



SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Policy sets out the requirements for use of the national surf lifesaving patrol uniform and other items of surf lifesaving apparel.

2. PATROL UNIFORM

2.1 Minimum Requirements:

The minimum requirements for the national lifesaving patrol uniform are as follows:

- a. Patrol shirt;
- b. Patrol shorts;
- c. A red and yellow quartered patrol swimming cap; and
- d. Swimming costume (if entering the water).

2.2 Recommended requirements:

The recommended requirements of the uniform are as follows:

- a. Wide brimmed hat or peaked cap over patrol cap when not in the water;
- b. Sunglasses when not in the water as per the Sun Safety Guideline;
- c. Water safety uniform as per Water Safety Policy 1.1 and Water Safety Procedure when providing water safety for junior activities, SLS sanctioned/special events, SLS Surf Sport competition and member training;
- d. Rash shirt (Members are strongly encouraged to wear a rash shirt when performing duties in the water);
- e. Other items such as wetsuits, stinger suits, tracksuit pants and jumpers, helmets and wind jackets are also available to members where necessary.

3. USE OF THE PATROL UNIFORM

- a. All Members undertaking patrol duties shall wear the patrol uniform. This includes Members undertaking patrolling/rescue duties and first aid operations.
- b. Members performing duties in the water are required to wear a patrol cap and swimming costume. It is highly recommended that a rash vest be worn for sun protection.
- c. Members performing Water Safety duties are must wear a Water Safety Uniform in accordance with the Water Safety Policy 1.1 and Water Safety Procedure.
- d. Only Members holding a current proficiency in the Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion/Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue may wear the red and yellow quartered patrol cap.
- e. The red and yellow quartered patrol cap must be worn on the head and secured under the chin at all times when on patrol in the water.
- f. When not in the water the red and yellow quartered patrol cap may be worn on the head and secured under the chin, or carried on their person (subject to the person wearing an approved SLS peaked cap or wide brimmed hat).
- g. Any items of the SLSA patrol uniform shall ONLY be worn while on patrol duty or when attending official surf lifesaving functions and community education activities such as media promotions of surf lifesaving.
- h. Members' uniforms should be clean, neat and tidy in appearance.