CIRCULAR

SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) Award Courses #5 - January 2025 are open for EOIs	Thursday 7 November 2024	19/24-25

To	**Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers**
From	**Director Education**
CC	**BOM, LSOC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MSC**

Expressions of interest are now open from Clubs for the scheduled **Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) award course January 2025 to be held at Wanda SLSC**.

SMPC Course #5 –January 2025

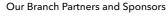| Day	Date		Time	Venue
Tuesday	14 January 2025	Session 1 - theory	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Wanda SLSC
Thursday	16 January 2025	Session 2 – theory	6.30 p to 9.30 pm	Wanda SLSC
Saturday	18 January 2025	Session 3 – practical scenarios	8.00 am to 4.30pm (approx.)	Wanda SLSC

Clubs to please take into consideration and ensure the members you intend to register are aware of the following requirements:

- Clubs to consider the entry requirements for this award and your potential new Patrol Captains, do not submit members who do not meet this requirement.
- Course numbers will be limited to 12 – 24 candidates per course.
- Practical assessment scenarios (session 3 of the course) will be conducted on the beach. Please note – Session 3 is all day
- Participants must be available to attend all 3 sessions of the course.

How to Register Candidates & Closing Dates (via jotform link provided)

SMPC Course #5 January 2025 open for clubs to register candidates closes COB Monday 16 December 2024   **https://form.jotform.com/243100797620856**

Course Aim

This course aims to equip participants with the skills and knowledge required to confidently manage a beach and a patrol as a Surf Life Saving Patrol Captain.

Entry Requirements

Candidates must :

- **Be at least 17 years old**
- **Hold an SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II**
- **Have 2 years patrolling experience**

Clubs, please do not submit an EOI for a member who does not meet all these pre reqs.

Note : Candidates must complete the following four modules in eLearning before participating in the face to face components of this course :

1. Safer Surf Club;
2. Radio Operators
3. SLS-Surf Risk Rating; and
4. Silver Medallion Patrol Captain

Candidates should allow 6 hours to complete the online components.

Process after closing date

- Clubs will be advised by email from Branch office of accepted candidates per course.
- Branch Office will create new award assessment request for the attendees in Surfguard and allocate the eLearning module to the course participants.
- Accepted Candidates will be emailed with Course Information including documents and requirements to be actioned before attending the course. This will include the online SMPC course module, Surf Risk Rating Module (so they have access to the section in the Operations App for session 3), and the On the Job Third Party Report which will need to be signed off by their Patrol Captain.

Process after completion of the course

- Upon final sign off of each Candidate assessment portfolio and returned to Branch office after course by Facilitators/candidates
- Confirmation of On the Job Third Party document is completed
- Branch office will then process the SMPC assessment request in Surfguard for the members who were successful.
- Branch office will email Clubs and advise completion of course of their members.

Any queries relating to this course information please contact Branch Office

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SURF LIFE SAVING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You must:
- be at least 17 years old
- hold an SLSA Bronze Medallion or have held an SLSA Bronze Medallion and currently hold a patrolling award
- have 2 years patrolling experience.

Note: If you haven't completed the Bronze Medallion Mental Health Awareness or the Safer Surf Clubs eLearning courses, it is a good idea to complete these before commencing this course.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN
By the end of this course participants should be able to:
- know the role and responsibilities of a patrol captain
- know how to find and when to refer to organisational documents and policies
- access and record information relevant to your patrol
- apply the principals of effective leadership to motivate and engage team members
- apply leadership techniques to manage multiple incidents as a patrol captain
- effectively communicate in difficult situations, including managing inappropriate public behaviour
- complete a surf risk assessment using Surf Risk Rating in the Operations app
- lead patrol set up and pack down, and manage the beach during patrol
- know how to set up the beach in special circumstances
- action operational risk and hazard management
- effectively manage a patrol team including the delegation of operational tasks
- conduct effective briefing and de-briefing, including follow-up
- coordinate the response to minor and major incidents including working with multi-agencies.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING
SLS members who believe they already possess some or all of the skills and knowledge of this award, may wish to apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). They should consult their SLS club's chief training officer or SLS state centre for more information.

ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS
Assessors must hold the relevant state Assessor or Facilitator award and be proficient in the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain | Course Overview v1 June 2022 – This document is considered out of date once printed or downloaded. Refer to SLS Members Area for current version.