

Circular 3774

19 July 2023

NSW Official Advisory Panel – Call for Nominations

Attention: Surf Sports Officials, Branch Secretaries, Branch Director of Surf Sports, Club Secretaries

Actioned by: SLSNSW Officials

Date: Wednesday 19 July 2023

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Summary	SLSNSW is calling for nominations from currently accredited Surf Sports Officials wishing to be appointed to the NSW Official Advisory Panel for the 2023/24 & 2024/25 seasons.
Action	Submit a nomination, with an accompanying letter detailing relevant experiences and motivation for applying to Jim Pinnington, SLSNSW Surf Sports Manager by Wednesday 16 August 2023 .

Background

The Officials Advisory Panel was established in 2017 and is charged with.

- Ensuring a contemporary and targeted approach to officials training and education.
- Revision of current roles and responsibilities and refine as appropriate to improve officiating experiences and encourage participation.
- Recommend revisions of the Surf Sports Manual to ensure competition is structured to promote participation and fair competition.
- Lead the appointment process for SLSNSW Championships Referees and Deputy Referees.
- Collaborate with appointed Referees on their appointment of Officials.
- Consider the use of technology to enhance both official and competitor experiences.
- Develop strategies to ensure an on – going pipeline of officials is developed.

SLSNSW is now calling for nominations for the Officials Advisory Panel for the 2023/24 & 2024/25 seasons.

Review Dates and Timelines

Nominations for the Officials Advisory Panel will be reviewed and approved dependant on expressions of interest. The Panel nominations and review periods have been detailed below:

Review Stages	Dates
Nominations open for the Officials Advisory Panel	Wednesday 19 July 2023
Nominations close	Wednesday 16 August 2023
New Panel members notified	Wednesday 30 August 2023

To nominate please email surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au, Attention: Jim Pinnington, SLSNSW Surf Sports Manager, notifying your intent to nominate and with an accompanying letter detailing relevant experience and motivation for nominating by **midnight Wednesday 16 August 2023**.

Officials Advisory Panel Specifications

A maximum of three (3) applicants will join an existing panel consisting of a Chair, one (1) independent member, two (2) independent members up for re – nomination and two (2) SLSNSW staff.

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current Financial Member of Surf Life Saving NSW
- A minimum of 5 years' service with Surf Life Saving NSW
- Have a robust understanding and extensive recent experience of Surf Sports Officiating across all disciplines.
- Have a general understanding of the NSW & Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.
- Be available to attend Surf Sports carnivals (within reason) throughout the 2023/24 season & 2024/25 season.

The tenure for all Officials Advisory Panel members will be two-year terms, for a maximum of three terms.

Additional Panel Members:

At the discretion of SLSNSW, the SLSNSW Chair of Surf Sports, additional members may be appointed to the panel or asked to attend meetings at any given time.

Attending Panel Meetings:

- On occasion, Members of the Panel will be required to meet face – to – face.
- The Panel meet every 4 weeks on a Tuesday evening via Zoom or as required for any urgent matters.

Note:

All discussions in the Officials Advisory panel meetings are confidential and all members are not to discuss any aspects of the meetings with any other SLS members.