

Bulletin

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Summary:	This bulletin outlines event and general competitive conditions for affiliated clubs for the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior events.
Action:	Clubs are to note the following modifications from last season's bulletin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event dates and competitive conditions for the season's Championships events. - No Under 14 competitor is eligible to contest U15 individual events, except for Champion Lifesaver. - No Under 13 competitor is eligible to enter the Senior State Championships.

Events	Event date	Entries close <i>(note no late entries)</i>
First Aid State Championships	Sat 15 Dec 2018	Event has passed.
R&R and Belt	Sat 16 Feb 2019 - Sorrento	11pm, Tuesday 12 February 2019
Champion Lifesaver	Sat 02 Mar 2019 - Sorrento	11pm, Thursday 21 February 2019
Champion Patrol	Mon 04 Mar 2019 - Sorrento	11pm, Thursday 21 February 2019
Short Course Surf Boat State Championships	Sat 09 Mar 2019 - Scarborough	11pm, Tuesday 05 March 2019
Senior State Championships (includes beach, ocean, surf boats)	09-10 Mar 2019 Scarborough	11pm, Tuesday 05 March 2019

Bulletins Binding on Members

Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to SLSWA regulations shall be advised to Members of the Association by means of Bulletins approved by the Chief Executive Officer. Affiliated Clubs shall take reasonable steps to distribute information in the Bulletins to Individual Members. Such inclusions in the Bulletins are binding upon all Members.

These championships will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 35th Edition Revised and subsequent amendments. The latest version of the Surf Sports Manual can be downloaded from the SLSA Members Area or accessed via the following [link](#).

It is most important that the information in this Bulletin is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors. Non-receipt of this Bulletin will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or Individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.



James O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer



CHECKLIST

The following checklist has been designed to assist Club Surf Sports Directors complete the necessary entry requirements for members wishing to compete at the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior.

1. INFORMATION

Ensure all the information contained in this document has been read thoroughly and the conditions for entries have been adhered to.

2. ENTRIES

On-line Entries

Entries for 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior are available on www.mybeach.com.au using the Carnival Manager System. Entries close Tuesday 05 March 2019, 11.00pm.

Upon completion of the above, the following is to be undertaken:

- It is the responsibility of the club to ensure the eligibility of members. Random eligibility checks will be undertaken by SLSWA; and
- Clubs will be invoiced for entry fees after the Championships.

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Part A: EVENTS

These championships will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 35th Edition Revised](#) and subsequent amendments. For any event to be contested at the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior, a minimum of three (3) individuals or three (3) teams from (2) different clubs is required.

As such, for all events, medals will be awarded as follows:

- (a) Three (3) or more competitors – Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals may be awarded.

A1 LIST OF EVENTS

Below is a list of championship events. The following changes have taken place this year in line with event changes at the Australian Championships.

- Introduction of the Short Course Surf Boat Race for Male and Female in the Open and U/19 category.
- Deletion of the Restricted Surf Race.

LIFESAIVING

- *Open First Aid
- *U19 First Aid
- *U17 First Aid
- *U15 First Aid
(completed 15 December 2018)
- *Open Patrol Competition
- *U17 Patrol Competition
(event on 4 March, 2019)
- *Open Male Champion Lifesaver
- *Open Female Champion Lifesaver
- *U19 Male Champion Lifesaver
- *U19 Female Champion Lifesaver
- *U17 Male Champion Lifesaver
- *U17 Female Champion Lifesaver
- *U15 Male Champion Lifesaver
- *U15 Female Champion Lifesaver
(event on 2 March, 2019)

- U17 5-Person R&R
- U15 5-Person R&R
(event on 16 February, 2019)

SURF BOARD

- Open Male Board Race
- Open Female Board Race
- U19 Male Board Race
- U19 Female Board Race
- U17 Male Board Race
- U17 Female Board Race
- U15 Male Board Race
- U15 Female Board Race
- U14 Male Board Race
- U14 Female Board Race
- Open Male Board Relay
- Open Female Board Relay
- U19 Male Board Relay
- U19 Female Board Relay
- U17 Male Board Relay
- U17 Female Board Relay
- Youth Male Board Relay
- Youth Female Board Relay

