

Categories & Conditions of Membership

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

2023/24 Season

- Membership renewals open in early August and must be completed online via the [SLSA Members Portal](#)
- Memberships renewals must be completed by **Wednesday 23th August 2023**. Tags automatically deactivate on **Thursday 31st August 2023** for any memberships not renewed. This includes gym access.
- Memberships are not finalised until **BOTH** the online membership renewal has been completed and payment has been made.
- It can take at least 10 working days to finalise membership renewals and update tags and we encourage all members to renew as soon as possible to ensure continuity of access.
- Memberships outstanding on **Friday 1st September 2023** will incur a late fee of **\$20** per person
- The Club has provision to support the membership renewal of existing members that are experiencing financial hardship. Please email the Club General Manager, at management@brontesurfclub.com.au if you wish to be considered for this support.

Members are advised to familiarise themselves with the terms of their membership category below, and be willing to comply before finalising membership.

It is important to note that payment of membership fees indicates that you agree to the published terms of membership and the consequences for non-compliance of your applicable category.

Probationary (aged 15+)

During the time between applying for membership and the granting of a formal category of membership by the Club, and gaining an award (e.g. Bronze Medallion) if applicable.

Cadet (13-15 years)

Under 15 years - For members between the ages of 13 and 15 who have obtained the Surf Rescue Certificate and who fulfil club obligations, including maintaining their award by attending an annual skills maintenance session.

Conditions of Cadet Membership

Active (15 – 17 Years)

Under 17 years - For members between the ages of 15 and 17 who have obtained or are training towards the Bronze Medallion in that season. Members that already hold either their Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze medallion must fulfil club obligations, including maintaining their award by attending an annual skills maintenance session.

Conditions of Active (15 - 17 Years) Membership

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Active (18 years & over)

A Bronze medallion holder aged 18 years or more who fulfils full patrol and club obligations, and maintains their award by attending an annual skills maintenance session, unless the member has obtained the Bronze in that season.

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. If the member remains on a patrol team, they must meet full patrol requirements.

To view the criteria and application process for transitioning from Active to Reserve Active membership, please [click here](#).

Conditions of Reserve Active Membership

Long Service

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

To view the criteria and application process for transitioning from Reserve Active to Long Service membership, please [click here](#).

Conditions of Long Service Membership

General Member (Nipper Parent)

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

Associate

Members must be at least 35 years of age. Associates have full access to club facilities including the option to join the gym at the current published rate. All club members are subject to the club's constitution and regulations

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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. Gym access is not included, but may be purchased at the current published rate. 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 3 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 to 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**

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

-or-

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

You are required attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you are unable to attend. The club provides an interactive swap forum SWAPSEA 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). With prior written approval from the Director of Cadets 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.

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:

- Club access tag
- Gym membership¹
- 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 board storage at the clubhouse²

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

It is a Surf Life Saving Australia requirement 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. At Bronte SLSC, all skills maintenance sessions are completed by November each year. Failing to complete your skills maintenance session will result in your membership being changed to 'Leave/Restricted' and your club access tag cancelled for the remainder of the season. 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:

- All carnival entries
- Gym access

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 eligible for the following benefit in the current season:

- Board storage at the clubhouse

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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 as to 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 member (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 prior to December in that same year.

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

The B2B is the clubs 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. 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, we therefore make maintaining membership as easy as possible. We therefore offer Junior Active's 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**
- iii. Patrol either the **Garie outpost patrol** or a **public holiday**

-or-

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

You are required attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you are unable to attend. The club provides an interactive swap forum SWAPSEA for members to find patrol substitutes.

***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:

- Club access tag
- Gym membership¹
- 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
- Eligible to apply for board storage at the clubhouse²

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.*

Members who actively contribute to training (education and/or coaching) are granted complimentary gym membership for that season.

What if I don't meet my 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. Surf Rescue Certificate, IRB Crew. 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' 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 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:

- All carnival entries
- Gym access

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

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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
- Board storage at the clubhouse

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 as to why your membership and club access should not be suspended for the remainder of the season.

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 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, ART, 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 prior to 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 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. 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 are required to accrue a **minimum of 30 recorded Patrol or Water Safety hours** per season. You will be allocated to a set patrol team and will be required to attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you are unable to attend. The club provides an interactive swap forum SWAPSEA 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 be comprised of:

- 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

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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:

- Club access tag
- 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 for gym membership*
- Eligible to apply for a discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit*
- Eligible to apply for board storage at the clubhouse*

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

Members who actively contribute to training (education and/or coaching) are granted complimentary gym membership for that season.

What if I don't meet my 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 (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 result in your membership being changed to 'Leave/Restricted' and your club access tag cancelled for the remainder of the season. 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
- Gym access
- Discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit
- Board storage at the clubhouse

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

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 as to 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 SLSA 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 3 following 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, ARTC, Spinal Management, IRB Crew and 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. In that case, it is your responsibility attend patrols on a voluntary basis to a minimum of 12 hours within the season. The minimum 12 hours required per season corresponds with Surf Lifesaving Australia requirements for all Reserve Active competitors in the U15 and above age groups. [View the full policy here.](#)

- or -

If you choose to remain allocated to a set patrol team you will be required to attend all rostered patrols or find a substitute if you are unable to attend. The club provides an interactive swap forum SWAPSEA for members to find patrol substitutes.

Membership entitlements

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

- Club access tag
- Voting rights at the Annual Bronte SLSC AGM
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- 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 for gym membership¹
- Eligible to apply for a discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit²
- Eligible to apply for board storage at the clubhouse²

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.*

Members who actively contribute to training (education and/or coaching) are granted complimentary gym membership for that season.

What if I don't meet my 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 (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 result in your membership being changed to 'Leave/Restricted' and your club access tag cancelled for the remainder of the season. 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
- Gym access

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

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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
- Board storage at the clubhouse

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 as to 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 Active Service and at least 2 years Reserve Active Service and 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 that wishes to continue to be active within the club as a lifesaver, water safety or competitor must maintain their relevant awards. E.G. if you wish to provide water safety for nippers or the Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim.

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, ARTC, Spinal Management, IRB Crew & IRB Driver expire on 31st December each year

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

The B2B is the clubs 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. 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.

Membership entitlements

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- Complimentary entry to club carnivals (e.g. Club Championships)
- Eligible for gym membership
- Eligible to apply for a discounted Waverley Council Beach Parking Permit*
- Eligible to apply for board storage at the clubhouse*

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

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Members who actively contribute to training (education and/or coaching) are granted complimentary gym membership for that season.

What if I don't meet my commitments?

Failure to attend an annual skills maintenance

Long Service members that wish to remain active within the club as a patroller, water safety or trainer or for competition must keep their Bronze Medallion Award current. This is achieved by attending a skills maintenance session before 31st December in the season you are registered. Lapsed members are not able to patrol or provide water safety for the remainder of that season. If your Bronze medallion award is 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.

General Member (Nipper Parent)

Allows nipper parents to assist on the beach during nipper activities, and includes insurance cover provided by SLSA. Membership must be renewed annually.

Conditions of General Membership

1) Attend two BBQ shifts at nippers on Sunday morning.

The Sunday morning BBQ is a major source of income to fund equipment for nipper activities. All nipper parents not providing Water Safety are required to help on the BBQ for two rostered shifts per season. Shifts are rostered by age group and the roster is published at the start of the season.

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

The B2B is the clubs 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. 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.
