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To	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers, Surf Sports Coordinators, Junior Development Nipper Coordinators, Interested Parties
From	Director Member Services, Director of Administration
CC	BOM, LSEC, SSC, JDC, MSC
Subject	SLSS Awards of Excellence Award Categories and Nominations

This Circular contains 19 pages plus attachment – AOE NOMINATION FORM

Summary	This circular outlines the Surf Life Saving Sydney awards for the 2017/18 season. Awards will be recognised at the 2018 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 in the 2017/18 season.
Key Strategy Ref. No.	2.5 Encourage and promote recognition of volunteers efforts to the wider community and external stakeholders
Action	Clubs are invited to submit <u>ONE</u> nomination per category to SLSS by COB Thursday 26 April 2018

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 2017/18 season. **This year's awards will be presented at the Surf Life Saving Sydney Awards of Excellence function on Saturday 26 May 2018 at Crowne Plaza, Coogee.**

Following are the award categories, selection criteria and attached is the award nomination form which is to be used for all nominations. 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 Club President and forwarded to Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Office by Thursday 26 April 2018. E: admin@surflifesavingsydney.com.au

- 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 recognise voluntary contributions only.
- Nominations should include achievements in the 2017/18 surf lifesaving season only.
- Nominations will not be returned after judging is complete.

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- SLSNSW will only receive one award from Branch per category to ensure the process is streamlined and transparent for State Award Categories as per SLSNSW Circular 3536.
- The SLSS Director of Member Services will be the final arbiter of any disputes related to selection.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

1. Applicants are required to complete and submit a nomination form to their Club for endorsement by Club President. Nomination forms are to be submitted to Branch by the Club and not the individual.
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 2018 – as per categories details in SLSNSW Circular 3536.

2017/18 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE CATEGORIES

Awards recognised at the SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence, **with winners progressing to the SLS NSW Awards of Excellence as per SLNSW Circular 3536:**

- Surf Lifesaver of the Year (*SLSS Circular 26*)
- Volunteer of the Year (*SLSS Circular 26*)
- Club of the Year (*SLSS Circular 26*)
- Young Lifesaver 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
- Initiative of the Year
- Community Education Program of the Year
- Masters Athlete of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year (U19)
- Patrol Captain of the Year
- Patrol of the Year
- Services Team of the Year
- Surf Sports Team of the Year
- Facilitator of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- 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 2018*)
- 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*)



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The following **additional Sydney Branch categories** will also be recognised at the SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence 26th May 2018

- Support Operations (SOG) Member of the Year
- ORB Member of the Year
- RWC Member of the Year
- U15 Lifesaver of the Year
- U15 Athlete of the Year
- JD Athlete of the Year (9-10 yrs)
- JD Athlete of the Year (11-12 yrs)
- JD Athlete of the Year (13-14 yrs)
- JD Age Manager of the Year
- JD Team of the Year

AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

Trainer of the Year

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

Essential Information *Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent*

1. Must be a current financial Surf Life Saving Australia member.
2. Must hold the SLSA Training officer's certificate

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

1. Outstanding contribution and commitment to surf lifesaving training duties.
2. Attended conferences and participated in professional development relating to education.
3. Contributed 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 where the nominee has made an important contribution to Surf Life Saving.
7. Any relevant additional information.

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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 Life Saving.

Essential Information *Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.*

1. Must be a current financial Surf Life Saving Australia member.
2. Must hold the SLSA Assessor's certificate

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 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. Contributed to the continuous improvement of assessment processes and tools (e.g. 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.

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 Information *Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.*

1. Must be a current financial Surf Life Saving Australia member.
2. Must hold the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

1. Outstanding contribution and commitment to surf lifesaving training and assessing duties.
2. Attended conferences and participated in professional development relating to education.
3. Contributed to the continuous improvement of assessment processes and tools (e.g. 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 training and assessing in the areas of Club, Branch and State.

