



PATROL HOUR EXEMPTIONS

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CHANGES TO SLSNSW REGULATIONS REGARDING NSW VARIATION TO SLSA POLICY 5.04

SLSNSW released a memorandum in December 2023 outlining agreed changes to the permissible activities for which members can use as service hours. Clubs should also review the Guidelines for Competition Eligibility for the full SLSNSW parameters for interpretation and application of the SLSA Competition Eligibility Policy 5.04. These guidelines also detail the minimum hours required for new members joining or re-joining in the calendar year preceding championship events.

WHEN AN EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORM IS NOT NEEDED

For members who fall within the proportionate patrol hour requirement, and have met that reduced requirement, Clubs should email the Lifesaving Co-ordinator at the Branch office with the members details. The members' status will be checked and confirmed. If the member has met the proportionate requirement, the Club will then need to inform the Branch of the events they wish to the member to be entered into as this will be done manually by Branch or State (depending on the event).

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Clubs must submit an exemption application for any member other than those mentioned above, who has not met their personal patrol and service hour requirement, as per the minimum hours outlined in section 6 of the Guidelines referred to above. This includes members who may have suffered an injury, illness, were away for military deployment, etc.

A copy of the exemption application follows this memorandum. Clubs are encouraged to include detailed information with regards to the member's reason for not meeting their patrol hour obligations. Under no circumstance shall any member be granted an exemption from patrol obligations solely for competition reasons.

Exemption applications will be reviewed by the Branch before being sent to the Branch Director of Lifesaving for approval. If approved, it will then be sent onto SLSNSW for the State Director of Lifesaving to review. The Branch will then advise the Club of the result of the application. If approved, the Club will then need to inform the Branch (or State) of the events they wish to the member to be entered into as this will be done manually by Branch or State.

PROFICIENCY STATUS

Members who do not requalify by 31st December, must complete their proficiency prior to the close of "normal" entries to be eligible to compete. Refer to section 4 of the Guidelines for full details.