



DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
SUBJECT: Club Patrol Hours Obligation  
Approved by: Executive Management Committee

The following policy statement was adopted at the Mooloolaba Executive Management Committee meeting held 10 September 2011 and adopted as Policy from 20 September 2011:

**BACKGROUND:**

Over past years there have been a number of issues surrounding members to complete their club patrol hour obligations, which is greater than the minimum patrol hours required by SLSA.

The current SLSA information states a member must complete a minimum of 25 patrol hours per calendar year (January to December). This number is not the Mooloolaba SLSC's minimum club requirement due to the length of the Queensland patrol season, number of beach visitors to the Mooloolaba Beach and the need for members to contribute a greater amount of patrol hours to receive benefits provided by the Mooloolaba SLSC.  
*Reference – SLSQ Patrol Operations Manual – LS0006 Patrol Hour Obligations & attached patrol hour monthly audit guide.*

**The Mooloolaba SLSC minimum patrol hours that must be completed between January to December each year is THIRTY-ONE (31) PATROL HOURS, to ensure continued benefits being provided by the club such as payment of carnival nomination fees, accommodation costs other financial subsidies and access to club facilities. Failure to complete the above minimum patrols hours may result in loss of club financial subsidies, penalty patrols or loss of access to club facilities.**

**CLUB PATROL HOUR REQUIREMENTS:**

Members must complete one of the following as minimum patrol hour requirements for being a member at Mooloolaba SLSC:

1. If a member is rostered onto a normal rostered patrol (A-P) then a member needs to complete their rostered patrols or obtain a substitute if unavailable and makeup the patrol either the week prior or the week after their rostered patrol.
2. If a member cannot commit to a normal rostered patrol due to work, study or training commitments, then the member must request to the Club Captain an individual roster. The member must provide a minimum of eight (8) patrol dates that they can attend (four dates between September to December & four dates from January to May). An individual roster will be prepared in SurfGuard for these members on the nominated dates and a minimum of 31 patrol hours must be completed between January to December.

Members must communicate with Patrol Captains in advance of attending makeup or volunteer patrols, otherwise members may not be allowed to attend patrols.

**DIRECTION:**

The Club Captain shall prepare a patrol hour report for each active member and present this report to the monthly Executive Meeting. The Executive Committee shall note the patrol hours and direct any reduction in financial subsidies in line with this policy. The Club Captain is responsible for the issuing of any penalty patrols.

If a member does not achieve the minimum club policy patrol hour obligations then club benefits will be reduced by the club, as approved by the Executive Management Committee upon the report provided by the Club Captain, *bylaws – appendix C (f)*.



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**SRC Members:**

SRC members are required to complete patrol hours in line with Club Patrol Hour Requirements listed above. In addition SRC members should refer to the MBA Water Safety Hours Policy LS05.

**Pro-rata table for new members (not transferring) or members obtaining an SRC or Bronze award:**

The following patrol hour pro-rata table is to be used to determine the pro-rata patrol hour obligations required by the club for members in these categories.

New members or Returning Members	Patrol Hour requirement	Patrol Hour requirement (Active Reserve)
January	31	18
February	30	18
March	26	18
April-September	20	12
October	16	12
November	12	8
December	8	8

Pro-rata hours apply to new awardees, returning members, and those who have been on medical clearance, not members transferring from another club.