

Membership Categories

“The philosophy of SLSA is to establish and recruit persons to become Members for participation in surf lifesaving activities. Each Affiliated Club should provide for the following types of membership and the following minimum qualifications shall be adhered to:”

SLSA Regulation 6.3: Membership Categories

Probationary Membership

Probationary membership shall be the designation of any person for the time period between being granted membership and the gaining of an award and/or the granting of another formal category membership by the Board or its delegate.

Junior Activities Membership ("Nipper")

A Nipper is a Member aged 5-13 years. Each Nipper is required to gain the relevant Surf Education Certificate for their age group. Nippers do not have North Steyne SLSC voting rights.

The key focus for 5-6 year old Nippers is play, participation, and fun. Guidelines that support this focus include:

- i) beach activities that emphasise games and group activities;
- ii) water activities to be limited to shallow water near the water's edge; and
- iii) no competition for these age groups other than fun games.

Cadet Membership

A Cadet is a Member aged 13-14, who has obtained the Surf Rescue Certificate.

Active Membership

An Active Member shall be a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion holder. Each Active Member is required to fulfil patrol and Club obligations, as provided by SLSA and North Steyne SLSC's Constitution.

[Editor's Note: for administrative purposes, North Steyne SLSC lists Active Members as either Active (15-18) and Active (18+). The responsibilities and rights of these two categories are identical.]

Reserve Active Membership

Reserve Active Membership may be granted to Active Members who have satisfactorily completed at least eight (8) years of Bronze-qualified patrol and Club obligations. Reserve Active Membership shall not be automatic, but shall follow application by the Member and, if appropriate, granted by the Club.

Reserve Active Members shall perform a minimum of patrols at North Steyne SLSC, as required by SLSA. Reserve Active Members shall complete the annual proficiency test for the SLSA Bronze Medallion.

General Membership

General Membership may be granted by a Club to persons who do not hold an SLSA award, but have a close connection to existing Nipper Members, Cadet Members, or Members who hold the SLSA Bronze Medallion. General Members shall not have Affiliated Club voting rights unless elected to office or position that is provided with voting rights.

Long Service Membership

Long Service Membership may be granted to Members who have completed ten (10) years Active service or to Members who have completed eight (8) years Active service plus four (4) years Reserve Active service.

Such Members may be exempted from all patrol obligations, if the Board determines that adequate Active Members are available for patrols.

Award Membership

Award Membership may be granted to persons who hold one or more of the following qualifications: Radio Operator Certificate, Resuscitation Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, or First Aid Certificate.

Such Members may be called upon to perform patrol and/or other obligations within the ability of their qualifications.

An Award Member shall have voting rights only if they are undertaking lifesaving patrol duties.

Associate Membership

Associate Membership may be granted by a Club to persons who may or may not hold an SLSA award. Associate Members shall not have Affiliated Club voting rights unless elected to office or position, which is provided with voting rights by the relevant Affiliated Club constitution.

Associate Members shall have a joining and/or annual membership fee substantially greater than fees for other categories of membership.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership may be granted to any person at the discretion of the Board. Honorary Members may be exempt from fees, but do not have North Steyne SLSC voting rights.

Life Membership

Life Membership may be granted by that Club to Members who have rendered distinguished or special service as provided for the North Steyne SLSC Constitution.

Past Active Membership

Past Active Membership may be granted to persons who have held an SLSA Bronze Medallion and been an Active patrol member for a minimum of three (3) years. Past Active Members do not have North Steyne SLSC voting rights.