

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>2023 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 2023 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 9-12 February 2023.

### Location

Interstate Challenge in NSW. Venue to be advised.

### Date

Friday, 10 February 2023.


### 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

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 selection criteria and how it operates.

For further information regarding selection for the 2023 Western Suns Surf Boat Team, please contact Surf Sports on (08) 9207 6666 or [surfsports@slswa.com.au](mailto:surfsports@slswa.com.au).



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Chief Executive Officer

## 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 Wednesday 30 November 2022.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- All members must be current financial members and have their competitive rights with a WA Surf Life Saving Club and be proficient with their SLSA Bronze Medallion.
- 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

*(Please note that whilst every effort will be made to run these events, the dates and venues are subject to change which may be due to unforeseen circumstances such as COVID restrictions or environmental factors. Should this occur, notification of alternative arrangements will be provided as soon as possible)*

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

- Scarborough – Sunday 11 December 2022, Surf Boat Carnival
- Secret Harbour – Sunday 8 January 2023, 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.

### With 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 SLISA 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 **Thursday 12 January 2023** 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 \$400 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 kit.

## APPEALS

There is no right of appeal against non-selection of an athlete/crew in the 2023 Western Suns Representative Teams.

## POWER TO AMEND

SLSWA reserves the right to amend this Circular at any time prior to the selection of the 2022/23 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.