

Circular 3809

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2023/24 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award

Attention: Club and Branch Presidents and Executives

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Summary	This circular details the nomination process for the NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award.
Action	Branches to ensure their JLOTY communications are in line with the following dates in circular.

Surf Life Saving NSW is seeking nominations for the 2023/2024 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award.

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award is a way for Clubs and Branches to recognise their U14 members' achievements in Surf Life Saving; the contributions they have made to all levels of Surf Life Saving as well as within the community.

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program aims to focus on recognising and rewarding the young members who have been selected as Branch Finalists. The program for this age group focuses on self-leadership, socialisation, teamwork, surf lifesaving and self-awareness. Participants will be involved in physical challenges, presentations and discussions, activities and scenarios that require leadership, teamwork and communication.

All U14 members who believe they could be the next Junior Lifesaver of the Year should apply through their Club and/or Branch. The male and female Branch winners will then progress to the SLSNSW development camp and interview process to determine the State winners.

The Award

Branches are invited to submit one female and one male nomination for the 2023/2024 SLSNSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award. Nominations must include the nomination form below, medical and consent form, and responses to the nomination questions.

Individual and club nominations are to be submitted to Branch in accordance with their timelines. Nominees and clubs should seek further information from their Branch as to any additional requirements for branch submission of nominations.

Please note:

- All applications must be typed; handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- Nominees must have completed their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) by the time of the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program to be eligible for the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award.
- Resumes or additional information will not be considered by the judges and cannot be included with nominations.

The criteria for selection will be based on the nominee's achievements in the following areas:

- Contribution to Surf Life Saving
- Promotion of Surf Life Saving to the community
- Self leadership
- Surf lifesaving knowledge and skills

All nominations are to be endorsed by Branches and submitted to SLSNSW by 9am Monday 12th February 2024.

Successful applicants will be advised of their placing as State finalists and are then required to attend the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program held at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's Northern Beaches from Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th April 2024. Please note, as this program is held over Anzac Day, it will be recognised with the finalists.

The program aims to further develop members by supporting personal development and goal setting, and by positively recognising members. Best of all, it is an opportunity to meet young surf lifesavers from across New South Wales and be part of a fun experience.

Participants will take part in an informal interview hosted by a judging panel of experienced surf lifesavers, considering individuals on their merit to become the Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

Please note: SLSNSW will cover costs of accommodation, meals and activities for those members attending the workshop. Flights to and from the program will be covered by SLSNSW for finalists from FNC, NC, MNC and FSC, and as required for LNC and SC. Finalists from other branches will be required to organise their own transport. Further information regarding transport arrangements will be available once Branch finalists have been selected and provided to SLSNSW.

The announcement of the Junior Lifesavers of the Year will be at the completion of the program, prior to midday on Friday 26th April 2024. Parents are invited to join the award ceremony via livestream from the SLSNSW Facebook page, and more information will be shared closer to the date. Celebrations will be held at the program and state winners will not be attending the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence.

Nomination Submissions

Nominations must be endorsed by the nominee's Club and Branch and submitted by email to Zoe Hersee, Youth Development Officer at zhersee@surflifesaving.com.au by **9am Monday 12th February 2024**.

Nomination Form

2023/2024 Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Participant Details								
Branch		Club						
Full Name								
Date of Birth		Gender	Female	Male	Non-binary			
Participant's Email Address		Parent's Email Address						
Mobile Number		Adult Shirt Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
			6	8	10	12	14	16

Emergency Contact Details		
Name	Relationship	Mobile Phone Number

Travel Details	
What mode of transport do you intend to use to get to the program?	Car Bus Plane
<i>Please complete the following if you will be flying</i>	
Which airport will you depart from?	
Are there other details we need to know before booking your flights?	

Please note: Flight details are non-negotiable unless in an emergency. If you have any specific requests, please inform us immediately. Your commitment to this is important. Any 'no shows' or cancellations by participants will require full payment of all incurred expenses by that participant.

