



## 2018 NSW Country Surf Interstate Athlete Nominations

- Attention:** Country NSW Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Branch Officers, Coaches & Competitors.
- Actioned by:** Country NSW athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2018 NSW Country Surf Interstate Team.
- Date:** 17 October 2017
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<b>Summary:</b>	SLSNSW is calling for nominations from athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2018 NSW Country Surf Interstate Team.
<b>Strategic Goals:</b>	To foster the development of our state surf sport teams and athletes
<b>Key Strategies</b>	<b>8.2</b> Bolster developmental pathways and opportunities for our athletes, coaches, officials and administrators through the stages of their sporting life. <b>8.6</b> Strengthen development and high performance opportunities in surf sport events and activities
<b>Action:</b>	Please complete the <a href="#">nomination form</a> by 11pm Sunday 10 December 2017.

The 2018 SLSA Surf Interstate Championships will be held at Moana Beach, South Australia on Friday 19 January 2018. All selected team members are required to attend the team camp from 17-20 January 2018.

To support development opportunities for our Country based athletes, in 2018 for the very first time, SLSNSW will select both an Interstate Team and a NSW Country Team to the SLSA Surf Interstate Championships. The NSW Country Team will compete against all State Teams (including NSW) with some conditions. This is an opportunity to represent NSW Country, strengthen the pathway for our Country athletes and to challenge the best of the Surf Sports Athletes in our States.

### Team Composition:

**The Open NSW Country Team** will consist of a maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members (a total of 12 team members). The NSW Country Team consists of clubs within the NSW Country Branches (FNC, NC, MNC, LNC, SC & FSC). Athletes must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2017 (i.e. Under 17 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety.

- U15 competitors are not permitted to participate at the SLSA Interstate Championships 2018.
- They are not permitted to compete in both Open and Youth divisions.
- Only athletes eligible to compete for Australia can be selected as part of these Championships.
- Competitors must meet requirements as per SLSA Policy 5.4 Eligibility to compete in SLSA Competition.

**There will be no Youth NSW Country Team selected in 2018.**

### NSW Country Selection Conditions:

1. Athletes with competition rights for a SLSC from HUN, CC, SNB, SYD and ILL Branches are not able to nominate for the NSW Country Team
2. Athletes must have competitive rights with a NSW Country Branch Club, for a minimum of 12 months to the closing date of this nomination form.
3. There is no "Country Branch of Origin" available for members with competition rights for a metro NSW SLSCs.
4. Athletes may nominate for both NSW and NSW Country teams, however SLSNSW Selectors will give preference to NSW selection first.
5. NSW Country cannot draft competitors into the team however, Country athletes not selected are eligible to draft to other States.
6. Members will have a recent proven track record of contribution to their Country NSW club (such as competing at the Country Championships or selected as part of a Country Branch for the NSW Interbranch Championships).

**Team Travel:**

All athletes are invited to travel to Moana Beach with the NSW Country Team & Team Management. All athletes under the age of 18 years old will be required to return from camp under the supervision of the NSW Country Team Management. However, those over 18 years old can decide whether or not to select this option. Athletes who elect against using the SLSNSW booked return flight will incur any further travel costs. More information on travel expenses will be provided in due course.

**Team Levy:**

A levy of \$600 excluding GST will be payable for all successful team members to assist with the cost of the team (i.e. flights, uniform, accommodation, food, transport, etc.) Clubs will be invoiced for this team levy and it will then be up to the club to pass on this expense onto the individual athlete.

**How to Nominate:**

1. Read the SLSA Interstate Rules and Entry Circular (when available).
2. All nominating members are asked to familiarise themselves with the SLSNSW [Selection Policy](#) and the SLSNSW [Athlete & Management Agreement](#). All athletes will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in these documents.
3. Complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) by **11pm, Sunday 10 December 2017**.
4. It is anticipated that all candidates will be notified by Friday 15 December 2017
5. All nominees must be current financial members and proficient with their 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.

**E-Learning:**

All successful athletes and team management members will be required to complete both the ASADA Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport. Moving forward, SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great additive to the structure of any touring team and/or squad and is vital for elite competition and athlete development.

SLSNSW fully supports the new SLSA Anti-Doping and Match Fixing policies (SLSA Members Portal>Library/Governance/SLSA/Policy 5.1 1 & 5.02). Following the completion of each course, a completion certificate/email must be forwarded to Tim Piper [tpiper@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:tpiper@surflifesaving.com.au). SLSNSW have organised with SLSA to have these courses uploaded on to SurfGuard as an award. Once completed, the courses do not have to be completed again, unless there is an update in information from the organisations. If anyone has previously completed either course, proof must be sent through to Tim in order to be recognised.

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