

SOP 8.01 – Patrol Audits

Section 8 – Obligations and Standards

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Purpose

To monitor, review, and promote club's patrolling efficiency. Providing a means of ranking clubs performance and identifying areas of weakness where support may be required.

Scope

These procedures apply to all general club patrols of Life Saving in Victoria.

Procedures

Patrol Audit formats (areas reviewed, scoring system, number of inspections) may change on a seasonal basis as well as within a season. The questions asked and rescue simulation will be determined by the State Service Efficiency and

Standards Officer, in conjunction with the LSOC Executive or Director – Lifesaving Services.

The critical aspect is that the Patrol Audit is fair and reasonable within each round of club audits and that the auditors are trained to provide a relatively impartial review.

The patrol audit, as defined each season, should be communicated to all clubs at the start of the season and covers:

Format

- Identification of auditors, date range, club, environment conditions and a patrol scoring system.
- Feedback method to the patrol and club of the results and feedback method to Life Saving Victoria if club fails to meet the minimum patrol requirements in any area.

Patrol Review

- Patrol meets minimum patrol strength
- Club is conducting best practice operations as outlined in patrol operating procedures
- Members attire in relation to uniform requirements
- General Lifesaving knowledge of patrol members
- Response of patrol in relation to a simulated rescue situation
- Location of members on patrol

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Equipment

- If patrol meets minimum equipment requirements
- That relevant log books are appropriately filled out

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