

# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	<b>Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Branch Presidents, Branch Secretaries/CEO's,</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Officials Re-accreditation in the new National Officiating Accreditation Scheme</b>

## **Background:**

Officials play a vital role in Surf Life Saving sport. In 2013, Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) undertook an independent review of its' National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) training programs and all other officiating development activities, and as a result has modernised its National Officiating Development Framework and NOAS Training Programs to deliver best practice education and development opportunities to all SLSA officials.

The new NOAS framework is due to be launched soon; this will include some changes to the way in which current Officials awards are recognised.

This memo outlines the process for SLSNSW officials to reaccreditation and the transition of their accreditation from the current to the new framework. Please note this only affects currently accredited officials. New officials accredited under the new NOAS framework will not be affected going forward.

## **Reaccreditation of Award:**

### ***Junior Official to Core Official***

A Junior Official will transfer to a Core Official after reaccreditation (this will not be required until at least 31/12/2018 when the first generation become due to reaccredit). It is anticipated that Core Officials will receive a name badge, licence card and log book. The cost to receive the name badge, licence and log book is to be determined and will not be available until reaccredited.

Branches are to be aware that there will be no requirement to submit a log book when Branches submit the Officials Reaccreditation Form.

Reaccreditation covers a period of 4 years (to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the 4<sup>th</sup> year).

A Core Official can officiate at Branch & State Carnivals in the positions of;

- Judge
- Timekeeper
- Marshall
- Recorder

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### ***Level 1 Official to Technical Official***

A Level 1 Official will transfer to a Technical Official after reaccreditation.

A Technical Official can officiate at Branch & State Carnivals in the position of;

- Marshall
- Starter
- Recorder
- Timekeeper
- Finish/Course Judge

### ***Level 2 Official to Senior Official***

Not all Level 2 Officials will transfer to Senior Official.

Branches will be required to check a Level 2 Officials log book to verify that this member has officiated in the last 4 years in the position of:

- Chief Judge
- Referee/Area Referee/Sectional Referee
- Course Supervisor
- Appeals Committee
- Competition Liaison Officer
- Support Service Coordinator
- Disciplinary Committee

If there is insufficient evidence in the log book, the Level 2 Official will transfer to a Technical Official.

A Senior Official can officiate at Branch, State & National Championships.

### ***Level 3 Official***

All current Level 3 Officials will be sent via Branch to State and onto SLSA when reaccreditation is due.

Not all Level 3 Officials will remain as Level 3 Officials.

SLSA will determine if the official will remain as a Level 3 or transfer to Senior Official.

## ***New Officiating Awards – Core, Technical & Senior***

More information will be available when NOAS is launched by SLSA however the following is a brief summary of the process.

- All the new official awards (Core, Technical & Senior) will be completed online. Members will be able to pay directly or ask their club to endorse payment. Pricing is still to be confirmed and will be communicated in due course.
- At the completion of the online course, members will be able to attend a carnival to be assessed. Additionally members will need to complete the AIS Introductory Level Officiating General Principles Course to register they will need to go to:  
<https://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/resources/officials/onlineofficial>
- The online component of the course must be completed first, before an assessment can occur.
- The number of assessments to be completed before obtaining the award is yet to be determined by SLSA.
- *Branches are to forward to SLSNSW once completed a copy of the Assessment Form along with a copy of AIS Certificate.*

### **Additional Information**

As the new NOAS framework is rolled out, there will be some teething issues to be addressed. The following are some of the issues currently identified which SLSNSW (and the other States/Territories) are working closely with SLSA to address.

#### *Junior/Core Officials Positions*

A current Junior Official to be recredited as a Core Official can officiate at Branch & State Carnivals, in the positions of marshal, recorder, timekeeper, judge, starter and announcer.

A new Core Official can only officiate at Branch & State Carnivals for U8 to U14 (generally non-bronze award holders) and in the roles of marshal, recorder, timekeeper and judge.

This will mean that members holding the same Core Official award may have access to different roles (due to current or new accreditation) which can present problems with identifying who can do what.

Furthermore this may create issues for organisers conducting carnivals for athletes including U8 to Open age groups as Core Officials are limited to working with participants who are generally non-bronze proficient.

SLSNSW will advise Branches ongoing as the rollout occurs.