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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.

Athlete of the Year

The purpose of these awards are to recognise and reward athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within surf lifesaving.

Essential Information *Nominators to supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.*

1. Must be a 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. Athletes are categorized as those 19 years plus.

Note: The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2018.

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 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 2017/18 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. What would it mean to you to be awarded the Athlete of the Year?
6. Any relevant additional information.

Surf Sports Team of the Year

Recognises the outstanding achievements made by a surf sports 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, development teams and training teams.

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



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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 *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

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.

Young Athlete of the Year (U/19)

The purpose of these awards are 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 Information *Nominators to supply proof, where appropriate, via either a printout from SurfGuard or equivalent.*

1. Must be a Surf Life Saving Australia 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. Young athletes are categorized as those 15-18 years.

Note: The athlete age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2018.

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 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 2017/18 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State 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.



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Masters 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 Surf Life Saving Australia 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. Masters athletes are categorized as those aged 30 years and older (as defined in current SLSA Competition Manual).

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 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 2017/18 season and why?
4. Outline any areas within your surf Club/Branch/State 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.

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 Information *Nominators to 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 2017/18 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.



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Athlete's performance

1. 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.
2. 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.

Coach education

1. 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 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

Coaching within Surf Life Saving

1. List the coaching positions that the nominee has held, (state whether paid or volunteer) please include Club/ Branch/ National positions, including any teams and/or high performance programs.
2. List any significant innovations or achievements made by the nominee in the current season.

Athlete's performance

1. 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.
2. Outline and give examples of ways in which the nominee encourages the development of their athletes outside of sport.

Coach education

1. List the coaching clinics/conferences/courses that the nominee has presented at or facilitated, at a Club/Branch/State/ Interstate, and National or International level. Please list the date, location, number of participants and type of involvement.
2. Please list any relevant additional information.

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 Information *Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.*

1. Must be a Surf Life Saving Australia member and in good standing.
2. Must be a current accredited surf sports official throughout the 2017/18 season.

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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 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 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 and International positions including high performance programs and competition series.
2. List the officiating clinics/conferences/courses that the nominee presented or facilitated at a Club/Branch/State/ National or International level. Please list the date, location, number of participants and type of involvement.
3. List any significant innovations or achievements made by the nominee in the 2017/18 season.
4. Outline any areas within the surf Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS.
5. Any relevant additional information.

Services 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). *Note that SLSNSW employees are not eligible for this award.* Service teams may include (but are not limited to), youth and community services, support services, membership services, management as well as education and training teams. Services teams do not include patrol teams, which can instead be nominated under Patrol of the Year.

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 *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

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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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 2017/18 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 *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

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.

Community Education Program of the Year

This award recognises and rewards activities which have significantly worked towards saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities.

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 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 program 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



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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?

Initiative of the Year

This award is given to a person or group in recognition of a new initiative*. 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 evidence, 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 *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

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, program or proposal that has/is being implemented to improve any facet of Surf Life Saving.

Young Lifesaver of the Year

This award recognises and rewards our young members aged between 15-21 years, who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active youth surf lifesavers undertaking lifesaving duties, which can be presented as an identifiable ambassador for surf lifesaving while representing the culture and core values of the organisation.

Essential Information *Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surf guard or equivalent.*

1. Current financial and proficient patrolling member
2. Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held

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3. Community awards/certificates held
4. Patrolling hours (rostered and achieved) for 2017/18, 2016/17 and 2015/16
5. Must be a positive role model and ambassador for the Surf Lifesaving movement.

Note: The age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2018.

