

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>2024 Western Suns Surf Boat Interstate Team Selection Information</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 2024 Western Suns Surf Boat Interstate Team
<b>Action:</b>	Clubs and coaches are to advise competitors of the Western Suns Team opportunities. Crews to complete online expression of interest form.

The information within this circular relates to the Western Suns Representative Team selection guidelines for the Western Suns Surf Boat crews.

The Surf Life Saving Australia Surf Boat Interstate Challenge will be conducted in conjunction with the Australian Surf Rowers League (ASRL) Open event held 15-18 February 2024.

### Location

Interstate Challenge at Lorne, Victoria.

### Date

Friday, 16 February 2024.

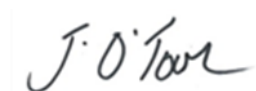
### Team Composition

The Western Suns Surf Boat Team will comprise of one crew in each of the following divisions with the selection criteria listed below:

- Open Male
- Open Female
- Reserve Grade Male
- Reserve Grade Female
- Under 19 Male
- Under 19 Female
- Under 23 Male
- Under 23 Female

It is the responsibility of all prospective team members and their coaches to read and make sure they understand the selection criteria and how it operates.

For further information regarding selection for the 2024 Western Suns Surf Boat Team, please contact Surf Sports on (08) 9207 6666 or [surfsports@slnwa.com.au](mailto:surfsports@slnwa.com.au).



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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To ensure that SLSWA is aware of your availability and desire to participate as part of the Western Suns Interstate Surf Boat Team, you are required to complete the online [Expression of Interest Form](#). Closing date for nominations is Thursday 7 December 2023.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only athletes qualified according to the terms of this section will be eligible for selection in the Western Suns Surf Boat Interstate Team.

- Athletes must hold 2023/24 competitive rights within a SLSWA registered club.
- Age requirements will be as per the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37<sup>th</sup> Ed. and subsequent updates.
- All members must read and be familiar with the SLSA Interstate Rules and Entry Circular (when available).
- Upon successful selection, all participants must complete and sign the SLSWA athlete agreement which will be sent to the athletes after selection.
- At all times, team members must 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.

### Crew composition

Crew members shall be the same in qualifying events and as nominated in the Expression of Interest. Should members be substituted post selection, SLSWA reserve the right to reassess selection decisions, e.g., injury, availability.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Athletes will be selected based upon a mix of subjective and objective selection criteria (see below). This method allows the selection panel to assess the best possible crews to represent Western Australia.

### Selection Carnivals

**Crews will be selected based on performances at the following events:**

- Secret Harbour – Sunday 10 December 2023, Surf Boat Carnival
- Secret Harbour – Sunday 14 January 2024, Surf Boat Carnival

Whilst the intent is for crews to demonstrate their performance across both selection events, if crews only contest one of the selection events, this may jeopardise their selection.

**Secondary and supporting event considerations if required from:**

- Overall consistency of performance at carnivals in the lead up to selection.

## Divisions

- Age group racing will be considered as U19 and U23 independently. At the selection events, crews in these age groups will only race in their age division, e.g., 3-4 rounds against their age group peers.
- Both Open and Reserve crews will be selected based on results from **Open Division racing**. The top crew will represent WA in the Open Division and the next best crew will represent WA in the Reserve Division.
- If the selected crew in any division is unable to attend the Australian Interstate Championship, the next highest placed crew within that division shall be offered the position (pending approval by SLSWA).

## SELECTION PANEL

The selection panel is the SLSWA Surf Sports Advisory Committee, which will consider recommendations from the WA Surf Boat Panel and SLSWA staff.

## COMPETITION

Normal competition rules apply to the selection events as per current SLSA Surf Sports Manual as well as any additional rules imposed by the event organiser.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WESTERN SUNS SURF BOAT INTERSTATE TEAM

The Western Suns Surf Boat Interstate Team will be announced on **Tuesday 23 January 2024** via the SLSWA website, SLSWA Circular and the SLSWA Facebook page.

## 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 within the SLSWA Athlete Agreement. If a team manager or athlete breaches the standards as outlined within the SLSWA Athlete Agreement, they will face removal from the team. In this instance, SLSWA shall have the power to replace that team manager or athlete, if necessary, at their discretion.

## SLSWA CONTRIBUTION

Each selected member will receive a \$500 incl GST subsidy which will be distributed to the member's club post event. 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.

Each member will be provided with a State Team Uniform pack.

## APPEALS

There is no right of appeal against non-selection of an athlete/crew in the 2024 Western Suns Representative Teams.

## POWER TO AMEND

SLSWA reserves the right to amend this Circular at any time prior to the selection of the 2024 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.