

DEPARTMENT: Lifesaving	SUBJECT: Patrol Obligations Policy	
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SCOPE

This policy applies to all Active members (IE: Financial, current, proficient patrolling members) of Noosa Heads Surf Life Saving Club.

OBJECTIVE

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

SPECIFICATIONS

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.
- All first year Active Cadets must complete a minimum of five (5) full patrols (IE: arriving at start of patrol and staying until finish including set up and packing up times) 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 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 three (3) full patrols (IE: arriving at start of patrol and staying until finish including set up and packing up times).

PROCEDURE

1. 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.
2. The patrol member must inform 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 works on patrol will be recorded for the substitute not for the person for whom they are subbing.
3. 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 default for not turning up (refer to the Default Policy).
4. If a patrol member is new to the club, in the first instance only, they will be exempt from a default and a written warning with a copy of the default policy will be sent to them.

5. First Year Cadets should advise their Patrol Captain in advance if they are unable to attend a rostered patrol shift.
6. First Year Cadets will not attract default hours unless they fail to complete the 5 patrols required by the end of the season. Failure will result in one x 5 hour make-up patrol and one x 5 hour penalty patrol for each patrol that was not completed. Defaults are dealt with the same as with all other members (refer to Default policy).
7. Reserve Active members will be considered to be in default if they do not complete three full patrols during the season. The default will be equal to that of a patrol member (IE: 5 make-up hours and 5 penalty hours for each patrol missed).
8. Reserve Active Patrol obligations must be completed by 1st January of the current season to be eligible to compete. Failure to do three full patrols prior to 1st January of the current season will result in a notice being sent to the Management Committee recommending revoking of competition rights.
9. If a Reserve Active fails to complete patrol obligations during any one season, a recommendation will be made to the Management Committee to cancel their Active Reserve status.