

Australian Life Saving Team - Circular

Title:	2025 German Cup <u>and</u> New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships Selection Information & Athlete Nomination
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Summary:	This Circular contains relevant information to support selection of the Australian Life Saving Team (ALT) for the 2025 German Cup in November, and the 2025 New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships Tour in September 2025. The Athlete Nomination Form must be completed before 11:59pm on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

SUMMARY

In preparation for the ALT's 2026 Lifesaving World Championships Campaign, exposure to quality international racing is essential. The German Cup is the premier European Pool Lifesaving Championship which Australia attends and athletes may attend as a member of a Capped Open Tour each non-Worlds Year.

To complement the German Cup Tour, Australia also selects a team to attend the New Zealand National Pool Rescue Championships as an opportunity for emerging athletes to experience touring internationally as a team. The tour is also an opportunity for our HP athletes to test events, skills and post times in a quality racing environment outside the Australian domestic calendar.

As such, the ALT is calling for athlete nominations for both the German Cup AND New Zealand Pool Rescue Championship tours as part of this Selection Circular.

The **2025 German Cup** will be held in Warendorf, Germany from 20-22 November. Actual tour dates are currently being finalised but likely from 16–24 November.

The **2025 New Zealand National Pool Rescue Championships** will be held in Auckland on 26–28 September. The tour is likely to travel between 24–29 September.

ELIGIBILITY

Team eligibility is outlined in detail in the [25-26 Selection Guidelines](#).

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

The Selection Panel will be considering athlete ages based on 2026 Lifesaving World Championships eligibility. As such athlete selection will be based on World Lifesaving team opportunities for the following age categories.

Youth Team: Competitors who turn 16 to 18 years of age in 2026 (i.e. born 2008, 2009 or 2010).

Open Team: Competitors who turn 16 years of age or older on or before 31/12/2026. There is no maximum age.



TEAM COMPOSITION / SIZE

German Cup: 10 athletes will be selected for this Open Capped Team;

NZ Pool Rescue Championships: 20 athletes from youth to open age eligibility will be selected for this tour.

KEY SELECTION EVENTS

As outlined in the [25-26 Selection Guidelines](#): When considering athletes potential for selection to both German Cup and NZ Pool Rescue Championships, the Selection Panel may (but is not obligated to) consider performances in all age categories at the following events where applicable:

- 2024 SLSA Australian Pool Rescue Championships;
- 2024 World Lifesaving Championships – Gold Coast;
- 2025 RLSSA Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships;
- 2025 respective State Championships;
- 2025 RLSS Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships;
- 2025 World Games;
- 2025 SLSA Australian Pool Rescue Championships; and
- Any other notable competitions or carnivals contested during the 2024/25 season as decided by the Selection Panel.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

All athletes wishing to be considered for selection on either or both teams must complete the [Athlete Nomination Form](#) by no later than 11:59pm on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Selection Panel will work towards finalising the New Zealand Team in August. This will enable consideration for results from the 2025 World Games and the SLSA Pool Rescue Championships to be considered, with an aim that successful athletes will be notified at the conclusion of the 2025 SLSA Pool Rescue National Championships (*considering there are no delays in relation to selection*).

The Selection Panel will finalise the German Cup Team following the 2025 New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships, with successful athletes being notified on 30th November.

ATHLETE LEVY

New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships Tour: An athlete levy of \$1,200 per athlete will be applied for this tour.

German Cup: No athlete levy will be applied for this Open Capped tour.