



## Surf Life Saving Australia Officials Scholarship Program Australian IRB Championships

Officials play a vital role in Surf Life Saving Sport. The Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Officials Scholarship Program aligns with the SLSA Participant Development Pathway, ensuring officials are trained and supported to continue their officiating progression. The Scholarship Program will increase opportunities and create a progressive pathway for our aspiring officials, supporting National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) accredited members in their officiating development.

This will be achieved by providing the recipients with the opportunity to gain officiating experience at national Surf Life Saving Championship events throughout the year across various disciplines. The Scholarship Program will be run for the Australian IRB Championships, Australian Pool Rescue Championships and The Aussies.

### Officials Scholarship Program Criteria – Australian IRB Championships

Applications for the two (2) Scholarships will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. **Experience:** Applicants must have a record of good performance and commitment officiating at branch and/or state level events. *This requirement may be reviewed on a case by case basis for IRB and Pool Rescue disciplines due to reduced local event opportunities.*
2. **Qualifications:** Applicants must have a valid Technical Official accreditation.
3. **Support from Branch or State:** A statement of support must be provided by a senior member of the applicants Branch or State Surf Sports Committee or equivalent.
4. **Ongoing Participation:** The Officials Scholarship Program runs for a two year duration. The applicants must be committed to the two year Program duration\*.

### What is included in the Officials Scholarship?

SLSA will create a schedule for two (2) scholarship recipients to maximise learning and developmental opportunities alongside working with and learning from other experienced officials.

SLSA will cover reasonable expenses for the two (2) successful scholarship recipients as outlined below;

First Year: Reimbursement of travel/accommodation related expenses for the event to the value of up to \$400 each.

Second Year: Reimbursement of travel/accommodation related expenses to the event to the value of up to \$200 each.

Any other costs associated with officiating will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

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## Expectations of Scholarship recipients

Scholarship recipients must be available to officiate and nominate for a role for the duration of the Championships.

The Australian IRB Championships (Mollymook, NSW)  
21<sup>st</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Recipients are required to officiate to the best of their ability in their allocated events and prepare appropriately to carry out their allocated duties. Contact details of an appropriate mentor will be provided prior to the Championships to assist with preparation for the event. Feedback and support will be provided to the recipient on their performance during the Championships.

## How to apply for the Officials Scholarship Program?

Applications can be submitted via the online application form:

[Officials Scholarship Online Application Form](#)

Applicants are eligible to participate in one Scholarship Program (over the two-year Program period) i.e. an official is not eligible to participate in the Aussies Scholarship Program *or* the Australian Pool Championships if they apply for the IRB Scholarship Program. The Program is available to officials who are officiating at the Australian IRB Championships for the first time.

Applications close on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## How will Scholarship recipients be selected?

The Officials Scholarship Panel comprising of SLSA representatives, including Senior Officials, will perform an objective evaluation of valid applications.

Applicants may be required to provide additional information or take part in an interview if required by the panel.

Successful applicants will be notified on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

## More information

For more information about the Officials Scholarship Program, please contact Narelle Duggan – [nduggan@slsa.asn.au](mailto:nduggan@slsa.asn.au)

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