- U23 Female Surf Boat
- U19 Male Surf Boat
- U19 Female Surf Boat
- Open Surf Boat Relay
- Open Male Short Course Surf Boat
- Open Female Short Course Surf Boat
- U19 Male Short Course Surf Boat
- U19 Female Short Course Surf Boat

WATER

- Open Male Surf Belt Race
- Open Female Surf Belt Race
- U19 Male Surf Belt Race
- U19 Female Surf Belt Race
- U17 Male Surf Belt Race
- U17 Female Surf Belt Race

- Open Male Surf Race
- Open Female Surf Race
- U19 Male Surf Race
- U19 Female Surf Race
- U17 Male Surf Race
- U17 Female Surf Race
- U15 Male Surf Race
- U15 Female Surf Race
- U14 Male Surf Race
- U14 Female Surf Race

- Open Male Surf Teams Race
- Open Female Surf Teams Race
- U19 Male Surf Teams Race
- U19 Female Surf Teams Race
- U17 Male Surf Teams Race
- U17 Female Surf Teams Race
- Youth Male Surf Teams Race
- Youth Female Surf Teams Race

- Open Male Rescue Tube Rescue
- Open Female Rescue Tube Rescue
- U19 Male Rescue Tube Rescue
- U19 Female Rescue Tube Rescue

MULTI-DISCIPLINE

- Open Ironman
- Open Ironwoman
- U19 Ironman
- U19 Ironwoman
- U17 Ironman
- U17 Ironwoman
- U15 Ironman
- U15 Ironwoman
- U14 Ironman
- U14 Ironwoman

R & R EVENTS

- Open Mixed 6-Person R&R
- Open Male 5-Person R&R
- Open Female 5-Person R&R
- Open Mixed 5-Person R&R
- U19 5-Person R&R

SURF BOATS

- Open Male Surf Boat
- Open Female Surf Boat
- Reserve Male Surf Boat
- Reserve Female Surf Boat
- U23 Male Surf Boat

Open Male Board Rescue	Open Male Single Ski	Open March Past	
Open Female Board Rescue	Open Female Single Ski	U23 March Past	Open Male Beach Flags
U19 Male Board Rescue	U21 Male Single Ski	U17 March Past	Open Female Beach Flags
U19 Female Board Rescue	U21 Female Single Ski		U19 Male Beach Flags
U17 Male Board Rescue	U19 Male Single Ski	Open Male Beach Sprint	U19 Female Beach Flags
U17 Female Board Rescue	U19 Female Single Ski	Open Female Beach Sprint	U17 Male Beach Flags
U15 Male Board Rescue	U17 Male Single Ski	U19 Male Beach Sprint	U17 Female Beach Flags
U15 Female Board Rescue	U17 Female Single Ski	U19 Female Beach Sprint	U15 Male Beach Flags
U14 Male Board Rescue		U17 Male Beach Sprint	U15 Female Beach Flags
U14 Female Board Rescue	Open Male Single Ski Relay	U17 Female Beach Sprint	U14 Male Beach Flags
	Open Female Single Ski Relay	U15 Male Beach Sprint	U14 Female Beach Flags
Open Male Taplin Relay (6-person)	U19 Male Single Ski Relay	U15 Female Beach Sprint	
Open Female Taplin Relay (3-person)	U19 Female Single Ski Relay	U14 Male Beach Sprint	Open Male 2km Beach Run
U19 Male Taplin Relay (3-person)	U17 Male Single Ski Relay	U14 Female Beach Sprint	Open Female 2km Beach Run
U19 Female Taplin Relay (3-person)	U17 Female Single Ski Relay		U19 Male 2km Beach Run
U17 Male Taplin (3-person)	Open Male Double Ski	Open Male Beach Relay	U19 Female 2km Beach Run
U17 Female Taplin (3-person)	Open Female Double Ski	Open Female Beach Relay	U17 Male 2km Beach Run
Youth Male Cameron Relay	Open Mixed Double Ski	U19 Male Beach Relay	U17 Female 2km Beach Run
Youth Female Cameron Relay	U19 Male Double Ski	U19 Female Beach Relay	U15 Male 2km Beach Run
Open Lifesaver Relay	U19 Female Double Ski	U17 Male Beach Relay	U15 Female 2km Beach Run
		U17 Female Beach Relay	U14 Male 2km Beach Run
		Youth Male Beach Relay	U14 Female 2km Beach Run
		Youth Female Beach Relay	
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Events marked with * are Limited Entry Events.

