

Circular 3510

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2017 Junior Development Academy Nominations

Audience: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Branch Officers, Coaches & Competitors

Actioned by: U12 - U14 male and female athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2017 SLSNSW Junior Development Academy

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Summary	SLSNSW is calling for nominations from promising U12-U14 year old male and female athletes wishing to gain selection in to the 2017 SLSNSW Junior Development Academy.
Strategic Goals	To invest in sporting pathways to ensure sustained participation. To foster the development of our state surf sport teams and athletes
Key Strategies	7.2 Provide clear educational and developmental pathways for members. 8.1 Increase participation in our sport and recreational activities at a grass roots level through structured and appropriately tiered programs. 8.2 Bolster developmental pathways and opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and administrators through the stages of their sporting life. 8.6 Strengthen development and high performance opportunities in surf sports events and activities.
Action	Complete the online nomination form by 11pm Sunday 20 August 2017

Program information:

The SLSNSW Junior Development Academy aims to provide promising U12-U14 athletes the opportunity to develop their water based skills. This program is the first step in the athlete pathway that leads to representative teams in future years.

Surf Life Saving NSW is calling for nominations from U12-U14 athletes who wish to be selected in the 2017 SLSNSW Junior Development Academy. The camp will run from the 6-8 October 2017 at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. The program will include training sessions with state coaches, technique analysis, athlete education sessions, and improving skills across all water based disciplines. For those athletes specialising in beach events, there will be a separate one day clinic in November 2017.

The program aims to provide:

- Athlete development pathways for surf sports in NSW;
- Improve athlete education and retention;
- Improve technique, skills and performance of athletes;
- Exposure to elite performance specialists;
- Continual improvement of the standard of Surf Sports in NSW.

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Any athlete wishing to nominate should consider the following criteria:

- Should be competent swimmers and board paddlers.
- Train regularly with a club or have a consistent individual training plan.
- Preference will be given to those athletes who have not been selected in this program before.

How to Nominate:

- 1) Read and familiarise yourself with the [Selection Policy](#), especially section 3.3(c) and the [SLSNSW Athlete & Management Agreement](#). Successful athletes will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in these documents.
- 2) All nominees must be current financial members, proficient with their relevant awards, and be endorsed by both club and branch representatives prior to nomination.
- 3) Complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) by **11pm Sunday 20 August 2017**.
- 4) Each branch will select four athletes who they feel best fit the criteria to attend the camp. If there are any positions remaining, the final places will be decided by the SLSNSW Selection Panel. It is anticipated that the successful athletes will be notified by Friday 25 August 2017.
- 5) Please note that SLSNSW reserves the right to make adjustments to composition and team numbers as per the [Selection Policy](#).

Cost:

- A levy of \$250 (excluding GST) will be payable for all successful athletes to assist with the cost of accommodation, food, specialist training sessions, etc.
- Clubs will be invoiced the levy amount within 1 week after the academy and it will be up to the club to pass on this expense to the individual athlete.

Additional Information:

- Successful nominees will be responsible for their own transport (including boards) to and from the academy.
- Successful nominees will need to arrive by 9am on Friday 6th October and be collected no later than 4pm Sunday 8th October.
- Successful nominees will receive more information regarding what to bring etc. in the near future.
- There will be a cancellation fee of \$100 if a successful nominee cancels after 11pm on 27th September 2017 without a suitable replacement.

For further information please contact Tim Piper, Sports Development Officer via [email](#) or 02 9471 8000.

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