



Chiton Rocks Surf Life Saving Club Competition Policy

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Introduction

This policy provides a guide for members' requirements to their responsibilities in relation to the participation in surf sports competition as part of Chiton Rocks Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) surf sports program.

Aim

The aim of this document is to;

- Clarify Chiton Rocks SLSC's position relating to the requirements of members as they relate to patrols and the consequences of missing patrols.
- Clarify the process for members being invited to and chosen for Surf Sports Competitions.
- Outline the necessary requirements and systems to be undertaken to inform members of patrols missed.

What do members need to do to be eligible for training and competition?

To compete for Chiton Rocks SLSC a member must;

- Be an active patrolling member of Chiton Rocks SLSC.
- Must hold Competition Rights with Chiton Rocks SLSC to train and compete.
- Be involved in Club or other training to have the skills and fitness to compete safely.
- Complete a minimum of sixteen (16) hours patrols in a calendar year to be eligible for Championship events.

Training sessions

Training sessions may be altered due to numbers attending & weather conditions. Risk assessment to be completed for each assessment. Chiton Rocks SLSC is committed to the safety of its members and as such adherence to the Water Safety Policy is mandatory for all training sessions. Members from other surf clubs at the discretion of the Surf Sport Officer will accept an occasional visiting member from another surf lifesaving club, who wishes to participate in our training. The occasional participant must be an active patrolling member of an SLSA club.

Patrols and Skills Maintenance

All members involved in the competition who hold patrolling awards (SRC or Bronze Medallion) are required to attend **ALL** rostered patrols. Should they not be able to attend, members are to arrange their own substitute and let the Club Captain and Surf Sports officer aware of this.

It is **NOT** the responsibility for the Club Captain, Surf Sports officer or office bearers to organise substitutes on behalf of any member (Regardless of membership category).

- Competitors are reminded that this is their responsibility.
- Members who miss patrols are required to make these patrols up.
- All members are required to complete **ALL** rostered patrols.

If a competitor does not attend rostered patrols as required or complete make up patrols for missed patrols then they will not be permitted to attend carnivals or Surf Sports Training. The Surf Sports officer is to liaise with the Club Captain on a monthly basis to check the patrols. Those who have missed patrols or who owe make up patrols are to be contacted and reminded.

Members must attend a club proficiency day prior to 31st December in any one year to remain eligible for competition. Competitors must complete a minimum of sixteen (16) patrol hours in a calendar year to be eligible for competition and/or championship events. Members who participate in club training must be prepared to have their competition rights with Chiton Rocks SLSC.

Process of Invitation to events

- All members will be invited to attend carnivals via any necessary means of the club. E.g; e-mail, text message, Facebook, notice board.
- Competitors must alert the Team Manager and/or Surf Sports Officer of their intent to enter a competition at least two (2) weeks prior to the closing date of the event. Should a competitor determine that they wish to enter an event after close of entries the competitor will be responsible for payment of the late entry fees.
- For any events that involve travel and/or accommodation the Club may contribute to this cost. Members will be informed prior to the event. The Management Committee will be responsible for the overall approval of events and the attendees. Their decisions in this regard shall be final.

Use of equipment

The use of Club equipment for training and competition purposes is to be limited to members who hold *competition rights* with Chiton Rocks SLSC. This includes all competition equipment such as: Boards, Skis, Surf Boats, IRB's, pool rescue equipment and equipment for beach events. Special considerations may be appointed by applying in writing to the Surf Sports Officer who will present the request to management committee for approval based on reasons for use of equipment

Conclusion

This policy is a Chiton Rocks SLSC policy and as such all Club Office Bearers and Members must adhere to this as part of their responsibility towards the Club, actions towards not adhering to this policy will result in disciplinary actions. This policy is to be brought to the attention of all personnel for strict compliance.