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STATE TEAM NOMINATION APPLICATION

Audience: Club Administrators
Club Coaches
Club Surf Sports Officers

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Distributed by email to: Club Secretaries, SLSWA Board of Directors, Surf Sports Managers

Contact: Marissa Welch, Sports Development Officer
Ph: 9243 9444 (SLSWA Office Hours Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm)

<p>Summary: Applications are invited for the West Australian State Team. This carnival will be part of the 2009 Australian Championships which will run on Wednesday 18th March 2009 at Scarborough Beach. Note: The State Team concept has significantly changed from the 2007 Concept. This circular will outline the Carnival Events and Selection Policy to be applied to represent West Australia.</p>	<p>Action: Nominations for State Team must be received at State Centre by the COB on the 25th February 2009.</p>
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The State Team Selection will be in accordance with the SLSWA Selection Policy and Nomination process (see below).

Successful applicants must make themselves available to compete on Wednesday 18th March 2009. Athletes selected will receive seeding benefits at the 2009 Australian Championships which are outlined in this documentation. Selected athletes may be required to attend additional team meetings/ functions.

All nominees must comply with the SLSWA Selection Policy and sign off the nomination form before submitting to SLSWA.

NOTE: Applications will not be considered without appropriate club endorsement. Forms not completed in full will be returned and may not be considered for selection.

All applications must be filled out on the attached "Nomination Form" and returned to:

Attention: Marissa Welch, Sports Development Officer
Surf Life Saving Western Australia
PO Box 382
NORTH BEACH, WA 6920

or

Fax: (08) 9243 9499.

NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED AT SLSWA BY 5PM, WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2009.

Interstate Championships 2009

Interstate Championships will be conducted on the Wednesday of the Australian Championships from 2009

The Event:

- All events conducted would be straight finals with one competitor participating from each state & territory.
- In some cases events may be conducted as combined events such as the surf race where the open and under 19 would be conducted together.
- The events to be conducted in the Open and Under 19 Male and Female categories will be:

Event	Open Male	Open Female	U19 Male	U19 Female
Ski Race	1	1	1	1
Board Race	1	1	1	1
Surf Race	1	1	1	1
Belt Race	1	1	1	1
Beach Sprint	1	1	1	1
Beach Flags	1	1	1	1
Ironman	1	0	1	0
Ironwoman	0	1	0	1
Boat Race (1 crew = 5 people)	5	5	5	
Lifesaver Relay	Made up from existing team members			
All age beach relay	Made up from existing team members			
Mixed Taplin Relay	Made up from existing team members			
TOTAL SENIOR COMPETITORS	12	12	12	7

The events for U17/U15 and U14 Male and Female will be:

Event	U17 Male	U17 Female	U15 Male	U15 Female	U14 Male	U14 Female
Surf Race	1	1	1	1	1	1
Board Race	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ironman	1	0	1	0	1	0
Ironwoman	0	1	0	1	0	1
Beach Sprint	1	1	1	1	1	1
Beach Flags	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ski Race	1	1	0	0	0	0
All age beach relay	Made up from existing team members					
Lifesaver Relay	Made up from existing team members					
Mixed Taplin / Cameron Relay	Made up from existing team members					
TOTAL JUNIOR COMPETITORS	6	6	5	5	5	5

Key Notes

- The Interstate point score would be maintained for the event
- Athletes that participate in the Interstate Championships will each be given the opportunity to progress through the Thursday rounds of the Australian Championships in each event that they participate in during the Interstate Championships. If the opening round of their event is not conducted on the Thursday of the Australian Championships (i.e. is conducted on the Friday or Saturday) they will be seeded through the first round of competition.
- Draft picks will only be allowed for Northern Territory and Tasmania
- A team dinner for the athletes will be conducted the night before the championships



PAUL ANDREW
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



SURF LIFE SAVING WESTERN AUSTRALIA ("SLSWA") SELECTION POLICY

1. PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 The objective of the SLSWA Selection Policy ("Policy") is to ensure the best possible surf lifesaving team are selected to represent SLSWA and Western Australia in national competition(s).
- 1.2 All participants wishing to be considered for selection must complete and sign the application form in Annexure 1 and return it to SLSWA Sports Development Officer by the advertised due date. The SLSWA Manager of Surf Sports or his/her nominee may accept a completed form after this time in their absolute discretion. SLSWA must circulate the form and this policy to the widest possible audience.
- 1.3 In order to be eligible for selection all participants must sign the SLSWA Competitor Agreement.
- 1.4 This policy remains in force for the calendar year in which the event(s) for teams are being selected.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms used in this Policy shall have the same meaning as in SLSWA's Rules and Regulations.

3. SELECTION

3.1 Competition Selection Committee

- 3.1.1 In accordance with the SLSWA Rules and Regulations, the committee shall comprise the High Performance Coordinator as Chairman, and 2 nominated members of the Surf Sports Committee (TBC). The committee, when in session, shall have a minimum of three committee members. (The current High Performance Coordinator role is being filled by the Sport Development Officer).

