

## Cairns Surf Life Saving Club Policy

<p><b>Title: Patrol uniforms, club swimwear and merchandise</b></p>	<p><b>Department: All</b></p>
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<p>This policy is approved in accordance with the Cairns Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Constitution Version 2, paragraph 3(h).</p>	<p><b>Approved by: CSLSC Board</b></p>

### Purpose

This policy addresses the provision of mandatory wearing of patrol uniforms, club uniforms, nippers, competition uniforms (swimwear and club caps) and merchandise.

### Detail

Surf Life Saving and Cairns Surf Life Saving Club (CSLSC) both have iconic brands, images and standing within the community. Brands must be protected, enhanced, and harnessed to maintain the image and values of the Club and Surf Life Saving in general.

Patrol and club uniforms, swimwear and merchandise form a critical connection to this brand and are regulated to ensure consistency and adherence to the club and surf lifesaving's brand.

### Patrol Uniforms

Lifesavers on patrol must wear the approved uniform of a Surf Life Saving Australia lifesaver.

For new patrollers to the club, upon completion of their Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate, patrol uniforms will be provided to patrollers by the club, with members providing sizes requests upon commencement of their course. Sizing stock will be maintained for this purpose. A quantity of patrol uniform items will be kept on site at the club should patrollers require immediate replacement, or should current patrollers wish to replace or upgrade their uniform.

A patroller's uniform consists of:

- SLSA approved patrol shirt,
- SLSA approved patrol shorts,
- SLSA approved patrol red and yellow quartered patrol cap (for aquatic rescue award holders)
- SLSA approved patrol hat (wide brimmed or peaked cap)

Each member is responsible for ensuring their uniform is kept clean and tidy.

Only qualified and proficient surf life saving members are to wear the uniform. Only members holding a current proficient aquatic rescue qualification are to wear the red and yellow quartered patrol cap.

Any items of the SLSA patrol uniform shall only be worn while on direct travel to or from patrol, while on patrol or when attending official surf lifesaving functions and community activities.

A club member who resigns or does not renew their membership must return all uniform items issued or assigned to them by the club.

Further details about patrol uniforms can be found in *SLSA Policy 1.05 Patrol Uniforms*.

## Swimwear, club vests and caps

Junior members at Nippers

U7	Stinger suit, club hi-vis rashie with green noddy cap
U8-U14	Stinger suit, club hi-vis rashie with club noddy cap
Come n Try participants	Stinger suit, club hi-vis rashie with red noddy cap.

Members are responsible for purchasing these items from the club.

### Junior, Senior and Masters' members – club events and training sessions

Members participating in club sanctioned events and training sessions are required to wear a high visibility rashie/rash vest, as per the SLSQ Policy MS13 High Visibility Clothing Requirements. Junior members must also wear their club noddy cap during training sessions.

### Junior, Senior and Masters' members – Surf Sports/Competitions

The Cairns Surf Life Club (CSLSC) Board of Management has approved and endorsed a preferred uniform to be worn by competitors involved in the Surf Sports Program. Members are encouraged to wear the club-approved swimwear when competing and the uniform is available for purchase. The uniform's purpose is to create a professional team culture and image that the competitor and club can be proud of.

Please note: Should a competitor choose not to wear the uniform, you are welcome to do so. The only requirement is that the swimwear is black, ensuring consistency with the club's approved design. Competitors are not permitted to wear any other types of "High Vis Rashie" during carnival competition other than those approved by both the Club and SLSQ.

## Water Safety

Members undertaking water safety duties during nippers and at carnivals are required to wear high visibility orange rashies and orange noddy caps, as per *SLSQ policy MS13*. These items are available on loan, or members can purchase their own from the SLSA online shop. Members on IRB water safety operations duties must also wear a personal flotation device (PFD), available on loan from the club.

## Training and Education

Members undertaking their Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue Certificate or other courses with the club are required to wear high visibility rashies and noddy caps when in the water. In addition, members undertaking IRB training must also wear a personal flotation device (PFD), available to borrow from the club.

## Merchandise

When attending carnivals or nippers, competitors and supporters are encouraged to wear approved merchandise items to enhance team camaraderie, cohesion, and project the image of CSLSC as a professional competitive club to the public and surf lifesaving community.

## Contacts

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## References

SLSA Policy 1.05 Patrol Uniforms

SLSQ Policy MS13 SLSQ High visibility clothing policy