

SOP 8.02 – Patrol Uniforms

Section 5 – Emergency Procedures

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Purpose

To outline the minimum standards required by members for the patrol uniform.

Scope

This procedure applies to all those members who are actively patrolling.

Procedures

Patrol Uniform

Minimum Requirements:

The minimum requirements for the national lifesaving patrol uniform are defined as the following:

- Patrol shirt – As supplied by SLSA
- Patrol shorts – As supplied by SLSA
- A red and yellow quartered patrol cap
- Swimming costume (if you will be entering the water)

Recommended requirements:

The recommended requirements of the uniform are defined as the following:

- Wide brimmed hat or peaked cap
- Sunglasses (when not in the water)
- Rash shirt when performing duties in the water.
- Any other uniform or Personal Protective Equipment that is required by other procedures.

USE OF THE PATROL UNIFORM

- All members undertaking patrol duties shall wear the patrol uniform. This includes members undertaking patrolling/rescue duties and first aid operations.
- Members performing duties in the water are required to wear a patrol cap and swimming costume. It is highly recommended that a rash vest be worn for sun protection.

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- Members performing Water Safety duties are must wear a Water Safety Uniform in accordance with the [Water Safety Policy 1.1](#) and Water Safety Procedure (refer [SOP 8.3 – Water Safety Procedures](#)).
- Only members holding a current proficiency in the Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion/Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue may wear the red and yellow quartered patrol cap; those members who only hold another patrolling award are not able to wear the Quartered Patrol Cap, however must still wear the Patrol shirt and shorts.
- The Quartered Patrol cap is to be on the patrolling member at all times. Upon entering the water, the Quartered Patrol Cap must be worn on the head and fastened underneath the chin.
- A wide brimmed hat or peaked cap can be worn over the patrol cap while outdoors (except when in the water or using water rescue equipment).
- Patrol Bum bags (PPE) should be accessible at all times by members which comprise the minimum patrol requirements as set by the gear inspection and audit requirements.
- Any items of the SLSA patrol uniform shall ONLY be worn while on patrol duty or when attending official surf lifesaving functions and community education activities such as media promotions of lifesaving.
- Members' uniforms should be clean, neat and tidy in appearance.

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