

Categories & Conditions of Membership

Eligibility and membership responsibilities (conditions of membership) are detailed below for each category.

2025/26 Season

- Membership renewals open in **early June 2025** and must be completed online via the [SLSA Members Portal](#)
- All renewals must be completed by **Sunday, 10 August 2025**.
- Nippers renewals are open to returning Bronte Nippers and their siblings exclusively until Sunday, 21 July 2025. During this period, Bronte Nippers returning from the preceding season are guaranteed a place at Bronte Nippers. From Monday 21 July, Nippers opens to all on a first-come, first-served basis. Membership is **not finalised** until:
 1. The online renewal is completed, **and**
 2. Payment has been made.
- Please allow **at least 15 working days** for renewal processing. Early renewal is encouraged.
- Senior Club members who do not renew and pay by **10 August 2025** will incur a **\$20** late fee.
- Members experiencing financial hardship may apply for assistance by emailing the Club General Manager at management@brontesurfclub.com.au
- To support the clubhouse redevelopment, members are invited to make a voluntary, tax-deductible donation during renewal. This can be added by ticking the appropriate box on the 'Add-on' screen.
- By paying membership fees, you acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions of your membership category, including any consequences of non-compliance.

Membership Categories

Probationary (aged 15+)

This applies between applying for membership and the Club assigning a formal membership category. It includes the time before obtaining an award such as the Bronze Medallion.

Cadet (13-15 years)

For members aged 13-15 who have obtained the **Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)** and who:

- Fulfil club obligations; and
- Maintain their award by attending an **annual skills maintenance session**.

Conditions of Cadet Membership

Active (15 – 17 Years)

For members aged 15-17 who:

- Have obtained, or are training for, the **Bronze Medallion** in the current season; and
- Hold an SRC or Bronze Medallion and maintain their award via **annual skills maintenance**.

Conditions of Active (15 - 17 Years) Membership

Active (18 years & over)

For members aged 18+ who:

- Hold a Bronze Medallion;
- Fulfil

[Conditions of Active \(18 years & over\) Membership](#)

Leave / Restricted

An Active member (SRC or Bronze medallion holder) who, because of extenuating circumstances, has requested in writing to the Club Captain and been approved by the Board of Management a restricted duties membership for that season only. Active and Reserve Active Members who do not attend an annual skills maintenance session will also be transferred to this category.

Reserve Active

Members who have satisfactorily completed 8 years of patrols and service, recording a minimum of 30 hours per season with Bronte SLSC or any other club affiliated with Surf Life Saving Australia. Members may elect not to be rostered to a regular patrol team and are required to perform a minimum of 12 patrol hours per season. This is required both for SLSA eligibility to compete, as well as for transition to Long Service after 10 Years. The member must meet full patrol requirements if they remain on a patrol team.

Please click here to view the criteria and application process for transitioning from Active to Reserve Active membership..

[Conditions of Reserve Active Membership](#)

Long Service

Members who have satisfactorily completed 8 years Active Service and at least 2 years Reserve Active Service. Long-service members are exempt from patrol obligations; however, if the member remains on a patrol team, they must meet full patrol requirements.

Please click here to view the criteria and application process for transitioning from Reserve Active to Long Service membership.

[Conditions of Long Service Membership](#)

General Member (Nipper Parent)

It allows nipper parents to assist on the beach during nipper activities. Membership includes insurance cover provided by SLSA should an injury be sustained while participating in a club-approved nipper activity. Membership must be renewed annually.

[Conditions of General Membership](#)

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Associate

Members must be at least 35 years of age. Associates have full access to club facilities. All club members are subject to the club's constitution and regulations.

Life Membership

Life Membership is only granted following nomination and approval by the Board of Management, for distinguished service to Bronte Surf Life Saving Club.

Honorary

Elected for a period of one year at the discretion of the Board of Management, primarily in recognition of exceptional service to Bronte. Honorary members do not hold voting rights.

Cadet (13-15 years)

Conditions of Cadet Membership

As a Cadet member of Bronte SLSC, you agree to meet the following three responsibilities:

1. **Attend an annual skills maintenance session to keep your awards current**

Keep your Surf Rescue Certificate qualification (and IRB Crew if applicable) current by attending an annual skills maintenance session. SRC & IRBC Awards expire on 31st December each year.