A2 LIMITED ENTRIES FOR AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries for Limited Events at the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships are selected by the SLSWA Sport and Development Coordinator in consultation with the Lifesaving Championships Referee and may not solely be determined by State Championships performance alone.

SLSA Circular 33-18-19 Aussies 2019 - Entry Circular, found on the SLSA Members Portal, contains limited entry numbers and information for all states.

Note:

- (a) SLSA reserves the right to invite selected overseas competitors to compete in any event.
- (b) ONLY State Centres may submit entries to the Limited Entry events.

A3 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

A program of events will be available on www.mybeach.com.au under Surf Sports, Competitions, SunSmart State Championships before the close of entries.

Part B - ENTRY CONDITIONS

B1 PROFICIENCY OF COMPETITORS

All Award holding members must be proficient to participate in competition events and to undertake lifesaving duties. For further information please view the [Competition Qualifications](#) details online.

B2 PATROL AND SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS 5.04 policy

Award members who wish to participate in any SLS Championship competition must fulfil their patrol and/or service hour requirements relevant to their category of membership. These details are further outlined in the [Patrol and Service Obligations](#) online.

For returning and continuing Active, Reserve Active and Under 15 members wishing to participate in any SLS Championship competition, the minimum annual personal patrol hour requirements from 1 January to 31 December of the preceding year is as follows:



Table 1: Minimum Annual Service Hour Requirements for Active, Reserve Active and U15 members

Membership Category	Life Members and Long Service	Active and Under 15	Reserve Active
Option A. Patrol Service Hours per annum	Exempt	16 hours	8 hours
Option B. Patrol Service Hours per annum Other service	Exempt	A minimum of 8 patrol hours and minimum 8 hours of service for other activity as endorsed by the club	A minimum of 4 patrol hours and minimum 4 hours of service for other activity as endorsed by the club
Option C. Other service recognition	Exempt	16 hours of service for other activity as endorsed by the club	8 hours of service for other activity as endorsed by the club

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)

- U/15 members completing their SRC after 1 January 2019 must have completed their award and fulfil new member requirements (patrol hours) which have been set at a minimum of four (4) hours prior to the close of entries.
- U/14 members completing their SRC after 1 January 2019 must have completed their award but do not require patrol hours to participate in these Championships, even if they are ageing up into U15 team events.

PART C: ENTRIES

C1 ENTRIES

- (a) Entries must be registered with SLSWA by 11pm, Tuesday 05 March 2019 listing all competitors, including the "Handlers only". The entries system will provide a separate entry, 'Equipment Handler', where club members acting only as handlers can be entered in the carnival at no cost (the club will not be invoiced for handlers). Handlers competing in other events should enter the carnival as per other competitors and will be invoiced accordingly. Handlers are required to be a current financial member of the Club, as outlined in the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 35th Edition and its amendments](#).

C2 ENTRY CLOSURE

- (a) Entries will close at 11pm, Tuesday 05 March 2019.
 (b) Late entries will not be accepted after 11pm, Tuesday 05 March 2019.

C3 ENTRY FEES

- (a) The cost per competitor entered in these Championships is \$40.00, irrespective of the number of events entered.
 (b) There is no cost for Equipment Handlers, Photographers or Officials entered in these Championships, unless they are competing in other events themselves.
 (d) Clubs will be invoiced accordingly for entry fees after the event.
 (e) Entry fees are non-refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if events are subsequently cancelled after commencement of the Championships.
 (f) All prices outlined in this Bulletin include GST.

