



Australian Life Saving Team - Circular

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Summary:	This Circular contains the relevant information to support selection of the Australian Life Saving Team for the 2024 Lifesaving World Championships in August 2024 and also the Team Expressions of Interest Link which should be completed before 11:59pm on 29th Feb, 2024.

SUMMARY

The Australian Life Saving Team is still enjoying the success from the clean sweep of the point score from Pool and Ocean events at the 2022 Lifesaving World Championships in Riccione, Italy.

The 2024 Lifesaving World Championships will be held at home this year on the Gold Coast and is sure to be a fantastic celebration of Surf Life Saving whilst showcasing to the world, the breadth and depth of talent here in Australia.

An Open, Youth and IRB team will be selected to represent Australia to compete in the National Teams Program which will be held from 28th August – 1st September and 4th September for the IRB competition. A Circular will soon follow to outline the IRB Team Selection process.

Australian team members will compete as the Australian Life Saving Team which is a shared venture with Royal Life Saving Australia.

It is important that members are aware of the unique process undertaken to select the 12 x Open and 12 x Youth Team members due to the varied skill set required to compete across Pool, Ocean, and Beach events.

ELIGIBILITY

Team eligibility is outlined in detail in the [Selection Guidelines](#).

In addition to other listed eligibility requirements, age eligibility is defined below.

Youth Team: Competitors who turn 15,16,17 or 18 years of age on or before 31/12/2024.

Open Team: Competitors who turn 16 years of age on or before 31/12/2024. There is no maximum age.

TEAM COMPOSITION / SIZE

Open Team

The Open Team comprises of 12 athletes.

The Youth Team comprises of 12 athletes.

Each team must contest events on the beach, in the ocean and in the pool. For athletes to increase their chances of selection, it is advisable that they provide selectors with an opportunity to review performances and results across multiple disciplines (beach, ocean, and pool) where possible.



The following events will comprise the Worlds Program

Pool Events	National Teams Open and Youth maximum entries per team
200m Obstacle Swim	2 competitors
50m Manikin Carry	2 competitors
100m Rescue Medley	2 competitors
100m Manikin Carry with Fins	2 competitors
100m Manikin Tow with Fins	2 competitors
200m Super Life Saver	2 competitors
Line Throw	2 competitors
4 x 25m Manikin Relay	1 team
4 x 50m Obstacle Relay	1 team
4 x 50m Medley Relay	1 team
4 x 50m Mixed Pool Life Saver Relay	1 team
SERC	1 team

Ocean Events	National Teams Open and Youth maximum entries per team
Surf Race	2 competitors
Beach Flags	2 competitors
Beach Sprint	2 competitors
Surf Ski Race	2 competitors
Board Race	2 competitors
Oceanman / Oceanwoman	2 competitors
Rescue Tube Rescue	2 competitors
Beach Relay	1 team
Board Rescue	1 team
Oceanman / Oceanwoman Relay	1 team
Mixed Ocean M Lifesaver Relay	1 team

Considering the Worlds Program, it is essential to select athletes who can perform across multiple disciplines i.e. an ocean athlete to perform in pool relays or a pool athlete to perform in a beach relay or ocean event etc.

NATIONAL TEAMS POINT SCORE

The number of points on offer at the beach and in the pool are equal i.e. a line throw attracts the same number of points as an oceanman (iron) event.

Athletes are required to compete at a minimum of heats and finals (depending on events) and each event is scored in the following way.

1st	20 points		9 th	8 points
2 nd	18 points		10 th	7 points
3 rd	16 points		11 th	6 points
4 th	14 points		12 th	5 points
5 th	13 points		13 th	4 points
6 th	12 points		14 th	3 points
7 th	11 points		15 th	2 points
8 th	10 points		16 th	1 point



The winning nation comprises the most points at the end of both ocean and pool competition.

Key Selection Events

- 2023/24 SLSA Australian Surf Life Saving Championships & 2023/24 SLSA Australian Surf Life Saving Youth Championships
- 2023 SLSA & RLSSA respective State Championships
- 2023/24 RLSSA National Pool Life Saving Championships
- 2023/24 International Life Saving events including and not limited to, German Cup, International Surf Rescue Challenge
- 2022 Lifesaving World Championships – National Teams

Expressions of Interest

All athletes wishing to be considered for selection must complete the Expressions of Interest form by no later than 11:59pm on Thursday 29th February. [EOI Form link](#)

Team Announcement

The Australian Life Saving Team preliminarily selected to represent Australia in the National Teams competition will be announced on the final day of competition at the 2023/2024 SLSA Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Maroochydore on 21st April 2024.

All athletes who are vying for team selection should where possible aim to be present at this announcement.

Selection Panel and Collaborative Panel

The collaborative Panel is made up of SLSA and RLSSA Operational Staff Members. The role of this panel is to provide governance to the appointment and selection process. They also appoint the Selection Panel which is made up of a convenor along with two panel members. SLSA and RLSSA are represented on this panel.

The Head Coach will sit with the Selection Panel in an advisory role.

Team Camps and Availability

For those successful with team selection. Camps have been planned as part of the Worlds preparations and all team members are required to attend (*unless approval has been sought in advance from the Head Coach or SLSA High Performance and Pathways Manager*).

May bonding Camp - Gold Coast
Friday 24th May – Sunday 26th May

July Staging Camp – Gold Coast
Thursday 18th July – Sunday 21st July

World Life Saving Championships – Gold Coast
Wednesday 21st August – Monday 2nd September
** dates and activities could be subject to change*

Team Levy

A team levy of \$1,000 will be applied for members selected in the Youth Team.