



TEAM NAVY ASRL SERIES



ASRL Suggested Probationary Bronze

The introduction of a probationary Bronze fits completely inside the intent of the National Review of Surf Sport and ticks many of the boxes. It would be a simply implemented first step to overhauling some long outdates processes.

How it Works:

Clubs would be unshackled in recruiting and offering membership on an equal playing field to many other sports that they currently are competitors of for new members.

The new club member would:

- Pay a membership fee to include a WorkCover insurance plan
- Do the required Run Swim Run to show competency as currently happens
- Immediately have access to all equipment under qualified coaches supervision be it lifesaving and competition equipment
- Immediately (when deemed competent) be eligible for local competition
- Be rostered onto patrol as probationary but no requirement for specified patrol hours in the first season of membership as the emphasis will be on learning
- Key elements of the Bronze will be taught by the Patrol Captain and patrol under the supervision of the Club Trainer while also learning the surf skills required of patrolling members
- Each module is signed off as completed by an appropriate Assessor in consultation with the Patrol Captain; so Board & Tube rescue – tick
- On-line modules to be completed during the season
- The Probationary member may participate without completing the Bronze at all SLS events other than Championship events for the first season
- The Probationary member must have completed the Bronze by close of entry for State Championship to be allowed to compete at State or National Championship. This then becomes the incentive for the member and the club to complete the Bronze course in a timely fashion if the member is also a competitor

The gatekeeper that will monitor, direct and control this process will be the member surf club. This is no change to what happens now except we are lifting barriers to joining and competition and shifting the emphasis across a season instead demanding everything is completed before any activity is available to the new member.