Club Endorsement			
CLUB NAME			
CLUB CONTACT	Name		Signature
	Position		Date

Branch Endorsement			
BRANCH NAME			
BRANCH CONTACT	Name		Signature
	Position		Date

Medical and Consent Form

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please identify any special needs or requirements (e.g. wheelchair access, food allergies etc.)

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Do you suffer from any medical conditions? (e.g. allergies, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes etc.) Do you require medication for this condition?
If yes to either question – please give details (attach sheet if required)

RISK WAIVER

In the case of an emergency, I authorise the program staff where it is impractical to communicate with me, to arrange for me to receive such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

I understand that although Surf Life Saving NSW and its service providers attempt to minimise any risk of personal injury within practical boundaries, accidents do happen and all physical activities carry the risk of personal injury. I acknowledge and accept that there is an inherent risk of personal injury in physical activities that will be undertaken as part of the program.

Participant's Signature

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

MEDIA CONSENT

I agree to allow Surf Life Saving NSW to use my name and any photographs, sound and film recordings taken of me at this program for the promotion of the organisations services and initiatives to the media and the general public.

Participant's Signature

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Privacy Statement

Surf Life Saving New South Wales of PO Box 307, Belrose NSW 2085 (SLSNSW) may collect and store the information you voluntarily provide to advance its objects and provide services including but not only enabling processing of enrolments for programs. The information collected will be stored and disclosed in accordance with SLSNSW's privacy policy: <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/privacy-policy/>. Note by providing this information you consent to its disclosure. SLSNSW's privacy policy sets out your rights in regard to accessing and updating your information.

SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct outlines the standard of conduct expected of all members. As a participant at this program, you agree to meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during the program (including both formal and informal activities).

- respect the rights, dignity and worth of others—treat others as you would like to be treated yourself;
- be ethical, considerate, fair, courteous and honest in all dealings with other people and organisations;
- be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions;
- be aware of and follow—at all times—SLS rules, regulations, policies and procedures and promote those laws, standards, rules, policies and procedures to others;
- raise concerns arising under this Policy through the appropriate channels and report any breaches of the Code or this Policy, in line with the Complaint Resolution Policy via <http://complaints.sls.com.au/>;
- refrain from any form of Bullying, Abuse, Harassment, Discrimination and Victimisation towards others;
- provide a safe environment for the conduct of activities in accordance with any relevant SLSA policy;
- ensure SLS is an inclusive organisation that is open to all who wish to participate regardless of age, gender, disability, cultural and linguistic background or sexual orientation;
- provide a safe and nurturing environment for all participating in surf life saving by actively promoting the principles of equal opportunity, social justice and cultural safety so that all individuals are treated with respect and dignity;
- show concern, empathy and caution towards others that may be sick or injured;
- strive to be a positive role model to all;
- respect and protect confidential information obtained through Surf Lifesaving activities or services; whether individuals and/or organisational information;
- maintain the required standard of accreditation and/or licensing of professional competencies, as applicable to the role(s);
- ensure that any physical contact with others is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development;
- refrain from intimate relations with persons over whom you have a position of authority;
- maintain a duty of care towards others; and
- be impartial and accept responsibility for all actions taken.

Further, you agree to:

- abide by the code of conduct outlined above
- maintain a 'duty of care' towards others and an accountability for matters relating to the program
- foster a collaborative approach to the program and its activities
- accept responsibility for your personal learning and that of the group
- be a positive role model for surf lifesavers and SLSA

Participant's Signature

Parent / Guardian Signature

Nomination Questions

2023/2024 Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Please answer the following five questions; *typed on one A4 piece of paper (single spaced, size 11 font).*

1. What has been the highlight of your involvement in Surf Life Saving so far?
2. What personal Surf Life Saving achievements are you most proud of?
3. Who inspires you to achieve your goals in Surf Life Saving, and why?
4. What do you think is the most important area or activity with Surf Life Saving and detail why?
5. If you could initiate one program at Club, Branch or State level what would it be and why?