3.2 Selection Criteria

- 3.2.1 Selection of participants will be determined by from the West Australian State Senior Surf Life Saving Championships on the 28th and 29th February.
- 3.2.2 Selection will be based on the following criteria ("Criteria")
 - (a) The first place getter in each of the Inter State Events at the State Championships will be considered first for selection. If that person has not nominated for selection then the place will be offered to the next highest placed person in that event that has nominated.
 - (b) must be a current financial and proficient member of a Surf Life Saving Australia ("SLSA") registered Surf Club;
 - (c) demonstrated commitment to surf life saving, sportsmanship and good character;
 - (d) be available for any surf lifesaving team training as specified
- 3.2.3 U14 competitors will be selected from the relevant U15 events at the West Australian Senior State Championships. The highest placed U14 competitor that has nominated for State Team selection in the relevant U15 event will be considered first for selection. Note: For an U14 to be eligible to compete at a Senior State Championship, they must hold their SRC and have completed the relevant number of patrol hours.

The first place getter in each of the Inter State Events at the State Championships will be considered first for selection. If that person has not nominated for selection then the place will be offered to the next highest placed person in that event that has nominated.

3.2.4 In considering the Criteria the Selectors may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances.

3.3 Notification to Participant

3.3.1 The Policy shall be available upon request to all Members of SLSWA.

3.3.2 Any change in the Criteria or this Policy shall be notified to each Club appropriately.

3.4 Selection Procedure

3.4.1 The Selectors shall have total discretion in selection and may have regard to any one or more of the Criteria in any selection process.

3.4.2 Subject to this Policy, the decision of the Selectors shall be referred to the SLSWA Surf Sports Committee for endorsement. Any participants wishing to appeal the final decision of the Selectors and BOM must follow the SLSA Appeals Process.

3.4.3 The Selectors from time to time in their discretion may select a person who is not otherwise under consideration. This may occur in circumstances such as illness, new obtained clearance/transfer or otherwise.

3.5 Notification to Relevant Parties

3.5.1 Subject to constraints imposed upon SLSWA by third parties, individuals chosen by the Selectors shall be notified of their selection as soon as practicable after their individual selection or finalisation of the relevant squad or team or individual or official position(s) by the BOM.

3.5.2 Notification of those selected shall also be given to relevant parties with SLSWA in accordance with the provisions of its Rules and Regulations. Following notification of the selected parties by SLSWA, SLSWA shall make a public announcement.

3.6 Removal from a selected squad or team

3.6.1 Any participant who:

(a) Breaches or fails to observe this Policy, the SLSWA Constitution or the Regulations;

(b) By reason of illness or injury is unable to perform to the required standard of the opinion of the Selectors or the State Team Coach (after having received advice from a medical practitioner);

(c) Breaches or fails to fulfill and observe the requirements in the state team agreement;

(d) Breaches or fails to fulfill a requirement of the SLSA Anti-Doping Policy;

Is ineligible for selection to or continued membership of the state squad or state team as the case may be. Shall be removed from their position on the squad or team.

3.6.2 Any participant may be removed from any selected squad or team by the Selectors where the participant has failed to sustain his or her performance and attitude to a satisfactory level. Provided that the required performance levels had first been discussed with the participant and the participant had been given the opportunity to attain those performance levels.

4. APPEAL

4.1 An aggrieved person may appeal against a failure of the Selectors to comply with the procedures set down in this Policy. A Person may appeal the final decision of the Selectors but must follow the SLSA Appeals Process. Relevant forms and information can be attained from SLSWA.



2009 Western Suns State Surf Life Saving Team Selection Criteria and Process

The following criteria and process complies with the Selection Policy of Surf Life Saving WA.

Selection Criteria

1. Selection of participants will be determined by the 2009 West Australian Senior State Championships on the 28th and 29th February:

State Team – U14, U15, U17, U19, Open

2. Selection will be based on the following criteria ("Criteria")
 - a) a completed "nomination for selection" form being submitted to SLSWA by the due date (5pm, Wednesday 25th February, 2009)
 - b) participation in the West Australian Senior State Championships is compulsory for selection consideration
 - c) The first place getter in each of the Inter State Events at the State Championships will be considered first for selection. If that person has not nominated for selection then the place will be offered to the next highest placed person in that event that has nominated.
 - d) U14 competitors will be selected from the relevant U15 events at the West Australian Senior State Championships. The highest placed U14 competitor that has nominated for State Team selection in the relevant U15 event will be considered first for selection. Note: For an U14 to be eligible to compete at a Senior State Championship, they must hold their SRC and have completed the relevant number of patrol hours.
 - e) must be a current financial and proficient member of a Surf Life Saving Australia ("SLSA") registered Surf Club;
 - f) demonstrated commitment to surf life saving, sportsmanship and good character;
 - g) (where relevant) the participant's current level of skill and physical fitness;
 - h) (where relevant) any current or potential injury or condition which will impair, inhibit or prevent the participant's performance to the requisite level;

Selection Process

1. Complete "Nomination for Selection" form attached below.
2. Attend selection trial as identified in the Selection Criteria.
3. Selectors will review results from the Trial and select a Team based on this and other criteria (set out above).



ANNEXURE 1 – NOMINATION FOR SELECTION for the 2009 WA STATE TEAM

I, (insert name)

nominate for selection in the 2009 WA State Team.

At the time of signing this form I acknowledge that:

1. I have been provided with a copy of the SLSWA Selection Policy, which I have read and understood.
2. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Selection Policy, the SLSWA Rules and Regulations.
3. I specifically agree that in the case of any appeal I will follow the appeals procedure in the Policy and will not pursue any action in the civil courts in relation to selection.

Signature:
(participant's signature)

Signature: Date:/...../.....
(parent/legal guardian where participant is under 18 years of age)

Club Endorsement: Date: / /
(Signature)

.....
(Name) (Position Held)

This nomination form MUST be received by Wednesday 5pm, 25th February for State Team consideration; no exceptions will be made for late submissions.