

# Memorandum



<b>To:</b>	Club and Branch Presidents, Secretaries, Directors of Lifesaving and Surf Sports, Competition Directors, Members
<b>From:</b>	Phil Ayres Chief Operating Officer
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<b>Subject:</b>	SLSA Policy 5.04 Eligibility to Compete in SLSA Competition – Exemption Requests

Following feedback from the Branch Directors of Surf Sports, The SLSNSW Board recently requested each Branch to consider their current position with respect to SLSNSW's application of SLSA Policy 5.04. The feedback received was overwhelmingly in favour of maintaining the current position adherence to SLSA Policy Eligibility to Compete in SLSA Competition - version October 2016. The Policy is available on the SLSNSW website (<http://bit.ly/2ygSzK5>) and in the NSW section of the SLS Member Portal.

In short will require all members wishing to compete to meet the 25hrs minimum patrolling requirement. Members will continue to have the ability to apply for an exemption as per the policy interpretation below which is unchanged from 12 December 2017 when it was last amended.

## SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY:

To be eligible to compete in any SLSA competition or to receive endorsement to enter ILS or ILS member competition, a SLSA member must:

- Be a registered and current financial member of SLSA.
- Be the holder of the appropriate SLSA award relevant to the age category as detailed in the latest version of the Surf Sports Manual or hold the equivalent overseas ILS member country award.
- Is SLSA proficient as prescribed for the relevant SLSA Award required for competition eligibility.
- Be eligible under the necessary age category.
- In relation to championship competition, have met their patrol and or service commitments as detailed in the guidelines and met all their Club, Branch and State Centre requirements.
- Not be in default with their Club, Branch, State Centre or SLSA (or overseas ILS member associations) in relation to their service, financial or discipline obligations.
- Have met any other competition eligibility qualification requirements for specific events e.g. IRB, Surf Boat (sweep), Patrol Competition, First Aid.

## EXEMPTIONS FROM PATROL HOURS:

- 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:
- Club Executive Committee Member, Accredited Club Coaches (non-paid), club training officers and assessors. Exemption for any of the above for club committee members, coaches, training officers and assessors is based on the role performing the minimum number of hours as specified within Section 3 (of

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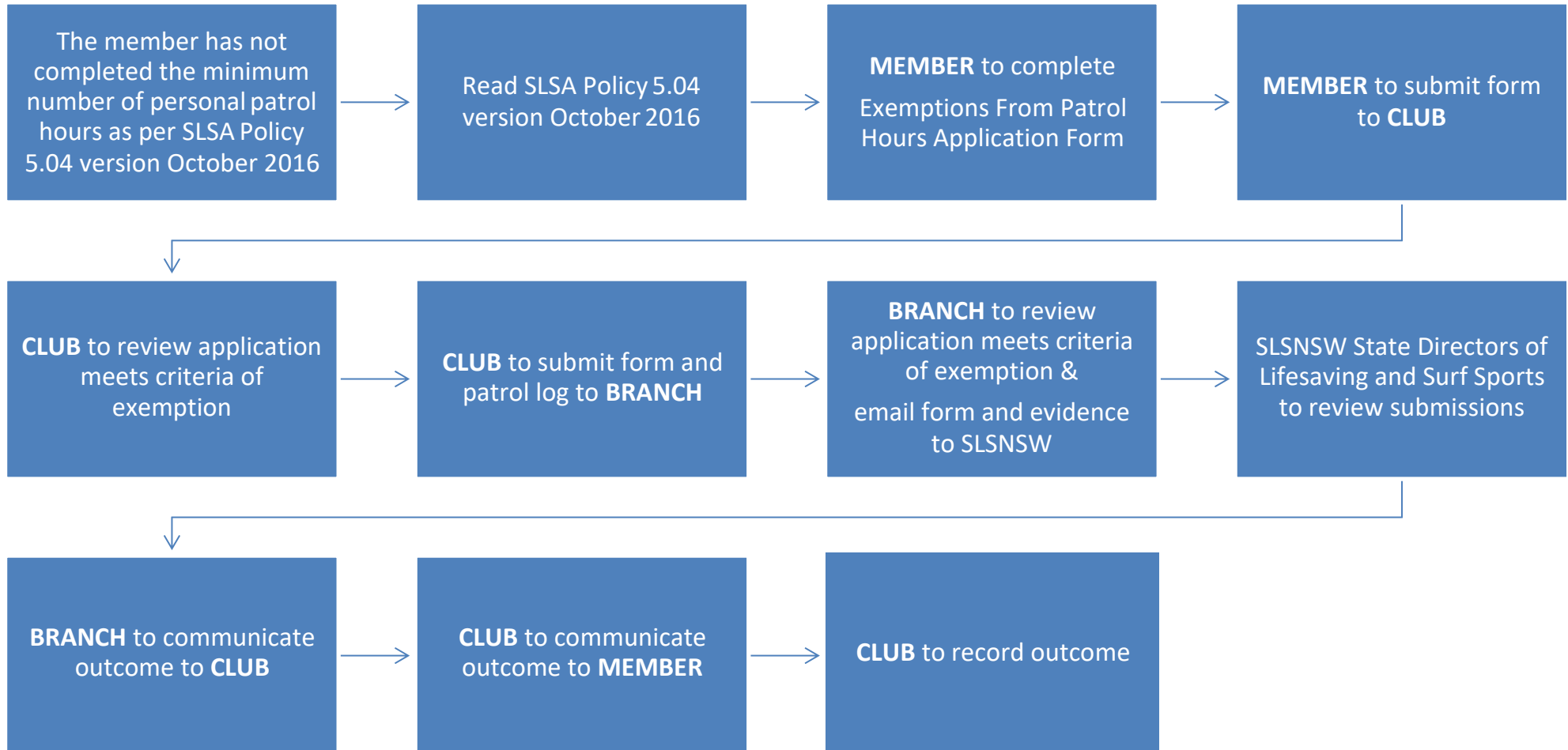
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SLSA Policy 5.04 Eligibility to Compete in SLSA Competition) patrol hour obligations, that is, a training officer/ coach will be expected to complete a minimum number of training/coaching hours as per the hours specified in Section 3 of SLSA Policy 5.04 Eligibility to Compete in SLSA Competition

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**PROCESS FOR PATROL EXEMPTION APPLICATION** – As in previous seasons, this is a summary of the process for exemptions to be considered.



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## EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM

The following is a simple paper based 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 SLSA Policy 5.04 Eligibility to Compete in SLSA Competition - Version October 2016.

<b>Club:</b>	
<b>Branch:</b>	
<b>First Name:</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Date of Birth:</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

Other Exemption considerations:

- Life Member
- Long Service Member
- Support Operations
- Branch - Director/Officer
- State - Director/Officer
- National - Director/Officer
- SLSA/ILS Representation
- Special Deployment Military
- Injury/Medical
- Other (E.G 2 hoursshort): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Applications may take between 2 – 6 weeks to process.

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