

Circular 3608

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2019 SLSNSW Junior Development Academy

- Attention:** Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors
- Actioned by:** U12 - U14 male and female athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2019 SLSNSW Junior Development Academy
- Date:** Monday 19 August 2019
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Summary	SLSNSW is calling for nominations from U12-U14 year old male and female athletes wishing to gain selection in to the 2019 SLSNSW Junior Development Academy.
Action	Complete the online nomination form before 11pm Sunday 1 September 2019

Clinic Background:

The SLSNSW Junior Development Academy aims to provide 44 promising U12-U14 athletes (4 from each branch) the opportunity to develop their Surf Sports competition skills. This program is the first step in the athlete pathway that leads to representative teams in future years.

The camp will run in the first week of school holidays, from **Wednesday 2 – Friday 4 October 2019** at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. The program will include training sessions with state coaches, technique analysis, athlete education sessions, and skill improvement sessions across all water and beach based disciplines.

The program aims to provide:

- A strong development pathway for young Surf Sports athletes in NSW
- Improvement in athlete education and retention
- Improvement in technique, skills and performance of athletes
- Exposure to elite performance specialists
- Continual enhancement of the standard of Surf Sports within NSW

Key Target Group:

U12-U14 athletes; any athlete wishing to nominate should consider the following criteria:

- Should be competent swimmers and board paddlers
- Train regularly with a club or have a consistent individual training plan
- Preference will be given to those athletes who have not been selected in this program before, **selections are made by individual branches**

Camp Dates and Venues:

Date	Time	Location
2 October	Arrive 8:30am	Sydney Academy of Sport
4 October	Depart 3:00pm	Sydney Academy of Sport

A camp program will be sent out to successful athletes. Any changes to drop off and/or pick up times as specified above will be communicated to parents via group text message from SLSNSW.

Nomination and Selection Process:

- 1) Read and familiarise yourself with the [Selection Policy](#) and the [SLSNSW Athlete & Management Agreement](#). Successful athletes will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in these documents.
- 2) Complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) by **11pm Sunday 1 September 2019**

Each branch has been allocated four (4) positions to select athletes who they feel best fit the key target group to attend the camp. If there are any positions remaining, the final places will be decided by the SLSNSW Selection Panel. There is no gender or age requirements for branches to fill, i.e. positions can be filled by any combination of athletes regardless of gender or age group. It is anticipated that the successful athletes will be notified by **Monday 9 September 2019**. Preference will be given to athletes who have not attended the JDA before. For any questions regarding the selection of athletes, please contact your branch.

Cost:

A levy of \$250 (incl. GST) will be payable for all successful nominated athletes to assist with costs including but not limited to accommodation, food and specialist training sessions. Your club will be invoiced this cost for successful nominees, and it is at their discretion to pass this cost on to individual athletes or not.

Additional Information:

- Successful nominees will be responsible for their own transport (including boards) to and from the academy
- Successful nominees will need to arrive at 8:30am on Wednesday 2 October and be collected no later than 4pm Friday 4 October
- Further information regarding program, what to bring etc. will be distributed to successful nominees within 2 weeks of the close of nominations
- There will be a cancellation fee of \$100 if a successful nominee cancels after 11pm on 16 September 2019 without a suitable replacement

All nominations must be endorsed with a letter from your Club. All nominees must be current financial members and proficient with their relevant awards. Any nomination that fails to meet these requirements will not be accepted.

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