



Australian Life Saving Team – Circular

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| Title | Australian Life Saving Team (ALT) Expressions of Interest – Pool Rescue |
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| Audience | SLSA Membership, RLSSA Membership |
| From | Australian Life Saving Team Collaborative Panel (SLSA & RLSSA) |
| Subject | Australian Life Saving Team – Call for Pool Rescue Youth, Pathways and Open Teams |
| Summary | Pool Rescue athletes wishing to be considered for the Australian Life Saving Team. Pool Rescue athletes who wish to nominate for the ALT tours are required to complete the nomination form by no later than 11pm on Wednesday 2 nd August, 2023. |

The 2024 Selection Guidelines can be found in the [Members Area](#) and on the ALT landing page [ALT landing page on the SLSA website](#).

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 2024 Lifesaving World Championships will be held on home soil on the Gold Coast, with the National Teams competition being held from 28th August – 1st September.

As part of the ALT preparation into the Gold Coast, there are a number of tours which have been identified to support in this preparation. In addition to the International Surf Rescue Challenge and Battle of the Tasman events, we now invite nominations for Pool Rescue Athletes wishing to be considered for a position on the two upcoming tours as part of the ALT;

- New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships, Auckland, New Zealand
- International German Cup (Pool Life Saving), Warendorp, Germany

Nominations should only be submitted for eligible members who will make themselves available for team activities between selection and the Championship events.

New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships

The ALT will be selecting a youth and non-capped open/high performance team to tour to Auckland in September/October to compete at the 2023 New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships. One team will be a 2024 Worlds youth eligible team and the other team will be a mixture of athletes who would normally be eligible for pathways or open. The schedule and team selection information is outlined below. Please ensure availability and eligibility prior to submitting your expression of interest.

- Tour objective: To provide valuable racing and touring opportunities which assist with German Cup and World Life Saving Championships preparations.
- Tour Date: Thursday 28th September – Monday 2nd October, 2023
- Competition: Saturday 28th – Sunday 1st October, 2023
- Camp: 7th – 10th September (Gold Coast)
- Teams: 2024 youth team eligible - *Min 15-18 years for 2024 Worlds (cannot turn 19 in 2024)*
pathways/high performance - *Minimum 16 years and over for 2024 Worlds*
- Levy: \$1,200 youth and pathways team levy
- Eligibility: Athletes must have a current passport with an expiration date of more than 6 months or be prepared to apply for one in time for the tour.
- Team Size: 10 x youth
10 x pathways/high performance

Athletes must be available for both the camp and tour to New Zealand in September.

German Cup

The ALT will be selecting a ‘capped’ open team to tour to Germany in November to compete at the 2023 German Cup. The schedule and team selection information is outlined below. Please ensure availability and eligibility prior to submitting your expression of interest.

- Tour objective: To provide a quality racing and touring opportunities for Australian Open athletes to assist them in their preparations for 2024 World Life Saving Championships.
- Tour Date: Monday 20th – Monday 27th November, 2023
- Competition: Friday 24th – Saturday 25th November, 2023
- Camp: 7th – 10th September (Gold Coast)
- Teams: Minimum 16 years and over for 2024 Worlds
- Eligibility: Athletes must have a current passport with an expiration date of more than 6 months or be prepared to apply for one in time for the tour.
- Team Size: 10 x Open Athletes

Athletes must be available for both the camp and tour to Germany in November.

Nomination Process

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

[Athlete Nomination Form](#)

Selection for both Australian Tours will be based on times achieved at pool rescue carnivals held over the previous 12 months, up to and including performances at the 2023 Australian Pool Rescue Championships on the Gold Coast on 4th – 6th August. Selections will not be finalised until the completion of the 2023 Australian Pool Rescue Championships which concludes on 6th August, 2023.

To be considered for selection, all pool athletes must submit their nominate by no later than 11pm on Wednesday 2nd August, 2023 and make themselves available for all team activities.