

Circular 3784

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2024 NSW Surf Interstate Squad - Athlete Nominations

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Branch Officers, Coaches & Athletes.

Actioned by: Athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2024 NSW Surf Interstate Squad.

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Summary	SLSNSW is calling for athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2024 NSW Surf Interstate Squad.
Action	Please complete the Online Nomination Form by Sunday 10 September 2023 .

SLSNSW is seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) from SLSNSW Athletes seeking selection in the 2024 NSW Surf Interstate Squad with the final team to be selected and compete at the SLSA Surf Interstate Championships on 11 January 2024. In a new concept, SLSNSW will select a broader squad of athletes based upon 22/23 season results and will require participation in nominated selection carnivals before final team selection is made.

Surf Interstate Squad

The 2024 Surf Interstate Squad will comprise of approximately 50 athletes based upon relevant past performances and results. The NSW Selection Panel have nominated the following carnivals as selection events.

Note: Athletes may be selected from outside the squad if results warrant selection.

State Selection Carnivals

- Beach Stormers Series standings, October – December 2023
- Wanda Tradies Carnival, 28 – 29 October 2023
- Interbranch Championships, 2 – 3 December 2023
- Avoca Surf Slam, 9 December 2023
- Relevant Summer of Surf results

Training Camp

It is intended that a training camp for the selected squad members will be held prior to Christmas. Further details will be provided.

Team Composition

The 2024 SLSA Australian Interstate Championships will hold Open, Youth and Pathway divisions of competition with a total team size of 36 athletes:

- Each **Open** Team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitors. To be eligible for an Open State team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2022 (i.e. Under 17 age group). Each Open State team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitive members from either the U17, U19 or Open age categories.
- Each **Youth** Team will consist of 5 male and 5 female competitors. To be eligible for a Youth State team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before the 30 September 2022 (i.e. Under 17 age group). Each Youth State team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitive members from the U17 age category **only**.
- Each **Pathway** Team will consist of 8 male and 8 female competitors. To be eligible for a Pathway State team a member must be a minimum age of 13 years as of 30 September 2022 (i.e. Under 14 age group) or a minimum age of 14 years as at 30 September 2022 (i.e. Under 15 age group). Each Pathway State team will consist of a maximum of 8 male and 8 female competitive members from the U14 and U15 age categories only.
- Competitors must compete for the whole of the Championships in either the Open or Youth or Pathway Competition. They are **not permitted to compete outside of their chosen division**.

Levy

A levy may be payable for all successful team members to assist with the cost of the team (i.e. uniform, food, transport, etc.). Clubs will be invoiced for this team levy and it will then be up to the club to pass on this expense onto the individual athlete.

How to Nominate

- All nominating members are asked to familiarise themselves with the [SLSNSW Selection Policy](#) and the SLSNSW Athlete & Management Agreement. All athletes will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in these documents.
- Complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) by **Sunday 10 September 2023**
- All nominees must be current financial members and proficient with their relevant awards. All nominations must be endorsed by Club representatives.
- After the close of nominations, Branch will be sent all nominations from within their Branch. Branch will then be required to provide endorsement for nominations to SLSNSW within 48 hours. Individuals are not required to seek a letter from Branch prior to nomination. If Branch does not endorse the nomination, it will be the responsibility of the Branch to communicate this to the member.
- Bronze of Origin: athletes who have transferred to an Interstate SLSC are eligible to nominate for NSW team selection if they originally completed their Bronze Medallion in

NSW, under the 'Bronze of Origin' guidelines. Endorsements from both your current club and original NSW club are required prior to selection.

Match Fixing and Anti-Doping

- The SLSA National Policy on Match Fixing and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs including special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.
- Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.2 Anti-Doping Policy and Policy 6.23 Illicit Drugs in Sport (both available online in the SLSA Members Portal). It is strongly recommended that all Team Managers complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module AND conduct at least one (1) anti-doping education activity with all competitors from the Club - <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/education>