

# Scarboro Surf Life Saving Club

## Policy 1.1 Membership Categories and Requirements



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### 1. Introduction

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This policy will assist in ensuring that Club Members are aware of Scarborough SLSC's membership requirements and categories.

This policy aligns to 'Clause 7: Membership' and 'Clause 8: Effect of Membership', of the Constitution as well as appropriate SLSA and SLSWA Regulations and Policies as relate to obligations of membership, membership categories, voting rights, restriction of membership and patrol obligations.

Note that the SLSA Competition Manual (refer current edition) states that a member's age for competition category purposes is taken as their age at 30 September for the ensuing season.

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### 2. Objectives

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The objectives of this document are to:

- Ensure that Scarborough SLSC members are aware of the Club's requirements and obligations of membership, membership categories and any limitations that may apply.
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### 3. Register of Members

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In accordance with 'Clause 10: Registers', of the Constitution, the Club shall keep an up to date register of members (in either electronic or written form) in respect of each class of membership. A copy of this register will be kept available for inspection in the club office taking into consideration 'Clause 10.2' and any relevant privacy regulations and requirements.

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### 4. Obligations of Membership

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On applying for membership, a new member shall be issued with advice of an induction kit, either in hard copy or via the Club website, which shall include a copy of the Constitution and Policies, Club structure and contact list of all Director and Officers. Special attention shall be drawn to 'Clause 8: Effect of Membership'.

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### 5. Membership Renewals

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In accordance with 'Clause 7.6', of the Constitution, membership expires annually at the conclusion of the Club's financial year (30 April) and renewal shall be undertaken in accordance with the procedures as set down by the Board from time to time. Security access devices will be deactivated annually on 30 April and will be reactivated once the renewal process and payment of fees, as may be applicable, is completed.

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Notwithstanding the above, membership will be automatically discontinued if a member has not reapplied for membership of the Club before the end of the first month of rostered patrols in each season in accordance with 'Clause 11.4: Discontinuance for Failure to Renew'.

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## 6. Gym Access

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Access to the club gym is a privilege of membership, available only following an induction process set by the Director Surf Sports and will be removed if other requirements, as may be imposed by the Club from time to time, are not being met. The only membership categories approved for access to the gym are:

- Cadet, Active, Reserve Active, Long Service and Life; plus
- Members under the age of 18 years shall be required to have parental or guardian approval for access to the gym;
- Members under 17 years of age can only access the gym under guidance of a training program overseen by an accredited coach;
- Members under the age of 15 years and Probationary members whilst training for their BM, shall have access to the gym only when under the direct supervision of an accredited coach or instructor.

Note. As per Section 5 above, gym access will be deactivated at 30 April.

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## 7. Membership Services and Benefits

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Members are eligible for a variety of services and benefits as may be applicable under their relevant membership category. Access to and use of club equipment, facilities and activities is outlined under other Policies.

Members are encouraged to make full use of their privileges of membership while acknowledging their obligation as a member. This includes being aware of the rules of the Club as set out in the Constitution, these Policies and directives of the Board.

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## 8. Membership Categories

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Membership categories shall comply with SLSA Regulations and may include additional categories as determined by the Board from time to time.

Note is to be taken of the overriding four (4) Primary Membership Classes as promulgated by SLSA in the July 2018 "Changes to Membership Categories and Member Declarations".

For membership category purposes the manuals of SLSA state that a member's age shall be taken as their age as at 30 September for the ensuing season.

