

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>2019-20 Western Suns Representative Teams Information-AMENDED</b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Club Administrators, Club Surf Sports Officers and Club Coaches and Club Competitors
<b>Summary:</b>	The circular outlines information and selection criteria relating to the following Western Suns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Western Suns Ocean / Beach Interstate Team</li> <li>2. The Western Suns Youth Pathway Cup Team</li> <li>3. The Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team</li> </ol>
<b>Action:</b>	Clubs and coaches are to advise competitors of the Western Suns Team opportunities.

### Background

SLSWA supports five Western Suns touring teams, providing athletes and support staff the invaluable opportunity of being exposed to national level competitions around the country. This level of support provided for our top-tier athletes far exceeds that provided by other states; and we are immensely proud of their achievements as they represent Western Australia.

For the 2019/20 season, SLSWA will be supporting the following touring teams:

Team
Ocean/Beach Interstate Team
Youth Pathway Cup Team
Surf Rowers Interstate Team
IRB Interstate Team
Pool Rescue Interstate Team

The information within this circular relates to the Western Suns Representative Teams Selection Policy for:

- The Western Suns Ocean / Beach Interstate Team
- The Western Suns Youth Pathway Cup Team
- The Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team

This document is also now available on the SLSWA website and has been distributed widely to athletes, coaches and administrators. It is the responsibility of all prospective team members and their coaches to read and make sure they understand the selections policy and how it operates.

If anyone has a specific query in relation to the intended meaning or operation of the policy, they can contact Andrew Mosel, High Performance Officer on (08) 9207 6666 or [amosel@sksa.com.au](mailto:amosel@sksa.com.au).



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## Western Suns Ocean / Beach Interstate Team

### Selection Philosophy

The Western Suns Ocean/Beach Interstate Team will be selected with the primary objective of achieving the best outcome for Western Australia at the SLSA Interstate Championships but still developing the talent in Western Australia. The SLSA Interstate Championships will be held on the Sunshine Coast at Alexandra Headlands on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### Team Composition

The touring team composition will be based on the requirements of the Interstate Championships which is conducted in two components – Open and Youth. In accordance with SLSA requirements, the team will consist of the following:

1. Open Team members – 6 male and 6 female members
2. Youth Team members – 6 male and 6 female members from the U17 and U19 age categories.  
The Youth Team must include a minimum of two U17 males and two U17 females.

***Please note: Competitors will be selected to compete in either the Open or Youth Competition and are not permitted to compete in both competitions.***

### Selection Criteria

Athletes will be selected based upon a mix of subjective (as defined by the SLSWA Selection Committee) and objective selection criteria (see below). This method allows the selectors to pick what, in their opinion, is the best possible team to represent and earn the highest points for Western Australia.

Considerations for team selection will be based upon:

- A) Performances at the Pre-Season Team Trial at City Beach 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019;
- B) Performances at the Mullaloo Senior Carnival, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019;
- C) Performances in the 2019 SLSA Australian Championships;
- D) Performances in the 2019 SLSWA Senior State Championships;
- E) Overall consistency of performance;
- F) Individual strengths that may contribute to the performance of the team as a whole; and
- G) Willingness and ability to fill a role that may enhance Western Australia's medal potential.

### Conditional Selection

The SLSWA Selection Committee maintains the ability to make the conditional selection of any particular athlete subject to the athlete meeting further conditions. Examples being:

- Achieving a particular result in a future race;
- Completing a fitness Trial; or
- Any other condition that, in the opinion of the selection committee, is reasonable in the circumstances of the particular athlete.

### Announcement of the Western Suns Ocean/Beach Interstate Team

The Western Suns Interstate Team will be announced on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 via the SLSWA website, SLSWA Circular and the SLSWA Facebook page.

## Western Suns Youth Pathway Cup Team

### Selection Philosophy

The Western Suns Youth Pathway Cup Team will be selected with the primary objective of developing athletes and providing the SLSWA youth opportunities and a pathway to future SLSWA Interstate Teams. The Youth Pathway Cup closely mirrors the senior Interstate Championship format and involves teams from QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, TAS and WA. The Youth Pathway Cup will be held in conjunction with the SLSA Interstate Championships at Alexandra Headlands on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### Team Composition

The Western Suns Youth Pathway Cup Team will consist of 20 athletes from the following age groups:

1. U14 members – 5 male and 5 female members
2. U15 members – 5 male and 5 female members

### Selection Criteria

Athletes will be selected based upon a mix of subjective (as defined by the SLSWA Selection Committee) and objective selection criteria (see below). This method allows the selectors to pick what, in their opinion, is the best mix of youth competitors for the Youth Pathway Cup.

Considerations for team selection will be based upon:

- A) Performances in the, U14 and U15 age groups within the first 2 Senior Carnivals; Mullaloo Beach, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Secret Harbour Beach, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019;
- B) Performances U14 and U15 age groups within the Pre-season Team Trials at City Beach 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019;
- C) Performances in the 2019 SLSWA State Championships;
- D) Overall consistency of performance;
- E) Willingness and ability to fill a role that may enhance Western Australia's medal potential.