2. **Attend Patrols for a minimum number of hours per season**

We recognise that our Cadets have busy weekends with conflicting sporting commitments and aim to make the transition from Nipper to Cadet as easy as possible. We offer Cadets the following 2 options:

a. **Sunday morning Cadet Patrols Program**

This program requires a minimum of 20 patrol hours per season, including:

i. Attendance at **rostered patrols**

Cadet Patrols run 8:00am – 11.30am every Sunday during patrol season. Cadets and Junior Active members are allocated to a specific patrol. Attendance is compulsory. If you are unable to attend a rostered patrol, you must advise the Director of Cadets of your absence and nominate a date for a make-up patrol.

ii. Contribute a minimum of **3 volunteer hours for the B2B swim** (see below)

iii. Patrol either the Cadet **outpost patrol** (TBC) or a **public holiday**

-or-

b. **Be allocated to a regular Patrol Team - equivalent to approx. 30 hours per season**

You are required to attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you cannot. The club provides options for members to find patrol substitutes.

3. **Volunteer at the Bondi to Bronte (B2B) Ocean Swim**

You are also required to volunteer for a minimum of 3 hours for the B2B swim (either pre, during or post the event). You may substitute these voluntary hours for another club activity with prior written approval from the Director of Cadets. Communication will be sent from the club requesting volunteers in the lead-up to the event. Details of the roles available will be shared at that time.

***COMPETITORS:** All competitors from U15 up to Masters must accrue a minimum of 25 hours per calendar year to comply with Surf Lifesaving Australia Competition requirements. [View the full policy here](#)

Each year that you meet the minimum requirements for your membership category counts towards Long Service membership.

Membership entitlements

Members receive the following entitlements as part of this category of membership:

- Complimentary club training and access to equipment
- Complimentary entry to all club endorsed surf sports carnivals (e.g. Sydney Branch Championship, SLSNSW State Championships, SLSA Australian Titles)²
- Complimentary entry to club carnivals (e.g. Club Championships)¹

Notes

- 1) *only available to those members who have accrued 20 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season.*
- 2) *only available to those members who have accrued 25 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season.*

What if I don't meet my commitments?

Failure to attend an annual skills maintenance session

Surf Life Saving Australia requires that all members' awards be current for their volunteer role (e.g., Surf Rescue Certificate). If you have not renewed your Award by 31st December in the year you are patrolling, you will no longer be able to patrol or provide water safety. At Bronte SLSC, all skills maintenance sessions are completed by November each year. Failure to complete your skills maintenance session will change your membership to 'Leave/Restricted'. You will not have access to club equipment, activities or facilities.

Failure to accrue minimum patrol and/or water safety hours per season

Those members who did not accrue 20 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season are no longer entitled to the following benefits in the current season:

- Club carnival entry

That season will not count towards eligibility for Long Service Membership.

Those members who do not accrue 25 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season are no longer eligible for the following benefits in the current season:

- All club-endorsed surf sports carnival entries

Rostered Patrols

We rely on our members attending the patrol dates they are rostered to, and we monitor member attendance throughout the season. If you are a "no-show" for two or more rostered patrols, you will be required to show cause why your membership and club access should not be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Active (15 - 17 Years)

Conditions of Active (15 - 17 Years) Membership

As a Junior Active (15-18 years) member of Bronte SLSC, you agree to meet the following 3 responsibilities:

1) Attend an annual skills maintenance session to keep your awards current

Keep your Bronze Medallion and any other relevant qualification current by attending an annual skills maintenance session. Bronze, ARTC, Spinal Management, IRB Crew and IRB Driver expire on 31st December each year. If you obtained your Bronze Medallion between January & April, you are required to attend a skills maintenance session before December in that same year.

2) Volunteer at the Bondi to Bronte (B2B) Ocean Swim

The B2B is the club's most important fundraising event for the season. We raise vital funds to support all club activities and provide equipment for Nippers, Education, Lifesaving and Competition. ALL active club members (excluding nippers) must volunteer for at least 3 hours relating to the event (pre, during or post the event). With prior written approval from club administration, you may substitute these voluntary hours for another club activity. Communication will be sent from the club requesting volunteers in the lead-up to the event. Details of the roles available will be shared at that time.