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General Member	Category for new members not wanting to patrol or compete but be involved in supporting the Club socially.	Numbers capped at Active Senior membership numbers minus 1 [one].  Provides access to the Club social amenities only, does not include operational facilities, equipment storage or gym access.
Associate Member	Parents/guardians of Junior Activities or Cadet members, and partner/spouses of Active, Reserve Active, Long Service & Life Members.	One parent/guardian of a Nipper or Junior member <b>must</b> join per family.  Provides access to all Club amenities <b>excluding</b> the gym.
Junior Activities Member 5 to under 13 years of age	Encouraged to gain their relevant age award and can participate in age related inter-club surf sports events.  Note that in the case of members Under 7 years of age, The Club has identified that our beach is at times unpredictable and may be a dangerous beach. Children in this age group will participate in a shortened season between early January and mid-March each year.  The content of the beach sessions will be at the discretion of the Age Group Manager under the direction of the Junior Officer and will depend on the conditions of the beach.  If conditions are assessed as being too dangerous the Club reserves the right to cancel a session without penalty. A parent or guardian must remain with the group for each session.	Commonly called 'Nippers'.  Birth Certificate must be sighted for all new Junior Activities members.  Age is taken as their age on 30 September.  Able to access Club amenities only under supervision of Age Group Managers or other authorised persons
Cadet Member 13 to under 15 years of age	Cadet patrolling members after completing their Surf Rescue Certificate.  Can compete in inter-club surf sports after completing SRC and relevant patrol requirements.	Must comply with Patrol Requirements as per Policy 2.2.  Able to access Club amenities under supervision of authorised persons, refer section 6 above re access to the gym.
Active Member Under 17 years of age	Active Patrolling members after completing their Bronze Medallion.  Can compete in inter-club surf sports after completing BM and patrol requirements.	An additional fee is required for the Bronze Training Course.  Must comply with Patrol requirements as per Policy 2.2.

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		Able to access all Club amenities, access to Gym in accordance with section 6 above.
Active Member Under 19 years of age	Active Patrolling members after completing their Bronze Medallion.  Can compete in inter-club surf sports after completing BM and patrol requirements.	An additional fee is required for the Bronze Training Course.  Must comply with Patrol Requirements as per Policy 2.2.  Able to access all Club amenities, access to the gym in accordance with section 6 above.
Active Member Senior aged 19 years and over	Active Patrolling members after completing their Bronze Medallion.  Can compete in inter-club surf sports after completing BM and patrol requirements.	An additional fee is required for the Bronze Training Course.  Must comply with Patrol Requirements as per Policy 2.2.  Able to access all Club amenities.
Reserve Active Member	On written application to Beach Operations Committee.  Eligibility: Must have completed min 10 years as an Active member.	Initial request must be in writing (letter/email).  Must comply with Patrol Requirements as per Policy 2.2.  Able to access all Club amenities.
Long Service Member	On written application to Beach Operations Committee.  Eligibility: Must have completed min 13 years as an Active member, or min 5 years as an Active Reserve member.	Initial request must be in writing (letter/email).  Able to access all Club amenities.
Probationary Member	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 membership category.  On receipt at the Club of a membership application, the Membership Officer or their delegate, shall cause the issue of an induction kit to the new member and advice of the date, time and place of the next induction session.	An additional fee is required for the Bronze Training Course.  Able to access Club amenities in accordance with limitations advised during induction process.  Gym access will only be under the direct supervision of an accredited coach or instructor, refer section 6 below.

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	<p>Within 10 days of the receipt of a membership application where that application is for Cadet, Active or Award membership, the Membership Officer or their delegate shall arrange for a probationary member to be introduced to the Education Officer who shall advise them of the intended Award training program and ensure they commence instruction in accordance with that program.</p> <p>Probationary members must have gained their relevant Award within 4 months of joining to retain their membership, otherwise continue training in accordance with a training program as determined by the Beach Operations Committee on the advice of the Education Officer.</p>	
Award Member – Patrol Support	Any member who joins and gains an Award other than BM and is then eligible to participate in patrol support duties such as first aid, radio, or other support duties as may be specified by the Beach Operations Committee.	<p>Award members must comply with patrol support duties as directed by the Beach Operations Committee.</p> <p>Able to access Club amenities, excluding gym.</p>
Award Member – Surf Sports Official	A member who wishes to join and not complete their BM or undertake patrols, but complete a Surf Sports Official Course and contribute by officiating at surf sports events and carnivals.	<p>Officiate at a min of 2 carnivals per year to gain min of 16 hours signed off as officiating.</p> <p>Able to access Club amenities, excluding gym.</p>
Award Member – Surf Coach	A member who wishes to join and not complete their BM or undertake patrols, but complete a SLSA accredited coach course, either as an Age Group Manager or Surf Sports Coach, and undertake coaching of members.	<p>Must be available for coaching purposes as agreed with Beach Operations Committee.</p> <p>Able to access Club amenities, including gym where coaching activities require attendance.</p>
Life Member	Member as per 'Clause 7.3: Life Members'.	Full membership rights.