



## Australian Draft System

**Purpose:** To ensure the state team section of the Australian Championship has as many teams with a full complement of athletes as possible to keep it as the prime competition of the championships.

### Key points/principles

1. Before a draft occurs all Branches must pick from their pool of athletes to select their interstate team.
2. When this process is complete, all athletes not selected can then nominate through their Branch for the Australian draft. If the home Branch selects the competitor for their interstate side the competitor must make themselves available for the 'home' Branch. When nominating for the draft, the competitor does not have a choice of which Branch they may be drafted to.
3. When a person nominates for the draft they must have met the qualifying conditions for interstate team entry to the competition, including Pre-requisite awards.
4. Once nominated their name goes into a hat. There will be 4 "hats" - one for each age group for both male and female.
5. Branches that require draft athletes to make up their team numbers must formally request access to the draft. This request must indicate how many and what age category of athletes they require. Please note Branches must select from those available within the Branch, ie the Branch must exhaust the athletes available to them in their own Branch before being given access to the draft. This point will also take into account residential status for the choice for students of their 'home' Branch.
6. When the Branches have indicated that they want to receive drafts for their team they then go into a draw (from a hat) to create a selection order for the draft.
7. When this selection order is established the draft process can begin.
8. Starting with the U/16's the names are drawn out until either the interstate teams are full or there are no more draftees left. As soon as there are no more draftees left the process stops even if the all the teams are not filled. For those that miss out it's unfortunate but fair. All age groups follow this process.
9. If an athlete nominates for more than one age category they are initially placed into the age category current for their age at the time of the competition and then if they are not successful in the draft for that category, they can then be moved to another category, as nominated on the initial form. Refer to rule 'Competing out of Age Group'.

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10. Once drafted the athlete then becomes part of the interstate team. The draftee cannot then request to compete for any other Branch. There will be no swapping or trading of athletes allowed.
11. The host Branch and the athlete will be responsible for the negotiation of the payment of all costs (monetary and otherwise) associated with the draftee competing for the host Branch. This may include travel, accommodation, equipment and uniform costs if necessary. Each draftee is subject to the conditions of competing for that Branch. These conditions must be made clear when the state requests entry to the draft.
12. Teams utilising the draft will be eligible to win all categories of trophies etc. of the competition. Individual draftees will be eligible to win all medals and championships of the competition.
13. At least six months prior to the commencement of the next Australian Championship, the National Sport Committee will set appropriate timelines and procedures for nominations to be received for the draft as necessary.
14. If an athlete is not selected in their interstate team and chooses not to nominate for the draft then they can still participate in the Australian Lifesaving Championships as either a state representative (individual), or as a member of a club team.
15. The National Sports Committee is charged with all aspects of implementing the draft on a yearly basis.



**DRAFT APPLICATION FORM- INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth : \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ phone

\_\_\_\_\_ fax

\_\_\_\_\_ Email

Age Group you are nominating for (please circle)

U/16      U/19      Open      Masters

Sex (please circle)                      Male / Female

I agree to abide by all of the conditions outlined in the attached document outlining the Draft titled 'Australian Draft System' and confirm that I meet the entry requirements.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under 18 years of age, please ensure the form is endorsed by your parent / guardian

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**This Form must be endorsed by your "Home" Branch.**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Position : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ Branch

**Please return this form to the RLSSA National Office by the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007**



### DRAFT APPLICATION FORM – INTERSTATE TEAMS

This form is to be used by State/Territory Branches who wish to access the Australian Draft System.

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Team Manager)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the number of competitors your Branch is seeking in the draft?

	<i>MALE</i>		<i>FEMALE</i>	
<b>U/16</b>	1	2	1	2
<b>U/19</b>	1	2	1	2
<b>Open</b>	1	2	1	2
<b>Masters</b>	1	2	1	2

Please circle the appropriate number of competitors required. For example, if you require 2 female Over 30 competitors circle the “2” in the area, eg 1, ②,

The Branch agrees to abide by all of the conditions outlined in the attached document detailing the Draft titled ‘Australian Draft System’.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

On behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ Branch

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