

Memorandum

To:	Club and Branch Presidents, Secretaries, Directors of Lifesaving and Surf Sports, Competition Director, Members
From:	Belinda Cooper, SLSNSW Competitions & Event Staging Coordinator
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Subject:	SLSA Policy 5.04, Eligibility to compete in SLSA competition

This memo provides information to assist members, clubs, and branches with the administration of SLSA Policy 5.04 Competition Eligibility in SLSA competitions.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY:

To be eligible to compete in any SLSNSW, SLSA competition or to receive endorsement to enter ILS or ILS member competitions, an SLSNSW member must:

- Be a registered and current financial member of SLSNSW.
- Be the holder of the appropriate SLSA award relevant to the age category as detailed in the latest version of the Surf Sports Manual or hold the equivalent overseas ILS member country award.
- Is SLSA proficient as prescribed for the relevant SLSA Award required for competition eligibility.
- Be eligible under the necessary age category.
- In relation to championship competition, have met their patrol and or service commitments as detailed in the guidelines and met all their Club, Branch and State Centre requirements.
- Not be in default with their Club, Branch, State Centre or SLSA (or overseas ILS member associations) in relation to their service, financial or discipline obligations.
- Have met any other competition eligibility qualification requirements for specific events e.g., IRB, Surf Boat (sweep), Patrol Competition, First Aid.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PATROL HOURS:

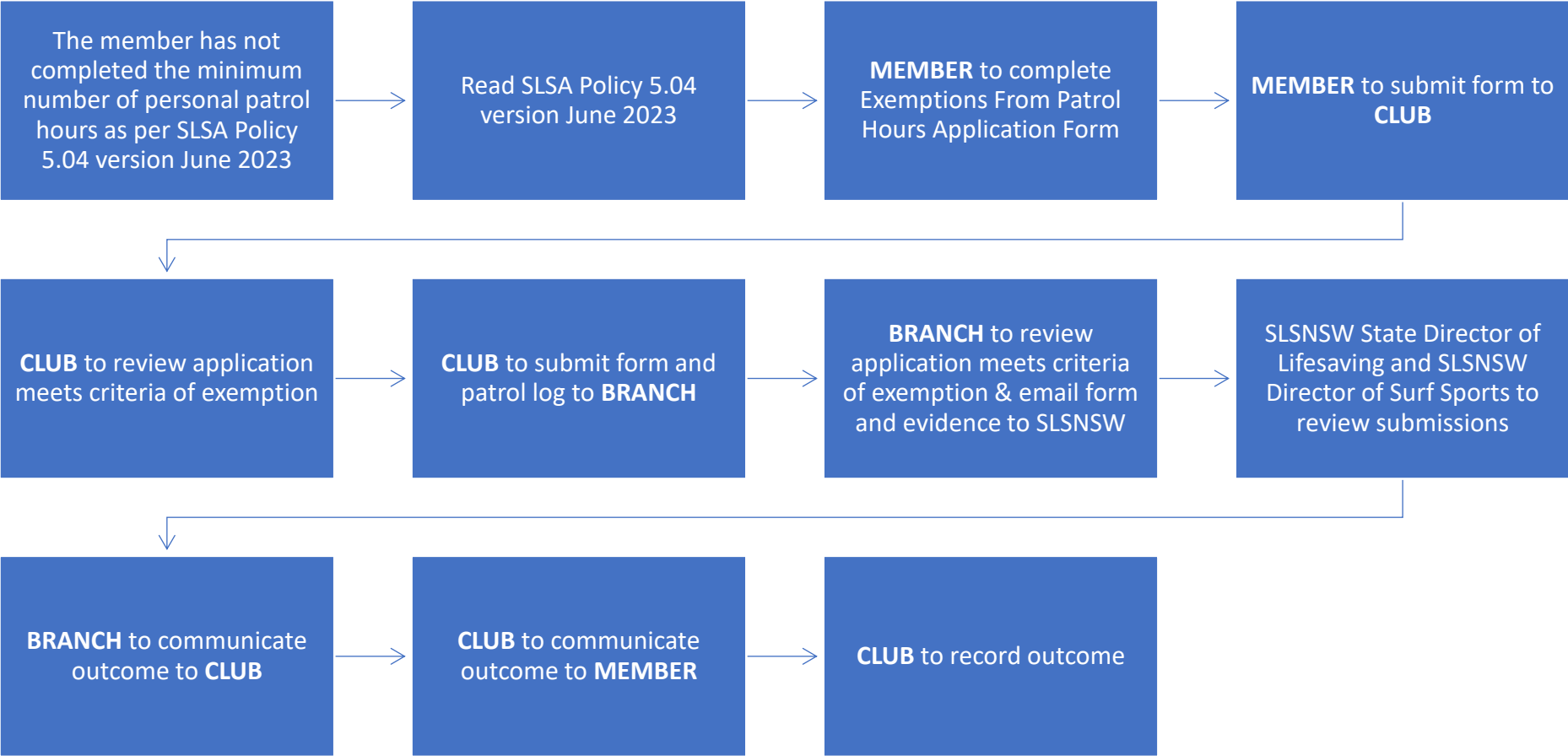
[SLSA regulation 5.04](#) is varied for SLSNSW members:

1. To compete in Branch, State or Australian Championship events, SLSNSW members are required to have met the following minimum patrol hours, calculated between 1st January to 31st December annually:
 - a. Active and U/15 – 25 hours
 - b. Reserve Active – 12 hours
2. Upon request by the member, a club may give special consideration for full or partial exemption from patrol obligations to members who fall into the following categories:



- a. Club Executive Committee Member
 - b. Accredited club coaches (non-paid)
 - c. Club training officers and assessors.
3. Exemption for any of the above roles is based on the role performing the minimum number of hours as specified within Section 3 (SLSA Policy 5.04 Eligibility to Compete in SLSA Competition). That is for:
- a. Active and U/15 – Total 25 hours, with a minimum of 15 patrol hours and a minimum of 10 service hours (as described in 2 above)
 - b. Reserve Active – Total 12 hours, with a minimum of 5 patrol hours and minimum 7 service hours (as described in 2 above)
4. The SLSNSW Director of Lifesaving in consultation with the Chair of the Surf Sports Committee shall consider exemption requests following recommendation from the members home Branch.
5. The process for application and application of this exemption is described below:

PROCESS FOR PATROL EXEMPTION APPLICATION



EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM

The following is a simple paper-based form for members to utilise should they wish to be considered for their significant volunteer service in other capacities for SLS in NSW.

Before completing the form, members are advised to carefully review SLSA Policy 5.04 Eligibility to compete in SLSA competition.

Club:	
Branch:	
First Name:	
Surname:	
Date of Birth:	
Application Date:	

A club may give special consideration for full or partial exemption from patrol obligations to volunteer members who fall into any of the following categories:

Please indicate which apply:

Personal Patrol Hours:

- Club Executive Committee Member
- Accredited Club Coaches (non-paid)
- Club Training Officer and/or Assessor

Other Exemption considerations:

- Life Member
- Long Service Member
- Support Operations
- Branch - Director/Officer
- State - Director/Officer
- National - Director/Officer
- SLSA/ILS Representation
- Special Deployment Military
- Injury/Medical
- Other (E.G 2 hours short): _____

	Name:	Signature:	Date:
Club President:			
Branch Director of Lifesaving:			

Completed forms are to be emailed to SLSNSW by Branch Representative to surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au

Applications may take between 2 – 6 weeks to process