



Whiritoa Lifeguard Service Membership Declaration

Revision: *November 2025*

1. The details set out in the Application for Membership form are true and correct. If they change, I acknowledge that I am required to notify the Whiritoa Lifeguard Service (Club) of the changes, in writing, as soon as possible after they occur.
2. I will be bound by the constitutions, regulations, policies, manuals, guidelines and reasonable directions of the Club and Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) respectively.
3. I have voluntarily accepted and assumed the inherent risk of danger and injury in lifeguarding.
4. I will not hold the Club, SLSNZ or their respective officers responsible for any claims, losses and expenses which may arise from or in connection with my membership and/or participation in any activity authorised or recognised by the Club or SLSNZ, except in the case of gross negligence or a wilful act or omission on the part of the Club or SLSNZ.
5. I indemnify the Club and SLSNZ from all claims, losses and expenses suffered or incurred at any time, occurring as a result of or resulting directly or indirectly from my failure to observe the constitutions, regulations, policies, manuals, guidelines and reasonable directions of the Club and SLSNZ respectively.
6. I am medically and physically fit and do not suffer from any disease or condition, either physical or mental that would affect my ability to safely participate in any authorised or recognised activities of the Club or SLSNZ. If I am unsure about this declaration, or suffer from such a condition, I am aware that I must bring it to the attention of the Club and SLSNZ.
7. I understand that the Club and SLSNZ will collect personal information about me for the purpose of:
 - a. Processing my application for membership;
 - b. Providing me with information relating to my interest group(s) (if I have ticked the box(es));
 - c. Providing me with information and activities relating to the Club and SLSNZ;



8. I understand that my personal information will only be used for the purposes listed in paragraph 7 and that:
 - a. My personal information will be held securely;
 - b. I will have access to my personal information upon request;
 - c. My personal information will be corrected upon request.
9. I accept that both the Club and SLSNZ have overriding discretion to decline this membership application for any reason. Provided the Club or SLSNZ does not decline my membership application, I agree and understand that upon payment of my membership fee (if any) I will become a member of the Club and SLSNZ and that by paying such fee each year by the due date, I consent to and will continue to be a member of the Club, and SLSNZ, unless I resign or my membership is terminated.

Read the [Whiritoa Lifeguard Service constitution](#) or contact SLSNZ via www.surflifesaving.org.nz for further information.

Code of Conduct

The Whiritoa Lifeguard Service (Club) Code of Conduct sets out the behavioral expectations of all users of the Club, including members, visitors from other clubs, parents/guardians of junior members and non-members such as bar patrons. The principles of the Club's Code of Conduct are consistent with those of Surf Lifesaving New Zealand (SLSNZ) Code of Conduct.

The primary object for which the Club has been established is to prevent death by drowning of those swimming and undertaking activities on Whiritoa Beach by providing lifesaving, lifeguarding patrol services, lifeguard training and other Programmes and services to our members.

Our secondary object is also to encourage family participation in the activities, administration, social events and entertainment at the Club. Our members share a mutual interest and respect for the objectives of the Club as well as respect for one another.

We follow the values of SLSNZ:

- RESPECT (Communication, listening, showing empathy and being engage)
- INTEGRITY (Honesty, working with Trust, owing decisions and mistakes, doing the right thing)
- COLLABOTATION (Sharing knowledge, and working together)



- WELL-BEING (Feeling safe to be authentic, prioritizing health, support when you need it)
- FUN (Sharing Positive experiences, celebrating achievements, optimistic and balanced)

General Principals

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others
- Be fair, considerate, and honest in all dealings with others
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, their actions
- Make a commitment to providing quality service
- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the lifeguarding activity, and refrain from any form of harassment, bullying, discrimination, or abuse of others
- Report any alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct or other Club policies to the appropriate Club official or committee member (these details can be found on the Club website)
- Report any Hazards or risks immediately to prevent injury or damage
- Seek and promote membership of the Club, membership is open to all those who are fulfilling the membership criteria
- Privacy of individual members is to be respected. Personal information collected is for use within our Club only in line with our privacy policy and is not available to others
- We rely on the community for support. Your actions as a member may impact on the way the community views the club
- Wear your uniform with pride
- Be mindful of your social media posts as can be seen widely and reflect on you and the club
- Never share information regarding the club without the Club's consent
- Always act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of Surf Life Saving, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective and mutual benefit of our members and the Whiritoa Community

Facilities

- This is a smoke-free club. Smoking, including E-cigarettes & vaping is not permitted anywhere within the clubhouse, accommodation area or on club grounds – inside and out
- Help to clean the clubhouse as requested by the Patrol Captain, Facilities Director or Committee Member



- The Lifeguard kitchen facility must be left clean and tidy in a timely manner so that the incoming patrol members are able to take rest and meal breaks without having to deal with the mess of others. This is a Lifeguard kitchen ONLY. No Junior Surf and no parents are allowed in the kitchen or bunkrooms. Rookies or Trainees on patrol are allowed to use the kitchen but only while on patrol
- Consumption of alcohol on the Club property must be in accordance with the Club's Alcohol, Drug, Smoking and Vaping Policy.
- Remove all personal equipment from the club at the end of each patrol shift or stay. Personal property can be stored tidily in cubbies

Health & Safety

- The safety and wellbeing of all members and visitors is paramount. It is the policy of the club to provide a healthy, safe and enjoyable environment. Report any health and safety risks, incidents or damage to the Health and Safety Officer and Patrol Captain
- If you see something being carried out which is unsafe or not fitting of a member, don't be afraid to speak up. Escalate to the Club Committee if necessary
- No member will put other members at risk, either physically or emotionally. Respect the feelings of others and consider your actions which affect others

Patrolling and training

- Please advise the Facilities Director and/or Patrol Captain if you have any underlying medical conditions or allergies that could impact you whilst you are at the club. They must also be advised if you are on prescription medication that may impact your performance of lifeguard duties
- Encourage and promote physical fitness of our club members, assist the Local Authority when called upon, and by appointing patrols, render all possible aid to those in distress

Observe all club regulations and policies, including but not limited to;

- Whiritoa Accommodation Policy
- Whiritoa Alcohol, Drug, Smoking & Vaping Policy
- Whiritoa Member Declaration

If breaches of the Club's Code of Conduct appear, actions will be taken. This can include

- A supportive conversation or reminder



- Formal investigation
- Suspension or removal from a role
- In serious cases, referral to external agencies or dismissal

Everyone involved has the right to be heard and supported. We follow and ensure privacy is protected wherever possible

Promulgated at Committee Meeting Dated	23 rd November 2025
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