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**TO: Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains,
Chief Training Officers, Surf Sports Coordinators
Junior Development Coordinators**

**FROM: Director of Members Services
Trent Thomas**

CC: BOM, LSEC, SSC, JDC

SUBJECT: SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence Award Categories and Nominations

Summary

This circular outlines the Surf Life Saving Sydney awards for the 2015/16 season. All awards will be recognised at the 2016 Awards of Excellence. Award categories, selection criteria and application processes are outlined in this circular.

Objective

To recognise outstanding achievements and contributions from members and clubs the 2015/16 season. Encourage and promote recognition of volunteers efforts to the wider community and external stakeholders. Clubs are to endorse and submit one nomination per category to SLS Sydney by 1 May 2016.

The Awards of Excellence recognises outstanding achievements and contributions in all aspects of Surf Life Saving. The awards will celebrate the accomplishments of members and clubs in the 2015/16 season. **This year's awards will be presented at the Surf Life Saving Sydney Awards of Excellence function on Saturday 21st May 2016.**

Following are the award categories, selection criteria and attached is the award nomination form. Responses to application questions are limited to a maximum of five (5) A4 pages.

It is important to note, only one application is allowed per club for each award category. All nominations are to be endorsed by respective clubs and forwarded to Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Office by 1 May 2016.

- Paid employees at any level may apply for the awards listed. However, paid service will only be counted if applying for the Lifeguard of the Year award. All other awards recognize voluntary contributions only.
- Nominations should include achievements in the 2015/16 surf lifesaving season only.
- Nominations will not be returned after judging is complete.
- SLSNSW will only receive one award from Branch per category to ensure the process is streamlined and transparent.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

1. Applicants are required to complete and submit a nomination form (found at end of circular).
2. Applicants must **address the specific criteria** for their individual nominated award:
Selection criteria for each award can be found on the following pages;
Please list each selection criteria as a heading with your response typed under each section;
Please complete using Arial Font and minimum 10 point size;
Please no hand written submissions (inclusive of all attachments and additional information);
Maximum five (5) pages.
3. Applicants must include a digital photograph of themselves (JPEG and a minimum of 2MB in size). For individuals, this would preferably be a head shot; teams this should be one photograph of all or most members of the team. Nominations for Club of the Year and Branch of the Year can include a photograph of team members, but a digital copy of the organisation's logo must also be supplied.
4. Branch will send category winners nominations to SLSNSW by 1 July 2016.

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SELECTION PROCESS

Recommended Selection Process at Branch

1. Upon receipt of completed nominations, Branches will consider all nominations and determine one Branch 'winner' for each award category.

2015/16 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE CATEGORIES

Awards recognised at the SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence, with winners progressing to the SLS NSW Awards of Excellence:

- Surf Lifesaver of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Lifeguard of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Athlete of the Year *
- Young Athlete of the Year (U/19) *
- Coach of the Year
- Assessor of the Year
- Trainer of the Year
- Community Education Program of the Year
- Masters Athlete of the Year *
- Team of the Year
- Initiative of the Year
- Facilitator of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Young Lifesaver of the Year (U/19)
- Junior Lifesaver of the Year (the winners for this award are the Branch JLSOY winners announced at Branch Championships to State - State Winners are then selected at the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Development Program in April 2016)
- Rescue of the Year (the Rescue of the Year award is selected from the Branch award winners, SLSNSW select from State Rescue of the Month winners)

**SLSS will select one overall winner from Male & Female categories to be the nominee for State AOE for these award categories.*

The following additional Sydney Branch categories will be also recognized at the SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence 21st May 2016.

- Patrol of the Year
- SOG Member of the Year
- ORB Member of the Year
- RWC Member of the Year
- U15 Lifesaver of the Year
- U17 Lifesaver of the Year
- U21 Lifesaving of the Year
- U15 Male Athlete of the Year
- U15 Female Athlete of the Year
- U17 Male Athlete of the Year
- U17 Female Athlete of the Year
- U19 Male Athlete of the Year
- U19 Female Athlete of the Year
- Open Male Athlete of the Year
- Open Female Athlete of the Year
- Masters Male Athlete of the Year
- Masters Female Athlete of the Year
- JD Male Athlete of the Year (9-10 yrs)
- JD Female Athlete of the Year (9-10yrs)
- JD Male Athlete of the Year (11-12 yrs)
- JD Female Athlete of the Year (11-12yrs)
- JD Male Athlete of the Year (13-14 yrs)
- JD Female Athlete of the Year (13-14 yrs)
- JD Age Manager of the Year
- JD Team of the Year

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▪ Community Education Program of the Year

This award recognises and rewards activities which have significantly contributed to the development of a safer community. This may be any form of general public education or target specific high risk demographics, activities or locations.