3) Attend Patrols or provide water safety for a minimum number of hours per season

We recognise that our junior members are busy with school study and conflicting sporting commitments, and we therefore make maintaining membership as easy as possible. We therefore offer Junior Active the following two options:

a. Sunday morning Cadet Patrols Program

This program requires a minimum of 20* patrol hours per season, including:

i. Attendance at **rostered patrols**

Cadet Patrols run 8:00am – 11.30am every Sunday during patrol season. Cadets and Junior Active members are allocated to a specific patrol. Attendance is compulsory. If you cannot attend a rostered patrol, you must advise the Director of Cadets of your absence and nominate a date for a make-up patrol.

ii. Contribute a minimum of **3 volunteer hours for the B2B swim** (see above)

iii. Patrol either the **outpost patrol** (TBC) or a **public holiday**

-or-

b. **Be allocated to a regular Patrol Team - equivalent to approx. 30 hours per season**

You must attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you cannot attend. If you are unable to attend a Patrol, you can organise a swap through your SLS Members Area > Patrols > Patrol Swap

***COMPETITORS:** All competitors from U15 up to Masters must accrue a minimum of 25 hours per calendar year to comply with Surf Lifesaving Australia Competition requirements. [View the full policy here](#)

Each year, a member meets the minimum requirements for their membership category, which counts towards Long Service membership.

Membership entitlements

Members receive the following entitlements as part of this category of membership:

- Complimentary club training and access to equipment
- Complimentary entry to all club endorsed surf sports carnivals (e.g. Sydney Branch Championship, SLSNSW State Championships, SLSA Australian Titles)²
- Complimentary entry to club carnivals (e.g. Club Championships)¹
- Eligible to apply for a discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit²

Notes

- 1) *only available to those members who have accrued 20 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season.*
- 2) *Only available to those members who have accrued 30 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season.*

What if I don't meet my commitments?

Failure to attend an annual skills maintenance session

Surf Life Saving Australia requires that all member Awards are current for the volunteer role they perform (e.g., Bronze Medallion, ART, IRB Crew or IRB Driver). If you have not renewed your Award by 31st December in the year you are patrolling, you will no longer be able to patrol or provide water safety. Your membership will be transferred to 'Leave/Restricted'. You will not have access to club equipment or facilities.

Failure to accrue minimum patrol and or water safety hours per season

Those members who did not accrue 20 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season are no longer entitled to the following benefits in the current season:

- Club carnival entry

That season will not count towards eligibility for Long Service Membership.

Those members who do not accrue 30 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season are no longer entitled to the following benefits in the current season:

- All club-endorsed surf sports carnival entries
- Discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit

Rostered Patrols

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Active (18 years & over)

Conditions of Active (18 years & over) Membership

As an Active member (18 years & over) member of Bronte SLSC, you agree to meet the following three responsibilities:

1) Attend an annual skills maintenance session to keep your awards current

Keep your Bronze Medallion and any other relevant qualification current by attending an annual skills maintenance session. Bronze Medallion, ART, SMPC/SMBM, SM Aquatic Rescue, Gold Medallion, IRB Crew & IRB Driver expire on 31st December each year. If you obtained your Bronze Medallion between January & April, you are required to attend a skills maintenance session before December in that same year.

2) Volunteer at the Bondi to Bronte (B2B) Ocean Swim

The B2B is the club's most important fundraising event for the season. We raise vital funds to support all club activities and provide equipment for Nippers, Education, Lifesaving and Competition. ALL active club members (excluding nippers) must volunteer for at least 3 hours relating to the event (pre, during or post the event). With prior written approval from club administration, you may substitute these voluntary hours for another club activity. Communication will be sent from the club requesting volunteers in the lead-up to the event. Details of the roles available will be shared at that time.

3) Accrue recorded patrol or water safety hours via one of the following two options:

a) Be part of a regular Patrol Team

As a Bronze medallion holder, you must accrue a **minimum of 30 recorded Patrol or Water Safety hours** per season. You will be allocated to a set patrol team and must attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you cannot attend. The club provides options for members to find patrol substitutes.

-or-

b) As a nipper parent Water Safety Team member (not allocated to a Patrol team)

You are required to accrue a **minimum of 25 recorded Patrol or Water Safety hours** per season. This can comprise:

- Water Safety or other voluntary contribution to the Bondi to Bronte Swim (incorporating the Junior Ocean Swim) (**mandatory**)
- Water Safety for:
 - Sunday Nippers
 - Club approved Nipper board or swim training
 - Club endorsed Nipper carnivals
- Patrol

Please note that for a season to count towards Reserve Active and/or Long Service eligibility, you must accrue at least 30 hours in that season.

