

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>2026 Western Suns IRB State Team</b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Club Administrators, Club Competition Officers, Club IRB Racing Coaches and Competitors
<b>Summary:</b>	2026 Western Suns IRB State Team will compete at the 2026 Interstate IRB Championships being held at South West Rocks, NSW, on 15 July 2026.
<b>Action:</b>	Clubs and coaches are to advise competitors of the representative team opportunities.

The information within this circular relates to the Western Suns Representative Team selection guidelines for the Western Suns IRB State Team.

The Surf Life Saving Australia IRB Interstate Championship will be conducted in conjunction with the Australian IRB Championships event held 15-19 July 2026.

### LOCATION

South West Rocks, NSW

### TEAM COMPOSITION

The team composition will be based on the requirements of the IRB Interstate Championships. A maximum of 16 Open & 16 U23 IRB state team positions are available.

For further information, please contact the Surf Sports Team on (08) 9207 6666 or [surfsports@slnwa.com.au](mailto:surfsports@slnwa.com.au).



**James O'Toole**  
Chief Executive Officer

The Western Suns IRB State Team will be selected with the objective of having nationally competitive athletes who will achieve the best outcome for Western Australia in the SLSA IRB Interstate Championships.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Athletes must hold competitive rights within a SLSWA registered club.
- Upon successful selection in the Western Suns IRB State Team, complete and sign the SLSWA Athlete Agreement that will be sent after the team has been announced.
- 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 IRB State Team into disrepute.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- The highest placed male and female Mass Rescue teams in both the Open & U23's at WA's IRB State Championships that are eligible to represent the state are included in the State Team with patients (16 people).
- The highest placed male and female Tube Rescue teams in both the Open & U23's at WA's IRB State Championships that are eligible to represent the state excluding patients are included in the State Team (8 People)
- The highest placed male and female Single Rescue teams in both the Open & U23's at WA's IRB State Championships that are eligible to represent the state excluding patients are included in the State Team (8 People)
- If an eligible team places highest in more than one event at the WA IRB State Championships, then they are given the opportunity to compete in every event that they have qualified for.
- If the highest place team declines, then that spot will be left vacant.
- SLSWA acknowledge and accepts that a complete touring team may not be met through the above criteria.

## SELECTION PANEL

The selection panel is the SLSWA Surf Sports Team and management.

## 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. Patrol Hour requirements are as per SLSA policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WESTERN SUNS IRB STATE TEAM

The Western Suns IRB State Team will be announced on Thursday 25 June 2026 via the SLSWA website and Facebook page. This will be followed up with the Team Pack Presentation on **Thursday 2 July 2026** at SLSWA, 7 Delawney Street Balcatta, 6.00pm.

## SLSWA CONTRIBUTION

SLSWA will provide each selected member of the team with a \$500 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. This subsidy will be sent to the competitor's club upon return of the team and the club will be responsible for distributing these funds in accordance with individual club policy.

Each selected member will be provided with a Western Suns State Team pack and entry fee into the IRB Championship event.

## APPEALS

There is no right of appeal against non-selection of an athlete in the 2026 Western Suns IRB State Team.

## POWER TO AMEND

SLSWA reserves the right to amend this policy at any time prior to the selection of the 2026 Western Suns IRB State Team. The amended policy will be distributed to all clubs at the time of any amendment.