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Outline the motivation for the program including any research or evidence used in its initial set up.
2. Outline the aims and objectives of the program relating to the participants, the Surf Life Saving movement, and the wider community.
3. Identify the target market and describe the rationale behind this choice.
4. Describe the programs itself including location, duration, and activities involved.
5. Describe the resources involved to deliver the program including how these were developed.
6. Identify who is responsible for what in the program.
7. Provide any promotional material created or media coverage which the program has received.
8. Describe the method used to evaluate the program to ensure it meets the original aims and objectives.
9. Indicate the effect of the program on the local community e.g. increased community engagement, increased participation, new local sponsors etc.
10. Provide any issues identified through the program and strategies adopted to solve them.
11. What are your future plans for the program?

▪ Volunteer Administrator of the Year

This award recognises and rewards members who have demonstrated outstanding service in administration at a Surf Life Saving club, branch or activity throughout the 2015/16 season. This award is for volunteer administration roles only.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current SLSA member.
2. Must be a club, branch or activity position holder, e.g. Club Secretary/Administrator, Branch Treasurer/Director of Finance, Club Registrar.

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Displays a high degree of professionalism whilst a member and administrator.
2. Demonstrates a wide variety of involvement in Surf Life Saving activities (detail the scope of activities and any projects undertaken throughout season [relevant to this award nomination] linking activities to Club Business Plan).
3. Actively participates in personal and professional development internally and/or externally to Surf Life Saving (potentially developing fellow club members as well).
4. Demonstrates adherence to role compliance (eg risk management planning, signed affiliation forms, annual report submitted, project plan written).
5. Demonstrates effective and efficient administration processes that showcase best practice operations or continual improvements.

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▪ **Initiative of the Year**

This award recognises a new initiative* developed and delivered by a group or individual at club, branch or state level (note that SLSNSW employees are not eligible for this award). This initiative can be related to any area of SLS including (but not limited to) surf sports, administration, lifesaving, member services, community education, fundraising or education and training.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be developed and delivered by current financial member/s (potentially in conjunction with an external body/sponsor).
2. The initiative should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.
3. The applicant, or the club/branch the nomination is on behalf of, must own the initiative and its components (eg you cannot claim to own an initiative that has been developed by another person/club or branch).

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Demonstrates the delivery of a new and high quality initiative.
2. Delivers a well researched initiative (eg documented plans, risk management etc).
3. Delivers a positive result within Surf Life Saving and/or the wider community (eg increased membership, media exposure, new community education methods, funds raised or new lifesaving technique developed).

*An initiative is defined as: a concept that has/is being implemented; a program or event has/is being conducted; proposal that has/is being implemented.

▪ **Rescue of the Year**

- All rescue of the month nominations submitted will be reviewed by the panel
- Submissions must have followed format and criteria set by State/SLSA

▪ **Assessor of the Year**

This award recognises and rewards assessors who have made a significant contribution towards the area of education and awards within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Current member of Surf Life Saving Australia.
2. SLSA Assessor's certificate.

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Outstanding contribution and commitment to surf lifesaving assessing duties.
2. Attended conferences and participated in professional development relating to education.
3. Contribution to the continuous improvement of assessment processes and tools (eg: participation on review panels, improvement requests submitted).
4. Major achievements and positions, relevant to assessing, held at local, regional and state level.
5. Future plans for assessing in the areas of club, branch and state.
6. Outline any area within your surf club/ branch/ state where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
7. Any relevant additional information.

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▪ **Training Officer of the Year**

This award recognises and rewards trainers who have made a significant contribution towards the area of education within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Current member of Surf Life Saving Australia.
2. Training officer's certificate.

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Contribution and commitment to surf lifesaving training duties.
2. Conferences attended and professional development participated in relating to Education.
3. Contribution to the continuous improvement of new training resources and tools (e.g. participation on review panels, improvement requests submitted).
4. Major achievements and positions, relevant to training at local, regional and state level.
5. Future plans for training in the areas of club, branch and state.
6. Outline any area within your surf club/ branch/ state centre where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
7. Any relevant additional information.

