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Victorian Pool State and Development Team Nominations for 2026 – RLSA APLSC Athlete EOI

The Aquatic Sports Executive is calling for nominations for athletes interested in representing Victoria in the Victorian Pool State and Development Teams to compete at the RLSA Australian Pool Life Saving Championships (APLSC) in June 2026.

2026 RLSA Australian Pool Life Saving Championships:

ATHLETE EOI: [CLICK HERE](#)

Dates: 25th June – 27th June 2026

Venue: Perth High Performance Centre, Perth WA

Criteria for age divisions:

A competitor's age is taken as of the 1st of January 2026. This means the age the competitor is on January 1st is the age they use to enter the competition. A summary of eligibility criteria for each age division is provided below. Refer to the RLSA Competition Handbook for further details.

- U14 (Minimum age 11 years, maximum age 13 years)
- U16 (Minimum age 12 years, maximum age 15 years, minimum award is Bronze Star or equivalent)
- U19 (Minimum age 12 years, maximum age 18 years, minimum award is Bronze Medallion or equivalent)
- Open (Minimum age 12 years, no maximum age, minimum award is Bronze Medallion or equivalent)
- Masters (minimum age 30 years, no maximum age, minimum award is Bronze Medallion or equivalent). Masters age groups include 30-44 years, 45-59 years, 60+ years.

State Team:

The Victorian State Team is made up of:

Category	Male	Female
U16	2 Athletes	2 Athletes
U19	2 Athletes	2 Athletes
Open	4 Athletes	4 Athletes

Selections for the State Team will be based on the following criteria:

- Results achieved in the last 24 months (LSV carnivals, Vic State Championships, RLSA and SLISA Australian Championships and any other RLSA/SLISA/ILS sanctioned pool lifesaving events held in the previous 24 months)
- Current training performances (in consultation with state and club coaches where required)
- Time trials held with the State Coach and Accredited Officials recording times
- Team balance and composition which will result in Victoria having the best opportunity to achieve competitive team success at the RLSA APLC.

In the opinion of selectors, athletes must be competent and skilled to a national level. National Championship events are both time and skill based with the selection panel considering these factors when selecting the State Team. In summary, regard is given to skill and proficiency relevant to the full range of events held at the National Championships (individual and team pool speed events, including line throw, the ability and skill of athletes in CPR and SERC).

Applicants may request a time trial in writing via sport@lsv.com.au. If granted, a time trial shall be arranged under competition conditions in the presence of at least one of the following three positions and an accredited official. The Pool Panel may also organise time trials at their discretion.

- Appointed State Team Coach
- Appointed State Team Manager
- RLSA pool state team Chair of Selectors / Pool Panel Coordinator

This time trial must be completed prior to the close of entries.

Development Team:

Athletes that do not gain selection into the Victorian State Team may be able to compete as part of a Victorian Development Team, or for their respective club. In addition, an Under 14 Development competition is held on Day 1 of APLSC.

Development Team members must:

- Meet all club / State requirements as per the State Team selection policy
- Must be at least 12 years old on the 1st January on the year of competition
- Demonstrate a commitment to pool lifesaving by way of training and participation at pool lifesaving competition (either through own club or State arranged training).

Please note: Athletes who are 11 on 1 January 2026 may compete for their respective Club in the U14 competition only (and will not form part of the Development Team).

The Development Team shall be selected on the same basis (relevant events) and criteria of the State Team and will only be selected at the conclusion of the State Team selection process.

The RLSSA Development Team may consist of any number of members, a guide is provided below, with the aim to best develop the sport within Victoria. Where practical the team will include athletes in the following age groups:

Category	Male	Female
U14	5 Athletes	5 Athletes
U16	2 Athletes	2 Athletes
U19	2 Athletes	2 Athletes
Open	4 Athletes	4 Athletes

Should the full contingent of the Development Team not be available, a team shall still be selected based on the applications received and where relevant, the team shall not enter any events where they are not compliant.

Please Note: U14 athletes are only eligible to compete as Development Athletes unless selected in the U16 State Team. For U14 development team eligibility athletes must be a minimum of 12 years old on 1 January 2026 and, will compete within their own age group on the first day of Competition. All U14 Development athletes will then be encouraged to compete up where appropriate in the U16 competition and act as patients / assistants for the SERC event to further enhance their learning.

General – Selections:

Late expression of interests will be subject to approval by the selection panel. This must be communicated via email to sport@lsv.com.au. The EOI process may be reopened if there are insufficient nominations to fulfil the teams advertised.

Travel and Costs

The team accommodation will be at Sorrento Beach Resort, WA. It is intended that team members will all make themselves available to travel on Wednesday 24th June 2026 and be available until the completion of competition.

All selected athletes must expect costs associated with joining the team and travelling for competition. Whilst LSV will try to secure funding for athlete expenses, it is not guaranteed. Athletes will be informed if financial support becomes available. Estimated expenses for food, accommodation, APLSC fees and vehicle transport range from \$900 - \$1,300. This will be dependent on the number of nights stayed and entry fee per athlete. LSV recommends also discussing associated costs with your clubs.

Endorsement of Applications

To confirm an athlete's eligibility and standing with their Club, each application must be endorsed by a club representative (President/Secretary/Club Coach/Club Team Manager) before the athlete is considered for selection. Endorsement confirms the athlete is in good standing with the club, meets the relevant selection/nomination requirements, and that the club is aware of the expectations associated with State representation (including any potential costs and the level of support the club may or may not be able to provide).

LSV will not accept nominations without club endorsement. Prior to finalising selections, LSV may confirm with clubs that endorsements have been provided and that endorsed athletes remain eligible and in good standing.

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