

# Australian Life Saving Team - Circular

<b>Title:</b>	2024 Lifesaving World Championship IRB Selection Information & Team EOI
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<b>Summary:</b>	This Circular contains the relevant information to support selection of the Australian IRB Life Saving Team for the 2024 Lifesaving World Championships in September 2024 and also the <a href="#">IRB Team EOI Form</a> which should be completed before 11:59pm on <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024.</b>

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Due to the pandemic, IRB competition has not been held as part of the National Teams competition within the World Lifesaving Championships since Glenelg in 2018. We are excited to be able to select a team to represent Australia at the 2024 Lifesaving World Championships at Kurrawa Beach on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Australian team members will compete as the Australian Life Saving Team which is a shared venture with Royal Life Saving Australia.

For IRB competition, female and male teams (four competitors in each team) must be gender specific as outlined by ILS rules. Teams will contest the following event as part of the National IRB Team Programme.

- IRB Rescue
- IRB Tube Rescue (Amendment to Tube details below)
- IRB Mass Rescue
- IRB Mixed Team Mass Rescue

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

Team eligibility is outlined in detail in the Selection Guideline which can be found on the SLSA ALT website [High Performance - Surf Life Saving \(sls.com.au\)](https://sls.com.au) and the [LWC 2024 Handbook](#).

In relation to team Selection, teams and individuals must;

- Form gender specific teams of four to race for selection during the 2024 Interstate competition.
- Compete in the 2024 Interstate Championships and Australian IRB Open Championships, as these will be the National Team selection events.
- Coordinate their own travel and accommodation for the event, SLSA will provide Australian Team uniforms. Athletes selected who reside outside of Queensland, could be eligible for a travel subsidy. The selected team will be required to be on the Gold Coast two days prior to racing and will be required to attend team functions and training as directed by the management team.

Eligible	Drivers who turn 17 years of age on or before the selection event and are 18 years of age by 31/12/2024.
Not Eligible	Drivers who turn 17 in 2024, those who are not certified by their National Lifesaving Organisation (NLO) to operate craft and unlicensed drivers.
Eligible	Crew who turn 16 years of age on or before the selection event. There is no maximum age.
Not Eligible	Crew who turn 15 in 2024 and those who are not certified by their NLO to crew IRBs.
Eligible	Patients who turn 15 years of age on or before the selection event. There is no maximum age.

Not Eligible	Patients who turn 14 in 2024 and those who are not certified by their NLO to be a patient in IRB competition.
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### 3 TEAM COMPOSITION / SIZE

#### 3.1 Team

- The Men's Team comprises of four male athletes.
- The Women's Team comprises of four female athletes.
- The following events will comprise the Worlds Program

IRB Rescue Tube – Men's	One team
IRB Rescue Tube – Women's	One team
IRB Mass Rescue – Men's	One team
IRB Mass Rescue – Women's	One team
Mixed IRB Teams Rescue	One team
IRB Rescue – Men's	One team
IRB Rescue – Women's	One team

*Note: All men's events must consist of male drivers, crew persons and patients. All women's events must consist of female drivers, crew persons and patients. Selection preference will be afforded to crews who can perform across all of the above events, not just the fastest in each event.*

### 4 NATIONAL TEAMS SELECTION

Australian IRB Team Selection will be determined from the results of the 2024 Interstate Championships and Australian IRB Open Championships, with all three event disciplines being considered (Rescue Tube, Mass Rescue and Rescue events).

State Development Crews may race in the final of each event. Development teams are ***NOT*** eligible for points, regardless of finishing position but will be considered for Australian Team Selection providing they race in the 2024 Australian IRB Open Championships.

- Team composition consisting of the same four competitors (single gender) must remain throughout the Interstate competition to be eligible for selection.
- Drivers and crew must both be from the same club to be considered for selection.
- Teams that are not part of the Interstate competition are ineligible for Australian IRB Team selection regardless of finishing position in the Australian IRB finals.
- Additional events added to Interstate IRB Championships will be conducted under the same scrutineering and Surf Sport Manual Rules and conditions. All normal event conditions will be listed in the IRB Entry Circular to be released at a later date.
- At the discretion of the Selection Panel, they may wish to select wild card crews to enter the Interstate Competition based on State results. If crews are selected, they will be ineligible to accrue points for the Interstate competition.

### 5 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

All crews wishing to be considered for selection must complete the Expressions of Interest form by no later than **11:59pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** through the online [IRB Team EOI Form](#).

### 6 SELECTION PANEL AND COLLABORATIVE PANEL

The collaborative Panel is made up of SLSA and RLSSA Operational Staff Members. The role of this panel is to provide governance to the appointment and selection process. They also appoint the Selection Panel which includes a convenor and two panel members. SLSA and RLSSA are represented on this panel.

An IRB advisor/s may be appointed to assist the Selection Panel if required.



## 7 TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The IRB Australian Life Saving Team will be announced the month following the 2024 Australian IRB Championships.

## 8 TEAM COACHING AND TEAM MANAGEMENT

### 8.1 Coach Appointment

As the World Championships are hosted on the Gold Coast this year, the nominated coach (as appears on the nomination form) for each selected crew will also be appointed as coach for their crew and appointed to the Australian IRB Team. As such, one coach for the male crew will be appointed and one coach for the female crew will be appointed. In the event that one coach is the primary coach for both selected crews, the primary coach will be appointed as the overall Australian IRB Team Coach and as such, no additional coach will be appointed.

*Note: It is recommended that club coaches complete the nomination form to ensure that coach and crew details are accurate.*

### 8.2 Manager Appointment

Nominations are now open for Team Managers wishing to support the Australian IRB Team. If you are interested in becoming a Manager for the Australian IRB Team, please complete the Team Manager Nomination form [here](#). Nominations will remain open until **11:59pm on Wednesday 01 May 2024**.