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SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



NSW Officials Advisory Panel – Call for Nominations

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

Actioned by: SLSNSW Officials

Date: 28 May 2025

Contact: Greg Pierce, Surf Sports Manager – 02 9471 8000 - gpierce@surflifesaving.com.au

Summary	SLSNSW is calling for nominations from currently accredited Surf Sports Officials wishing to be appointed to the NSW Officials Advisory Panel for the 2025/26 & 2026/27 seasons.
Action	Submit a nomination, with an accompanying letter detailing relevant experiences and motivation for applying to Greg Pierce, SLSNSW Surf Sports Manager by Friday 20 June 2025

Background

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

- A) Ensuring a contemporary and targeted approach to officials training and education.
- B) Constantly review current roles and responsibilities and refine as appropriate to improve officiating experiences and encourage participation.
- C) Recommend revisions of the Surf Sports Manual to ensure competition is structured to promote participation and fair competition.
- D) Lead the appointment process for SLSNSW Championships Referees and Deputy Referees.
- E) Collaborate with appointed Referees on their appointment of Officials.
- F) Review current officiating policies and procedures and make recommendations to augment as required to improve experience for BOTH competitors and officials.
- G) Consider the use of technology to enhance both official and competitor experiences.
- H) 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 2025/26 & 2026/27 seasons.

Review Dates and Timelines

The Panel nominations and review periods have been detailed below:

Review Stages	Dates
Nominations open for the Officials Advisory Panel	Wednesday 28 May 2025
Nominations close	Friday 20 June 2025
New Panel members notified	Tuesday 1 July 2025

To nominate please email Greg Pierce, SLSNSW Surf Sports Manager – gpierce@surflifesaving.com.au, notifying your intent to nominate and with an accompanying letter detailing relevant experience and motivation for nominating by **midnight Friday 20 June 2025**.

Officials Advisory Panel Specifications

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current Financial Member of Surf Life Saving NSW
- Have extensive experience officiating in surf sports or officiating in community sport more broadly.
- Have a general understanding of the NSW Championship Events.
- Be available to attend Surf Sports carnivals (within reason) throughout the 2025/26 season & 2026/27 season.

Additional Panel Members:

At the discretion of SLSNSW and/or 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 meets every 6 weeks (about 1 and a half months) on a Tuesday evening via Teams.