



2025 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATION GUIDE





SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Recognising the outstanding achievements and contributions of our Members and Clubs across all aspects of Surf Life Saving.



EVENT INFORMATION & NOMINATION DEADLINE

EVENT DETAILS

SENIOR / YOUTH

Date: Saturday 5 July 2025
Location: Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach
Time: 6-11pm

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Clubs may submit one (1) nomination only per category by
11.59 pm Sunday 11 May 2025

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JUNIOR / UNDER 15

Date: Saturday 31 May 2025
Location: Ritz Cinemas, Randwick
Time: 2-6pm

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Clubs may submit one (1) nomination only per category by
11.59 pm Sunday 11 May 2025

**NOMINATE
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RESCUE SERVICES

Date: Saturday 10 May 2025
Location: Maroubra Seals
Time: 4-8pm

NOMINATION DEADLINE

A Member or Club may submit nominations by
11.59 pm Sunday 27 April 2025

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

NOTES

- All nominees must be SLSA financial members (or affiliated organisations). Nominations should focus on activities during the 2024/25 Surf Life Saving season, from 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025.
- Where ages are mentioned, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2024/25 season.
- Winners may be called upon to act as ambassadors of Surf Life Saving, both within the organisation and to external audiences.
- Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch or Surf Life Saving NSW State team events or teams will not be considered for nomination for these awards.

GUIDELINES

- Applicants are required to complete and submit an online nomination form by **11:59pm Sunday 11 May 2025** for Senior / Youth and Junior / Under 15 Award categories. Rescue Services award nominations are to be submitted by **11:59pm Sunday 27 April 2025**.
- Nominations will not be accepted via email or post. Applicants to contact Branch Office as soon as possible if they experience issues with the JotForm link.
- Applicants must address the criteria for their nominated award.
- Nominations are required to include a digital profile image of the nominee (for individual awards) or logo (for group/team awards) via the online nomination form. Please ensure all nominee photographs are from the shoulders up and are of high resolution. Branch Office will contact the Nominators if the supplied photo is not suitable.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominees for the Club of the Year, Surf Lifesaver of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year will be invited to participate in an online interview following the close of nominations. Details of which will be available following the close of nominations.
- The selection panel will determine a winner from both a review of the application and the interview.
- Nominees from the remaining awards will be determined by a volunteer selection panel and will involve a review of applications.

WINNERS

- Winners of Awards listed in the 'SLSS Awards' list will be nominated for the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence. All SLSS categories are aligned with SLSNSW/SLSA selection criteria, and as such winners are not expected to re-do applications following the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence.

NEW IN 2025

- Addition of the Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year, and Male Junior Lifesaver of the Year award for the age groups 9-14 to recognise exemplary Male and Female Junior Surf Lifesavers in training and will expand upon the existing Junior Athlete of the Year awards.
- All Junior award categories where age groups are specified have now been separated from spans to individual age groups to allow and encourage further participation and recognition by clubs (e.g. U9-10 is now U9 and U10 separately).
- Additional questions for Club of the Year award included to encourage increased number of nominations in this award. Additional questions are focussed on the outcomes of previously implemented club activities and initiatives, rewarding commitments to continuous improvement and member engagement.



CLUB & COMMUNITY AWARDS



CLUB & COMMUNITY AWARDS

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CLUB OF THE YEAR

Recognising an outstanding Surf Life Saving Sydney affiliated club that is committed to improving the experience of its members, providing a safer environment for the community and improving club operations. For the SLSS 2025 Awards of Excellence, Clubs will be asked to respond to the below **QUESTIONS** and will also be assessed on a series of **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT, ENGAGEMENT, PARTICIPATION & RETENTION DATA** from across the 2024/25 Season. Successful Clubs will be invited to an online interview to talk to their nomination.



QUESTIONS

1. How is your club enhancing & engaging the membership experience across your club?

- Lifesaving
- Education
- Surf Sports
- Youth & Juniors
- Long Service / Life Members
- Community

2. How is your Club enhancing your members experience.

3. What specific actions across 1 or more portfolios has your Club put in place for Season 2024-25 (excluding BAU) that has enhanced the members experience & engagement with the club, delivering a greater sense of connection.

Note: These actions can cover Communications, Programs, Pathways, Member opportunities, options in relation to Patrols, pro active engagement programs, Club Culture, Recognition, and Club Management processes.

