

Circular 3794

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NSW Surf Sport Development Academies & Super Surf Teams League Team Management EOI

Attention: Branch Directors, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Branch Officers, Coaches.

Actioned by: Team Management wishing to gain appointment for the NSW Surf Sport Development Academies & Super Surf Teams League

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Summary	SLSNSW is calling for nominations from Team Management wishing to gain selection for one of five Surf Sport Development Academies and Super Surf Teams League.
Action	Please complete the Online Nomination Form by 13 October 2023 .

Development Academy Background

Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) is pleased to announce the inception of five (5) Surf Sport Development Academies to bolster the competitive and pathway experience for athletes and coaches. Supported by six (6) Regional Academies of Sport, the program will provide recognition, motivation, and performance services to selected talented athletes. Please see link to [athlete nomination circular](#) for more information.

The five Surf Sport Development Academies will be based in the following regions and will align under the following Super Surf Teams League structure.

- Northern Dolphins
- Hunter/Central Coast Orcas
- Sydney Northern Beaches Rays
- Sydney Sharks
- Southern Penguins

Selected coaches and managers for each Super Surf Teams League will also be required to oversee the skill and race development of the athletes within their aligned Development Academy. This

component of the Development Academy's will be ad-hoc and vary in nature from region to region. Activities will be coordinated by SLSNSW staff and may include the following.

- Organised face-to-face squad sessions.
- Coaching workshops.
- Regionalised coach education and training opportunities.

The Development Academies will provide a pathway for existing and up-and-coming coaches to develop their skills and support coaching progression from club coach to Interstate coach.

The roles available for each SSTL / Development Academies are:

- Head Coach (x1)
- Assistant Coach (x1)
- Team Manager (x1)

Note: Coaches and managers selected for the development academy will also be that region's Super Surf Teams League management.

Super Surf Teams League (SSTL)

SLSNSW will be entering five teams into the 2024 Super Surf Teams League (SSTL). Athletes will be selected based on regions in one of the following five teams: Northern Dolphins, Hunter/Central Coast Orcas, Sydney Northern Beaches Rays, Sydney Sharks and Southern Penguins.

The SSTL will be held at Maroubra Beach, across three rounds from 12 – 14 January 2024.

Requirements of Team Management

SLSNSW strongly encourages both male and female management to nominate, both genders will be represented in management for each Academy.

Desirable experience and attributes for the above Team Management roles include but not limited to:

- Head and Assistant Coaches to hold a minimum Development Coach Award.
- Financial SLSC member, endorsed by club & branch.
- Comprehensive knowledge of Surf Sports competitions and rules.
- Previous touring experience.
- Current First Aid certificate.
- Organise and attend team training sessions.
- Demonstrated ability to think innovatively and strategically.
- Highly motivated and passionate about enhancing the success of NSW Athletes.
- Compile a report within three weeks of program completion (Team Manager).

How to Nominate

1. All nominating members are asked to familiarise themselves with the [SLSNSW Selection Policy](#). All Team Management will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in this document.
2. Applicants will be required to complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) by **13 October 2023**.
3. All nominees must be current financial members and hold any relevant awards. All nominations must be endorsed by both Club and Branch representatives prior to selection, please contact your Club and Branch to acquire letters of endorsement – Any nomination that fails to meet these requirements will not be accepted.

For further information please contact Jim Pinnington on 9471 8000 or email jpinnington@surflifesaving.com.au