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PATROL UNIFORMS - QUEENSLAND

1. All SLSA Patrol members are to wear the current SLSA supplied uniform, consisting of shirt and shorts at all times whilst on duty, with their patrol quartered cap tied up and secured on their head.
2. Patrol members are to remove their patrol uniform on the completion of their patrol duties.
3. Members patrolling at extremities of the patrol area and in shallow water may discard the patrol shorts provided that they are carrying a rescue tube.
4. All members operating the designated patrol IRB are to wear the red and yellow patrol cap and the yellow patrol wet shirt or patrol shirt, red and yellow lifejacket level 50 (AS4758) with reflective tape and/ or radio harness at all times whilst in the boat.
5. Helicopter crew have the option of wearing the red and yellow patrol cap, however, are required to wear an approved uniform. Uniforms usually consist of a wetsuit or flight suit/uniform as provided by SLSQ.
6. RWC operators must wear a red and yellow or yellow SLSA approved helmet, patrol wet shirt or wetsuit and a red and yellow lifejacket level 50 (AS4758) with reflective tape and radio harness.
7. Outdated, faded, torn or ripped patrol uniforms shall be removed from service and replaced to maintain consistency and standards, so they are easily recognised by the public and promote a professional image.
8. All members shall wear long sleeved patrol shirts.
9. Patrol broad brimmed hats or red peak cap are compulsory and eye protection is strongly recommended to help avoid the possibility of skin cancer and long term eye damage.
10. Award members are not permitted to wear the red and yellow quartered patrol cap, however shall wear a red peak cap or wide brimmed hat. Their relevant award shall be identified on their patrol shirt or hat.
11. Two piece ladies costumes have been approved for patrol use however clubs are reminded that costumes must be practical and of racing/sporting design, 'NOT BIKINIS'.
12. Members patrolling beaches in high or very high marine stinger times are to adhere to the personal protection equipment requirements as directed in the Marine Stinger Risk Management Best Practice Guidelines.
13. Patrol members at all times shall strive for neatness and pride in the patrol uniform to promote a positive/professional image to the public.
14. All Clubs and Operations Support are encouraged to provide members with patrol uniforms at no charge or at a discounted price.
15. Refer to SLSA brandbox for guidelines in relation to patrol uniforms.



Surf Life Saving Australia Policy

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INTRODUCTION

This policy sets out the requirements for use of the national surf lifesaving patrol uniform and other items of surf lifesaving apparel.

PATROL UNIFORM

Minimum Requirements:

The minimum requirements for the national lifesaving patrol uniform are defined as the following:

- i. Patrol shirt – As supplied by SLSA
- ii. Patrol shorts - As supplied by SLSA
- iii. A red and yellow quartered patrol swimming cap – Available for purchase through the SLSA Online Surf Shop (www.surfshop.slsa.com.au)
- iv. Swimming costume (if you will be entering the water) – As supplied by the club

Recommended requirements:

The recommended requirements of the uniform are defined as the following:

- i. Wide brimmed hat or peaked cap over patrol cap when not in the water – Available for purchase through the SLSA Online Surf Shop (www.surfshop.slsa.com.au)
- ii. Sunglasses when not in the water as per the Sun Safety Policy 2.1
- iii. Water safety uniform as per Water Safety Policy 1.1 and Water Safety Procedure when providing water safety for junior activities, SLS sanctioned/special events, SLS Surf Sport competition and member training
- iv. Rash shirt - Available for purchase through the SLSA Online Surf Shop (www.surfshop.slsa.com.au)
Note: Members are strongly encouraged to wear a rash shirt when performing duties in the water.
- v. Other items such as wetsuits, stinger suits, tracksuit pants and jumpers, helmets and wind jackets are also available to members where necessary. Some of these may be provided by your club or available for purchase through the SLSA Online Surf Shop (www.surfshop.slsa.com.au)

USE OF THE PATROL UNIFORM

- i. All members undertaking patrol duties shall wear the patrol uniform. This includes members undertaking patrolling/rescue duties and first aid operations.
- ii. Members performing duties in the water are required to wear a patrol cap and swimming costume. It is highly recommended that a rash vest be worn for sun protection.
- iii. Members performing Water Safety duties are must wear a Water Safety Uniform in accordance with the Water Safety Policy 1.1 and Water Safety Procedure
- iv. Only members holding a current proficiency in the Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion/Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue may wear the red and yellow quartered patrol cap.
- v. The red and yellow quartered patrol cap is to be worn on the head and secured under the chin at all times when on patrol. Any items of the SLSA patrol uniform shall ONLY be worn while on patrol duty or when attending official surf lifesaving functions and community education activities such as media promotions of surf lifesaving.
- vi. Members' uniforms should be clean, neat and tidy in appearance.

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PATROL UNIFORM



Style of the patrol uniform may change over the contract period at SLSA discretion.

PATROL CAPTAIN UNIFORM LOCATION/WORDING



* "PATROL CAPTAIN" wording to sit above small DHL logo on left hand chest.
Wording is to be no longer than small DHL logo on left hand chest.
Wording is to be printed in black "Calibri Regular" font. All capitals as pictured.