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## **COVID UPDATE – Update of Club Protocols and Commencement of Patrols**

To all members

The Government has recently announced a minor relaxation of the Public Health Orders. In addition NSW SLS & SNBSLS have provided advice regarding exercise and the commencement of patrols from Saturday 18th September.

In response, the current protocols regarding access to and use of the club by members has been reviewed. As a result some minor changes have been made to the protocols.

The changes are underpinned by the following factors –

- NSW Health continues to advocate for minimal social gathering, particularly in relation to indoor settings.
- Community sport remains unavailable.
- The extent of social gathering is dependent on all within a particular group being fully vaccinated.
- There is a commitment to provide volunteer patrol service by club members subject to those on patrol being able to do so safely.
- The obligation for people to comply with a range of COVID safe practices, such as mask wearing and physical distancing, remains in place.
- The surf club is highly visible within the local community and there is an expectation all members conduct themselves in a COVID compliant manner. This applies both at the beach and at any other locations where members may gather to exercise.
- The Executive Committee views compliance with the club's COVID protocols as a serious issue and one which it expects members to comply with.
- Access to and use of the club facilities is a privilege not a right.

The new protocols are as follows -

### **Patrols**

- Patrolling members are required to initially access the club via the door at the bottom of the ramp using your club issued security fob.
- You must register your attendance on the premises via the club's QR facility. These are on display throughout the bottom floor of the club and in the patrol room.
- If patrolling members go directly to the patrol area rather than via the club, you must register your attendance via the QR facility. These will be available in the patrol trailer.
- Patrol captains are asked to ensure all members attending for patrol register their attendance via the QR code.
- Patrolling members must wear masks at all times when on the club premises.
- Patrol captains will be given access to the gates at the bottom of the ramp to allow the ATV and IRB to be taken to the beach. The gates must be closed as soon as practicable after this has occurred.
- The change rooms will only be available to members on patrol. Patrolling members using the change rooms must comply with physical distancing and capacity limits at all times.
- The upstairs indoor areas of the club will remain closed. The only exception will be in the case of bad weather and the use of veranda is required for observation and patrol related duties.



- The roller doors are to remain closed once the gear and equipment for the patrol has been taken to the beach. A patrol member will be stationed outside the doors to ensure compliance during patrol hours.
- All other COVID safety requirements applying to patrol duties will be dealt with by patrol captains during each patrol.

### Personal Exercise

- All members are required to initially access the club via the door at the bottom of the ramp using your club issued security fob.
- You must register your attendance on the premises via the club's QR facility. These are on display throughout the bottom floor of the club.
- Masks must be worn at all times when on the club premises. Reasonable allowance applies when you are returning boards and skis to the club at the completion of personal exercise.
- Exercise sessions should be organised to take into account any social gathering restrictions. Currently they are –
  - ◇ A maximum of 5 if all within the group who are 16 or older are fully vaccinated
  - ◇ A maximum of 2 if anyone 16 or older within the group is not fully vaccinated
- The roller door leading to the beach must be closed when leaving the club and again when you return. **Leaving the door partly opened is not considered closed.** Similarly, finding the door open does not mean the door can be left open. If no one else is following you out of or into the club, the roller door should be closed. A member on patrol will be on duty to ensure compliance with these requirements.
- **The change rooms are not available for use by members coming to the beach to exercise.** The caretakers will be monitoring the use of the change rooms and have been asked to report anyone found in breach.
- Do not remain on the club premises before or after exercise to socialise or engage with other members contrary to the social gathering restrictions. You should remain on the premises only for as long as it takes to gain access to the club and return boards and skis.
- **Members coming to the beach for a swim or other exercise not involving use of a board or ski must not enter the club** – this includes accessing the club to use the shower near the roller door or to leave clothing or other personal items in the club. Similarly, you must not use the club as a place to get changed to go for a swim or engage in any exercise not involving the use of craft.
- **Anyone using general purpose boards or skis must wash and disinfect the craft after use.**
- The upstairs area of the club remains closed to all members.

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- The rear courtyard will be available each Sunday morning from 10.30am to 11.30am. Access will be via the rear doors which will be opened by the caretakers.
- A maximum of 5 are allowed to attend. All must be fully vaccinated.
- Those attending must register their attendance using the club's QR facility. This will be available within the courtyard.
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times.
- Only one person at a time is to be in the kitchen area.



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- Masks must be worn unless eating or drinking.
- The area must be vacated at 11.30am.

Members found in breach of any of these requirements jeopardise not only their own access privileges but the access privileges of all members.

The use of the club by members is under constant review as the NSW Government's response to COVID evolves. Once the target rates for vaccination are reached, it is hoped many of these current restrictions will be able to be eased or deleted.

Members will be advised of any changes to the club protocols as they occur.

Karen Blakeney/Wayne Freakley  
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