

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>2023 WESTERN SUNS POOL RESCUE STATE TEAM</b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Club Administrators, Club Competition Officers, Club Pool Rescue Coaches and Competitors
<b>Summary:</b>	2023 Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team who will compete at the Interstate Championships 4-6 August 2023, Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport, QLD.
<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 Pool Rescue State Team.

The 2023 SLSA Interstate Pool Rescue Championships will be held in conjunction with the 2023 Australian Pool Rescue Championships event held 4-6 August 2023.

### LOCATION

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport, QLD.

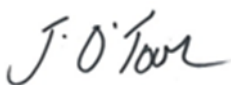
### TEAM COMPOSITION

#### a) Pool Rescue Interstate Championships Team

If the full touring team is selected, its composition will consist of the following:

- U14 - 2 males/2 females
  - U15 - 2 males/2 females
  - U17 - 2 males/2 females
  - U19 - 2 males/2 females
  - Open - 4 males/4 females
- Please note that an U13 competitor is not permitted to participate in the SLSA Pool Rescue Interstate Championships.
  - Competitors must compete for their state for the whole of the Interstate Championships in their actual age category for individual events. Competitors cannot age up in individual events. However, participation in relay events shall be as per the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent Bulletins.

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



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The Western Suns Pool Rescue 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 Pool Rescue Interstate Championships. Athletes must achieve the qualifying time set by SLSWA at the 2023 SLSWA State Pool Rescue Championships. If no athletes equal or beat the relevant qualifying time, then no athlete will be selected to the Team. The Selection Panel also maintains the ability to make the discretionary selection of any athlete.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

### a) SLSWA general eligibility criteria:

1. Athletes must hold competitive rights within a SLSWA registered club.
2. To be eligible for the Team, a member must be a minimum age of 13 years on or before midnight 30 September 2022 (i.e., Under 14 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Surf Rescue Certificate, or for U17 and above competitors a proficient Bronze Medallion.
3. Athletes are reminded to check on their own qualifications and ensure eligibility.

### b) SLSWA specific eligibility criteria:

1. Upon successful selection in the Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team, complete and sign the SLSWA Athlete Agreement that will be sent after the team has been announced.
2. 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 Pool Rescue State Team into disrepute.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Athletes will be selected based upon a mix of subjective and objective selection criteria. This method allows the selectors to select 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) To be eligible for the State Team a member must be in the appropriate age group on or before midnight 30 September 2022 and hold a proficient award along with the required amount of Patrol hours relevant to their age group (see SLSA Policy 5.04 Competition Eligibility).
- b) Achieve the qualifying time set by SLSWA at the 2023 SLSWA State Pool Rescue Championship, see below:

Event	Age	Male (Time)	Female (Time)
50m Manikin Carry	Open	33:033	42:000
50m Manikin Carry	U/19	34:000	42:355
50m Manikin Carry	U/17	38:321	42.800
50m Manikin Carry	U/15	39.300	43.500
35m Manikin Carry	U/14	43.500	45.500
50m Freestyle w Fins	Open	19:121	22:103
50m Freestyle w Fins	U/19	19:194	22:355
50m Freestyle w Fins	U/17	19:404	22:470
50m Freestyle w Fins	U/15	21:788	22:859
50m Freestyle w Fins	U/14	22:134	23:237
100m Manikin Tow w Fins	Open	59:556	1:08:500
100m Manikin Tow w Fins	U/19	1:02:334	1:09:069
100m Manikin Tow w Fins	U/17	1:06:300	1:11:146
100m Manikin Tow w Fins	U/15	1:09:917	1:13:500
100m Manikin Tow w Fins	U/14	1:11:873	1:15:500
100m Manikin Carry w Fins	Open	52:406	1:03:500
100m Manikin Carry w Fins	U/19	54:107	1:04.500
100m Manikin Carry w Fins	U/17	1.00:000	1:05:000
100m Manikin Carry w Fins	U/15	1:04:300	1:12:636
200m Obstacles	Open	2:09:129	2:26:079
200m Obstacles	U/19	2:11:618	2:28:008

Event	Age	Male (Time)	Female (Time)
200m Obstacles	U/17	2:20:970	2:29:079
200m Obstacles	U/15	2:22:766	2:33:379
200m Obstacles	U/14	2:25:792	2:36:256
200m Super Lifesaver	Open	2:29:822	2:52:010
200m Super Lifesaver	U/19	2:32:859	2:55:072
200m Super Lifesaver	U/17	2:35:423	3:00:804
200m Super Lifesaver	U/15	2:52:325	3:06:307
100m Rescue Medley	Open	1:10:487	1:20:034
100m Rescue Medley	U/19	1:13:080	1:24.500
100m Rescue Medley	U/17	1:14:046	1:28:258
100m Rescue Medley	U/15	1:20.500	1:33:702

- c) Overall consistency of performance;
- d) Individual strengths that may contribute to the performance of the team as a whole; and
- e) Willingness and ability to fill a role that may enhance Western Australia’s medal potential.

### DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

The Selection Panel 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 to the satisfaction of the team manager; or
- Any other condition that, in the opinion of the selection panel, is reasonable in the circumstances of the particular athlete.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WESTERN SUNS POOL RESCUE STATE TEAM

The Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team will be announced on Wednesday 19 July 2023 via the SLSWA website and the SLSWA Facebook page. This will be followed up with the Team Pack Presentation on **Wednesday 26 July 2023** at SLSWA, 7 Delawney Street, Balcatta, 6.00pm.

### SLSWA CONTRIBUTION

SLSWA will provide each selected member of the team with a \$500 (inc GST) subsidy to assist with associated travel and accommodation costs. The selected athlete must travel to and compete in the Championships. The subsidy will be paid to the competitor’s club at the conclusion of the championships and the club will be responsible for distributing these funds in accordance with individual club policy. Each selected member will also receive a Western Suns State Team pack.

### 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 Interstate Championships and uphold the standards as outlined with the Athlete Agreement. If a manager or athlete breaches the standards as outlined within the Manager or Athlete Agreement, they will face removal from the team. In this instance, the SLSWA Surf Sports Coordinator shall have the power to replace that manager or athlete, if necessary, at their discretion.

### APPEALS

There is no right of appeal against non-selection of an athlete in the 2023 Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team.

### POWER TO AMEND

SLSWA reserves the right to amend this policy at any time prior to the selection of the 2023 Western Suns Pool Rescue State Team. 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.