

## Circular 132:10:08

**To:** Club Presidents  
Club Secretaries

**Club Captains**  
**Summer Competition Managers**

**Cc:** Aquatic Sports Council

**Aquatic Sports Executive**

**From:** Andrew Skillern  
Manager – Aquatic Sports

**Date:** 23 October 2008

**Subject:** Patrol Hour Exemption Forms

**Action:** All paperwork to the Manager Aquatic Sports by 28 November, 2008

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To compete at the Victorian Lifesaving Championships (Senior) or Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, all competitors must have completed and passed the SLSA Proficiency Test prior to 31 December 2008.

Under 15 competitors must complete the appropriate Proficiency Test (i.e. Surf Rescue Certificate) - they are **not exempt**.

### **Existing Award Members**

Competitors must be proficient and have completed 16 hours of patrol from 1 January to 31 December 2008.

### **New Award Members**

Members that have completed a new award (either Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate) are required to complete the following hours:

- Prior to 30 November - If a new award is obtained prior to the 30 November of the new season, 6 hours of patrol must be completed prior to 31 December.
- 1 – 31 December - If a new award is obtained between 1 December and 31 December, 4 hours of patrol must be completed prior to the 31 December.

### **Water Safety Hours**

Water Safety for Junior Activities and Carnival Water Safety can contribute to the number of patrol hours.

Only 50% of water safety hours completed at any one activity can contribute to the total number of required patrol hours (i.e. Water Safety from 9am – 1pm = 4 hours. 2 hours of this activity can contribute to the total patrol hours).

To claim patrol hours via Junior Water Safety, a Patrol needs to be set up and duly recorded and signed off by an executive committee member of the club in the Patrol Log Book **and** Surfguard.

Members who have failed to meet these requirements and wish to apply for exemption must do so before the 30 January 2009 via the attached form. Please provide evidence where applicable.

**Regulation 7.12 Patrol Obligation/Exemption Policy (SLSA The Regulations – August 2008)**

In relation to patrol duties the following shall apply:-

- (a) Members, Clubs and the SLSA generally recognise the obligation of all members to perform patrol duties and/or other duties within the SLSA structure.
- (b) Exemptions from patrol, or other duties, may only be granted in the most exceptional of circumstances.
- (c) Clubs may provide exemptions for senior Club Officers, and persons whose Club duties are such that exemption is provided in the Club Constitution and By-Laws or by special resolution of a General meeting of the Club. e.g. Club President, Club Captain, Lifesaving Director
- (d) The SLSA may provide exemption from all or part of Club Patrol duties for members of the Board of Lifesaving, senior SLSA Officers or members of SLSA Special Rescue Services.
- (e) Under no circumstances shall competitors be granted Patrol or Club duty exemptions solely upon competition reasons.
- (f) Any Patrol or duty exemption, granted by a Club, excepting those provided for in (c) and (d) above, must be immediately submitted for ratification to SLSA (Branch and/or State Centre) stating names and reasons for the exemption.
- (g) Information shall be issued from time to time advising of the Policy and specific conditions that currently apply to such obligations/exemptions.

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**PATROL HOUR EXEMPTION FORM**



Club Officer completing form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Exemptions can either be part or full. Please list each member who is subject to either exemption from performing patrol hours and the appropriate number of hours that must be completed.

Name	Membership Category	Reason for Exemption	Required number of patrol hours from 01/01/08 to 31/12/08

**Due Date for exemptions is Friday 28 November 2008**

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