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless otherwise stated.*

Club / Nominator

1. List the nominee's involvement in Surf Life Saving during the current season e.g. on the beach, off the beach, qualifications gained, training, workshops and skills developed in relation to lifesaving duties.
2. Briefly describe the nominee's history in Surf Life Saving (minimum 3 years).
3. Provide details of the nominee's achievements during the past 12 months within surf lifesaving including information about leadership roles and lifesaving achievements. Also, provide any other relevant information about contributions or involvement with other community organisations that the nominee has been involved with.
4. Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated that they are a role model within the organisation including where they have proven themselves as an ambassador for the organisation.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words)
6. Additional Information – optional (e.g. academic or sporting achievements)

Nominee

1. What is your single greatest achievement in SLS in the past three (3) years and what lasting impact has it left.
2. Describe current and possible future challenges in lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome.

Young Volunteer of the Year

This award will recognise an individual's contribution that has enhanced the development of Surf Life Saving throughout the past year. The demonstrated achievements may be in a range of different areas of a club or surf lifesaving service organisation, or who has shown demonstrated outstanding service to the organisation at large. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have a positive attitude and are capable of being a role model and an ambassador for the organisation. A nominee may be a volunteer in any of the following areas of surf lifesaving, including, but not limited to:

- Club activities
- Carnivals
- Coaching
- Administration
- Junior activities
- Fundraising/Grants/Sponsors
- Branch/State/National activities
- Training/assessing
- Organisational Leadership
- Active patrolling
- Officiating
- Scrutineering

Note: Applications that focus on significant achievements in one particular area will not be considered if this area is also covered by other awards (e.g. Lifesaver, Coach, Official, Trainer and Assessor of the Year).

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Essential Information *Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent.*

1. Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held (where applicable)
3. Community awards/certificates held (where applicable)
4. Young volunteers are categorized as those 15-18 years.

Note: The age is calculated at midnight on the 30th September 2018.

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

Club / Nominator

1. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated commitment to surf lifesaving across the organisation.
2. Describe the nominee's major achievements and positions, held at Club, Branch and or State level (Current Season).
3. Describe a challenge the nominee has overcome that has made a significant difference to their club or the organisation.
4. Describe a key change / improvement that the nominee has bought / made to their club or the organisation in the past three years.
5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words)
6. Additional information – optional.

Nominee

1. What is your single greatest achievement in Surf Life Saving in the past three (3) years, and what lasting impact has it left?
2. Describe current and possible future challenges in surf lifesaving and how they could possibly be overcome.

Patrol Captain of the Year

This award recognises and rewards Patrol Captains who have made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services. It is aimed at active Patrol Captains 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. Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf Life Saving Australia Awards/Certificates
3. Community Awards/Certificates held
4. Patrolling Hours (rostered and achieved) for 2017/18, 2016/17 and 2015/16 seasons

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

1. Describe your contribution to surf lifesaving patrol duties.

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2. Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to public safety.
3. Describe major achievements and positions, relevant to lifesaving, held at club, branch, state & Australian level.
4. Describe future lifesaving ambitions in the areas of club, branch, state, Australia, and the community.
5. Describe current and possible future challenges in active surf lifesaving duties and how they could possibly be overcome.
6. Describe major achievements to surf lifesaving patrol duties for the two years prior to the 2017/18 season.
7. What would it mean to you to be Patrol Captain of the Year?
8. Any relevant additional information.

Patrol of the Year

Recognises the outstanding achievements made by a patrol team 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. All patrol members must be current financial surf lifesaving members.
2. All patrol members must hold Surf Life Saving Australia Awards/certificates.
3. The patrol should be befitting of the image and ethos of Surf Life Saving.

Selection Criteria *Please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 unless stated otherwise.*

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.

Support Operations (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.

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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.

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.

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.

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 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 2017



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Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 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 2017/18 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.

JD Athlete of the Year (9-10 yrs)

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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 2017

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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 2017/18 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.



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JD Athlete of the Year (11-12 yrs)

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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 2017

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 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 2017/18 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 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 2017

Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria under the following headings for the period of 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 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 2017/18 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 2017/18 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.

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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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Closing Date for all nomination award categories of this Circular is COB 26 April 2018

Attachment: AOE Nomination form

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