***COMPETITORS:** All competitors from U15 up to Masters must accrue a minimum of 25 hours per calendar year to comply with Surf Lifesaving Australia Competition requirements. [View the full policy here](#)

Membership entitlements

Members receive the following entitlements as part of this category of membership:

- Voting rights at the Annual Bronte SLSC AGM
- Complimentary club training and access to equipment
- Complimentary entry to all club-endorsed surf sports carnivals (e.g. Sydney Branch Championship, SLSNSW State Championships, SLSA Australian Titles)*
- Complimentary entry to club carnivals (e.g. Club Championships)*
- Eligible to apply for a discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit*

** Note—these benefits are only available to members who accrued 30 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season or are in their first season in this category at Bronte SLSC.*

What if I don't meet my commitments?

Failure to attend an annual skills maintenance session

Surf Life Saving Australia requires all members' Awards to be current for their volunteer role (e.g. Bronze Medallion, IRB Crew or IRB Driver). If you have not renewed your Award by 31st December in the year you are patrolling, you will no longer be able to patrol or provide water safety. At Bronte SLSC, all skills maintenance sessions are completed by November each year. Failure to complete your skills maintenance session will change your membership to 'Leave/Restricted'. You will not have access to club equipment, activities or facilities.

Failure to accrue a minimum of 30 patrol and or water safety hours per season

Those members who did not accrue 30 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season are no longer entitled to the following benefits in the current season:

- All carnival entries
- Discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit

That season will not count towards Reserve Active and/or Long Service Membership eligibility.

Rostered Patrols

We rely on our members attending the patrol dates they are rostered to, and we monitor member attendance throughout the season. If you are a "no-show" for two or more rostered patrols, you will be required to show cause why your membership and club access should not be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Reserve Active

Members who have satisfactorily completed 8 years of patrols and service, recording a minimum of 30 hours per season with Bronte SLSC or any other club affiliated with Surf Life Saving Australia. Members may elect not to be rostered to a regular patrol team but are required to perform a minimum of 12 patrol hours per season. This is required both for SLSC eligibility to compete, as well as for transition to Long Service after 10 Years. If the member remains on a patrol team, they must meet full patrol requirements.

Conditions of Reserve Active Membership

As a Reserve Active club member, you agree to meet the following three requirements:

1) Attend an annual skills maintenance session to keep your awards current

Keep your Bronze Medallion and any other relevant qualification current by attending an annual skills maintenance session. Bronze Medallion, ARTC, Spinal Management, SM Aquatic Rescue, Gold Medallion, IRB Crew & IRB Driver expire on 31st December each year

2) Volunteer at the Bondi to Bronte (B2B) Ocean Swim

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3) Accrue a minimum of 12 patrol hours per season

As a Reserve Active club member, you are not required to be part of a regular patrol team. Instead, you are responsible for attending patrols voluntarily, up to a minimum of 12 hours within the season. The minimum 12 hours required per season corresponds with Surf Lifesaving Australia's requirements for all Reserve Active competitors in the U15 and above age groups. [View the full policy here.](#)

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If you choose to remain allocated to a set patrol team, you must attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you cannot attend. The club provides options for members to find patrol substitutes.

Membership entitlements

Members receive the following entitlements as part of this category of membership:

- Voting rights at the Annual Bronte SLSC AGM
- Complimentary club training and access to equipment
- Complimentary entry to all club endorsed surf sports carnivals (e.g. Sydney Branch Championship, SLSNSW State Championships, SLSA Australian Titles)¹
- Complimentary entry to club carnivals (e.g. Club Championships)¹
- Eligible to apply for a discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit²

Notes

- 1) *only available to those members who have accrued 12 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season.*
- 2) *only available to those members who have accrued 30 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season.*

What if I don't meet my commitments?

Failure to attend an annual skills maintenance session

Surf Life Saving Australia requires that all members' Awards are current for their volunteer role (e.g. Bronze Medallion, IRB Crew or IRB Driver). If you have not renewed your Award by 31st December in the year you are patrolling, you will no longer be able to patrol or provide water safety. At Bronte SLSC, all skills maintenance sessions are completed by November each year. Failing to complete your skills maintenance session will change your membership to 'Leave/Restricted'. You will not have access to club equipment, activities or facilities.

