



Circular 3911

2025/26 NSW Surf Boat Interstate Selection Carnivals

Attention: Branch Directors of Surf Sports, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Coaches and Surf Boat Competitors

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Summary	SLSNSW is releasing the 2025/26 Surf Boat Interstate Selection Carnivals and selection criteria for the 2026 NSW Surf Boat Interstate Team.
Action	Crews to complete entries with carnival organisers and attend carnivals as listed to be eligible for selection in the NSW Surf Boat Interstate Team.

This document outlines the criteria for crews to be selected to represent NSW at the Interstate Challenge, details of which will be announced by SLSA shortly.

The NSW State Team will comprise of the following divisions with the selection criteria listed below:

- Open Men
- Open Women
- Under 19 Men
- Under 19 Women
- Under 23 Men
- Under 23 Women
- Reserve Grade Men
- Reserve Grade Women

Please note the above team composition and divisions are based on the 2025/26 Guidelines. SLSNSW reserves the right to alter the team composition at their discretion at any time.

Selection Carnivals

(Please be aware that whilst every effort is being made to run these events, the dates and venues are subject to change. Should this occur, notification will be provided as soon as possible). To ensure the best possible team is selected should any of the 3 nominated selection carnivals be unable to be held, the NSW Surf Boat Panel reserves the right to review results from other carnivals throughout the season and make the decision to select a crew in each division. This final selection may be different to the points accrued at the one or two other selection carnivals

State Selection 1 – North Cronulla

- Saturday 20 December 2025 – U19s, U23s, Opens and Reserves

State Selection 2 – North Steyne

- Saturday 10 January 2026 – Opens and Reserves
- Sunday 11 January 2026 – U19s and U23s

State Selection 3 – Collaroy

- Saturday 24 January 2026 – Opens and Reserves
- Sunday 25 January 2026 – U19's and U23's

Points Allocation and Selection Criteria

- a) The top seven crews from each division final at each event above will be allocated points on the following basis: 1st = 7 points, 2nd = 6 points, 3rd = 5 points, 4th = 4 points, 5th = 3 points, 6th = 2 points & 7th = 1 point.
- b) In the event of a crew outside of NSW finishing in the top seven in a division at any of the selection events, the next highest placed NSW crew will be allocated these points. This will continue down until all points have been allocated to NSW crews.
- c) In the case of equal position (i.e. two NSW crews coming 3rd), the points will be allocated based on the position (i.e. 3rd) and the position below (i.e. 4th), the points for those positions will be added together and divided between the two crews (i.e. point allocation will be 4.5). The next placed crew will receive the points for the next position (i.e. 5th = 3 points)
- d) Only the points from the crews best two results out of the three selection carnivals will be added together.
- e) The crew/s in each division with the highest number of points at the conclusion of the two nominated events will be deemed as the successful team that will represent NSW at the Interstate Challenge (pending approval).

In the unlikely event that a crew/s is tied on points, the NSW Surf Boat Panel will meet to select the successful crew. Sweeps of both crews will be informed of the decision prior to it being announced.

Competition

Normal competition rules apply as per the current SLSA Surf Sports Manual as well as any additional rules imposed by the event organiser.

Team Levy

All costs (including travel & accommodation) are the responsibility of individuals. SLSNSW will provide a State Team uniform.

How to Nominate

- Crews to complete entries with carnival organisers and attend carnivals as listed to be eligible for selection in the NSW Surf Boat Interstate Team.
- Read the SLSA Interstate Rules and Entry Circular (when available)
- All nominating members are asked to familiarise themselves with the [SLSNSW Selection Policy](#) and the [SLSNSW Athlete Agreement](#). All athletes will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in these documents.
- All nominees must be current financial members and proficient with their relevant awards. All nominations must be endorsed by both Club and Branch representatives prior to selection – Any nomination that fails to meet these requirements will not be accepted.
- If the selected crew in any division is unable to attend the Australian Interstate Championship, the next highest place crew within that division shall be offered the position (pending approval) and so on as required.

For further information regarding selection for the 2026 Surf Boat Interstate Team please contact surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au