



Currumbin Beach Vikings Surf Life Saving Club Inc. Patrol Obligations Policy

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Background:

This policy applies to all Active members (ie: Financial, current, proficient patrolling members) of Currumbin Beach Vikings Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Purpose:

This policy is to ensure all Active members understand their obligations concerning patrol attendance

Scope;

Active Patrol Members

- With exception of first year Active Cadets (see below), all patrol members must attend full rostered patrols or arrange for a substitute to attend in their place

First Year Active Cadets

- Refers to financial U14 Nippers and U15 Cadets who have gained their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) and who are on patrol for their first season.
- Whilst it is highly encouraged it shall not be compulsory for Active Cadets to complete rostered volunteer lifesaving patrols during their first season. NB: U15 competitors must patrol for a minimum of 4 patrol hours per month from the month in which they gained their SRC Award as per the SLSA Competition Eligibility Policy

Reserve Active Members

- Refers to financial, proficient bronze medallion holders who have requested Reserve Active status and obtained approval for such as per the Club Constitution.
- Reserve Active members must complete a minimum of two (2) full patrols (ie: arriving at start of patrol and staying until finish including set up and packing up times) and a minimum of 12.5 patrol hours per patrol season
- Reserve Active members are required to complete the equivalent pro-rata patrol hours if seeking Long Service membership (i.e. 8 years of 25 patrol hours plus 4 years of 12.5 patrol hours).

Transferring Long Service Members

- Refers to financial, proficient bronze medallion holders who hold Long Service status at another Club within Surf Life Saving Australia who have requested Long Service status at Currumbin Beach Vikings Surf Life Saving Club Inc. and obtained approval for such as per the Club Constitution.
- Long Service members transferring from another SLSA Club must complete a minimum of two (2) full patrols (IE: arriving at start of patrol and staying until finish including set up and packing up times) and a minimum of 12.5 patrol hours per patrol season for 2 seasons



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Procedure

- All members on patrol shall report to the Patrol Captain at the commencement of patrol, must personally sign the patrol log at the commencement of his/her patrol and are not to sign-off the Patrol Log until completion of their patrol
- All patrol members shall conform to the uniform requirements of the Surf Life Saving Australia uniform policy whilst on duty, which will be supervised by patrol captains

Substitutes

- Where a patrol member is unable to attend a patrol a substitute is required and the substitute should hold similar awards to the patrol member to ensure that their patrol is not left short of skilled lifesavers
- The patrol member must inform the Club Administrator and their Patrol Captain (PC) of a substitution prior to the patrol date. NB: Substitutes should sign for themselves in the Patrol Attendance Log and indicate who they are subbing for; the hours that the substitute was on patrol will be recorded for the substitute not for the person for whom they are subbing
- If a patrol member is unable to find a substitute they must let the Club Administrator to know by Midday on the Thursday prior to their rostered patrol
- If a patrol member is unable to attend a patrol at the last moment due to an unpredictable matter (eg: illness or accident) they must let their PC know to avoid attracting a potential penalty for not turning up

Patrol Default

- If rostered patrol hours are missed without arranging a substitute member, this constitutes a patrol default. The following rules apply:
 - [a] The patrolling member is required to make up those hours as soon as possible after the hours were due, but in any case within 4 weeks of the missed patrol
 - [b] If a patrolling member misses 3 patrols they will be contacted by the Club Captain in order to determine the cause of the default and to develop remedial strategies

Voluntary and Make up Patrols

- If a member wishes to attend a voluntary or make up patrol then they must first obtain permission from the Club Administrator
- Patrols will be capped at a maximum number of Twenty (20) patrollers in December of each season
- Patrol Captains shall hold the right to turn a member away from their rostered patrol if the member has not obtained permission from the Club Administrator to attend the patrol or should 20 members already be signed on to the patrol

Patrol Hours and Competition Eligibility

- A review of Patrol attendance will be conducted by the Club Captain at regular intervals throughout the season
- 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 no less than 25 hours
- Any member who is three or more patrols in default at the time of any SLSQ or SLSA championships carnival or event throughout the season will be ineligible to compete until the deficit is reduced to a minimum of 2 missed patrols for the season
- Reserve Active and Transferring Long Service member Patrol obligations must be completed by 1st March of the current season to be eligible to compete