▪ **Patrol of the Year**

1. All nominations MUST supply supporting evidence and/or documentation
2. 100% patrol attendance as listed on roster submitted at the start of season (no roster, no points).
3. Awards gained this season.
4. Proficiency completed by 31st Dec 2015 all awards
5. Any supporting evidence that may assist nominees for consideration.

▪ **SOG Member of the Year**

1. Patrol hours performed.
2. How many different types of specialised areas performed patrols.
3. Advancement in the area specialised
4. Out of hour's participation to call outs.
5. Any supporting evidence that may assist nominees for consideration.
6. Photo of nominee in uniform.

▪ **ORB Member of the Year**

1. Hours completed.
2. Completing all rostered patrols.
3. External training or buddy system training.
4. Out of hour's participation to call outs.
5. Any supporting evidence that may assist nominees for consideration.
6. Photo of nominee in uniform.

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▪ **RWC Member of the Year**

1. Hours completed.
2. Completing all rostered patrols.
3. External training or buddy system training.
4. Out of hour's participation to call outs.
5. Any supporting evidence that may assist nominees for consideration.
6. Photo of nominee in uniform.

▪ **Facilitator of the Year**

This award recognises and rewards facilitators who have made a significant contribution towards the area of education and awards within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Current member of Surf Life Saving Australia.
2. Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or equivalent.
3. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable).

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the 2015/2016 season.

1. Contributes to surf lifesaving facilitator duties through ongoing delivery of consistently high quality training and assessment, whilst adhering to SLSNSW guidelines.
2. Demonstrates an exceptional ability to transfer vital lifesaving experience, knowledge and skills.
3. Attends conferences and participates in professional development in relation to education.
4. Contributes to the development of new training/assessment resources (eg: participation on review panels, improvement requests submitted to SLISA).
5. Demonstrates major achievements and positions, relevant to education, held at club, branch and state level.
6. Holds future education ambitions in the areas of club, branch and state.

▪ **Under 21 Lifesaver of the Year**

This award recognises and rewards patrolling members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving activities. It is aimed at members who represent the culture and core values of surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current financial member.
2. Must be aged between 19 and 21 years.
3. Must be a patrolling member (Bronze Medallion or Award holder).
4. Must be a positive role model and ambassador for the Surf Life Saving movement.

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Demonstrates a commitment to Surf Life Saving (provide a brief summary of their surf lifesaving background, and detail their major achievements and activities within Surf Life Saving).
2. Demonstrates a commitment to patrolling (describe their contributions to patrol duties).
3. Demonstrates a commitment to personal development and achieving outside Surf Life Saving.
4. Outlined past, present and future contributions and goals.

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▪ **Under 17 Lifesaver of the Year**

This award recognises and rewards patrolling members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving activities. It is aimed at members who represent the culture and core values of surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current financial member.
2. Must be aged between 15 and 17 years.
3. Must be a patrolling member (Bronze Medallion or Award holder).
4. Must be a positive role model and ambassador for the Surf Life Saving movement.

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Demonstrates a commitment to Surf Life Saving (provide a brief summary of their surf lifesaving background, and detail their major achievements and activities within Surf Life Saving).
2. Demonstrates a commitment to patrolling (describe their contributions to patrol duties).
3. Demonstrates a commitment to personal development and achieving outside Surf Life Saving.
4. Outlined past, present and future contributions and goals.

▪ **Under 19 Lifesaver of the Year**

This award recognises and rewards patrolling members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving activities. It is aimed at members who represent the culture and core values of surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current financial member.
2. Must be aged between 17 and 19 years.
3. Must be a patrolling member (Bronze Medallion or Award holder).
4. Must be a positive role model and ambassador for the Surf Life Saving movement.

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Demonstrates a commitment to Surf Life Saving (provide a brief summary of their surf lifesaving background, and detail their major achievements and activities within Surf Life Saving).
2. Demonstrates a commitment to patrolling (describe their contributions to patrol duties).
3. Demonstrates a commitment to personal development and achieving outside Surf Life Saving.
4. Outlined past, present and future contributions and goals.

▪ **Under 15 Lifesaver of the Year**

This award recognises and rewards patrolling members who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving activities. It is aimed at members who represent the culture and core values of surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current financial member.
2. Must be aged between 13 and 15 years.
3. Must be a patrolling member (Bronze Medallion or Award holder).
4. Must be a positive role model and ambassador for the Surf Life Saving movement.

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2. Demonstrates a commitment to patrolling (describe their contributions to patrol duties).
3. Demonstrates a commitment to personal development and achieving outside Surf Life Saving.
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▪ **Under 15 Male Athlete of the Year**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Youth athletes are categorized as those 13-15 years. The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2015

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.
2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2015/16 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State or Territory center where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be awarded the Open/or Youth Athlete of the Year?
6. Any relevant additional information.