Failure to accrue minimum patrol and or water safety hours per season

Those members who did not accrue 12 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season are no longer entitled to the following benefits in the current season:

- All carnival entries

That season will not count towards eligibility for Long Service Membership.

Those members who do not accrue 30 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season are no longer entitled to the following benefits in the current season:

- Discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit

Reserve Active allocated to a patrol team

We rely on our members attending the patrol dates they are rostered to, and we monitor member attendance throughout the season. If you are a "no-show" for two or more rostered patrols, you will be required to show cause why your membership and club access should not be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Long Service

Members who have satisfactorily completed 8 years of active service and at least 2 years of reserve active service have been approved as long service by the Board of Management. Exempt from patrol obligations.

Conditions of Long Service Membership

Long Service Members who wish to remain involved in Active duties must fulfil the following requirements:

Any Long-Service Member who wishes to continue to be active within the club as a lifesaver, water safety instructor, or competitor must maintain their relevant awards. For example, if you wish to provide water safety for nippers or the Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim, you must maintain your relevant awards.

If you choose to remain allocated to a set patrol team, you must attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you cannot attend. The club provides options for members to find patrol substitutes.

1) Attend an annual skills maintenance to keep your awards current

Keep your Bronze Medallion & any other relevant qualification current by attending an annual skills maintenance session. Bronze Medallion, ARTC, Spinal Management, SM Aquatic Rescue, Gold Medallion, IRB Crew & IRB Driver expire on 31st December each year.

2) Volunteer at the Bondi to Bronte (B2B) Ocean Swim

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Membership entitlements

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- Complimentary club training and access to equipment
- Complimentary entry to all club-endorsed surf sports carnivals (e.g. Sydney Branch Championship, SLSNSW State Championships, SLSA Australian Titles)
- Complimentary entry to club carnivals (e.g. Club Championships)
- Eligible to apply for a discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit*

** Note - only available to those members who have accrued 30 recorded patrol or water safety hours in the previous season.*

What if I don't meet my commitments?

Failure to attend an annual skills maintenance

Long Service members who wish to remain active within the club as a patroller, water safety, trainer or for competition must keep their Bronze Medallion Award current. This is achieved by attending a skills maintenance session before 31st December in your registered season. Lapsed members cannot patrol or provide water safety for the remainder of that season. If your Bronze medallion award remains lapsed for more than two seasons, you may be required to attend an in-depth proficiency or for more than four seasons, you may be required to re-do your Bronze medallion, should you wish to become active or compete.

Long Service is allocated to a patrol team.

We rely on our members attending the patrol dates they are rostered to and we monitor member attendance throughout the season. If you are a "no-show" for two or more rostered patrols you will be required to show cause as to why your membership and club access should not be suspended for the remainder of the season.

General Member (Nipper Parent)

This allows nipper parents to attain their 'Age Manager Award' to assist on the beach during nipper activities. It also includes insurance cover provided by SLSA. Membership must be renewed annually.

Conditions of General Membership

1) Attain Age Manager Award (yellow cap) to assist at Nippers

Surf Lifesaving NSW requires parents who wish to actively help with Nipper activities on the beach to hold either the **Age Manager Award** or a current **Bronze Medallion** and provide a Working With Children Check (WWCC).

The Age Manager Award requires parents to complete two short online courses in this order:

- **SLSA Child Safe Awareness**; then
- The **Age Manager** course.

Parents are required to watch a short, annual Age Manager Skills Maintenance video to maintain the Age Manager Award.

2) Attend rostered BBQ shifts at nippers on Sunday morning.

The Sunday morning BBQ is a major source of income for funding equipment for nipper activities. All nipper parents not providing water safety are required to help with the BBQ for up to two rostered shifts per season. Shifts are rostered by age group and the roster is published at the start of the season. Parents are encouraged to assist the BBQ as often as they can, in addition to their rostered shifts.

3) Volunteer at the Bondi to Bronte (B2B) Ocean Swim

The B2B is the club's most important fundraising event for the season. We raise vital funds to support all club activities and provide equipment for Nippers, Education, Lifesaving and Competition. ALL club members (excluding nippers) must volunteer for at least 3 hours relating to the event (pre, during, or post the event). With prior written approval from club administration, you may substitute these voluntary hours for another club activity. Communication will be sent from the club requesting volunteers in the lead-up to the event. Details of the roles available will be shared at that time.