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To:	Athletes Aquatic sports council delegates Team managers	Aquatic sport council officers Coaches
From:	Brady Campi – Sport Administrator	
Date:	30 September 2026	
Action:	Athletes submit EOI by midnight **Sunday 29 November 2026**	

2027 SLSA Interstates and Super Surf Teams League Athlete Information – Call for Athlete Nominations

Tour dates

- SLSA Open & Youth Interstates Championship**: Friday 8th January 2027** at Newcastle SLSC
- Super Surf Teams League Open & Youth: **Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th January 2027** at Newcastle SLSC

Please note that an information for Pathway Interstates athletes will be advertised at a later date.

State Team Selection Criteria & Selection Carnivals

Selection Criteria

- Performances at identified State Team Selection Carnivals
- Australian Open Championships (individual) based on previous season result
- Previous performances at Victorian Senior Championships
- Good standing within the member's club, Life Saving Victoria and community.
- Demonstrated commitment to Lifesaving.
- Team balance and composition
- Completion of EOI/Nomination form

Please note, requirements exist between age group and gender balances across teams. This will be taken into consideration as teams are selected. Further information can be found in SLSA's Circular.

As referenced above, performances at the identified **State Team Selection Carnivals** will inform state team selections. This is in addition to the consideration of results from the previous season, providing multiple opportunities for interested athletes to demonstrate performance.

The following carnivals are identified as selection events:

- **Battle of the Waves - Saturday 7th November – Ocean Grove SLSC**
- **Beach Stormers - Sunday 15th November – South Melbourne LSC**
- **Battle of the Waves – Sunday 22nd November – Jan Juc SLSC**
- **Beach Stormers – Sunday 29th November – Mordialloc LSC**

For those unable to attend the above selection carnivals, including athletes based interstate who are eligible for selection, **please ensure a nomination form is still submitted, and advise sport@lsv.com.au directly** so that selectors can discuss individual circumstances.

Participant requirements

To be eligible for selection in the Victorian state team, participants must:

- Must be a financial member of a club.
- Must have SLSA competition rights in Victoria.
- Open athletes with Interstate competition rights who have completed their Bronze Medallion in Victoria, are eligible under the SLSA “Bronze of Origin” rule.
- Bronze medallion award needs to be completed prior to SLSA competition.
- Good standing within the member’s club, Life Saving Victoria and community.
- Hold the appropriate SLSA qualifications and be proficient in the award.
- Meet patrol requirements in line with membership category.
- Agree and sign the Code of Conduct for Athletes

SLSA Eligibility states:

- States are permitted to select “State of Bronze Medallion Origin” athletes based on where the member first gained their Bronze Medallion Award
- OR select for the State/Territory based on where the member’s current club is (if the member wishes to be selected).
- SLSA will complete an audit of each team to ensure all teams comply with these rules.

Please note, a drafting process from other states will be detailed by SLSA.

Team composition

The 2027 SLSA Australian Interstate Championships will include Open and Youth divisions of competition, with the:

- **Open Team** consisting of a maximum of 5 male and 5 female competitors,
- **Youth Team** consisting of 5 male and 5 female competitors (U17 only).

Competitors must compete for the whole of the Championships in either the Open or Youth or and are not permitted to compete outside of their chosen division.

Super Surf Team League Composition:

- **Vic Blues** – 4 Male and 4 Female
- **Vic Greys** – 4 Male and 4 Female
- **Vic Whites (Youth U17 Only)** – 4 Male and 4 Female

LSV will look to select reserve athletes for the above teams and rotate these athletes through, providing further opportunities for Victorian athletes.

State Team Costs

LSV will try to secure funding for athlete expenses, but it is not guaranteed. Athletes will be informed if financial support becomes available. All selected athletes must expect costs for joining the team. For the Open/U17 Interstates and SSTL campaign in January, estimated expenses for food, accommodation, and vehicle transport range from $500 to $900, depending on subsidies.

All athletes must arrange and pay for their own flights for all competitions.

Attendance Requirements

Successful applicants will be required to attend the following events, once scheduled:

- State Team Training Session(s)
- Relevant meetings
- Interstate Championships – timetable of events is included in the SLSA circular
- Super Surf Teams League – timetable of events is included in the SLSA circular

Please note, it is intended that team members selected in the Interstates Championships will all make themselves available to travel on Thursday 7th January 2027 and be available until the completion of competition.

Athletes selected ONLY in the Super Surf Teams League competition are expected to make themselves available to travel on Friday 8th January and be available until the completion of competition.

Application Process

The application process is outlined below:

1. Complete the expression of interest form via the **ONLINE APPLICATION FORM**
2. During the evaluation period, members may be requested to submit additional information and personally discuss the application in detail.
3. By completing this form, you will be considered as a nominee to represent the State. You will also receive further information regarding the requirements and responsibilities of being part of the team, including costs, and if under 18, parent/guardian expectations. There will be a requirement to sign an Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct form outlining your responsibilities as part of the team.

If nominating, you will be required to submit this no later than **midnight on Sunday 29 November.**

Victorian team selection criteria are outlined in the State Team and Athlete Development Pathway Manual, available here.

Please note the State Team and Athlete Development Pathway Manual has been updated to reflect the Summer Interstates and Super Surf Teams League criteria only. The section relating to Surfboat State Teams is currently under review and will be circulated soon, with Winter teams to be updated in due course.

State Team Selectors

A selection panel will be appointed by the Aquatic Sport Council Leadership Team to consider nominations and review results. The selection panel will be made up of:

- Representative(s) of Athlete Pathways & Performance Committee confirmed by the Sport CLT
- Head Coach by Expression of Interest
- Assistant Coach / Beach Coach, Youth Coach by Expression of Interest

Additional selectors may be invited to support selection process as required with endorsement required from the Aquatic Sport CLT.

Endorsement of Applications

All athlete nominations must be endorsed by a Club President, Secretary, Coach, or Team Manager. Nominations without club endorsement will not be considered, and LSV will confirm endorsement with clubs prior to selection

For additional details on this circular please contact:
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