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Audience:	Club Administrators, Club Competition Officers, Club Pool Rescue Coaches and Competitors
Summary:	2021 Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team who will compete at the Interstate Championships 6-8 August 2021, Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport, QLD.
Action:	Clubs and coaches are to advise competitors of the representative team opportunities.
Attachment:	Qualifying Times

Background

The 2021 SLSA Interstate Pool Rescue Championships will be held in conjunction with the 2021 Australian Pool Rescue Championships at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport, QLD.

SLSWA Support

SLSWA will provide each selected member of the team with a \$400 (inc GST) subsidy to assist with associated travel and accommodation costs. The selected athlete must travel to and compete in the Championships. The subsidy will be paid to the competitor's club at the conclusion of the championships and the club will be responsible for distributing these funds in accordance with individual club policy. Each selected member will also receive a Western Suns State Team uniform.

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JAMES O'TOOLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**SURF LIFE SAVING WESTERN AUSTRALIA (“SLSWA”)
WESTERN SUNS POOL RESCUE STATE TEAM
SELECTION POLICY**

Selection Philosophy

The Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team will be selected with the objective of having nationally competitive athletes who will achieving the best outcome for Western Australia in SLSA Pool Rescue Interstate Championships. Athletes must achieve the qualifying time set SLSWA at the 2021 SLSWA State Pool Rescue Championships. If no athletes equal or beat the relevant qualifying time, then no athlete will be selected to the Team. The Selection Committee also maintains the ability to make the discretionary selection of any particular athlete.

Team Composition

a) Pool Rescue Interstate Championships Team

If the full touring team is selected its composition will consist of the following:

U14 - 2 males/2 females

U15 - 2 males/2 females

U17 - 2 males/2 females

U19 - 2 males/2 females

Open - 4 males/4 females

- Please note that an U13 competitor is not permitted to participate in the SLSA Pool Rescue Interstate Championships.
- Competitors must compete for their state for the whole of the Interstate Championships in their actual age category for individual events. Competitors cannot age up in individual events. However, participation in relay events shall be as per the 36th edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

Selection Criteria

Athletes will be selected based upon a mix of subjective and objective selection criteria. 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) To be eligible for the State Team a member must be in the appropriate age group on or before midnight 30 September 2020 and hold a proficient award relevant to their age group.
- b) Achieve the qualifying time set SLSWA at the 2021 SLSWA State Pool Rescue Championship. (see attached qualifying times).
- c) Overall consistency of performance;
- d) Individual strengths that may contribute to the performance of the team as a whole; and
- e) Willingness and ability to fill a role that may enhance Western Australia’s medal potential.

Discretionary selection

The Selection Committee maintains the ability to make the discretionary 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 to the satisfaction of the team manager; 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 Pool Rescue State Team

The Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team will be announced on Thursday 1st July 2021 via the SLSWA website and the SLSWA Facebook page.

SLSWA Contribution

SLSWA will provide each selected member of the team with a \$400 (inc GST) subsidy to assist with travel and accommodation costs. Selected athletes will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation requirements in relation to their participation in the 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 competitive rights within a SLSA registered club.
2. To be eligible for the Team, a member must be a minimum age of 13 years on or before midnight 30 September 2020 (i.e. Under 14 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate, or for U17 and above competitors a proficient Bronze Medallion.
3. Athletes are reminded to check on their own qualifications and ensure eligibility.

b) SLSWA specific eligibility criteria:

1. Upon successful selection in the Western Suns Pool Rescue Interstate Team, complete and sign the SLSWA Athlete Agreement that will be sent after the team has been announced.
2. 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 Pool Rescue State Team 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 Interstate Championships and uphold the standards as outlined with the Athlete Agreement. If a manager or athlete breaches the standards as outlined within the Manager or Athlete Agreement, they will face removal from the team. In this instance, the SLSWA Sports Development Officer shall have the power to replace that manager or athlete if necessary at his discretion.

Appeals

There is no right of appeal against non-selection of an athlete in the 2021 Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team.

Power to amend

SLSWA reserves the right to amend this policy at any time prior to the selection of the 2021 Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team. 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.