



## Australian Life Saving Team - Circular

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| <b>Title:</b>       | Life Saving World Championships 2022 (LWC2022) - Australian Life Saving Team & Australian Youth Life Saving Team Nominations for Pool Athletes   |
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| <b>From:</b>        | LWC2022 Australian Life Saving Team Collaborative Panel (SLSA & RLSSA)   |
| <b>Subject:</b>     | LWC2022 Australian Life Saving Team - Call for Youth and Open Pool Athlete Nominations   |
| <b>Summary:</b>     | Pool athletes wishing to be considered for both the Australian Life Saving Team and Australian Youth Life Saving Team. Pool athletes who wish to nominate for this team are required to complete the nomination form by no later than 11pm, Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2022. |

### Link

1) [LWC2022 Selection Policy](#)

### Background

The Lifesaving World Championships is an event that is contested biennially, consisting of events spread across the pool, beach and ocean in both Open & Youth age categories. It is an event which attracts the best lifesaving nations in the world, all vying to be crowned the world's best. The 2022 Life Saving World Championships will be held in Riccione, Italy with the National Teams competition running from 27<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

COVID has greatly impacted this Championship and indeed the national and world competition calendar since the pandemic began in 2020. National ocean and beach squads were announced in 2021, including Open, Youth, Pathways and Talent Identification (TID). Unfortunately the 2021 Australian Pool Rescue Championships were cancelled due to the uncertainty and border closures as a result of the pandemic and thus resulting in pool athletes not being selected on a national squad.

We now wish to call for nominations for Pool Athletes to be considered for a position on the Australian Life Saving Team for Youth and Open members. Nominations should only be submitted for eligible members who will make themselves available for team activities between selection and the Championships commencing in September.

### LWC2022 Campaign

The preparations leading into the 2022 Life Saving World Championships will be very different from previous years. COVID-19 has greatly impacted the international competition calendar and as such limited touring and developmental opportunities for the National Squads.

The altered Campaign Plan is being finalised but will include.

- Selection windows
- Timelines
- Camps/team activities

***The ALT and AYLT will do all possible to deliver this Team alongside the selection guidelines and communicated correspondence in a timely manner. We ask you to please be aware of the ever-changing landscape that COVID-19 has created and please remain flexible and understanding of necessary changes or delays.***

#### Australian Life Saving Team (ALT) Eligibility

- Only athletes born prior to 31/12/2003 will be considered for selection on the Open ALT.
- Athletes must have a current passport with an expiration date of more than 12 months (*or prepared to apply for an urgent passport or renewal if required*).
- Athletes must be available to travel during a possible event window of 20<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October.



- Selection will be prioritised for athletes with the capacity across LWC suite of events and point scoring ability to represent Australia at this pinnacle event with the primary goal of winning World Championships. The overall Team will be comprised of 6 men and 6 women.

#### Australian Youth Life Saving Team (AYLT) Eligibility

- As per International Life Saving (ILS) guidelines, to be eligible for the AYLT athletes must be born between **01/01/2004 – 31/12/2007**.
- Athletes must have a current passport with an expiration date of more than 12 months (*or prepared to apply for an urgent passport or renewal if required*).
- Athletes must be available to travel during a possible event window of 20<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022. As such, school requirements must be considered prior to nominating for the team.
- Selection will be prioritised for athletes with the capacity across LWC suite of events and point scoring ability to represent Australia at this pinnacle event with the primary goal of winning World Championships. The overall Youth Team will be comprised of 6 males and 6 females.

#### **Nomination process**

As with all SLSA high performance nominations, applicants are unable to be considered for selection unless the correct nomination form is completed by the advertised date, and can be accessed using the link below.

##### **Open Team Pool Nomination Link**

[Open Pool Athlete Nomination Form](#)

##### **Youth Team Pool Nomination Link**

[Youth Pool Athlete Nomination Form](#)

Please note that team selections for pool athletes will be delayed in order to allow for results from the Australian Pool Rescue Championships in August to be incorporated.

For potential selection onto the Australian Open and Youth Life Saving Team, all pool athletes must nominate by no later than 11pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and make themselves available for all team activities.

Email [sport@slsa.asn.au](mailto:sport@slsa.asn.au) if you have any further questions.