



Circular

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Audience:	Youth/Junior Directors, Youth/Junior Coordinators, Club Administrators
Summary:	This circular contains information on the 2020 Nipper & Youth Awards presented by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some awards require club nominations – refer to Table 1 and Table 2 “Club Action Required” Column. Nominations close for those awards at 5pm 17 February 2020.

On the afternoon 4 April 2020 Surf Life Saving WA (SLSWA) will host the inaugural Nipper & Youth Awards presented by the Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation ceremony, recognising the outstanding achievements of nipper and youth members across the state. The Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation are proud supporters of these awards. The awards that will be presented at this ceremony are summarized in the tables below, with further details on each following.

TABLE 1: NIPPER AWARDS (U10 – U13)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Nomination process / selection process</i>	<i>Club action required</i>
1. Female & Male Surf Sports Age Champions	SLSWA will determine based of criteria outlined below	No
2. Surf Sports Champion	SLSWA will determine based of criteria outlined below	No
3. Nipper Club Achievers	One nomination only per club – refer Appendix A	Yes
4. Nipper of the Year	Selected by Development Committee from Nipper Achievers	No

TABLE 2: YOUTH AWARDS (U14 – U17)

<i>Category</i>	<i>Nomination /selection process</i>	<i>Club action required</i>
5. Gold Level Youth Leaders Program	SLSWA will invite those who have achieved Gold Level	No
6. Youth Official of the Year	One nomination only per club– refer Appendix B	Yes
7. U/15 Lifesaver of the Year	One nomination only per club – refer Appendix C	Yes
8. Youth Club Achievers	One nomination only per club – refer Appendix D	Yes
9. Youth of the Year	Selected by Development Committee from Youth Achievers	No

1. Female & Male Surf Sports Age Champion (U10-U13)

The Surf Sports Age Champions will be determined for each gender age group based on performances at the 2020 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Nipper Championships held on 13 -15 March 2020. The winners of each gender age group will be determined by tallying the number of individual gold medals won. In the case of a tie, the determination will then be made based on the number of individual silver medals won and then individual bronze medals won. If still undetermined team medals will be taken into consideration with gold considered firstly, then silver, then bronze. Parents of winners of this award will be notified after the Nipper State Championships and the winners will be invited to the ceremony on the afternoon of the 4 April 2020.

2. Nipper Champion Athlete

The Surf Sports Champion will be determined based on performance at the 2020 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Nipper Championships held on 13 – 15 March 2020. The winner will be determined by tallying the number of individual gold medals won. In the case of a tie the determination will then be made based on the number of individual silver medals won and then individual bronze medals won. If still undetermined team medals will be taken into consideration with gold considered firstly, then silver, then bronze. The announcement of the winner of this award will be made at the ceremony on the 4 April, as the winner of this award will be one of the Surf Sports Age Champions.

3. Nipper Club Achiever Award:

This award recognises the outstanding club contributions of one Nipper member (preferably an Under 13 age group member) and their achievement of the outcomes in the areas of individual safety, surf awareness, lifesaving and surf sports skills as prescribed Woodside Nipper Program. Clubs need to complete and submit the nomination form (Appendix A) by 5pm 17 February 2020. Criteria for this award is outlined on Appendix A. Please note that the nomination will be used by the Development Committee to determine the **Nipper of the Year**.

4. Nipper of the Year

Each nominated Nipper Club Achiever will be considered for the Nipper of the Year, which will be determined by the Development Committee and announced at the ceremony on the afternoon of the 4 April 2020. It is imperative therefore, that clubs ensure they clearly address the criteria for Nipper Club Achiever to give their member the best possible chance of becoming the Nipper of the Year.

5. Gold Level Youth Leaders Program

SLSWA will invite all youth who achieve Gold Level in the Youth Leaders Program (YLP) during the 2019/2020 season to the ceremony on the afternoon of the 4 April 2020. This ceremony will be an appropriate occasion to recognise the commitment of these youth members to the Surf Life Saving movement.

6. Youth Official of the Year

This award recognises and rewards a youth member who has made an outstanding contribution to officiating during the 2019/20 season. The member must be a registered SLSWA Youth Official. The Development Committee will determine the winner and clubs are invited to nominate one registered youth official (U14 – U17) via the nomination form (Appendix B) by 5pm 17 February 2020. SLSWA can also nominate youth members for this award.

7. U15 Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises outstanding patrolling service during the 2019/20 season by a youth Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) holder. Only Youth Members who have an SRC but have not obtained their Bronze Medallion prior to close of entries (5pm 17 February 2020) are eligible for this award. Clubs need to complete and submit the nomination form (Appendix C) by 5pm 17 February 2020. The Development Committee will determine the winner of this award.

