

Commitment to Patrol Declaration 2019/20 Season

You are required complete a Commitment to Patrol Declaration as part of your Bronze Course enrolment. Please read the full Conditions of Active Membership below and complete and return the declaration on the final page.

If you are unable or unprepared to meet these minimum requirements please do not enrol in the Bronze Medallion course.

Commitment to Patrol and Maintain Skills

On successful completion of the course all new bronze holders will be allocated to a patrol team with rostered dates for the season.

You are required as an Active Member (full conditions detailed below) to maintain a minimum level of proficiency in your award, and to undertake regular beach patrols from September to April.

Rostered patrols occur approx. once every 4 weeks on either a Saturday or Sunday and 1-2 public holidays totalling approx. 36hrs per season. You can request which day and timeslot you prefer.

All Bronze Medallion members are expected to provide water safety at the annual club fundraiser, the Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim (incorporating the Junior Ocean Swim) held on the first Sunday in December each year.

Conditions of Active Membership

As an Active member of Bronte SLSC you agree to meet the following 3 responsibilities:

Each year that you meet the minimum requirements for your membership category (30 logged hours for Active Members) counts towards Long Service membership.

1) **Accrue patrol and water safety hours to a minimum of 30 hours per season:**

As part of a regular Patrol Team

As a New Bronze medallion holder, you will be allocated to a set patrol team and will be required to attend all rostered patrols for that season or find a substitute if you are unable to attend. The club provides an interactive swap forum SWAPSEA for members to find patrol substitutes. Full responsibilities of all members are detailed in the club Regulations.

Following the first complete year of lifesaving patrols Nipper Parents can request to withdraw from their allocated patrol team and join the Water Safety Team.

A nipper parent Water Safety Team member (on completion of one year of regular patrols)

Can accrue a minimum of 30 hours combined patrol and water safety hours as below:

- A minimum of 14 hrs logged water safety for Sunday Nippers per season
- A minimum of 3 hours water safety or other voluntary contribution to the Bondi to Bronte Swim and Junior Ocean Swim
- Provide water safety for any nipper training or nipper carnivals that your child attends
- Attend a minimum of two lifesaving patrols per season (if not on a regular patrol team)

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

You are required to 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 obtain your Bronze Medallion between January & April you are required to attend a scheduled skills maintenance session between September and end of November that same year.

3) Volunteer at the Bondi to Bronte (B2B) Ocean Swim – 1st Sunday in December

The B2B (incorporating the Junior Ocean Swim) 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) are required to volunteer for a minimum of 3 hours relating to the event (either pre, during or post the event). With prior written approval from club administration you may substitute these voluntary hours for another club activity.

Competition Eligibility

Any club member wishing to participate in surf lifesaving carnivals aged U15 up to Masters must accrue a minimum of 25 hours per calendar year to comply with Surf Lifesaving Australia Competition requirements.

What if I don't meet my membership commitments?

Failure to attend an annual skills maintenance session

It is a Surf Life Saving Australia requirement that all member Awards are current for the volunteer role they perform. I.E. 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. Your membership will be suspended and your club access tag cancelled for the remainder of the season. You will not have access to club equipment or facilities.

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

If you are not allocated to a patrol and fail to log at least 12 voluntary hours either patrolling or water safety by 1st February of the current season your membership will be suspended and your club access tag cancelled for the remainder of the season.

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 your membership & club access tag will be suspended and you will be required to attend a judiciary panel of the Life Saving Committee to give reason why your membership should not be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Bronte SLSC Commitment to Patrol Declaration

I confirm that I have read the Commitment to Patrol Declaration including the full Conditions of Active Membership and agree to the following: *(please check each box to indicate your agreement)*

- To be allocated to a patrol team with set rostered dates for the season
- To attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if I am unable to attend
- (if a nipper parent) to provide water safety at Sunday nippers and any carnivals that my child participates in

AND

- To maintain a minimum level of proficiency in my award and to attend a club scheduled annual skills maintenance session between September and end of November each year
- To provide water safety at the annual club fundraiser, the Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim (incorporating the Junior Ocean Swim) held on the first Sunday in December each year

Bronte SLSC provides all Active members access to complimentary swim and board skills training throughout the season. Members who fail to meet the above commitments will forfeit access to club facilities, equipment and associated training.

NAME _____

Date of Birth _____

SIGNATURE _____