



Circular 3980

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2026-27 NSW SURF INTERSTATE (OPEN & YOUTH) TEAM ATHLETE NOMINATION

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Branch Officers, Coaches & Athletes.

Actioned by: Athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2026-27 NSW Surf Interstate (Open & Youth) Team.

Date: 9 October 2026

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Summary	SLSNSW is calling for athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2026-27 NSW Surf Interstate Open & Youth Team.
Action	Please complete the nomination form by 30 October 2026 .
NOTE	Only athletes in the Open and Youth divisions (U17, U19 & Open age groups) are eligible to nominate.

INFORMATION

SLSNSW is calling for expressions of interest (EOIs) from athletes seeking selection in the 2026-27 NSW Surf Interstate Open & Youth Team to compete at the SLSA Open and Youth Interstate Championships on Friday 8 January 2027 at Newcastle SLSC. Please see [SLSA Entry Circular](#) for more information.

NOTE: Only Open and Youth divisions will compete on Friday 8 January 2027.

EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 8 January 2027 – Interstate Open & Youth divisions.

Due to the change in competition structure, NSW will enter two additional state representative teams for the Super Surf Teams League (SSTL) competition on 9 – 10 January 2027. The two teams (NSW Open and NSW U17) will be selected from the Interstate nominations. Please indicate your availability to compete for the NSW SSTL teams in the nomination form.

STATE SELECTION CARNIVALS

The Selection Panel will look at the performances and results from the following carnivals and may consider other relevant results.

- Beach Stormers Rounds 31 October – 12 December
- Wanda (Beach & Water) 24 October
- Bonny Hills (Water) 31 October
- Interbranch (Beach & U17 Water) 28 – 29 November
- Coffs Harbour (Water) 5 December
- Avoca (Beach & Water) 12 December

TEAM COMPOSITION

The 2026-27 SLSA Open & Youth Surf Interstate Championships will hold Open and Youth divisions of competition with a total team size of 20 athletes:

- Each **Open** Team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitors. To be eligible for an Open State team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2026 (i.e. Under 17 age group). Each Open State team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitive members from either the U17, U19 or Open age categories.
- Each **Youth** Team will consist of 5 male and 5 female competitors. To be eligible for a Youth State team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before the 30 September 2026 (i.e. Under 17 age group). Each Youth State team will consist of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitive members from the U17 age category **only**.
- Competitors must compete for the whole of the Championships in either the Open or Youth Competition. They are **not permitted to compete outside of their chosen division**.

LEVY

Please be advised that a levy may be payable to all successful team members to assist with the team cost (i.e. uniform, accommodation, transport, etc.). Clubs will be invoiced for this levy and it will then be up to the club to pass on this expense to the individual athlete.

HOW TO NOMINATE

- 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.
- Complete the [nomination form](#) by **30 October 2026**
- All nominees must be current financial members and proficient with their relevant awards. All nominations must be endorsed by Club representatives.

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- After the close of nominations, Branch will be sent all nominations from within their Branch. Branch will then be required to provide endorsement for nominations to SLSNSW within 48 hours. Individuals are not required to seek a letter from Branch prior to nomination. If Branch does not endorse the nomination, it will be the responsibility of the Branch to communicate this to the member.

SLSA MATCH FIXING & ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- The SLSA National Policy on Match Fixing and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs including special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.
- Members have responsibilities under Policy 5.2 Anti-Doping Policy and Policy 6.23 Illicit Drugs in Sport (both available online in the SLSA Members Portal). It is strongly recommended that all athletes complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module AND conduct at least one (1) anti-doping education activity with all competitors from the Team. <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/education/elearning-course-overview>

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required, please contact the SLSNSW Surf Sports team at surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au or 9471 8000.