

Patrol Members' Duties - NSOP

Section 1 – Patrol Operations

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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure outlines the tasks and duties undertaken by the patrol members.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure applies to all patrol members.

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

Required PPE	Refer to specific tasks NSOPs/CSOPs, e.g., Refuelling IRB Bladder NSOP/CSOP
Awards/Licenses	SLSNZ Lifeguard Award SLSNZ Patrol Support Award SLSNZ Senior Lifeguard Award – IRB Driver – where applicable SLSNZ Crewperson Award – where applicable VHF Radio Operators Licence – where applicable to roles
Training	N/A
Other	N/A
Equipment	Refer to Patrol Setup/Pack Down NSOP

4.0 INTRODUCTION

Patrol members may be asked to undertake a range of tasks and duties. Any member, who for whatever reason does not feel competent or confident to undertake a designated task or duty, has the right to decline the request.

5.0 PROCEDURES

5.1 Prior to attending the first patrol for the season, the patrol member must participate in a



Club Induction and sign the Induction Checklist.

- 5.2 Where practicable, prior to attending the first patrol for the season, the patrol member must also complete a SLSNZ refresher.
- 5.3 Patrol members are under the direction of the Patrol Captain at all times during patrol.
- 5.4 Patrol members must ensure that they do everything practical to maintain the health, safety and welfare of themselves and of other members in the club environment, and the health and safety of beach/water users.
- 5.5 Patrol members must 'sign on' to the Patrol Captain's form prior to commencing their patrols.
- 5.6 Patrol members must familiarise themselves with the patrol's latest Operational Risk Assessment (ORA) and ensure that they understand the required controls prior to commencement of their patrol.
- 5.7 Patrol members should ensure that they are familiar with the specific roles, tasks and duties to which they are assigned, e.g., flag duty, IRB driver/crew, first aid, tower, mobile patrols, public relations, break, etc.
- 5.8 Patrol members should avoid exceeding their operational capabilities at all times and should inform their Patrol Captain if they are feeling fatigued or tired.
- 5.9 Patrol members shall inform the Patrol Captain before leaving the patrol, i.e., for a break or at the end of the day.
- 5.10 All patrol members must ensure they wear the SLSNZ approved lifeguard uniform at all times while on patrol.
- 5.11 Patrol flags, IRB, RWC, boards, tubes shall be positioned as close to the water's edge as practicable, i.e., move equipment with tides.
- 5.12 Patrol members should ensure all lifesaving equipment is set up in a secure and safe manner, and check rescue equipment for damage or breakages and report this to the Patrol Captain.
- 5.13 Lifeguards shall maintain observation of the flagged area for the duration of the patrol from a suitable advantage point within close proximity (100m or less) to the flagged area, and be able to respond immediately with rescue tube and fins, and/or a rescue board where necessary and practicable, whilst swimmers are in the water between the



flagged area.

- 5.14 While on the beach, or in transit to and from the beach, patrol members should carry a radio at all times. Additionally, lifeguards should carry a rescue tube, fins and a whistle wherever practicable.
- 5.15 Patrol members shall endeavour to ensure that swimmers remain between the flags wherever practicable.
- 5.16 Patrol members should, where practicable, advise swimmers entering the water outside of the flagged area of the potential dangers and hazards.
- 5.17 Patrol members should politely request any board riders (hard/large craft) to not surf inside the red and yellow flagged patrol area. The surf lifesaving service should take a cooperative approach when working with board riders to ensure a safe flagged area at all times.
- 5.18 At the end of patrol, patrol members should change out of patrol uniform.