C4 DECLARATION

- (a) It is a condition of entry that by using the online entry system, clubs declare that the competitors entered are financial, proficient and satisfy the patrol requirements as detailed in this bulletin, and the entries are in all other ways in accordance with Association and Club regulations.
 (b) As a condition of entry, all competitors agree to have any photography taken during the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior which is used for promotional material by SLSWA. This is in accordance with the SLSWA Surf Sports Media Policy. If a member wishes not be photographed for any reason, please communicate this to Graham Snook at SLSWA prior to the close of entries of the Championships.

C5 COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- (a) Competition conditions for all events not expressed in this Bulletin are set out in the [35th Edition Revised SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#) and any subsequent amendments.
- (b) The conditions for the 6-Person and 5-Person R&R events are detailed in the 28th Edition of the Rescue and Resuscitation Competition Manual (revised January 2016) and any subsequent amendments. This can be downloaded from the SLSA Members Portal, document library.

C6 PENALTIES – BREACH OF ENTRY REGULATIONS

It is mandatory that ALL competitors are listed in the Club's entries.

Entry of competitors who are ineligible due to non-qualification or proficiency, default of personal patrol hour obligations, or other breach of association or club entry regulations have penalties provided for as follows:

THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF ENTRY REGULATIONS FOR THE 2019 SUNSMART WA SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS, SENIOR WILL BE THE AUTOMATIC REJECTION OF ENTRIES FOR THOSE PERSONS FOUND TO BE IN BREACH OF REGULATIONS AND THE FORFEITURE OF THEIR ENTRY FEES.

APPLICATION OF THE AUTOMATIC PENALTY WILL NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE ASSOCIATION AGAINST CLUBS OR OTHER PERSONS IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN THE CASE OF SERIOUS ATTEMPTS TO DEFEAT ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS.

PART D: EVENT INFORMATION

D1 SAFETY AND EMERGENCY TEAM (SET)

The provision of a safe environment at all SLSWA competitions is paramount.

SLSWA endeavours to ensure that the appropriate safety standards as set by SLSA are met at all nipper and senior surf sports carnivals/championships, including the provision of qualified personnel, rescue craft and communications. Should an emergency situation arise during competition, correct control and discipline shall be maintained under the direction of the Competition Referee and the Emergency Services Officer.

The SET, under whose directions shall be placed all matters relating to the actual conduct of the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior, will fulfil safety related operational, coordination and advisory roles at the event. The SET consists of the Event Manager Jason Wright from SLSWA plus volunteers appointed to the following positions:

Championship Referee – Sandy Clarke
 Deputy Referee – Graham Snook
 Emergency Services Officer – Mark Hills
 Competition Liaison Officer – Andrew Mosel

The team will consult with Sectional Referees as appropriate and will seek advice from other relevant parties on safety issues as required.

D2 CARNIVAL SAFETY

Clubs wishing to enter the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior must supply power craft, first aid and water safety personnel on a 'pro-rata' scale based upon club participation from the previous season. This roster for the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior can be downloaded from the SLSWA Sport TeamApp before the end of February. If an IRB, water safety and/or First Aid volunteer does not attend as required, the Club risks being ineligible to participate further in the competition until the matter is resolved.

D3 HIGH VISIBILITY LYCRA VESTS

All competitors in water-based surf lifesaving events will be required to wear a high visibility yellow lycra vest. Except where otherwise specified, vests must be worn by all competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth. All participants wanting to enter the water, including but not limited to, competitors, Team Managers, coaches, officials and staff are recommended to bring old Lycra singlets from previous competitions for this purpose as additional Lycra singlets will not be distributed.

D4 HELMETS FOR SURF BOAT COMPETITORS

Please note [Section 5.1 \(f\)](#) of the Surf Sports Manual re the mandatory wearing of helmets in Surf Boats unless an acceptably low level risk is assessed.

D5 DISCIPLINES/PROTESTS

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships, including tampering with signs, fences or PA system equipment will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action.

