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# BULLETIN

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**TO:** Club Secretaries and Club Registrars  
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**SUBJECT:** Alteration to membership categories

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At the State Council meeting held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September it was agreed by Clubs that SLSSA should fall in line with the rest of Australia with regards to membership categories and provisions for Long Service membership.

So from this moment SA Clubs no longer have to use only one of four membership categories listed on the SLSA membership form (ie general, junior, honorary and life). You are at liberty to use all of the categories listed on the form and establish fees around each.

To assist you in understanding what each category means I have reproduced the relevant section from the national Regulations.

Please don't be concerned if you have already entered memberships under the previous categories because we release that 11/12 will be a transitional season, but at least you can start heading in that direction and it makes it clearer for everyone.

I believe this is going to ease the burden that was previously placed on our Club Registrars, so good luck with it all.

## *Regulation 6.3 : Membership Categories*

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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:

### **6.3.1 Probationary Membership**

Probationary membership shall be the designation of any person for the time period between applying for membership and the gaining of an award and/or the granting of a formal category membership by the appropriate Affiliated Club committee.

**Note:** Probationary members are not Individual Members for the purposes of clauses 10 and 13 of the SLSA Constitution.

### **6.3.2 Junior Activities Membership ("Nipper")**

- a) A Junior Activity Member shall be a person who shall be a minimum age of five (5) years up to a maximum age of thirteen (13) years and such person shall be required to gain the relevant Surf Education Certificate for that person's age group.
- b) The key focus for five and six year old Junior Activity Members will be play participation and fun. Guidelines which support this focus will 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 that involved in fun games.

### **6.3.3 Cadet Membership**

A Cadet Member shall be a Member of the age qualification as defined in SLSA's Manuals (ie under 15) and, who has obtained the Surf Rescue Certificate or has passed an annual proficiency test.



#### **6.3.4 Active Membership**

An Active Member shall:

- a) Be a Bronze Medallion holder.
- b) Fulfil patrol and Club obligations, as provided by SLSA and the Member's Club constitution.
- c) Qualify in an annual proficiency test unless the Member has obtained their Bronze Medallion in that season.

#### **6.3.5 Reserve Active Membership**

- a) Reserve Active Membership may be granted by a Club to Active Members who have satisfactorily completed (from the gaining of the Bronze Medallion) at least eight (8) years of patrol and Club obligations as provided by SLSA and Club constitution. Reserve Active Membership shall not be automatic, but shall be granted by resolution of the appropriate club body.
- b) Reserve Active Members shall perform a minimum of patrols in each Affiliated Club where they hold Reserve Active Membership, as required by SLSA and further patrol duties at the discretion of the Affiliated Club/s management.
- c) Reserve Active Members shall complete the annual proficiency test.

**Note:** Reserve Active membership may be granted, under exceptional circumstances to Active Members irrespective of years of service.

#### **6.3.6 General Membership**

- a) General Membership may be granted by a Club to persons who may or may not hold an SLSA award.
- b) General Members shall not have Affiliated Club voting rights unless elected to office or position which is provided with voting rights by the relevant Club constitution.
- c) General Members shall have privileges as determined by the respective State Centre.

#### **6.3.7 Long Service Membership**

- a) Long Service Membership may be granted by a Club 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.
- b) Such Members may be exempted from all patrol obligations and may be granted other special privileges of Membership as provided in their Club constitutions.
- c) Should such Members join another Affiliated Club the receiving Affiliated Club shall determine if such Member's Long Service shall be recognised by that Affiliated Club.

#### **6.3.8 Award Membership**

- a) Award Membership may be granted by a Club to persons who hold an SLSA award of one, or more, of the following qualifications:- Surf Rescue Certificate, Radio award/s, Resuscitation Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate or First Aid Certificate (or equivalent).
- b) Such Members may be called upon to perform patrol and/or other club obligations within the ability of their qualifications.
- c) An Affiliated Club may grant an Award Member voting rights to that Affiliated Club if they are undertaking lifesaving patrol duties.



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### **6.3.9 Associate Membership**

- a) Associate Membership may be granted by a Club to persons who may or may not hold an SLSA award.
- b) 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.
- c) Associate Members shall have a joining and/or annual membership fee substantially greater than fees for other categories of membership.

### **6.3.10 Honorary Membership**

Honorary Membership may be granted by a Club to persons who may or may not hold on SLSA award.

### **6.3.11 Life Membership**

Life Membership of a Club may be granted by that Club to Members who have rendered distinguished, or special service as provided for in that Affiliated Club's constitution and is relevant to that Club only.

**Note:** SLSA Life Membership is governed by **Regulation 4.5**.

### **6.3.12 Past Active Membership**

- a) Past Active Membership may be granted by an Affiliated Club to persons who have held an SLSA Bronze Medallion and been an active patrol member for a minimum of three (3) years.
- b) Past Active Members may have Club voting rights at the discretion of the Affiliated Club.

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