

To: Athletes Aquatic Sport Council Officers
Aquatic Sports Council Delegates Coaches
Team Managers

From: Sport Department

Date: 09 September 2026

Action: Submit your EOI by 11pm on Sunday 27 September 2026

2027 Wieland Shield Team Athlete – Athlete EOI

Life Saving Victoria is calling for nominations of athletes interested in participating in the Victorian Wieland Shield Team. This is an exciting opportunity to represent your state against California's best.

What is the Wieland Shield

Since 1967, the Los Angeles County Lifeguards and Life Saving Victoria have been exchanging competitive and educational tours on a bi-annual basis.

A perpetual trophy for competition between Life Saving Victoria and Californian teams was awarded during the visit of the USA team to Australia in 1967. The trophy, made from Victorian red gum wood, is retained by the winning team until the next opportunity comes up for competition between Victoria and the United States.

The Aquatic Sports Council Leadership Team is now calling for nominations of athletes interested in participating in the 2027 Wieland Shield Tour in Victoria in January 2027.

Events / Team Composition:

- Events will include a combination of Surf Race, Board Race, Ironman/woman, Rescue Relay, Surf Ski, Run Swim Run, Board Relay, Surf Ski Relay, Surf Teams and Taplin.
- All events are open age for male and females
- The touring team will comprise of 12 athletes (6 male & 6 female, all 18+ years of age)

Selection & Athlete Criteria

Selection in the 2027 Victoria Wieland Shield Team will be based on:

- Data viewed from results at All Victorian Carnivals including Victorian Championships & Australian Championships
- Team makeup requirements
- Selectors / Coaches discretion

- Standing within club and broader lifesaving
- 18 years and older

Further information can be found here - [Wieland Shield Team – Selection Guidelines and Eligibility - State Team and Athlete Development Pathway Manual - 1](#)

Successful applicants will be required to attend the following events:

- Welcome function
- Fundraising events
- Training sessions
- All days of competition
- All events outside of competition including meet and greets and clinics

Dates for the Tour:

Wednesday 20 January 2027 • Welcome Dinner – Melbourne

Saturday 23 January 2027 (12:00pm) • Competition 1 – Portsea

Saturday 23 January 2027(PM) • Social Function – Portsea

Tuesday 26 January (AM) • Athlete Clinic – Torquay

Tuesday 26 January (12:00 pm) • Competition 2 – Torquay

Tuesday 26 January (Late Afternoon/PM) • Presentation Function – Torquay

Please note, it is intended that team members will all make themselves available to travel before the day of competition and be available until the completion of competition.

Selection Information

Application process

The application process is outlined below:

1. Complete the expression of interest form via the online [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.
4. 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 **11pm on Sunday 27 September 2026**.

Endorsement of applications

To ensure clubs are aware of potential costs associated with representation and support that the athlete is in good standing, LSV will seek endorsement from a club representative before the athlete is considered.

For additional details on this circular please contact:

LSV Sport on 03 9676 6937 or email sport@lsv.com.au