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the [35th Revised Edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#), and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual upon which the protest is based.

D6 MARSHALLING

SLSWA will be using the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) bands and associated software to manage the championships. All athletes will be required to have a band. Bands will be allocated at carnivals throughout the season. Bands will be available at the championship in the administration tent. Location of the administration tent will be advised in the final event circular which includes all site maps. Please note, the following events will not be using the RFID bands for marshalling: First Aid, Patrol, Champion Lifesaver, R&R, Belt Race, Flags and Surf Boats.

D7 TEAM ENTRIES AND CHANGES

The composition of teams will be taken as they are entered in Carnival Manager. Please ensure that Team Managers have a copy of their entries. If there is any entry dispute, the Team Manager will need to provide these as evidence. By pre-registering the teams, this saves time at marshalling and also enables accurate results.

Note as in D6 above, RFID bands will be in use. On competition day, any team changes after the initial marshalling call must be communicated to the Marshall prior to the last call and before the commencement of the respective event. Subsequent changes are allowable as per the rules and must be communicated with the area Marshall prior to the new team being permitted to start in the next round.

D8 SUBSTITUTION OF COMPETITORS

As per [35th Edition Surf Sport Manual section 2.18](#).

D9 REPLACEMENT OF GEAR – BOAT AND CRAFT EVENTS

Sections [5.2.4\(c\)](#), [6.1\(e\)](#), [8.2.1\(c\)](#), [8.4.1\(g\)](#), [8.5.1\(d\)](#) and [8.6.1\(d\)](#) of the 35th Edition of SLSA Surf Sports Manual refers to the replacement of gear including boats, oars, skis, paddles, boards or other equipment during a race.

Competitors are reminded that if replacement gear is to be utilised, it is the responsibility of the competitor/ team/ crew to ensure that any damaged equipment left in the competition arena does not impede the progress of another competitor/ team/ crew involved in the race. Any equipment utilised as replacement gear is subject to scrutineering.

D10 PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS/TROPHIES

Championship medallions in gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to the first three (3) individual/team place getters in each event.

Team Managers must ensure that, where a competitor is required for a medal presentation and need to be in the competition arena for another event, they inform the relevant section arena marshal so that the event is delayed where appropriate while the presentation takes place, otherwise the event will go ahead without the competitor.

If any athlete is required to report for another event before or during presentations, it is the club's responsibility to send a proxy to marshalling. That event will be delayed until the presentation is completed and the area announcers will then coordinate the presentation. Please ensure that all three place getters are at the presentation area at this time in order to receive their medal. **COMPETITORS NOTE:** Your stand-in/proxy must remain until you return to the competition arena.

Competitors will not be permitted to receive their medal unless appropriately dressed. Competitors must present themselves with Club Competition Cap and costumes only, however Club and sponsor t-shirts and rash vests are permitted for sun protection.

Every attempt will be made to ensure presentations of medals are conducted as efficiently as possible, so please ensure you are appropriately dressed and present yourself for presentation immediately concluding your event. As each final result of an event is confirmed, a Presentation Steward from that arena will gather the medallists for presentations and take them, along with the results sheet, to their designated dais for their medal presentation.

In the event of a medal winner not reporting to the dais, the presentation will proceed. The missing medallist will be able to collect their medal from the appropriate presentation area any time during the day, however no additional presentations will be made. Please note there will not be a presentation for a single medallist.

The presentations for the State Trophies and Surf Champions Banner will take place at the conclusion of the last event. The Bernie Kelly Medal process has changed, see Section G. A full copy of the State Championship results will be available on the web, www.mybeach.com.au and SLSWA Sport TeamApp after the Championships completion.

D11 BEACH LAYOUT & ACCESS

Every effort will be made at these Championships to provide for a fair arena for all competitors and teams. If conditions are deemed unfair the Carnival Committee may relocate the arena. The Championships beach layout can be downloaded from the SLSWA Website by the end of February.

ACCESS TO BEACH

No unauthorised vehicles will be permitted on Scarborough Beach under City of Stirling regulations.

