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PROVISIONS:

Long Service Members [Cl 6(g) of Constitution]

1. Members granted long service membership shall be exempt from all patrol duties.
2. Generally, a member must have completed at least 25 hours of patrol duties each patrol year (or 16 hours for each year of reserve active membership) to meet the patrol service requirements for long service membership, subject to any exemptions from patrol service approved by the Executive Committee and or NSW SLS or SNB SLS. Water safety hours will not be taken into consideration. Requests for long service membership shall be determined by the Director of Lifesaving in accordance with this clause and the member's overall patrol record. A right of review of that decision shall lie with the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.
3. If anyone who has undertaken their patrol duties with another club or clubs and is not already a long service member seeks long service membership, they are required to provide proof of their previous patrol duty. To be eligible, the extent of their patrol duties at the other club or clubs must be the equivalent to that applying to members who have undertaken their patrol duties at Freshwater unless otherwise excused by the Executive Committee.
4. Long service membership previously granted by other clubs will be recognised and exemption from all patrol duties will apply.
5. All approvals for long service membership made by the Director of Lifesaving shall be subsequently endorsed by the Executive Committee

Note – cl 6(g) provides that long service may be granted after 10 years active service or 8 years active service and 4 years reserve active service.
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Reserve Active Members [Cl 6(e) of the Constitution]

6. Generally a member must have completed at least 25 hours of patrol duties for 8 years of active service to meet the patrol service requirements for reserve active membership, subject to any exemptions from patrol service approved by the Executive Committee and or NSW SLS or SNB SLS. Water safety hours will not be taken into consideration. Requests for reserve active membership will be determined by the Director of Lifesaving in accordance with this clause and the member's overall patrol record. A right of review of that decision shall lie with the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.
7. If anyone who has undertaken their patrol duties with another club or clubs and is not already a reserve active member seeks reserve active membership, they are required to provide proof of their previous patrol duty. To be eligible, the extent of their patrol duties at the other club or clubs must be the equivalent to that applying to members who have undertaken their patrol duties at Freshwater unless otherwise excused by the Executive Committee.
8. Reserve Active membership previously granted by other clubs will be recognised.
9.
 - (a) Reserve Active members must fulfil their patrol obligations (16 hours per patrol season) to maintain their membership status.
 - (b) Failure to fulfil patrol obligations may result in the member being required to show cause to the Director of Lifesaving why his or her membership category should not be changed to that of active member.
 - (c) A member may seek a review by the Executive Committee of any decision of the Director of Lifesaving to change the membership status.
 - (d) In lieu of active membership, the member may elect to accept a change in membership status to any other category for which the member is qualified.
10. All approvals for reserve active membership made by the Director of Lifesaving shall be subsequently endorsed by the Executive Committee

Note – cl 6(e) provides that reserve active service may be granted after 8 years active service

General Members [Cl 6(i) of Constitution]

11. The club will not accept members in this category apart from Nipper Parent – Insured Members and non-local members unless otherwise approved of by the Executive Committee. If accepted, general members shall not be entitled to use club surf lifesaving equipment unless they are proficient SRC or BM holders. Use of the gym will be permitted upon payment of an annual gym fee.

Associate Members [Cl 6(j) of Constitution]

12. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Committee, a person under the age of 35 shall not be admitted as an associate member.
13. Associate members shall be entitled to the use of the club facilities. Use of the club gymnasium will be permitted upon payment of an annual gym fee.
14. Associate members shall not be entitled to use club surf life saving equipment unless they are proficient SRC or Bronze Medallion holders.

Associate Member – Community Supporter [Cl 6(j) of Constitution]

15. A maximum of ten (10) people may be admitted to the club as an Associate Member-Community Supporter subject to approval by the Executive Committee. .
16. An Associate Member-Community Supporter shall be entitled to the following benefits –
 - (a) access to the club gym and member change rooms;
 - (b) approval to store either a surf ski or board (not including surfboards or stand up paddle boards) at the club, subject to availability of space;
 - (c) 2 free drinks at Freshie on Fridays or other club functions as may be approved by the Executive Committee;
 - (d) an invitation to attend the Australia Day Surf Carnival as a guest of the club;
 - (e) an opportunity to participate in any surf awareness or general surf skills sessions (water and or board) which may be conducted by the club;
 - (f) an opportunity to undertake Bronze Medallion training at no extra cost;
 - (g) receipt of club newsletters
 - (h) receipt of a club merchandise pack, the contents of which shall be as determined by the Executive Committee

17. If an Associate Member-Community Supporter successfully undertakes Bronze Medallion training he or she will be required to take up active membership of the club and undertake patrols. Any benefits applicable under clause 14 will be retained.
18. Acceptance as an Associate Member-Community Supporter does not entitle the person to have access to any marketing or advertising rights in respect of their business other than the benefit arising under clause 14(i).

