



# FAIRHAVEN SLSC

## COMPETITION HOURS POLICY

### Overview

This internal club policy is in response to the changes made to the operation of Surf Life Saving Australia's Competition Eligibility Policy (5.04) in August 2017. **There are now three separate alternatives in order to be considered eligible to compete, each of which is covered below.**

For more information the complete policy document should be consulted.

### Option A – 16 Patrols Hours

**This is the default position for the Fairhaven SLSC → All active members who wish to compete for the club must complete a minimum of 16 hours of patrol across the season.**

For those members who are listed as active reserve, this minimum standard is 8 hours.

### Option B – 8 Patrol Hours and 8 Hours Other Service

In order to be eligible to compete under this option, the individual must make an application that will be assessed by the Club Executive. **The individual member in question is responsible for establishing that this option is appropriate for their circumstances, and also for the provision of evidence to verify their other service to the club.**

### Application Process

- The application form can be found on the Fairhaven website.
- Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and eligibility under this option will only last for one competition season.
- **Cut-Off Date**
  - Applications to be considered under 'Option B' must be lodged through the approved channels **prior to December 1**.
  - This is to ensure that the President and Club Captain are afforded a sufficient period to assess the application, and also to allow the individual time to complete the necessary hours prior to December 31st should their application be unsuccessful.
- **Considerations for Eligibility**
  - Within the application, the individual member must outline the reasons as to why they will not be able to fulfil their 16 hours of mandatory patrols, as well as documenting and providing evidence of their other service to the club.



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- **The President and Club Captain will make the ultimate decision as to whether a member's application for eligibility under this section is successful, however in doing so they may have regard to the following factors and contribution:**
  - Volunteer training or assessment of awards;
  - Volunteer patrol hours and duties performed as part of another lifesaving service;
  - Club Executive and Committee positions;
  - Accredited volunteer Club Coaching and Officiating;
  - Contributions to a significant volunteer club activity other than competition;
  - Any other contribution that, in the view of the Fairhaven SLSC Committee, is of benefit to the club's delivery of lifesaving services.

### Option C – Other Service Recognition

**This option is not a matter to be dealt with by the Fairhaven SLSC.**

An application must be lodged to Life Saving Victoria in order for a competitor to qualify through this avenue.