

POLICY 5.4

PROFICIENCY AND PATROL HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY



PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION

To be eligible to compete in any SLSA competition or to receive endorsement to enter ILS or ILS member competition a SLSA member must:

- Be the holder of the appropriate SLSA Award
- Be SLSA proficient
- Be eligible under the necessary age category.
- Have met their patrol commitments as detailed in this policy and met all their Club, Branch, and State Centre requirements.
- Not be in default with their Club, Branch, State Centre or SLSA (or overseas ILS member associations) in relation to their service, financial or discipline obligations.



EXEMPTION APPLICATION PROCESS

PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS

All members from 13 years of age (as at 30 September) are bound by the SLSA Patrol Exemption/Obligation Policy which is set out in the SLSA Regulations. Under no circumstance shall any competitor be granted Patrol or Club duty exemptions solely upon or for competition reasons.



PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION

For all active and under 15 members and any other categories of membership not mentioned, the minimum number of personal patrol hours required for the period of 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year of any SLSA Championship shall be:

NSW 25 hours

For Reserve Active members, the minimum number of personal patrol hours required for the period of 1st January to 31st December of the preceding year of any SLSA Championship shall be:

NSW 12 hours

Any shortfall in these hours will not be allowed for any SLSA Championship competition eligibility purposes.

PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION



When applying for exemptions, which are not automatic under SLSA Rules and Regulations, copies of all relevant documents, e.g., extracts from Constitutions and/or Minutes of Club General Meeting should be attached.

Only Long Service and Life Members shall be automatically exempt from patrol obligations.

Hours shall only be calculated on the personal patrol hours completed by the competitor:

1. Rostered;
2. Substitute for other members (These hours will be credited to the member who is actually doing the patrol - NOT the member for whom the substitution is being done);
3. Voluntary patrols;
4. Water Safety for Junior Activities;
5. Specialist Services e.g. Helicopter, Offshore Rescue Boats, Radio Commands.

PATROL HOUR REQUIREMENTS



A member will be credited with and recognized for all Beach patrol hours completed irrespective of where those hours were completed.

The practical aspect of this is that a member may patrol for one SLSA club and compete for another SLSA club providing their competitive rights are maintained, and they are not in breach of their financial, club obligations or patrol hour requirements at either the club for whom they are competing or the club for whom they are patrolling.

Award Gained/Returning member proficiency date	Min. Patrol Hour requirement Active and Under 15 QLD/NSW	Min. Patrol Hour requirement Active Reserve QLD/NSW	Min. Patrol Hour requirement Active and Under 15 Other States & NT	Min. Patrol Hour requirement Active Reserve Other States & NT
January	25	12	16	8
February	24	12	15	8
March	20	12	12	8
April – September	16	8	8	4
October	12	8	8	4
November	8	4	8	4
December	4	4	4	4

PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION



Note 10: If Clubs have in their respective Constitutions a regulation that members who are in default of a specific number of patrol hours are suspended from Club privileges and activities, then that club regulation must be applied to members being entered into any competitions.

Alternatively, clubs must observe the SLSA Constitution, which provides for a maximum of 10 hours patrol default whereupon members must not be entered for any competitions.

Note 11: The national requirement of 10 hours default is the maximum default hours permissible but any lesser hours provided in the Club regulation must be applied.



PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION

To apply for an exemption of requirements

An written application directed to the State Director of Lifesaving detailing reasons, that may include illness, injury, special military deployment, approved leave of absence or employment shall be considered and approved or declined by the respective State Director of Lifesaving after consultation



PATROL REQUIRMENTS FOR COMPETITION

- **A right of appeal to the SLSA Director of Lifesaving exists in the event the competitor feels that the decision of the State Director of Lifesaving is inconsistent with the intent of this policy.**
- **In this instance the SLSA Director of Surf Sports will be consulted by the SLSA Director of Life Saving prior to a decision being made. The decision by SLSA shall be final.**



PATROL REQUIRMENTS FOR COMPETITION

PATROL HOURS AS THEY APPEAR IN SURFGUARD

Rostered	Hours	All Patrolled	Roster	Make up	Subs	Vol	Not rostered or excused	Penalty	Trainee	No show	Deficit
Career	112.5	69.5	40.5	0	3	23	42.5	0	0	10.5	29.75
2008 Patrol	37	21.5	18.5	0	3	0	0	0	0	10.5	18.5
2007 Patrol	46.5	23	2	0	0	23	42.5	0	0	0	2.25
2006 Patrol	29	7.5	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
2009 comp	22	14	7.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.5	014.5
2008 comp	38.25	28	11	0	3	0	23.5	0	0	0	04
2007 Comp	23.25	20	2	0	0	23	19	0	0	0	2.25

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY JOHN RESTUCCIA
DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING
SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES

PATROL REQUIRMENTS FOR COMPETITION

