

## SLSWA Beach Patrols Compliance Inspections

Audience: Club Captains  
Club Directors of Lifesaving

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Board of Directors

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**Summary:**

As part of SLSWA's commitment to continuous improvement in Beach Patrols all affiliated Clubs, excepting the Margaret River, will undergo two compliance inspections as per attached documentation throughout the 2008 / 2009 season.

**Action:**

Club Lifesaving Directors to communicate compliance inspections criteria to all Club patrol captains.

SLSWA is committed to assisting Clubs in finding opportunities to continuously improve the services each Club provides to its local community. Part of continuous improvement is identifying and understanding the gaps which currently exist in the operational aspects of Beach Patrols.

Throughout the 2008 / 2009 season the SLSWA Beach Services Coordinator and/or Lifesaving Officer will make visitations to Clubs to assess the patrols compliance to operational policy and procedure. The first visitation to the club will be announced and allow Club Directors of Lifesaving the opportunity to be available for the inspection and accompany the visitor through their club, while the second will be unannounced. This will enable both SLSWA and the Club to identify and better understand where an individual Club meets/does not meet operational requirements. In addition, the overall results will enable a state wide snapshot to be produced and analysed so that organisational policy and procedure can be effectively reviewed against objective evidence. Further, the state wide analysis will assist to identify the development of programs and resources to support Beach Patrols.

As a result of undertaking compliance inspections scores will be awarded to each of the criteria. The Club with the highest score at the completion of all inspections will be awarded the I.D Birtwhistle trophy at the SLSWA Awards of Excellence evening.

The following are guidelines in relation to the awarding of points during the compliance inspections:

1. Inspections are not to start before 30 min after patrol start time or less than 30 minutes before the end of patrol.
2. All Clubs will be awarded points with the recorded tally used to award the 2008/2009 I.D. Birtwhistle Trophy
3. All Clubs will commence with maximum points for each section A – E. 10 points will be deducted off the maximum available points where evidence indicates non-compliance.
4. Two compliance inspections will be completed during the season, one announced one unannounced per club.

5. If two or more Clubs tie with the same amount of points at the conclusion of the compliance inspection, the Club that has the highest percentage of proficient Active and Active Reserve members who are proficient in the following higher awards, IRBD or ARC or Defibrillation, will be awarded the I.D Birtwhistle Trophy.

Please contact Josh McCleery, Lifesaving Officer on 9243 9444 or [jmccleery@mybeach.com.au](mailto:jmccleery@mybeach.com.au) should you have any further questions.

#### Attachments

- *SLSWA Patrol Inspection Compliance Checklist – 2007/2008*

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