



# Anglesea SLSC Policy Document

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## **TITLE: Patrol Rules and Regulations**

### **PURPOSE**

To ensure all volunteer lifesavers at Anglesea SLSC understand their roles and responsibilities

### **INTRODUCTION**

The following Rules and Regulations have been set by Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club, and have been designed to ensure that the highest possible standards of aquatic safety and life saving patrol efficiency are maintained and developed through the various life saving services. As a Lifesaver, your adherence to these rules and regulations is of great importance to the efficiency of the life saving service.

### **PATROL HOUR REQUIREMENTS**

Following are the minimum patrol hours to be completed by all active members each calendar year (1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec):

- Cadet – 16 hours
- Active Junior and Active Senior – 16 hours
- Active Reserve – 8 hours

(Note: Additional requirements apply for competition at State & National Titles – see later)

### **PROCEDURES FOR BOOKING ON TO A PATROL**

- To book in for a patrol register your name through TeamApp.
- Patrols will be limited to 20 plus ASR members. Once the limit of 20 is reached and you will be entered into a wait list and only able to patrol if other members deregister. Please book in early to avoid disappointment. (Note patrol numbers will be limited at the discretion of the Director of Rescue Services).
- If you are no longer able to attend patrol, deregister via TeamApp to allow other members to register.
- Failure to register prior to patrol will result in inability to sign onto patrol.
- ASR team members are not required to register via TeamApp.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

1. In order to patrol all Lifesavers must be current financial members of Anglesea SLSC and must re-qualify their proficiencies before 31 December each year.
2. All Lifesavers are to promptly and correctly fill the patrol log at the commencement of their patrol.



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3. While on duty, all Lifesavers shall devote their time and attention to the Lifesaving Service Operations and shall, under the direction of the Patrol Captain, direct and co-ordinate their efforts in a manner which will establish and maintain the highest standards of efficiency.
4. All Lifesavers shall carry out their duties within all OH&S guidelines to ensure their safety and that of other patrol members and the public.
5. All Lifesavers must wear the patrol uniform that has been supplied to them. If they are unable to do so they cannot sign onto patrol.
6. All Lifesavers are to be actively involved in either the pack up or set up of the patrol (although both are preferred).
7. A minimum of three (3) hours must be achieved at any one time whilst on patrol. Any less than three (3) hours will not be counted in the Lifesavers total patrol hours.
8. Lifesavers shall not act or behave in such a manner as to bring disrespect upon himself/herself, Anglesea SLSC or Surf Life Saving Australia.

## INCOMPETENCE

Members may be deemed incompetent and subject to disciplinary action if they:

1. Display reluctance to properly perform their assigned duties.
2. Act in a manner tending to bring disrespect to themselves or Anglesea SLSC.
3. Fail to assume responsibility or exercise vigilance and service, diligence, intelligence and interest in their duties.
4. Be insubordinate, neglect their duties, be inattentive or asleep on duty.
5. Be absent from, or late for a booked patrol without permission from Patrol Co-ordinator or Patrol Captain.
6. Leave prescribed duties or patrol area without authorisation from the Captain. (This may not apply in the case of an emergency).
7. Make false reports to Life Saving Victoria or Patrol Captain.
8. Neglect to wear the supplied uniform while on duty.
9. Neglect to fulfil all operation and equipment checks prior to, and on completion, of patrols.
10. Neglect to treat members of the public courteously and respectfully at all times.

## USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

1. Lifesavers shall not consume any kind of alcoholic substance while on duty.
2. Alcohol consumption off duty is not a disciplinary offence, however if a member reports for duty impaired and is disrupted from his/her duties and responsibilities, it may warrant disciplinary action.
3. The use of non-prescribed drugs will not be condoned to any degree. A Lifesaver may only take drugs when a doctor for medicinal or recuperative purposes properly prescribes such drugs. Their use must not in any way cause impairment or disruption of their duties and responsibilities.

## LANGUAGE



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Lifesavers shall not use coarse, profane or insulting language, nor use threatening or uncomplimentary terms of speech, which defame or demean any individual.

## UNIFORM

1. For identification purposes, all Lifesaver must wear the official uniform while on duty.
2. Replacement of any damaged or lost items of issued uniform must be actioned well before patrol commencement. It is the sole responsibility of the Lifesaver to bring their uniform to each patrol.
3. Any items of the patrol uniform shall ONLY be worn while on direct travel to or from patrol, while on patrol or when attending official surf lifesaving functions and community education activities e.g. media promotions of surf lifesaving.
4. The patrol uniform should not be worn in licenced areas in accordance with SLSA guidelines

## PENALTIES

If any of the above rules or regulations are broken the member risks being brought before the club disciplinary committee and hence faces possible suspension and/or other penalties.

## PATROL HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS

Please refer to; [Policy 001.A Competition Eligibility/Patrol Hours](#)