



# Memorandum

<b>To:</b> Branch Directors of Surf Sports.
<b>From:</b> Jim Pinnington, SLSNSW Sports Manager
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<b>Subject:</b> Alteration to Award date requirements for SLSNSW 2021/22 State Championship eligibility (COVID impacts).

An essential eligibility requirement for entry to State & Country Championships is that all members must have a current relevant award. In a typical season, these awards must be achieved by 31 December.

Due to COVID – 19 restrictions, clubs have been unable to conduct the required training & assessment during winter months as they normally would. With Community Sport only able to commence from Monday 18 October 2021, many club are under time pressures to complete the necessary awards before 31 December.

As such, the following alternations to Award requirements for the 2021/22 season have been approved by the Board. Under Surf Certificate and SRC awards, it is recommended that Branches and Clubs prioritise the processing of competitors entering events; SLSNW will assist with any administrative backlogs, if it becomes burdensome.

## Surf Certificates (Nippers)

- Waived requirements for Age Awards to be completed as a pre – requisite for Country Championships.
- Provision of an extension, allowing Age Awards to be completed by the close of entries for State Championships (likely 4<sup>th</sup> week of January TBC).
- Where additional time beyond close of entries is required, application be made via the Surf Sports dept who can manually accept entries, with proof of award required prior to competition.

## SRC's

- The SRC Award will not be required for Country Championships this year.
- Provision of extension that allows certificates to be completed by close of entries for State Championships.
- No patrol hour requirement for SRC's per policy 5.04, Section 2a ii.
- Where additional time beyond close of entries is required, application be made via the Surf Sports dept who can manually accept entries, with proof of award required prior to competition.

## Bronze

- Bronzes' should be completed by 31 December 2021, **BUT**



- Clubs who believe they will have a backlog of courses which contain prospective competitors and will be unable to meet the deadline are to advise SLSNSW by 31 October 2021 of the individuals and the scheduled date for course completion. SLSNSW will approve specific extension dates.
- Pro – rate patrol hours will be adjusted as per the adjustment for existing bronze members (i.e., reduction to 15 patrol hours = 60% of normal requirement.
  - Any extension dates past 31 December approved by SLSNSW will still require the member to have attended patrol for the 3hrs noted below, even if not as a Bronze Holder, in a “training capacity.”
  - The table below notes the current pro – rata application of patrol requirements based on date of award v’s the proposed reductions align with existing member reductions.

Month	Hours required to be eligible	Reduction applied 21/22 season
January	25	15
February	24	14
March	20	12
April - September	16	10
October	12	7
November	8	5
December	4	3