



# Changes to Membership Categories and Member Declarations: Members

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# 1 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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SLSA is implementing changes to its membership categories and the annual membership declaration in preparation for the 2018/19 season

## 1.1 What are the changes and why are they being made?

### 1.1.1 Membership Categories

All members are currently in one of fifteen membership categories. From now on, these fifteen (sub) categories will also be grouped under one of four Primary Membership categories. This move is part of a broad strategy to limit complexity and improve alignment across the organisation.

As part of this restructuring, a new “Community Membership” category has also been created. The addition of this as an option for clubs was a key recommendation from the 2016 Sport and Recreation review.

The five Primary Membership categories therefore are:

- **Junior membership** (incorporating sub-categories of Junior Activities membership, Cadet [13-15] membership),
- **Active membership** (incorporating sub-categories of Active membership, Reserve Active membership, Award membership),
- **Community membership**
- **Associate membership** (incorporating sub-categories of Associate membership, Probationary membership, General membership or Leave/Restricted membership),
- **Honorary and Service membership(s)** including Life Membership (incorporating sub-categories of Long Service Membership, Honorary membership, Past Active membership).

### 1.1.2 Membership Declaration

The membership declaration has been updated to include the latest best practice in corporate governance, specifically:

- \* disclosure of any criminal convictions, and
- \* member obligations to respect and protect the organisation’s intellectual property

In addition, the membership application form also includes an opt-in invitation for interested members to receive information about making a bequest in Surf Lifesaving.

All these changes have been developed in consultation with a wide representation of SLS members and have been discussed and approved by both State CEO’s and the SLSA board.

## 2 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### 2.1 Where do I go for clarification? Who can I contact?

If you are unsure about which category is appropriate for you, please contact your club administrator.

### 2.2 Membership Categories

#### ***Is my membership description changing?***

No. If you were an “Active 18+” member in the 2017/18 season, your new sub-category will still be “Active 18+,” but you will now also be recognised under the Primary Membership category title of “Active Membership” as well.

#### ***How do I know what Primary Membership category I now fall into?***

Please refer to Appendix A to see into which membership category you now fit. The original 15 categories have been mapped to the new 5 Primary categories.

#### 2.2.1 Junior Membership

##### ***I am a patrolling SRC, why am I listed as a junior member?***

Whilst Cadets (13-15) years are active, they are still deemed to be youth members and therefore fall under the Junior Membership Category.

#### 2.2.2 Community Membership

##### ***What is a community Membership?***

A Community Member originated as a recommendation from the Sport and Recreation Review but has extended far beyond sport. The new membership category aims to recognise opportunities to build coastal recreational programs that attract new members, better serve the needs of the existing members and an opportunity for clubs to engage non-member groups on a commercial basis.

##### ***Is it now compulsory for clubs to open up a Community membership category?***

No, Clubs are not obliged to introduce a Community Membership if they do not wish to. However, the provision of a Community Membership is a good way for a club to engage with the wider community and provide an attractive recruitment pathway to full patrolling membership.

##### ***Will my club offer a Community Membership and what will it look like?***

Decisions around the structure and rights of a Community Member are a matter for individual clubs

to decide. For details on whether your club will offer this level of membership and what it will look like, please contact your club administrator.

#### 2.2.3 Honorary/Service Membership

##### ***I am a life member, how will this be recorded now?***

Life members are now part of our Service/Honorary membership category. Members will still be recognised as Life Members in the Membership Sub-Category.

##### ***Will the change affect my service history?***

No, the changes to your membership category will not affect your service history.

### 2.3 SLSA Regulations

#### ***Where can I find a copy of the SLSA regulations?***

The SLSA Regulations can be located online in the SLSA Members Area and are listed under the Regulations tab in the library.

### 2.4 IT & SurfGuard Changes

#### ***I have already registered for the 2018/19 season. Do I need to do anything?***

No. A member that has renewed or joined prior to the changes being made in SurfGuard will not need to do anything. SLSA will automatically map your sub category to the appropriate, new Primary Membership category.

#### ***When will the membership form (online and hard copy) be updated? Can we still use the old form this year?***

A soft copy of the new form can be downloaded [here](#).

Changes to SurfGuard and the online membership form will begin to transition over the coming month and are anticipated to be completed by the beginning of September.

During that time, Clubs will be able to register and renew members in the current system. These members will be transitioned into their new membership category by SLSA or their club administrator when the system switches over.

### 3 APPENDIX A – MAPPING OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The below shows mapping of where the old categories now sitting in the new five general categories.

