



Memorandum

To: Branch Presidents, Club Presidents, Branch Directors of Lifesaving and Club Captains
From: Joel Wiseman, SLSNSW Director of Lifesaving
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Subject: 2019/20 Season – Updating of SurfGuard Patrol Records

The SLSNSW Board convened on Thursday March 26th 2020 to discuss the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the stricter measures announced by Government and in return reconsider the position SLSNSW would maintain for the remainder of the 2019/20 patrolling season.

The decision from that Board meeting was that all patrols undertaken by volunteer surf lifesavers on NSW beaches would cease for the remainder of the 2019/20 season, effective Saturday March 28th 2020 onwards.

Clubs will have placed their patrol rosters within SurfGuard for the 2019/20 season and with the cessation of the season it means that for members, it has the potential to have a detrimental impact on the accrual of individual patrol hours for:

- Patrol service and National Medal awards;
- Continuity for SLSA long service membership; and
- Competition purposes for the 2020/21 season.

The SLSNSW Board confirmed via circular resolution on April 2nd 2020 that the remaining patrols rostered within SurfGuard for the 2019/20 season (March 28th 2020 onwards) would be marked as “Not rostered/excused”. The above outcome is a fair and equitable outcome that does not impact on any of the above accruals or awards.

SLSNSW staff will update club patrol rosters within SurfGuard accordingly to ensure no further administrative burden is placed on branches, clubs or the membership.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to patrol again this season (2019/20)?

- No. All volunteer surf lifesaving patrols in NSW have ceased for the remainder of the 2019/20 season.

Do I have to update my patrol rosters on SurfGuard from March 28th 2020 onwards?

- No. All club patrol rosters for the remainder of the 2019/20 season, March 28th 2020 onwards, will be updated by SLSNSW staff and the patrol logs will then be closed off.

Will patrol hour requirements be reduced for the awarding of a National Medal?

- This award is coordinated by the Australian Government and there has been no advice to date that this requirement will change.

How many competition hours will I require next season?

- SLSNSW will review competition hour requirements later in the year and communication will be provided around this decision to all branches, clubs and members.