



Anglesea SLSC Policy Document

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TITLE: Competition Eligibility/Patrol Hours

PURPOSE

To ensure all volunteer lifesavers at Anglesea SLSC understand which activities constitute 'patrol hours' enabling participation in State and National surf sports competitions.

INTRODUCTION

The following extracts from **SLSA Competition Eligibility Policy 5.04** relate to this policy –

Eligibility to participate in SLS Championship events as a competitor requires that members have demonstrated a commitment to the ideals of service expected of and celebrated by Surf Life Saving.

SLS Clubs are required to enter into a Patrol Contract/Lifesaving Service Agreement with their Branch/State Centre. It is the SLS Club's responsibility to ensure it complies with the Patrol Contract/Lifesaving Service Agreement and to oversee that its members are undertaking their obligations as required by the State Centre and the club (as per the club's constitution, regulations and/or rules). Award members who wish to participate in any SLS Championship competition must fulfill their patrol and/or service hour requirements relevant to their category of membership.

Under no circumstance shall any member be granted an exemption from patrol obligations solely for competition reasons.

All volunteer lifesavers who intend to compete at State or National Championships must adhere to these requirements. This policy is aimed to clarify the methods which are endorsed by Anglesea SLSC for the accrual of these minimum hours.

PATROL and SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENTS

Patrol obligations include all voluntary rostered, substitute, voluntary, Duty Officer, Water Safety at club and intra club activities, and special events (**Refer Section 7 of the SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility as per SLSA Competition Eligibility Policy 5.04**).

Anglesea SLSC endorses the following activities which can constitute 'patrol hours' for the purpose of accruing an individual's qualification hours.

- Rostered IRB shifts at junior activity/youth/senior carnivals (driver or crew)



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- Water Safety shifts for club nipper sessions
- Water Safety at Club approved special aquatic events (e.g. Rock2Ramp ocean swim)

A Branch or State may also approve full or partial exemption from patrol obligations for injured members or members suffering a medical condition upon receipt of:

- Copy of Medical Certificate
- Clearance by Medical Practitioner to return to duties and competition
- Details of when the injury occurred and date of return to duty

Note 1: This policy document (together with SLSA and LSV Handbooks) is to be available and accessible to all members, and copies held by the club.

Note 2: Records of member requests for patrol exemptions should be held by the club.

RESPONSIBILITY and PROCESS

1. The Club has a responsibility to ensure that it meets its commitments to LSV to provide water safety and other support for approved LSV events and carnival competition.
2. LSV will provide an events calendar and a roster at the start of the season indicating the type of support required and the nominated events. It is the Club's responsibility to meet these obligations and will call on Club members to volunteer to provide support (including IRB driving and crew, water safety and set up/pack up duties).
3. Members will be contacted to volunteer by any of the following:
 - a Director Surf Sports.
 - b Team Manager
 - c Surf Sports Section Leader
 - d Club Captain
4. The Club is required to maintain a separate volunteer patrol book to register volunteer hours. For activities conducted at Anglesea beach, this will be retained in the Club office and must be signed by the volunteer/s at the commencement and at completion of each approved or rostered activity.
5. In case of LSV rostered activities at another beach, the volunteers will be required to submit details of hours completed to the Director Surf Sports or Team Manager for approval. (Photographs of signed documents can be forwarded to the office by email or text message). The approved hours are



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entered into the Club's volunteer patrol book and then logged into LSV's Surfguard system by the Club's administration officer.

- The Director Surf Sports and/or Team/ Section Manager can request progressive patrol and volunteer hours credited to volunteers, either directly to Surfguard or via the Club's administration officer, to ensure patrol hour commitments are met prior to entry to State and National Championship events.

COMPETITION PATROL REQUIREMENTS

All members who intend to compete at either the State or National Championships **must complete 16 hours of patrol (or endorsed activities) in the calendar year prior to these events irrespective of membership category. (excluding Long Service Members)**

These 16 hours should be acknowledged as a 'minimum' and the club appreciates active members accruing as many hours as feasible.

The make-up of these 16 hours MUST be based on completion of:

- Minimum** of 8 hours on a voluntary or rostered patrol
- Maximum** of 8 hours gained by way of endorsed activities.

If these hours are not achieved, members will not be entered in the State or National titles.

For members gaining a surf lifesaving award (either SRC or Bronze) **for the first time**, the requirements to compete at either the State or National Championships are as follows:

Date of gaining award	Patrol Hours required
SRC or Bronze is obtained prior to 30 th November of the new season	6 hours of patrol to be completed prior to 31 st December
SRC or Bronze is obtained between 1 st December and 31 st	4 hours of patrol to be completed prior to 31 st December
SRC or Bronze is obtained after 1 st January	4 hours of patrol to be completed prior to the close of entries of the relevant event

Please Note: These requirements are for a first award only – if you already hold an SRC and then gain your Bronze you must complete 16 hours!