

Circular 3617

Released Month Year

2020 NSW Country - Athlete Nominations

Attention: Country Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Branch Officers and Coaches

Actioned by: Athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2020 NSW Country Team.

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Summary	SLNSW is calling for from athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2020 NSW Country Team to compete at the 2020 Interstate Championships.
Action	Please complete the Online Nomination Form by 11pm Sunday 1 December 2019 .

SLNSW is calling for nominations from athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2020 NSW Country Team to attend the SLSA 2020 Surf Interstate Championships. The NSW Country Team will compete against all State Teams (including NSW) with some conditions. This is an opportunity to represent NSW Country, strengthen the pathway for our Country athletes and to challenge the best of the Surf Sports Athletes in our States.

SLSA Interstate Championships will be held in Alexandra Headland on Friday 24 January 2020. The team camp will be at the Alex Beach Cabins & Tourist Park from Tuesday 21 January – Saturday 25 January 2020

A training squad camp may be run prior to NSW Country Team selections.

NSW Country Squad Training:

The NSW Country Squad training will be held **Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October, pending availability (TBC)** This camp is designed to assess current performances and provide training to athletes and further develop the NSW Country culture and values within the team

Date	Time	Location
26 - 27 October 2019	9:00am – 4:00pm	Coffs Harbour SLSC

NSW Country Team Management & NSW Selectors will select a group of athlete to attend the training session. This is TBC based on indications in the nomination form.

Please note that attendance at the training squad camp is not compulsory for NSW Country Team selection, however nominating athletes should make their best efforts to be available. You will be asked in the nomination form to confirm availability.

Team Management:

Head Coach: Scott McCartney
Assistant Coach: Susan McCaughtrie

Team Composition:

The NSW Country Open team will consist of a maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members (a total of 12 team members). To be eligible for an Open State Team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2019 (i.e. Under 17 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety.

The NSW Country Youth team will consist of a maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members from the U17 and U19 age categories (a total of 12 team members). A minimum of 2 U17 males and 2 U17 females must be in each Youth State team. To be eligible for a Youth State Team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years (i.e. Under 17 age group) and hold a proficient bronze medallion / Cert II in Public Safety) and a maximum age of 18 years on or before midnight 30 September 2019.

- U15 competitors are not permitted to participate at the SLSA Interstate Championships 2020.
- Competitors must compete for the whole of the Interstate Championships in either the Open or Youth Competition. They are not permitted to compete in both divisions.
- Only athletes eligible to compete for Australia can be selected as part of these Championships.
- Competitors must meet requirements as per SLSA Policy 5.4 eligibility (November 2017 version) to compete in SLSA Competition.

Selection Policy:

- Athletes with competition rights for a SLSC from HUN, CC, SNB, SYD and ILL Branches are not able to nominate for the NSW Country Team
- Athletes must have competitive rights with a NSW Country Branch Club, for a minimum of 12 months to the closing date of this nomination form.
- There is no "Country Branch of Origin" available for members with competition rights for a metro NSW SLSCs.
- Athletes may nominate for both NSW and NSW Country teams, however SLSNSW Selectors will give preference to NSW selection first.
- NSW Country cannot draft competitors into the team however, Country athletes not selected are eligible to draft to other States.
- Members will have a recent proven track record of contribution to their Country NSW club (such as competing at the Country Championships or selected as part of a Country Branch for the NSW Interbranch Championships).

Levy:

Squad Levy: The training day will not include a levy however all travel costs are the individuals responsibility. Accommodation will be budget.

Team Levy: A levy of **\$650-750 (incl. GST)** will be payable for all successful team members to assist with the cost of the team (i.e. uniform, 4 nights' accommodation, food, transport, etc.) Clubs will be invoiced for this team levy and it will then be up to the club to pass on this expense onto the individual athlete.

How to Nominate:

- All nominating members are asked to familiarise themselves with the SLSNSW [Selection Policy](#) and the SLSNSW [Athlete & Management Agreement](#). All athletes will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in these documents.
- Complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) by **11pm Sunday 1 December**.
- It is anticipated that all candidates will be notified to attend the NSW Squad Training Camp on Monday 14 October.
- It is anticipated that NSW Country Team successful athletes will be notified week commencing 16 December 2019
- All nominees must be current financial members and proficient with their relevant awards. All nominations must be endorsed by Club representatives
- After the close of nominations, Branch will be sent all nominations from within their Branch. Branch will then be required to provide endorsement for nominations to SLSNSW within 48 hours. Individuals are not required to seek a letter from Branch prior to nomination. If Branch does not endorse the nomination, it will be the responsibility of the Branch to communicate this to the member.

Please note: athletes eligible for selection in the Country NSW Interstate team are also eligible for NSW team selections; however preference will be given to NSW selection.

Athlete Draft:

In the event that an athlete is not selected for the NSW Interstate team or NSW Country, the athlete will be eligible for the draft as per the SLSA Interstate Rules and Entry Circular.

You will be asked in the nomination form if you would/would not like to be eligible for the draft. SLSNSW will provide your information directly to SLSA directly after the NSW team is announced.

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