



# SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

## POLICY STATEMENT

### Patrol Uniforms Policy - Lifesaving

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## INTRODUCTION

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

The policy addresses requirements for occupational health and safety, sponsorship and branding, designated colours, SPF ratings for fabric, and use by members.

## PATROL UNIFORM

### Minimum Requirements:

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

1. Patrol shirt – As supplied by SLSA.
2. Patrol shorts - As supplied by SLSA.
3. A red and yellow quartered patrol swimming cap – Available for purchase through 'Surf Trade' ([www.slsa.com.au](http://www.slsa.com.au)).
4. Swimming costume – As supplied by the club.

### Recommended requirements:

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

1. Wide brimmed hat or peaked cap – Available for purchase through 'Surf Trade' ([www.slsa.com.au](http://www.slsa.com.au)).

NB: Members are strongly encouraged to wear a wide brimmed hat or peak cap over the patrol cap when not performing duties in the water.

2. Rash shirt - Available for purchase through 'Surf Trade' ([www.slsa.com.au](http://www.slsa.com.au)).

NB: Members are strongly encouraged to wear a rash shirt when performing duties in the water.

Other items such as wetsuits, stinger suits, tracksuit pants and jumpers, helmets and wind jackets are also available to members where necessary.

For branding information on these items, please refer to the 'Brandbox' on the SLSA website. The 'Brandbox' is located in the Secure Resources section of the SLSA website.

## **DESIGN**

Where stated:

Red = Pantone 186c

Yellow = Pantone 136-137

### **1. PATROL SHIRT**

- Are to be long-sleeved for sun protection.
- Are to be yellow in colour with red piping.
- The collar must be of the variety that can be lifted to the base of the neck.
- The shirt material is to be rated to minimum SPF 30.
- The cuffs are to be elasticised.
- The material should be of a light-weight and breathable variety.
- Are to follow the design stipulated on the 'Brandbox'.

### **2. PATROL SHORTS**

- Patrol shorts are to fall just above the knee.
- Are to be red in colour with yellow piping on the sides.
- The waist band is to be elasticised with a drawstring.
- The shorts may have a pocket on each side.
- The material is to be rated to minimum SPF30.
- The material should be of a light-weight, breathable and quick-dry variety.
- Are to follow the design stipulated on the 'Brandbox'.

NB: Please refer to the patrol shirt and shorts design at the end of this policy.

### **3. PATROL CAP**

- The patrol cap is a red and yellow quartered swimming cap that can be tied under the chin.
- These caps may be made from cloth or lycra material.
- The caps can be designed to be turned inside out to display a club's competition colours.

### **4. SWIMMING COSTUME/SUIT**

- Swimsuits may be red in colour or appropriate club colours.

**NB:** The design of other items of surf lifesaving apparel can be found on the 'Brandbox' on the SLSA website ([www.slsa.asn.au](http://www.slsa.asn.au)).

## **SLSA BRANDING**

The patrol uniform and other items of surf lifesaving apparel are to include surf lifesaving branding.

This branding includes the SURF LIFE SAVING logo and on many items the words 'SURF RESCUE'.

For the correct placement and specifications of the SURF LIFE SAVING logo and branding, please see the 'Brandbox' on the SLSA website.

## **SPONSOR BRANDING AND RECOGNITION**

The logos of surf lifesaving sponsors are placed on the patrol shirt, shorts and other selected items of surf lifesaving apparel. This logo placement recognises their contribution to our clubs and services.

The national sponsor branding of patrol shirts and shorts is re-evaluated by SLSA every 3 (three) years.

Please see below for the criteria surrounding the placement and specification of sponsor branding.

### **PATROL SHIRTS**

1. National sponsor branding will be placed on the front (centre, right and left breast) and back (centre) of the patrol shirt and on the left sleeve. This placement is determined by SLSA.
2. State/territory, branch or club sponsor branding may ONLY be placed on the upper back of the shirt, positioned above the SURF RESCUE branding.
  - This sponsor branding must not conflict with national sponsors.
  - The local sponsor logo must not be larger than 50mm in height and 200mm in width.

The local sponsor should not be in an industry that conflicts with our national partners.

Industry exclusions:

- Telecommunications
- Transport, couriers, logistics
- Financial institutions

3. All other spaces on the shirt, including the right sleeve and collar is to remain blank.

### **PATROL SHORTS**

1. National sponsor branding will be placed on the front right and left cuff of the shorts. This placement is determined by SLSA.
2. There is to be NO state/territory, branch or club sponsors on the shorts.

### **PATROL CAP**

There is to be NO sponsor branding on the patrol cap.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF APPAREL**

The sponsor specifications of all other items of apparel such as swimming costumes, hat, wetsuits and jackets can be found on the 'Brandbox' on the SLSA website.

## USE OF THE PATROL UNIFORM

- All members undertaking patrol duties shall wear the patrol uniform. This includes members undertaking patrolling/rescue duties, radio and first aid operations. It is highly recommended that a wide brimmed hat or peaked cap be worn for sun protection.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Members' uniforms should be clean, neat and tidy in appearance.