▪ **Under 15 Female Athlete of the Year**

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4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State or Territory center where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be awarded the Open/or Youth Athlete of the Year?
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▪ **Under 17 Male Athlete of the Year**

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▪ **Under 17 Female Athlete of the Year**

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▪ **Under 19 Male Athlete of the Year**

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5. What would it mean to you to be awarded the Open/or Youth Athlete of the Year?
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▪ **Open Female Athlete of the Year**

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4. Outline any areas within your surf club/branch/state centre where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be Athlete of the Year?
6. Any relevant additional information.

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2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and any contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2015/16 season and why.
4. Outline any areas within your surf club/branch/state centre where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be Athlete of the Year?
6. Any relevant additional information.

▪ **Masters Male Athlete of the Year**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward masters athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current SLSA member. The age level for masters is 30 years of age and older (as defined in current SLSA Competition Manual).

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Outstanding achievement(s) in respect to Surf Sports performances at an international and/or national and/or state and/or branch level - detail achievements in major competitions, participation in representative teams and development programs.

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▪ Masters Female Athlete of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward masters athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be a current SLSA member. The age level for masters is 30 years of age and older (as defined in current SLSA Competition Manual).

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Outstanding achievement(s) in respect to Surf Sports performances at an international and/or national and/or state and/or branch level - detail achievements in major competitions, participation in representative teams and development programs.

▪ Official of the Year

This award recognises and rewards officials who have made a significant contribution to the area of officiating within surf lifesaving with regards to both the commitment shown to officiating over the calendar year and their contribution towards official's educational development.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. Must be a current accredited surf sports official throughout the 2015/16 season.
3. It will need to be demonstrated that the nominated official has outstanding achievement(s) in respect to lifesaving officiating at an international and/or national and/or state level.
4. The nominated surf sports officials will be those who present a positive image of the role of surf sports officiating and surf lifesaving.
5. Demonstration that the nominated official is involved with official's education.

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major roles/positions – List the major Officiating roles/positions (e.g. Referee) that the nominee has held, please include Branch/ State/ National/ International positions including high performance programs and competition series.
2. List the Officiating Clinics/ Conferences/ Courses that the nominee presented at or facilitated, at a club, branch, state, national or international level – listing the date, location, number of participants and type of involvement.
3. List any sports conferences/ high performance camps/officials clinics or accreditation courses that the nominee has attended – listing the date, location and name.
4. Detail any publications/ resources or sports papers that the nominee has had published or had acknowledged by SLSA or another recognised sport.
5. Outline other Sports Officiating activities or achievements outside SLSA.
6. List any significant innovations or achievements in the 2015-2016 season.
7. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement in 2015/16 season and why.
8. Outline any areas within your surf club/ branch/ state centre where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
9. What would it mean to you to be Official of the Year?
10. Any relevant additional Information.

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▪ Team of the Year

Recognises the outstanding achievements made by a team in respect to Surf Life Saving performances at any level of the organisation (club / branch / state / national / international).

Teams may include (but are not limited to) surf sports teams, lifesaving teams, support services teams, development teams, management as well as education and training teams.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. All team members must be current financial surf lifesaving members.
2. The team should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Acts as positive role models and ambassadors for Surf Life Saving.
2. Demonstrates involvement in a variety of Surf Life Saving activities.
3. Demonstrates representation to a high level.
4. Epitomises the ideals of a team, e.g. excellent team work, communication and support.
5. Positively contributes to surf lifesaving and/or the community.

▪ Coach of the Year

This award recognises and rewards coaches who have made a significant contribution towards the area of coaching within surf lifesaving with regards to both athlete/s performance and the area of coach educational development

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

Coaching within Surf Life Saving

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. Must be a current accredited surf sports coach throughout the 2015/16 season (attach a current copy of coaching certificate to nomination form).
3. The nominated coach must be a surf coach of any discipline of Surf Lifesaving competition.
4. It will need to be demonstrated that the nominated coach has made a significant contribution towards an athlete/s performance in SLSA competition and their development at an international and/or national and/or state level.
5. The nominated coaches will be coaches who present a positive image of the role of the coach and of surf lifesaving and demonstrate sound coaching principles and coaching plans.
6. It will need to be demonstrated that the nominated coach is involved with coach education.