ACCESS TO COMPETITION ARENA

The only people permitted in the competition arena are:

- (a) Active competition Officials
- (b) Active competitors/handlers (those in the marshalling area or in events)
- (c) Competitor stand-ins/proxies (these people must be wearing the competitors' club cap in the marshalling area and competition arena for identification)
- (d) Team manager (one per club)
- (e) SLSWA approved photographers

The Referee or Sectional Referee has the right to evict any person/s from the arena if the above access requirements are breached. Any person/s that breaches the above access requirement may be subject to disciplinary action.

D12 PARKING

Parking is as per the City of Stirling's regulations. Please follow instructions provided by the parking marshals.

NOTE: The City of Stirling will be enforcing the parking restrictions throughout the weekend. Please abide by all regulations.

D13 GEAR TRAILERS AND CRAFT STORAGE

Gear Trailers are not permitted on the beach. One trailer per club can be parked on the areas outlined on the event map. No cars are permitted to park in this area. No surf craft is permitted to be left unattended on the beach. No surfboat trailers will be permitted on the beach. A more comprehensive gear storage plan will be released by the end of February.

Note: No responsibility will be taken for craft left unattended.

D14 SECURITY

There will be limited security on Friday and Saturday evenings. No responsibility will be taken for theft/damage of gear that is left unattended. Leave gear at your own risk.

D15 CLUB TENTS AND SPECTATOR VIEWING

Clubs tents are to be erected in the designated tent areas. There is no draw for tent positions. All spectators and competitors are also requested to utilise all rubbish bins made available to ensure the beach remains tidy at all times and is left in pristine condition. Take out what you bring in.

D16 SCRUTINEERING

Team Managers and competitors are strongly advised to ensure that their skis and boards, reels, surf lines and surf boats strictly comply with the SLSA Surf Craft/Surf Boat Compliancy Program as applicable, before participating in any State Championship event. Officials may do random spot checks on the line at marshalling.

D17 EVENT TIME LIMITS

All water events will be subject to a time limit as per [Section 2.23](#) of the 35th Surf Sports Manual. Such a time limit shall be advised to competitors prior to the commencement of the event.

D18 ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The main presentation area will be the primary administration centre for officials, photography register, results announcements, lost property and other administrative duties. Please refer to the Championships event layout map.

D19 CLUB TEAM MANAGERS AND COMPETITION OFFICIALS BRIEFING

A Team Managers and Competition Officials On-Site Briefing will be held at 6.30am Saturday 9 March 2019, in the Scarborough amphitheatre.

PART E: WA SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS TROPHIES

Surf Champions Banner – Total Aggregate

Presented to the Club with the highest total pointscore overall at the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships. Note the events used area as listed in A1 of this Circular.

State Championships Handicap Banner

Presented to the Club with the highest total handicap pointscore overall at the 2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, based on handicap derived from an aggregate of the past three years overall pointscore.

Bernie Kelly Medal

In 1947, Bernie Kelly of Swanbourne Nedlands SLSC won the Open Surf Belt at the Australian Championships, becoming the first Western Australian to ever win an Australian Open Title, and therefore is honoured with the naming of this prestigious award. The Bernie Kelly Medal is awarded for the most outstanding performance by a competitor/s from any age group at the below Championship events with additional weighting given to Open and individual event achievements.

2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Belt – Saturday 16 February 2019

2019 SunSmart WA Surf Life Saving Championships, Senior – Saturday 9 and 10 March 2019

An appointed selection panel will review all performances from these Championship events and the selection panel will consist of the following members:

- President of Surf Life Saving Western Australia
- Referee of the SunSmart Senior State Championships
- Chairperson of the Surf Sports Advisory Committee
- SLSWA Sport and Development Coordinator

Up to five finalists will be chosen by the Selection Panel and these names will be published when the SLSWA Awards of Excellence nominees are announced to all clubs. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

These finalists will be invited to attend the 2019 SLSWA Awards of Excellence where the overall winner/s will be announced and the Bernie Kelly Medal awarded.