

PATROL REGULATIONS

2025-2026 SEASON

These regulations are subject to change as new regulations are approved during the season.

3.7 CLUB POLICY ON LIFE SAVING (EXTRACT)

(A) PATROLS AND PATROL DUTIES

The Lifesaving year in respect to Members personal patrols hours shall be from the 1 January to 31 December of each calendar year.

Competitors must complete a total of 25 patrol hours per calendar year and cannot be more than ten (10) hours in default of their rostered hours to be able to compete. This is a directive from Surf Lifesaving Australia and cannot be waived under any circumstances.

The Lifesaving Year in respect to the Clubs surf lifesaving obligations shall start and finish as designated by Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc., each season.

i) The Club Captain, Vice-Club Captain and Lifesaving Directors shall elect the patrol captains and vice-captains at the commencement of each surfing season. The members selected must be approved by the Board of Directors.

ii) Dates of patrol rosters and hours of duty for each patrol member shall be set out on a patrol roster card and forwarded to each active patrol member. Receipt of patrol roster cards shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the times and dates such member shall be on duty.

iii) Every active member shall be bound by, and submit to, the rules, regulations and duties as shown on the patrol card.

iv) Roving Patrol Status will only be granted after a written application is received by the Lifesaving Director (Contact the Club for Criteria)

v) North Cronulla beach shall be patrolled by members of the Club on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays during the surfing season.

vi) Applications for leave from patrol must be obtained from the Club Captain or Lifesaving Director, will only be granted in extreme circumstances, and must be submitted at least six (6) days prior to the date applied for.

vii) Any member or their nominated substitute, failing to complete the full time of their duty, on the date of their patrol, must make good the time lost before their next patrol falls due, as well as complete their normal rostered patrols.

Any member missing ten (10) hours will have all club privileges including competition, access to the fitness room, subsidised hall hire, hot showers and locker room access suspended until they make up their hours. Any member missing fifteen (15) hours patrol will have their membership automatically terminated. Each member shall ensure their name and time of duty is correctly entered on the patrol attendance card. Only by written submission to the full Board of Directors can this be reversed.

viii) Any member who is sick on their day of patrol MUST provide the Club Captain or Lifesaving Director with a signed medical certificate to be granted 'excused' status from those patrol hours.

ix) Competitors who attend any carnival without the following the correct procedure for substitute forms shall have all club privileges including access to the fitness room, subsidised hall hire, hot showers and locker room access suspended until they make up their hours as complete their normal rostered patrols. Only by written submission to the full Board of Directors can this be reversed.

x) Patrol Captains are held responsible for the efficiency of their patrol.

On the completion of each patrol they are required to immediately record a full report on their patrol card and, if needed, council report, handing same to the Club Captain, Vice-Captain or Lifesaving Director.

x) The Patrol Captain, in matter of Lifesaving, acts with the full power and authority of the Club Captain and the Lifesaving Director. Patrol Members will obey all reasonable instructions and directions from their respective Patrol Captains,

(B) PATROL SUBSTITUTES

a. Members MUST appoint a substitute if they are unable to attend their Rostered Patrol. Substitutes are found by contacting other Patrol Members as soon as you know you are unable to make your Rostered Patrol.

To request a substitute for patrol, members are to login to the SLSA Hub hub.sls.com.au and request a substitution for their patrol; members can promote their need for a substitute on the North Cronulla Patrols Facebook page.

Members MUST email the substitutes name to the Lifesaving Director admin@ncslsc.com.au and the Rostered Patrol Captain BEFORE the commencement of the subbed Patrol.

b. Ideally substitutes should be of equal qualification – i.e. Patrol Captain for Patrol Captain (or other Senior Member), ARC holder with ARC holder, IRB Driver for IRB Driver etc.

c. Where a Patrol Captain is substituted, the Patrol Vice-Captain will take charge of the Patrol, seeking guidance from the Patrol Captain's substitute.

d. Members who correctly follow the substitute process are not required to make up the substituted patrol hours to stay out of patrol default, however if they wish to gain the 100% Patrol Attendance Award they are required to make up the hours within the season.

(C) 100% PATROL ATTENDANCE

i) A member shall be eligible for the 100% patrol attendance award if he or she attends every full season patrol duty (average 49 hours) at North Cronulla SLSC (NCSLSC) during the season, or if they arrange a substitute of equal patrol status to attend their rostered patrols during their absence with the approval of the Lifesaving Director, provided they attend all other rostered patrols and **personally make up the patrols at NCSLSC for which a substitute was obtained prior to the end of the current season.**

ii) A member who through circumstances beyond their control, cannot complete their rostered patrol, but obtains a substitute of equal patrol status, shall be eligible for the 100% patrol attendance award provided:

1. **They attend all other rostered patrols at NCSLSC and personally make up the patrols at NCSLSC for which a substitute was obtained prior to the end of the season;**
2. **At the time of obtaining a substitute for their patrol the member must not be in excess of a total of ten (10) patrol hours in arrears. The responsibility for the recommending this award shall be the duty of the Club Captain, Vice-Captain and Lifesaving Director.**

iii) New members who gain their Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate during the season and perform their rostered patrols will be awarded Certificates of Appreciation.

Note: A Patrol is deemed to be missed if a member arrives after 30 minutes late, or leaves more than 30 minutes early from the Patrol, unless granted special leave.

(D) DAVE COTTER JUNIOR PATROL PERSON & BRENDAN LYNCH SENIOR PATROL PERSON OF THE YEAR

A Best Patrol Person Junior and Senior will be conducted over the season with the Best Patrol Person being selected by the Lifesaving Director. The Reward for the best patrol persons will be recognition by their peers at annual Club Presentation at the conclusion of the season.

NOTE: Patrol Members are to ensure that they check their patrol hours after each rostered patrol to ensure hours are correct. If members believe hours are incorrect, they are to contact the Lifesaving Director within 7 days to review.



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