



## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION SUBSIDIES SCHEME

In the interest of promoting competition in the club, we offer competition subsidies for our members to compete at the Australian Championship.

### Part A – General Outline

1. Competitors and coaches attending the Australian Championships that have met the required criteria are eligible for the competition subsidy.
2. The competitor must stay at the club's nominated accommodation at the Australian Championships, and have booked and paid the applicable fees by the due date set by the Team Manager.
3. Members of the competition team will receive a subsidy towards the cost of the Australian Championships by completing and attending the pre-requisites as listed below.

3.1	The competitor must have completed at least 80% of their rostered patrol hours and at least 20 hours for the entire season, or since joining the club if they joined during the season, and have arranged a substitute for their rostered patrols in the case they are not able to attend; and
3.2	The competitor or a family member (per competitor if under the age of 16), must have attended and actively assisted at a club Tin Shake; and
3.3	The competitor must have gained one new lifesaving award in the 12 months prior to the upcoming Australian Championships; and
3.4	The competitor must have attended and actively assisted at the Point Leo Boxing Day Classic**; and
3.5	The competitor or family member (substitute for each member) has attended and actively assisted at one of the following club arranged events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Door Knock</li><li>• Club working bee</li><li>• Specific Competition Fundraiser (e.g. Golf Day)</li><li>• Roast nights</li><li>• Or another activity or event approved by the Club's committee</li></ul>

#In the case that it is unreasonable for a competitor to achieve a new award (e.g. they have got all lifesaving awards needed for patrol) they must have re-qualified and maintained all their awards for the current season

\*\*The competitor is encouraged to participate in the Point Leo Boxing Day Events, but also must actively assist with general setting and packing up of the event.

4. In order to be eligible for the subsidy, the competitor must meet the requirements in section three (1 to 5). In the event that a competitor cannot complete all the prerequisites in section 3 a letter of explanation can be forwarded to the team manager and each case will be assessed individually.
5. The value of the subsidy available will be determined by the Team Manager prior to the start of the Australian Championships. Funds will be distributed in the following priority.
  - Funding of transport of equipment (in 2010 this involved road transport of a container)
  - Accommodation subsidy for eligible competitors will be capped at \$200 per person and will depend on the total of funds available.
  - A social event (generally a BBQ) will be provided for all competitors and helpers on the Friday evening of the Championships.
6. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that their name is marked on the record of attendance with the event organizer at the events stipulated in section 3, and in the patrol log for patrols.
7. Competitors that do not participate under the scheme are still welcome to compete as a full and equal member of the Point Leo SLSC Competition Team. Their equipment will be transported to the competition and they are able to attend the social evening but they will have to finance their own accommodation.

## **Part B – Eligibility**

1. A competitor is eligible for the Australian Championships Competition Subsidies Scheme subject to the following conditions:
  - a. During the Competition Season a competitor must attend
    - i. at least 50% of “Victorian Carnivals” AND
    - ii. Victorian Titles AND
    - iii. Australian Titles
  - b. The competitor must behave appropriately and in the best interests of the club at all carnivals, the Victorian Championships and the Australian Championships, including the display of a professional athletic attitude towards their own and other’s competition schedule before, during and after the Championships.
2. All conditions outlined in Part A must be fulfilled for the competitor to be eligible to apply for a subsidy.
3. Where an extraordinary circumstance exists that has not allowed a competitor to meet all the requirements in Part A, the competitor can apply to the club’s committee for dispensation no later than 21 days prior to the start of the Australian Championships.

4. The Committee after recommendation of team manager (or competition sub committee) shall have discretion to waive eligibility conditions. (Members who are sick or unable to compete at Victorian Championships, or has school/ sport obligations that clash with Victorian Championships)
5. The competitor must renew their membership and pay appropriate competition membership fee before the first patrolling date in the season, except where they have joined the club after that date, and must be a proficient lifesaver.
6. The competitor will not be able to claim subsidies if they have an outstanding debt to the club fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement to the Australian Championships.
7. The competitors must attend and participate in section training throughout the season.

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