

Memorandum

To:	SLSNSW Club & Branch Directors of Surf Sports & Directors of Lifesaving
From:	Belinda Cooper, Competition & Event Staging Coordinator
Date:	Wednesday 2 nd October 2024
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Subject:	Patrol Hour Exemption Process to meet eligibility requirements to compete in Championship Events

Dear Directors of Surf Sports & Directors of Lifesaving,

SLSNSW has in place a NSW specific provision to SLSA policy 5.04 in relation to service hours which are allowed to be utilised in conjunction with patrol hours in order to meet the 25-hour annual patrol hour requirement to compete in Championships events. These variations are described in the [SLSNSW Regulations](#).

Under Regulation (5dii) which was approved in December 2023, members who partake in the following SLS activities may also apply for exemption of up to a **maximum** of 10 patrol hours to take their total patrol hour requirement to 25 hours:

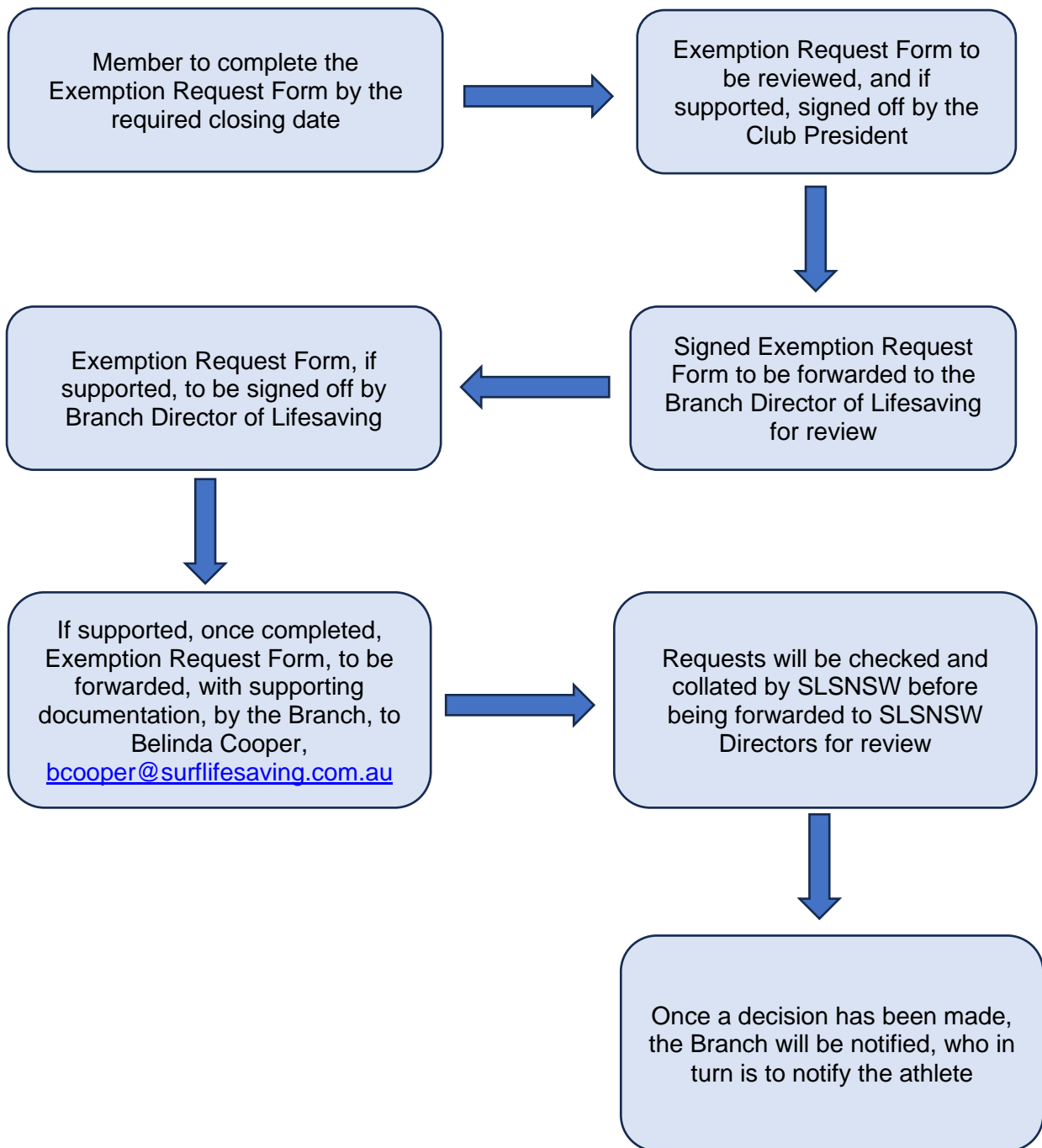
- Club Executive Committee members
- Accredited Club Coaches (unpaid)
- Club Training Officers and assessors
- Voluntary rostered, substitute, voluntary patrol hours
- Support Operations personnel (as per the on-duty hours logged against the member),
- Water Safety at club and intra club activities and special events (as per hours undertaken by the member and evidenced by official event documentation. (These hours must be logged at the time of the activity)

A minimum of 15 hours must be undertaken on patrol. Any patrol or water safety hours not logged at the time of the activity will not be counted.

Any member who is seeking an exemption in order from them to qualify for Championship Events, must seek an exemption via the exemption process. All submissions must be received at SLSNSW by the closing date, which can be found in each Event Entry Circular. After the closing date, the requests will be reviewed by the SLSNSW Director of Lifesaving (who in consultation with the SLSNSW Chair Surf Sports Standing Committee) will make a determination of the request.

Please note that where a member has undertaken water safety and that activity has already been logged as patrol hours in the patrol log, those hours cannot be used again for the purpose of this Regulation.

Members seeking exemption are to follow the exemption process outlined below.



**Note: All requests must be submitted by Branches only, to bcooper@surflifesaving.com.au.
Only forms submitted via this process will be reviewed.
No forms will be accepted after the closing date, which is detailed in the relevant Event Entry Circular.**

EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM

The following 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 - Version October 2016 and the SLSNSW Regulations December 2023 (V.1.11).

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

A club may endorse 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
- Club Assessor
- Voluntary rostered, substitute, voluntary patrol hours
- Support Operations personnel (as per the on-duty hours logged against the member),
- Water Safety at club and intra club activities and special events (as per hours undertaken by the member and evidenced by official event documentation)

Other Exemption considerations:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Service Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Branch - Director/Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State - Director/Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> National - Director/Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLSA/ILS Representation | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Deployment Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injury/Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (E.G 2 hrs short): |

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

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