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### Announcement of the Western Suns Youth Pathway Cup Team

The Western Suns Youth Pathway Cup Team will be announced on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 via the SLSWA website, SLSWA Circular and the SLSWA Facebook page.

## Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team

### Selection Philosophy

The Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team will be selected with the primary objective of achieving the best outcome for Western Australia. The SLSA Surf Boat Interstate Championships being held at Mollymook, NSW on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### Surf Rowers Interstate Team Composition

The touring team composition will be based of the requirements of the Interstate Championships which is one crew from each of the following divisions: Open Male, Open Female, Reserve Male, Reserve Female, U23 Male, U23 Female, U19 Male and U19 Female. The crews to be selected for the Male and Female Reserves will be the 2nd placed crew in the open division. The final event of the Interstate Championships is the eight-boat relay where all crews participate; therefore, the state team must be made up of a unique team from each division. No single crew can double up in the relay and so all divisions must be represented.

### Selection Criteria

Considerations for team selection will be based upon:

- A) Performances in the Senior Carnivals;  
Mullaloo Beach on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Secret Harbour Beach on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019;
- B) Performances in the Coogee Beach Navy Surf Boat Series on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019;
- C) Performances in the 2019 SLSA Australian Championships;
- D) Performances in the 2019 SLSWA Senior State Championships;
- E) Overall consistency of performance;

### Announcement of the Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team

The Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team will be announced on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 via the SLSWA website, SLSWA Circular and the SLSWA Facebook page.

## SLSWA Selection Committee

The SLSWA Selection Committee is the Surf Sports Advisory Committee and will be responsible for the selection of the following Touring teams:

- Ocean / Beach Interstate Team
- Youth Pathway Cup Team
- Surf Rowers Interstate Team

## Eligibility Criteria

Only athletes qualified according to the terms of this section will be eligible for selection in the Western Suns Representative Teams.

### a) SLSWA general eligibility criteria:

1. Athletes must hold 2019/20 competitive rights within a SLSA registered club.
2. To be eligible for the Open Teams, a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2019 (i.e. Under 17 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety.
3. To be eligible for the Youth Interstate Team, a member must be a minimum age of 15 years (i.e. Under 17 age group) and a maximum age of 18 years (i.e. Under 19 age group) on or before midnight 30 September 2019, and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety.
4. To be eligible for the Youth Pathway Cup Team, a member must be a minimum age of 13 years (i.e. Under 14 age group) and a maximum age of 15 years (i.e. Under 15 age group) on or before midnight 30 September 2019 They must hold a proficient SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate (U14 and U15).

### b) SLSWA specific eligibility criteria:

1. Upon successful selection in the relevant Western Suns Team, complete and sign the SLSWA Athlete Agreement which will be sent to the athletes after selection.
2. All members of the teams must have completed the six, 20-minute Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) online learning modules and forward their completed certificate to SLSWA with their 2019-20 Athlete Agreement, within 14 days of their selection.
3. At all times abide by SLSA's Code of Conduct and act in a manner that does not bring the sport of surf lifesaving or the SLSWA Western Suns Representative Teams into disrepute.

## Requirements after Selection

During the period between the announcement of the relevant team and the date of departure, athletes must demonstrate that they are physically fit, performing well and likely to compete at a level appropriate to the relevant national events, and uphold the standards as outlined with the SLSWA Athlete Agreement. If a team manager or athlete breaches the standards as outlined within the Athlete Agreement, they will face removal from the team. In this instance, the SLSWA High Performance Officer shall have the power to replace that team manager or athlete if necessary at their discretion.

SLSWA will cover touring team travel and accommodation expenses for the Western Suns Ocean/Beach Interstate Team and the Western Suns Youth Pathway Cup Team. For the Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team SLSWA will will cover touring team travel and accommodation expenses for the Open male and female crews and the U23 male and female crews. The U19 male and female crews and the Reserve male and female crews will receive a subsidy of \$440 incl GST per athlete which will be distributed to the athlete's club. If an athlete doubles up (e.g. a sweep of multiple crews or sweep of one crew and rower in another), they are only eligible for a single subsidy.

### **Appeals**

There is no right of appeal against non-selection of an athlete in the 2019/20 Western Suns Representative Teams.

### **Power to amend**

SLSWA reserves the right to amend this policy at any time prior to the selection of the 2019/20 Western Suns Representative Teams. Amendment will occur only on the basis of extenuating circumstances. The amended policy will be distributed to all clubs at the time of any amendment.

Please direct any queries relating to this circular to Andrew Mosel, High Performance Officer at Surf Life Saving Western Australia during office hours on (08) 9207 6666 or email [amosel@sksa.com.au](mailto:amosel@sksa.com.au)