



Dear Members,

With the 2021/22 about to launch many people are feeling uncertain about how the club will operate under the current COVID restrictions.

There is a great deal of information coming from SLSNSW and the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, so I have summarised the most important points for you to be aware of. More details can be found on the SLSNSW and SLSSNB websites.

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Updates & Resources for SLSNSW Clubs | Surf Life Saving NSW](#)
- [COVID 19 UPDATE - Surf Life Saving - Sydney Northern Beaches](#)

GENERAL

- The club building will remain closed until further notice. Patrol members will be able to enter the club during their rostered patrols but must check in and out using the QR code each time they do.
- We encourage all members to renew their [membership online](#) now
- The club refund policy can be found on the [DYSLSC website](#)

PATROLS

- Any patrol member who does not wish to patrol in the current environment needs to notify their patrol captain prior to the rostered patrol to be excused.
- Maximum of 6 patrol members on each patrol. Attendance for each patrol will be managed by the Patrol Captain. Please do not turn up to a patrol voluntarily, all substitutions will be pre-organised.
- Whilst SLSNSW have recommended no split day patrols, the circumstances at Dee Why (ie. Large crowds managed by 6 members on patrol for 8-10 hour days) are contrary to WHS and patrolling effectiveness. Therefore, we will run as per the patrol roster.
- Patrol members under 16 years old are currently not permitted to patrol until further notice
- Members who live in an [LGA of concern](#) can still patrol but must;
 - apply for a [Service NSW permit](#)
 - complete the [SLSNSW Travel Exemption Request Form](#)
 - have received at least one vaccination
- Members who live outside the Sydney Northern Beaches LGA should complete the [SLSNSW Travel Exemption Request Form](#)
- Masks must be worn for the duration of the patrol. It is not recommended that masks be worn during aquatic activities (including IRB and RWC operations)
- The online Skills Maintenance theory component needs to be completed by all patrolling members. If you have not been assigned the course in your Member Portal or cannot complete the course online, please contact proficiencies@dyslsc.org.au
- The practical components of Skills Maintenance (e.g. run-swim-run and resus etc.) will be scheduled at a later date
- For the 2021-22 patrol season only the number of patrol hours required for competition eligibility will be;
 - Active members 15, Active Reserve members 7
 - The requirements for those aged under 16 will be reviewed if required as the season progresses



PATROLS (continued)

- SLSNSW would like all patrolling members to consider getting a COVID test 72 hours before and after each patrol. This is a suggestion only. However, as per our COVID Safety Plan no member should attend the club for any purpose if feeling unwell or displaying flu-like symptoms.
- Further information can be found at [COVID19 Information Pack - Lifesaving](#)

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- Only training that is critical to meeting LSAs can be conducted
- Trainers TAF will not be affected if you choose not to participate in training courses
- Further information can be found at [COVID-19 Information Pack \(surflifesaving.com.au\)](#)

NIPPERS

- Online registrations are now open, and we encourage you to register for the 2021/22 season
- The split-shift system that was adopted in the 2020/21 season will again be implemented for the 2021/22 season
- The club refund policy can be found on the [DYSLSC website](#)
- The dates for completion of the education awards for Nippers may be extended beyond the 31st December cut-off date depending on when the season starts
- Temporary changes to the conditions of conducting the swim evaluations have been introduced for this season. These proficiencies can be completed in a safe open-water environment with 1:1 water safety provided. Notification of where and when these evaluations will be conducted will be sent ASAP.

SPORT COMPETITION

- Due to the uncertainty of when the carnival season may commence, 2 alternative sports calendars have been drawn up. You can find these options on the SLSSNB website [Memorandum-202108-01-Covid-19-Impact-to-Start-of-Surf-Sports.pdf \(surflifesaving.net.au\)](#)
- The number of patrol hours required for competition have been amended for the 2021/22 season as listed above in the PATROL section of this document.
- Sports training must be run under the current conditions set by the NSW Government. Competitors will be advised of any organised training session when the conditions allow.
- Further information can be found at [COVID-19 Information Pack - Sport](#)

Please email any questions to admin@dyslsc.org.au

Kind Regards,

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