

Circular

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Summary:	The circular outlines information and selection criteria relating to the following Western Suns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Western Suns Ocean / Beach Interstate Team 2. The Western Suns Youth Development Squad 3. The Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team 4. The Western Suns Open Elite Team
Action:	Clubs and coaches are to advise competitors of the Western Suns Team opportunities.

Background

SLSWA supports six 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 2018/19 season, SLSWA will be supporting the following Western Suns touring teams:

Team	Date	Event Locations
Ocean/Beach Interstate Team	22 nd - 28 th January 2019	Newport, Freshwater and Manly, NSW
Youth Development Squad	22 nd - 28 th January 2019	Newport, Freshwater and Manly, NSW
Surf Rowers Interstate Team	15 th - 17 th February 2019	Elouera, NSW
Open Elite Team	21 st - 24 th February 2019	North Cronulla, NSW
IRB Interstate Team	12 th - 14 th July 2019	Kingscliff, NSW
Pool Rescue Interstate Team	9 th - 11 th August 2019	Southport, QLD

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 Development Squad
- The Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team
- The Western Suns Open Elite 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@slnwa.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.

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 in the, U17, U19 and Open age groups within the first two rounds of the 2018-19 SunSmart Series:
Round 1 – Leighton Beach on Sunday 11th November 2018
Round 2 – Trigg Beach on Sunday 16th December 2018
- b) Performances in the U17, U19 and Open age groups at a State Team Trial event at Mullaloo Beach on Sunday 2nd December 2018;
- c) Performances in the 2018 ISL World Championships;
- d) Performances in the 2018 SLSA Australian Championships;
- e) Performances in the 2018 SLSWA Senior State Championships;
- f) Overall consistency of performance;
- g) Individual strengths that may contribute to the performance of the team as a whole; and
- h) Willingness and ability to fill a role that may enhance Western Australia's medal potential.

Discretionary selection

The SLSWA 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 ; 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 19th December 2018 via the SLSWA website, SLSWA Circular and the SLSWA Facebook page. A team launch will be held on Saturday 12th January 2019 at Scarborough SLSC.

Western Suns Youth Development Squad

Selection Philosophy

The Western Suns Youth Development Squad 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 U14 and U15 athletes will compete in the Youth Pathway Cup which 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 Newport Beach on the 24th January 2019. The Youth Development Squad will also compete at the Freshwater Carnival on the 26th January 2019 and the Manly Carnival to be held on the 27th January 2019.

Team Composition

The Western Suns Youth Development Squad will consist of up to 26 athletes from the following age groups:

U14 members – 5 male and 5 female members

U15 members – 5 male and 5 female members

U17 members – 6 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 and future Interstate team members.

Considerations for team selection will be based upon:

- a) Performances in the U14, U15 and U17 age groups within the first 2 rounds of the 2018-19 SunSmart Series:
Round 1 – Leighton Beach on Sunday 11th November 2018
Round 2 – Trigg Beach on Sunday 16th December 2018
- b) Performances in U14, U15 and U17 age groups at a Development Squad Trial at Mullaloo Beach on the 2nd December 2018;
- c) Performances in the 2018 ISL World Championships;
- d) Performances in the 2018 SLSA Australian Championships;
- e) Performance in the 2018 SLSWA State Championships;
- f) Overall consistency of performance;
- g) Individual strengths that may contribute to the performance of the team as a whole; and
- h) 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 Development Squad

The Western Suns Youth Development Squad will be announced on Wednesday 19th December 2018 via the SLSWA website, SLSWA Circular and the SLSWA Facebook page. A team launch will be held on Saturday 12th January 2019 at Scarborough SLSC.

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 at the SLSA Surf Boat Interstate Championships being held at Elouera, NSW on Friday 15th February 2019.

Surf Rowers Interstate Team Composition

The touring team composition will be based on 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 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 2018-19 SunSmart Series:
 - Round 1 – Leighton Beach on Sunday 11th November 2018
 - Round 2 – Trigg Beach on Sunday 16th December 2018
- b) Performances in the Surf Boat Carnival at Mullaloo Beach on the 2nd December 2018;
- c) Performances in the 2018 ISL World Championships;
- d) Performances in the 2018 SLSA Australian Championships;
- e) Performance in the 2018 SLSWA State Championships;
- f) 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 19th December 2018 via the SLSWA website, SLSWA Circular and the SLSWA Facebook page. A team launch will be held on Saturday 12th January 2019 at Scarborough SLSC.

The Western Suns Open Elite Surf Team

Selection Philosophy

The winners of each discipline of the SLSWA Surf League Series based on total points accrued across the all three rounds will be selected into the Western Suns Open Elite Surf Team. Athletes will have the opportunity to compete at Round 6 of the Ocean 6 Series on the 22rd – 24th February at North Cronulla.

Touring Team Composition

The Western Suns Open Elite Surf Team may consist of up to 6 male and 6 female Open aged athletes from the following disciplines: Sprint, Flags, Swim, Board, Ski and Ironman.

Selection Criteria

The winners of each discipline of the Surf League based on total points accrued across the all three rounds will be selected into the Western Suns Open Elite Representative team.

Surf League Round 1 – North Cottesloe on Sunday 9th December 2018

Surf League Round 2 – Scarborough on Sunday 12th January 2019

Surf League Round 3 – Sorrento on Sunday 3rd February 2019

Announcement of the Western Suns Open Elite Surf Team

The Western Suns Open Elite Surf team will be announced on Sunday 3rd February 2019 after the completion of the Round 3 Surf League. It will also be released via the SLSWA Website, the Club News and the SLSWA Facebook page.

Common Selection Elements

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 Development Squad
- Surf Rowers Interstate Team
- Open Elite Surf 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 2018/19 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 2018 (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 2018, and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety.
4. To be eligible for the Youth Development Squad, a member must be a minimum age of 13 years (i.e. Under 14 age group) and a maximum age of 16 years (i.e. Under 17 age group) on or before midnight 30 September 2018 They must hold a proficient SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate (U14 and U15) or a Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety (U17).

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 2018-19 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 Contribution

SLSWA will cover touring team travel and accommodation expenses for the Western Suns Ocean / Beach Interstate Team, the Western Suns Development Team and the Western Suns Open Elite Team. For the Western Suns Surf Rowers Interstate Team SLSWA will provide 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 2018/19 Western Suns Representative Teams.

Power to amend

SLSWA reserves the right to amend this policy at any time prior to the selection of the 2018/19 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@slnwa.com.au