

# MEMBER INFORMATION

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

All members irrespective of their membership classification or club subscription structure must complete a membership form. This form must be fully completed and returned to the club registrar or similar who will distribute the copies to the appropriate sections of the surf life saving association. Clubs have the option of utilising the standard SLSA Membership Form or the form contained in the SURFTRAX.

**Membership Forms must have all sections completed and the club must be aware of any limitations, restrictions or medical conditions.**

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Any person wishing to be a member of a Surf Life Saving Club must sign a membership form and have it accepted by a Club.

Each existing member of a Club needs to complete a membership form annually to renew their membership.

The form is a declaration that person wishes to be a member of the Surf Life Saving Association and abide by their rules and regulations.

Persons, who do not complete a membership form and have it accepted and signed by a Club, will not be covered for insurance purposes. Membership forms need to be signed for all categories of membership including Life members, Honorary Members etc.

These forms can be downloaded from the Branch Membership Database or are available from the Surf Life Saving Australia website.

Forms downloaded from the Branch Membership Database are easier for the Club Administrator to update membership/records as they only need to update any changes on the form.

**NOTE: Any person who is not currently a member of a Club (i.e. The Club has accepted a signed membership form for the current season) should not participate in any activities of the Club i.e patrols training, use of gyms, assistance at Nippers etc, as they is not covered by any SLSA Insurance.**

# MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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The aim of Surf Life Saving is to establish and recruit members for participation in active surf lifesaving duties and in relation to membership categories of SLSA each Affiliated Club should provide for the following types of membership and the following minimum qualifications shall be adhered to: -

## **PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP:**

Probationary membership shall be the designation of any person for the time period between applying for membership and the gaining of an award and/or the granting of a formal category membership by the appropriate Club Committee.

## **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES MEMBERSHIP (NIPPERS):**

A Junior Activity Member shall be a person who is a minimum age of seven (7) years up to a maximum age of thirteen (13) years and such person shall be required to gain the relevant Surf Education Certificate for that Child's age group.

## **CADET MEMBERSHIP:**

A Cadet Member shall be a member of the age qualification as defined in SLSA's Manuals and who has obtained the Surf Life Saving Certificate or has passed an annual proficiency test.

## **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:**

An Active Member shall;

- a) Be a Bronze Medallion Holder
- b) Fulfill patrol and Club obligations, as provided by SLSA and the Members Club Constitution.
- c) Qualify in an annual proficiency test unless the Member has obtained the Bronze Medallion in that season.

## **RESERVE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) A Club may grant reserve Active Membership to Active Members who have satisfactorily completed (from gaining of the Bronze Medallion) at least eight (8) years of patrol and club obligations as provided by the SLSA and Club Constitution. Reserve Active Membership shall not be automatic, but shall be granted by resolution of the appropriate club body.
- b) Reserve Active Members shall perform a minimum of patrols in each club where they hold Reserve Active Membership, as required by SLSA and further patrol duties at the discretion of the Club/s Management.
- c) Reserve Active Members shall complete the annual proficiency test.

**NOTE:** Reserve Active Membership may be granted, under exceptional circumstances to Active Members irrespective of years of service.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) A Club may grant general Membership to persons who may or may not hold an SLSA award.
- b) General Members shall not have Affiliated Club voting rights unless elected to office or position, which is provided with voting rights by the relevant Club Constitution.
- c) General Members shall have privileges as determined by the respective State Centers.

**LONG SERVICE MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) A Club may grant long Service Membership to Members who have completed ten (10) years active service or to Members who have completed eight (8) years active service plus four (4) years reserve active service.
- b) Such members may be exempted from all patrol obligations and may be granted other special privileges of Membership as provided in the Clubs Constitution.
- c) Should such Members join another Affiliated Club the receiving Club shall determine if such Members Long Service shall be recognised by that Club.

**AWARD MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) Award Membership may be granted by a Club to persons who hold an SLSA award of one, or more, of the following qualifications: - Surf Rescue Certificate, Radio Award/s, Resuscitation Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate (or equivalent).
- b) Such Members may be called upon to perform patrol and/or other Club obligations within the ability of their qualifications.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) A Club may grant associate Membership to persons who may or may not hold an SLSA award.
- b) Associate Members shall not have Affiliated Club voting rights unless elected to office or position, which is provided with voting rights by the relevant Club Constitution.
- c) Associate Members shall have a joining and/or annual membership fee substantially greater than fees for other categories of membership.

**HONARARY MEMBERSHIP:**

A club may grant Honorary Membership to persons who may or may not hold on SLSA award.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

Life membership of a club may be granted by that club to members who have rendered distinguished, or special service as provided for in that club's

constitution and is relevant to that club only.

**PAST ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) A club may grant past Active Membership to persons who have held an SLSA Bronze Medallion and been an active patrol member for a minimum of three (3) years.
- b) Past Active Members may have club-voting rights at the discretion of the affiliated surf lifesaving club.

**VOTING RIGHTS:**

Membership voting rights of Affiliated Clubs shall be limited to Active, Reserve Active, Long Service and Life Members.

**DUAL MEMBERSHIP:**

In relation to dual or multi-club membership the following shall apply: -

- a) Any member of a club may be admitted as a member of another club or clubs, providing such member has a "clearance" as provided for in Clearances.
- b) Any competing member shall not participate in any inter-club competition as a representative of more than one club during any one-competition season unless and until their "competitive rights" have been transferred as provided for in "Competitive Rights Transfer".
- c) Any competing member who is a member of more than one club shall be entitled to compete in club events of all such clubs.

**RESTRICTION ON MEMBERSHIP:**

In relation to membership restriction the following shall apply: -

- a) An non-financial, suspended, excluded or expelled member of a club shall not knowingly apply to join another Affiliated Club nor shall a club knowingly admit, accept or retain in membership any past or present member of any other club who is indebted to in any way, or is currently suspended or expelled from any club.
- b) A club shall immediately provide the relevant State Centre the names and addresses of members who have had their membership cancelled or suspended and such information, including the period of suspension/cancellation of membership shall be set out in a register provided for that purpose.
- c) Should a member of more than one club be suspended or expelled by any club they shall not be allowed to compete in competition for any other club of which they are a member or in any other club competition or in any other SLSA competition, while under suspension or expulsion.
- d) Any dispute/s shall be referred to the relevant State Centre.