

## Memorandum

<b>To:</b> SLSNSW Club & Branch Directors of Surf Sports & Directors of Lifesaving
<b>From:</b> Phil Ayres, Chief Operating Officer, Surf Life Saving NSW
<b>Date:</b> 21 December 2023
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<b>Subject:</b> Changes to SLSNSW Regulations regarding NSW variation to SLSA Policy 5.04

Dear Directors of Surf Sports & Directors of Lifesaving,

As you would be aware, SLSNSW has in place a NSW specific provision to SLSA policy 5.04 in relation to service hours which are allowed to be utilised in conjunction with patrol hours in order to meet the 25 hour annual patrol hour requirement to compete in Championships events. These variations are described in the SLSNSW Regulations: <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/02/Surf-Life-Saving-NSW-Regulations.pdf>

At its recent Board meeting, the SLSNSW Board after consultation with Standing Committees and the State Council have agreed to extend the permissible activities for which members can use as service hours.

Prior to the recent changes, members who undertook the following roles were permitted to apply for a maximum of 10 service hours to be accredited to their patrol hours for their involvement in these activities:

- Club Executive Committee members
- Accredited Club Coaches
- Club Training Officers and assessors

Under the newly revised Regulation (5dii) which was approved last week, members who part-take in the following SLS activities may also apply for exemption of up to a maximum of 10 patrol hours to take their total patrol hour requirement to 25 hours:

- Club Executive Committee members
- Accredited Club Coaches
- Club Training Officers and assessors
- Voluntary rostered, substitute, voluntary patrol hours
- Support Operations personnel (as per the on-duty hours logged against the member),
- Water Safety at club and intra club activities and special events (as per hours undertaken by the member and evidenced by official event documentation)

Any member who is seeking for these exemptions to apply, in order for them to qualify for SLSNSW Country and State Championships must seek exemption directly from the SLSNSW Director of Lifesaving (who in consultation of the SLSNSW Chair Surf Sports Standing Committee) will make a determination of the request.

Please note that where a member has undertaken water safety and that activity has already been logged as patrol hours in the patrol log, those hours cannot be used again for the purpose of this Regulation.

Members seeking exemption are requested to use the following form and have it signed by Club and Branch president prior to submitting.

## EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM

The following form for members to utilise should they wish to be considered for their significant volunteer service in other capacities for SLS in NSW. Before completing the form, members are advised to carefully review SLISA Policy 5.04 Eligibility to Compete in SLISA Competition - Version October 2016 and the SLISNSW Regulations December 2023 (V.1.11).

<b>Club:</b>	
<b>Branch:</b>	
<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Application Date:</b>	

A club may give special consideration for full or partial exemption from patrol obligations to volunteer members who fall into any of the following categories:

Please indicate which apply:

Personal Patrol Hours:

- Club Executive Committee Member
- Accredited Club Coaches (non-paid)
- Club Training Officer
- Club Assessor
- Voluntary rostered, substitute, voluntary patrol hours
- Support Operations personnel (as per the on-duty hours logged against the member),
- Water Safety at club and intra club activities and special events (as per hours undertaken by the member and evidenced by official event documentation)

Other Exemption considerations:

- Life Member
- Long Service Member
- Support Operations
- Branch - Director/Officer
- State - Director/Officer
- National - Director/Officer
- SLISA/ILS Representation
- Special Deployment Military
- Injury/Medical
- Other (*E.G 2 hours short*):

	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Club President:			
Branch Director of Lifesaving:			

Completed forms are to be emailed to SLISNSW by a Branch Representative to [lifesaving@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:lifesaving@surflifesaving.com.au)