



Circular 3981

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2026-27 NSW SURF INTERSTATE (PATHWAY) 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 Pathway 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 Pathway Team.
Action	Please complete the nomination form by 30 October 2026 .

INFORMATION

SLSNSW is calling for expressions of interest (EOIs) from athletes seeking selection in the 2026-27 NSW Surf Interstate Pathway Team to compete at the SLSA Pathways Interstate Championships on Tuesday 13 April 2027 at Mooloolaba SLSC.

EVENT TIMETABLE

Tuesday 13 April 2027 – Pathways (U14 & U15) Competition, Mooloolaba SLSC.

STATE SELECTION CARNIVALS

The NSW Selection Panel will look at the performance and results from the following carnivals and may consider other relevant results. It is not compulsory to attend all carnivals however it is expected that anyone seeking selection in the Pathways Team would attend the State Championships in March. If you cannot attend the State Championships, please email Graeme Hill gghill@surflifesaving.com.au

- Beach Stormers Rounds 31 October 2025 – 16 January 2027
- Interbranch (Beach & Water) 28 – 29 November 2026
- Avoca (Beach & Water) 12 December 2026
- Manly Nipper Nats (U14's Beach & Water) 10 January 2027
- Manly WOS (U15's Beach & Water) 15 – 16 January 2027

- NSW State Championships

4 – 14 March 2027

TEAM COMPOSITION

The 2026-27 SLSA Pathway Surf Interstate Championships will hold the Pathway division of competition with a total team size of 16 athletes:

- Each **Pathway** Team will consist of 8 male and 8 female competitors. To be eligible for a Pathway State team a member must be a minimum age of 13 years as of 30 September 2026 (i.e. Under 14 age group) or a minimum age of 14 years as of 30 September 2026 (i.e. Under 15 age group). Each Pathway State team will consist of a maximum of 8 male and 8 female competitive members from the U14 and U15 age categories only.
- Competitors must compete for the whole of the Championships in the Pathway 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 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.
- 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/resources/education>

FURTHER INFORMATION

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