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To: Club Presidents
Club Captains
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Surfguard Registers
Team Managers
Aguaic Sports Executive
Regional Officers
Lifesaving Operations Executive
State Officers
M&LD Executive

Cc: Regional Officers
State Officers

From: Darren McLeod – Director, Lifesaving Services
Date: 11 December 2013

Subject: Clarification - Proficiency and Patrol Hour Requirements for Competition Eligibility (Policy 5.4)

Action: Ensure your club is adhering to policy 5.4

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It has been brought to the attention of the National Lifesaving Standing Committee that some clubs are not adhering to Policy 5.4 – Proficiency and Patrol Hour Requirements for Competition Eligibility (the Policy).

It is important to remember that for a club member to compete at State and National Championships, they must adhere to their accredited patrol commitments as detailed in the Policy (as stipulated in sections 3.3 and 3.4) and meet all their Club, Branch and State Centre requirements.

Hours cannot be accredited to members for water safety of personal coaching or training squads, cooking BBQs, registering people for ocean events, setting up or packing up after major events. The only hours members can be accredited for in order to compete are for those duties stipulated in sections 3.3 & 3.4 in the Policy.

In addition, mid-week patrols must be endorsed by the local Council, SLS Branch and SLS State Centre and signed off with the Club’s Patrol Service Agreement for patrol hours to be granted (for example public holiday patrols).

Please take the time to read the Policy, follow up with the membership regularly on how their competition hours are progressing for competition, and that the correct hours are being approved and recorded as outlined above.

No one wants to see a member miss out on a major championship. Therefore it is important that everyone is aware of their commitment to their club.

Yours in Lifesaving,

Mark Fife
Board Appointed Chair – Lifesaving
Surf Life Saving Australia

Further Information
SLSA Bulletin 06/’13-14 Clarification - Proficiency and Patrol Hour Requirements for Competition Eligibility (Policy 5.4)

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