8. Youth Club Achiever Award:

This award recognises the outstanding club contributions of one youth member (Under 14 - Under 17) in the areas of lifesaving, training, leadership and surf sports. Clubs need to complete and submit the nomination form (Appendix D) by 5pm 17 February 2020. Criteria for this award is outlined in Appendix D. Please note that the nomination will be used by the Development Committee to determine the **Youth of the Year**.

9. Youth of the Year

Each nominated Youth Club Achiever will be considered for the Youth of the Year, which will be determined by the Development Committee and announced at the ceremony on the afternoon of the 4 April 2020. It is imperative therefore, that clubs ensure they clearly address the criteria for Youth Club Achiever to give their member the best possible chance of becoming the Youth of the Year.

This is a great opportunity for clubs to recognise their outstanding Nipper and Youth members and we strongly encourage all clubs to nominate members even if they do not meet all criteria particularly in the case of the Nipper and Youth Club Achievers. The criteria for these awards will be primarily used to determine the Nipper and Youth of the Year. Further details of the ceremony on the afternoon of the 4 April 2020 will be provided to invited guests, finalists and winners closer to the event date.

As well as the awards outlined in this Circular there will be a number of awards added to the Surf Life Saving WA Awards of Excellence specifically created to recognise the outstanding contribution of adults to our nipper and youth programs. Details on these awards will be provided in the Awards of Excellence Circular.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. O'Toole".

James O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer

APPENDIX A

2020 NIPPER CLUB ACHIEVER AWARD Nomination Form

Nominations close 5:00pm Monday 17 February 2020

Nominated Member: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Club: _____

Please address each criteria item below with information related to this season

1. Achievement of **individual safety** outcomes as prescribed in the Woodside Nipper Program

2. Achievement of **surf awareness** outcomes as prescribed in the Woodside Nipper Program

3. Achievement of the **lifesaving** outcomes as prescribed in the Woodside Nipper Program

4. Achievement of the **surf sports skills** outcomes as prescribed in the Woodside Nipper Program

5. Attitude displayed by member eg positive, tries their best, team orientated, respectful, role model

6. Level of participation of member – attendance on Sundays, at training, at carnivals

7. Contribution to club

CLUB ENDORSEMENT

I endorse that the above nominated person has met the award criteria as stated above.

Officer's Name: _____

Officer's Position: _____

Officer's Signature: _____

**Please return club endorsed nomination to David Somers, Senior Development Officer,
by Monday the 17 February 2020.**

Email: dsomers@sloswa.com.au or by Post: PO Box 700 Balcatta WA 6914

APPENDIX B

2020 YOUTH OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD Nomination Form

Please address each criteria item below with information related to this season

Nominated Member: _____ Age: _____

This member is a SLSWA registered Youth Official; True / False / Unsure (please circle)

Home Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Club: _____

1. Attitude displayed by member whilst acting as an Official eg positive, team orientated, respectful

2. Level of participation of member – carnivals attended in 2019/20, roles undertaken

CLUB ENDORSEMENT

I endorse that the above nominated person has met the award criteria as stated above.

Officer's Name: _____

Officer's Position: _____

Officer's Signature: _____

**Please return club endorsed nomination to David Somers, Senior Development Officer,
by Monday the 17 February 2020.**

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APPENDIX C

2020 U15 LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR AWARD Nomination Form

Please address each criteria item below with information related to this season

Nominated Member: _____ Age: _____

Date SRC gained: _____

This member is yet to obtain their Bronze Medallion; True / False / Unsure (please circle)

Home Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Club: _____

1. Attitude displayed by member whilst on patrol eg positive, team orientated, respectful

2. Level of participation of member – hours this season to date, roles undertaken

CLUB ENDORSEMENT

I endorse that the above nominated person has met the award criteria as stated above.

Officer's Name: _____

Officer's Position: _____

Officer's Signature: _____

**Please return club endorsed nomination to David Somers, Senior Development Officer,
by Monday the 17 February 2020.**

Email: dsomers@skswa.com.au or by Post: PO Box 700 Balcatta WA 6914

APPENDIX D

2020 YOUTH CLUB ACHIEVER AWARD Nomination Form

Nominations close 5:00pm Monday 17 February 2020

Nominated Member: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Club: _____

Please address each criteria item below with information related to this season

1. Achievement in **lifesaving** area – hours on patrol to date this season, awards gained this season

2. Achievement in **training** area – assistance provided to training area, training award gained

3. Achievement in **leadership** area – leadership activities undertaken, registered for YLP

4. Achievement in **surf sports** area – club, interclub, coaching, officiating
