 100% attendance Award, with the exception that members may miss one patrol where they arrange a substitute at least 5 days in advance, and make up the missed hours as a substitute, or on the two Rostered Voluntary Patrol weekends (State and Aussies).

Patrol Person of the Year;

The Patrol Person of the year is selected from a group nominated for the award by their patrol captains, and other members of the Life Saving Committee. The winner is decided by a selection panel endorsed by The Management.

Patrol Person of the Year Criteria;

- Safety of self and the Patrol,
- High attendance and engagement on Patrol,
- Strong Contribution to the operation of a patrol, and support of members (set up, pack up, engaging and encouraging members, active participation on the beach),
- Enhancing lifesaving skills through training and self-development,
- Maintaining and improving their physical fitness,
- Participation in club events and supporting the club (Sunday Races, Carnivals, Water Safety etc)

Nominee's will be reviewed by the Club Captain and Vice-Captain and the nominee's that fit the criteria will be interviewed by the Club Captain and Vice-Captain using set questions and scoring criteria.

Club Rules for the 2021-22 Season (detailed):

Minimum Rostered Patrol Hours Requirement;

Members who do not undertake a minimum of 25% of their hours as Rostered Hours may be called upon to make a submission to the club management to maintain active membership of the club.

It is a requirement of Active Membership 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.

If you are unable to attend rostered patrols, for example due to work or sports commitments, you should apply to the club management for consideration of an exemption, via a submission to the Club Captain.

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 'No-Show's in the season 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 in advance.

B: If you cannot obtain a substitute 5 days before your, you must inform your Patrol 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.

Members undertaking a Voluntary Patrol to perform a minimum 3 consecutive hours of active patrolling.

Members who wish to perform a Voluntary Patrol must perform a minimum of 3 consecutive hours of active patrolling. Active patrolling means reporting to the Patrol Captain in uniform, being present on the beach, available for duties as asked by the Patrol Captain and be rescue ready. Specifically, if a member is volunteering for 3 hours on a Sunday morning, they cannot participate in the Sunday races.

A significant amount of effort for a patrol is setting up and breaking down the patrol area for the day and we encourage members who wish to undertake a voluntary patrol to make themselves available at those times. The beginning of patrol is also the time when the Patrol Captain allocates duties and performs the briefing.

This requirement does not apply for the two 'voluntary patrol weekends' (i.e. the weekends of the State and Australian Championships).

If a member wishes to perform a Voluntary Patrol, it is important that they commit to performing their duties properly. They should be wearing the proper uniform, be present on the beach and available for duties asked by the Patrol Captain and be rescue ready. Specifically, if a member is volunteering for 3 hours on a Sunday morning, they cannot participate in the Sunday races.

Minimum Patrol Hours requirement for Competition.

Members are reminded that they are also required to complete at least the SLSA minimum hours requirement to be eligible for competition (nominally 25 hours in a calendar year).

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, (typically 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 over the calendar year. Competition in 2022 is based upon hours from 1st Jan 2021 till 31st Dec 2021. If you are unsure of your hours, please review your record via the Members Portal in Lifesaving Online, or contact the club office.

Patrol Season Credit towards Long Service Requirements

- a) **Season to count towards Long Service Requirements** – members must fulfil the requirements above, and complete a minimum of 25 patrolling hours of a patrol season.

Patrol Requirements and Guidelines;

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

- It is the patrollers responsibility to sign on / off with their patrol captain on arrival and departure.
- Patrollers should check on the portal that their hours have been correctly recorded – if not, they are required to contact the office within 2 weeks of the patrol date to rectify.
- Patrollers are to present to patrol in full uniform – shirt, shorts, quartered cap and hat, in accordance with SLSA requirements Patrollers may not sign on unless they are in full uniform.
- Patrollers are not to leave their post and / or the patrolled area without first informing the Patrol Captain
- Patrollers should always be “rescue ready” – i.e., eyes on the water, and / or ready to enter the water if need be.

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.

Chris Barber
Club Captain

Scott Jackson
Vice Captain

Enjoy Your Season.

