



## 9. LIFESAVING PATROLS

### 9.1 Purpose of this Regulation

9.1.1 **Purpose:** In accordance with the SLSNZ Constitution, the purpose of this Regulation is to set out additional detail on:

- (a) The way that Surf Lifesaving patrols will operate
- (b) The rights and obligations of Clubs of SLSNZ

### 9.2 Commencement Date

9.2.1 This Regulation shall take effect and come into force on 20 August 2021.

### 9.3 Definitions

9.3.1 The following words and phrases used in this Regulation shall mean as follows:

9.3.2 **“Lifeguard”** means a person that has been awarded the SLSNZ Surf Lifeguard award

9.3.3 **“Lifesaving Policy”** means a policy that is part of the SLSNZ policies detailed under: <https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/about-us/key-documents/policies> section of the SLSNZ website

9.3.4 **“Patrol”** means a defined time that a group of surf lifeguards monitor an area and manage and react to any situations that arise to keep people safe

9.3.5 **“National Standard Operating Procedures (NSOP’s)”** a document that will set out minimum standards & operational process to safely undertake SLS Operations at a surf lifesaving patrol

9.3.6 **“Club/Service Standard Operating Procedures (CSOP’s)”** a document that will set out procedures that are unique to the club



building, environment and scope of operations at a surf lifesaving beach

- 9.3.7 **“National Approved Standard”** a document that outline minimum standards. i.e. Uniform, Equipment & branding
- 9.3.8 **“Refresher”** means an annual test to update the Surf Lifeguard award, Patrol Support, RWC Drivers award and IRB Drivers award
- 9.3.9 Patrol **“Breach”** means an instance when a club or service fails to meet the standards/protocols of their Lifesaving Service Agreement, SLSNZ Lifesaving Policies or National Standard Operating Procedures” means an agreement between SLSNZ and a Club or Service setting out the patrol obligations of the Club

#### **9.4 Lifesaving Polices**

- 9.4.1 SLSNZ will produce and keep up to date a range of Lifesaving Policies to inform all clubs and service of the national minimum standard for performing lifesaving patrol duties

SLSNZ will maintain the National Lifesaving Polices and provide club with any updates of the section on and ongoing basis via Operational Circulars

- 9.4.2 All clubs and service must adhere to all SLSNZ Lifesaving Policies

#### **9.5 Lifesaving Service Agreement (LSA)**

- 9.5.1 All SLSNZ Lifesaving patrols shall operate under a Lifesaving Service Agreement
- 9.5.2 The LSA will define the minimum requirements for the lifesaving patrol and for the club / service which is operating the patrol. These maybe above or in addition to the national minimum standard
- 9.5.3 Each club/service must jointly sign they LSA before the 1<sup>st</sup> October annually with SLSNZ – LSA can be set for a maximum of three years
- 9.5.4 SLSNZ will only sign a LSA on the recommendation of the Regional Lifesaving Manager. The Regional Lifesaving Manager must be satisfied with the club/service CSOP’s.
- 9.5.5 All clubs and service must adhere to their particular LSA

#### **9.6 Standard Operating Procedures**

- 9.6.1 SLSNZ will produce & keep up to date a range of National Standing Operating Procedures (NSOP) to inform all clubs and

services of national operational requirement and best practise while performing lifesaving patrol duties

- 9.6.2 All clubs and service must adhere to all SLSNZ NSOPs
- 9.6.3 SLSNZ will produce a range of Club Standard Operating Procedures (CSOP) templates. SLSNZ will work with all clubs to produce CSOP for each specific patrol location to inform lifeguards how to patrol the specific location
- 9.6.4 CSOPs are agreed on with SLSNZ and work in conjunction with the NSOPs and the Lifesaving Service Agreement
- 9.6.5 A copy of the approved CSOP & NSOP is to be kept at the Clubhouse in a location that is accessible to all patrol members
- 9.6.6 Quality Assurance: SLSNZ will support & monitor clubs/services patrolling performance through a patrol review & supervision process. Any breach of SLSNZ Lifesaving Policy, a club/services Lifesaving Services Agreement or NSOP's will be followed up in line with relevant policies

## **9.7 Lifesaving Qualification , Manuals & Best Practice**

- 9.7.1 SLSNZ will develop and maintain a lifesaving qualification framework to ensure training for lifeguards follows best practice for patrols & service to be adequately delivered
- 9.7.2 SLSNZ will develop and maintain qualification and award manuals to reflect and compliment these regulations, lifeguard policies and best practice. In the event of any inconsistency between any Manual and these Regulations, SLSNZ Regulations & Lifesaving Policy shall apply