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2015 Performance Academy Nomination Circular

Attention: Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors

Actioned by: Athletes wishing to nominate for the 2015 SLSNSW Performance Academy.

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Summary	SLSNSW is calling for nominations from promising U15-Open male and female athletes wishing to gain selection in to the 2015 SLSNSW Performance Academy.
Strategic Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To invest in sporting pathways to ensure sustained participation.To foster the development of our state surf sport teams and athletes
Key Strategies	<p>7.2 Provide clear educational and developmental pathways for members.</p> <p>8.1 Increase participation in our sport and recreational activities at a grass roots level through structured and appropriately tiered programs.</p> <p>8.2 Bolster developmental pathways and opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and administrators through the stages of their sporting life.</p> <p>8.6 Strengthen development and high performance opportunities in surf sports events and activities.</p>
Action	Please complete the online nomination form by 11pm Sunday 6 September 2015 https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015SLSNSWPerformanceAcademyAthleteNominations

Program information:

Previously known as the High Performance Camp, the SLSNSW Performance Academy aims to provide emerging elite athletes, who will be competing in the U15, U17, U19 and Open age groups for the 2015/16 season, the opportunity to fine tune their water based skills.

This program forms part of the SLSNSW athlete development pathway and has potential to lead to the state team selection. SLSNSW is now calling for nominations from swim, board, ski & pool athletes in the U15, U17, U19 and Open age groups (season 2015/16) to form part of the 2015 SLSNSW Performance Academy.

The camp will be held at the [Surfing Australia High Performance Centre, Casuarina](#) from 16-18 October 2015.

The Surfing Australia High Performance Centre is a new state of the art facility with accommodation, catering, gym facilities, fitness testing, video analysis and beach access all available on site. This new facility provides athletes with an excellent opportunity to experience some of the country's best high performance training and testing equipment with access to the best coaches in the state. The 2 day program will include training sessions with state coaches, technical analysis, education sessions and team building exercises.

There will be a total of 32 Athletes selected to attend the camp, which will comprise of the following:

U15 – 4 Male & 4 Female
U17 – 4 Male & 4 Female
U19 – 4 Male & 4 Female
Open – 4 Male & 4 Female

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Any athlete wishing to nominate should consider the following criteria:

- Consistently making finals and/or medaling in major branch, state or national carnivals.
- Considered to be an emerging elite athlete in swim, board, ski and/or pool.
- Attend regular club trainings or have a consistent individual training plan year round.

How to Nominate:

- 1) Read and familiarise yourself with the [Selection Policy](#), especially section 3.3(c) and the [SLSNSW Athlete & Management Agreement](#). Successful athletes will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in these documents.
- 2) All nominees must be current financial members, proficient with their relevant awards, and be endorsed by both club and branch representatives prior to nomination.
- 3) Complete the [Athlete Online Nomination](#) by **11pm Sunday 6 September 2015**.
- 4) Following the close of nominations, each branch and club will be contacted for endorsement. Nominations will then be put forth to the NSW Selection Panel. It is anticipated that the successful athletes will be notified by Friday 25 September 2015.

Levy:

A levy of \$220 (including GST) will be payable for all successful athletes to assist with the cost of accommodation, food, specialist training sessions, etc. Clubs will be invoiced the levy amount and it will be up to the club to pass on this expense to the individual athlete.

All Athletes will be required to arrange their own travel to and from the Surfing Australia High Performance Centre in Casuarina.

Other Opportunities:

There will be more athlete development programs available in 2015/16 such as the Coaching the Coast Program (aimed at grass root through to elite skill level). SLSNSW and the NSW coaching staff encourage all those successful in the Performance Academy to attend either as an athlete or athlete mentor.

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