Honorary Members [Cl 6(k) of Constitution]

19. Any person can be admitted to the club as an Honorary Member subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
20. Honorary members shall be entitled to the use of the club gymnasium upon payment of an annual gym fee. Honorary members shall not be entitled to use club surf life saving equipment unless they are proficient SRC or Bronze Medallion holders.

Nipper Parent – Insured Member [Cl 6(m) of Constitution]

21. A person may be accepted as a Nipper Parent-Insured Member of the club if they wish to assist or otherwise participate in activities relating to the junior activity members.
22. Nipper Parent-Insured Members shall not be entitled to use club surf life saving equipment unless they are proficient SRC or Bronze Medallion holders. Use of the club gymnasium is permitted upon payment of an annual gym fee.

Active members [Cl 6(d) of Constitution]

23. In accordance with the SLSA Regulations, to retain active membership, members must be proficient bronze medallion holders and undertake patrols. Water safety duties alone will not be considered as undertaking patrols.
24. Any member who does not wish to undertake club patrols but otherwise meets the criteria for active membership shall be required to take up an alternative category of membership as may be provided for by the constitution. In doing so, the member shall not be entitled to count any years in the alternative category as service for the purpose of qualifying for Reserve Active or Long Service membership.

Past Active Members [Cl 6(f) of Constitution]

25. The club will not accept members in this category unless in the opinion of the Executive Committee, exceptional circumstances apply.

Non-local members [Cl 6(m) of Constitution]

26. Any person living overseas, inter-state or outside of the greater Metropolitan area may be admitted to the club as a non-local member. The membership fee payable shall be 50% of the fee normally applicable to the member's relevant membership category.
27. Non-local members shall not be entitled to use club surf life saving equipment unless they are proficient SRC or Bronze Medallion holders.

Membership Renewals and Fees

28. Any member (not including Junior Activity Members or Nipper Parent – Insured Members) who rejoins after 30 September will be required to pay \$20 by way of levy in addition to their membership fees.
29. In the case of membership fees paid other than in person, the renewal date shall be the date the application for membership and payment is received in the office.

Membership levies and training costs

30. The Executive Committee may require members to pay levies for specific purposes or training costs for SLSA award training in addition to any membership fees that may be payable. The amount for such levies or training costs shall be set by the Executive Committee.

HISTORY OF AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

12 Aug 2010

Inclusion of notes at cl 4 & 7 to clarify provisions of clauses

9 Aug 2011

Minor amendments of cl 8 & 15 to correct grammatical errors

13 Sept 2012

Cl 2 & 5 amended to clarify eligibility provisions; inclusion of cl 18 & 19 re active members

12 Sept 2013

Cl 2 & 5 amended so that requests for long service and reserve active membership decided by Director of Lifesaving with review to Executive Committee.

New Cl 8 inserted to clarify that reserve active members not fulfilling patrol obligations can be required to revert to other membership categories.

New Cl 19, 20 & 21 inserted to deal with Past Active and Non-local membership categories

Cl 22 & 23 amended to clarify levies can be imposed in addition to membership fees

New CI 24 inserted to clarify power of Executive Committee to set levy and training fees

15 May 2014

New cl 13-16 inserted to create community-supporter membership category.

23 Sept 2015

CI 18 amended to include requirement to pay annual gym fee and use of equipment only if proficient SRC or BM

CI 20 amended to include requirement to pay annual gym fee

CI 26 amended to increase late payment levy from \$10 to \$20.

8 Sept 2016

CI 3 & 6 – minor grammatical changes

CI 12 – amended to include requirement to be proficient SRC or BM holder before using club equipment

10 Aug 2017

New cl 5 & 10 inserted re endorsement of long service and reserve active memberships granted by Director of Lifesaving; CI 16(i) deleted re special inclusion of community supporter members in annual report

12 July 2018

CI 26 amended to clarify relevant fee payable

13 Aug 2020

Heading & note to CI 5 amended by deletion of reference to SLSA constitution; Heading & note to CI 6 amended by deletion of reference to SLSA constitution; CI 11 amended by insertion of details relating to use of equipment and gym to bring membership conditions in line with other membership categories; CI 28 amended by clarifying members re-joining club after 30 Sept subject to late fee.