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

Coaching within Surf Life Saving

1. List the coaching positions that the nominee has held, please include Club/ Branch/ State/ National positions, including any teams and/or high performance programs.
2. What would it mean to you to be Coach of the Year?
3. Additional information on Athlete Performance.
4. Detail specific coaching achievements outlining any athlete/s and/ or teams medal places at major events or series, State, National and International Competition – please include athlete's names, age category, major carnivals and placing.
5. Outline and give examples of ways in which the nominee encourages the development of their athletes outside of sport.
6. Additional information on Coach education
7. List the Coaching Clinics/ Conferences/ Courses that the nominee has presented at or facilitated, at a club, branch state, interstate, national or international level– listing the date, location, number of participants and type of involvement.

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8. List any Sports Conferences, coaching workshops or accredited courses that the nominee has attended – listing the date, location and name.
9. Detail any publications/ resources or sports papers that the nominee has had published or had acknowledged by SLSA e.g. Surf Coach Magazine or another recognised sport.
10. Any relevant additional Information.

▪ **JD Male Athlete of the Year (9-10 yrs)**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Youth athletes are categorized as those 8-9 years. The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2015

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.
2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2015/16 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State or Territory center where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.

▪ **JD Female Athlete of the Year (9-10 yrs)**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Youth athletes are categorized as those 8-9 years. The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2015

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.

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2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2015/16 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State or Territory center where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.

▪ **JD Male Athlete of the Year (11-12 yrs)**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Youth athletes are categorized as those 10-11 years. The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2015

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.
2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2015/16 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State or Territory center where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.

▪ **JD Female Athlete of the Year (11-12 yrs)**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Youth athletes are categorized as those 10-11 years. The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2015

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.

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2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2015/16 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State or Territory center where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.

▪ **JD Male Athlete of the Year (13-14 yrs)**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Youth athletes are categorized as those 12-13 years. The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2015

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.
2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2015/16 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State or Territory center where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.

▪ **JD Female Athlete of the Year (13-14 yrs)**

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. The nominated athlete (teams not eligible) will be an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and excellence in their chosen discipline in surf sport/s.
3. The nominated athletes will be athletes who are good ambassadors of SLSA.
4. Youth athletes are categorized as those 12-13 years. The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2015

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 unless stated otherwise.

1. Major Competitions or Competition Series - Detail specific achievements outlining major results (including team events) at major competitions or e.g. state, national and international championships. Please include event names, carnival and placing.

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2. Representative Teams - Detail occasions where the nominee has been a member of a representative team outlining the team and event name. Also include any details of the success of the team and the contribution the athlete made to the success of the team.
3. Outline what you consider to be the nominee's most outstanding achievement for 2015/16 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State or Territory center where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.

▪ **JD Age Manager of the Year**

The purpose of this award is to recognise Age Managers who have demonstrated excellence as well as significant contribution to the area of Junior Development within surf lifesaving.

Essential Criteria - please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. Must be an SLSA member in good standing.
2. Must in a current Age Manager throughout the 2015/16 season.
3. It will need to be demonstrated that the nominated Age Manager has outstanding achievements in respect to Junior Development at a club/branch/state/national level.
4. The nominated Age Manager will be those who present a positive image of the role of Junior Development and surf lifesaving.

Selection Criteria - (your nomination will be judged against this criteria).

1. Acts as positive role model and ambassador for Surf Life Saving.
2. Outline and give examples of ways in which the nominee encourages the development of their members across the organization.
3. Demonstrates a commitment to Surf Life Saving (provide a brief summary of their surf lifesaving background, and detail their major achievements and activities with Junior Development).
4. Demonstrates a commitment to personal development and achieving outside Surf Life Saving.
5. Outline past, present and future contributions and goals.

▪ **JD Team of the Year**

Recognises the outstanding achievements made by a team in respect to Surf Life Saving performances at any level of the organisation (club / branch / state). Teams may include (but are not limited to) surf sports teams, lifesaving teams, support services teams, development teams, management as well as education and training teams.

Essential Criteria – please supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.

1. All team members must be current financial surf lifesaving members.
2. The team should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.

Selection Criteria (your nomination will be judged against these criteria).

1. Acts as positive role models and ambassadors for Surf Life Saving.
2. Demonstrates involvement in a variety of Surf Life Saving activities.
3. Demonstrates representation to a high level.
4. Epitomises the ideals of a team, e.g. excellent team work, communication and support.
5. Positively contributes to surf lifesaving and/or the community.

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Attachment : Nomination form

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