4. Within these actions

- how have you measured the success of the program for the Club and your members; and
- how have you seen this play out within the club.

5. Have you lowered the exit rate of members and increased retention?

6. Have your programs enhanced the culture of your club across specific areas?

7. Have you delivered specific actions within different portfolios to enhance the members experience and can see the definitive positive results. eg increase in membership resulting in more volunteers in management roles etc

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT, ENGAGEMENT, PARTICIPATION & RETENTION DATA

- Lifesaving & Rescue Services: Patrol Audits, Skills Maintenance, Rescue Services, Gear Inspection, new Award Members eg ARTC, First Aid, IRB Driver & Crew, Patrol Captain
- Education: Active & new Trainers, Assessors & Facilitators
- Membership: Retention of Active & Long Service Members, conversion of SRC to BM Members,
- Surf Sports: Athlete Participation, Supply of Officials and Water Safety to Branch & Club Carnivals
- Youth & Juniors: Participation in Development Programs, Junior Lifesaver of the Year, Active & New Age Managers
- Administration & Compliance: Council Meeting Attendance, Strategic or Operational Plan

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress to SLSNSW AOE



NEW SOUTH WALES

SLSNSW Winners Progress to SLSA AOE





CLUB & COMMUNITY AWARDS

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CLUB OF THE YEAR... continued

The Sydney Branch Board of Management will assist the winning Club to respond the **SLSNSW / SLSA QUESTIONS / SELECTION CRITERIA** as detailed below.



SLSNSW / SLSA QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the club.
2. What has your club achieved over the last 12 months (2024/25 Season)?
3. Why have the achievements made a difference at your club, and to whom, and how did you bring the club members on the journey?
4. What are your plans for future development and continuous improvement?
5. What is the ONE lesson that your club can teach and share with all other SLS clubs both here in Australia and internationally?



CONSIDER

1. How does your club support the SLS 2025 Strategic Plan?
2. What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implement in the last 12 months (2024/25 Season) that extended beyond your strategic objectives? How did you identify the need for this?
3. How does your club deliver a range of sustainability and improvement measures across areas of governance, leadership, development, community engagement (or community support initiatives), and delivery of lifesaving services?
4. What, if any, challenges the club had to overcome to achieve success?
5. How does your club management team model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?
6. You may wish to attach any photographs, reference letters or media coverage to your nomination.
7. For questions 6-10, you may wish to consider how your club utilises communication methods, programs, pathways, member opportunities, member patrol opportunities, member engagement programs, club culture, member recognition initiatives and club management processes to aid your submission.



OTHER CRITERIA

If your club has been a successful Club of the Year at Branch, State or National level in the past five (5) years, please note this on your submission.

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress
to SLSNSW AOE



**NEW SOUTH
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SLSNSW Winners
Progress to SLSA AOE





CLUB & COMMUNITY AWARDS

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SAFE365 INNOVATION OF THE YEAR

A well-researched concept, piece of equipment, program or event which is/has been implemented to improve any facet of SLS.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

A non-commercial activity or program that is targeted to non-members who are an identified at-risk group within the community. The purpose should contribute significantly to the organisation's missions of saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the Innovation or Community Education Program being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What was the motivation or research which drove the program/innovation?
2. What were the aims and objectives?
3. What did it look like (location, duration, resources required etc.)?
4. How was it evaluated to ensure it achieved its aims and objectives?
5. Where there any challenges which needed to be overcome to achieve success?
6. You may wish to attach photographs, include links to any promotional material created or media coverage received.



OTHER CRITERIA

- The Innovation may have been developed in conjunction with an external body/sponsor but must be owned by a member or group of members of an affiliated SLS Club.

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress to SLSNSW AOE



**NEW SOUTH
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SLSNSW Winners Progress to SLSA AOE





CLUB & COMMUNITY AWARDS

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SERVICES TEAM OF THE YEAR

An outstanding team who have made a positive impact in Surf Life Saving or the community through their volunteer services.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the Team being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What was the motivation or research which drove the team?
2. What were their aims and objectives?
3. What did it look like (location, duration, resources required etc.)?
4. How were they evaluated to ensure they achieved their aims and objectives?
5. Were there any challenges which needed to be overcome to achieve success?
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SLSS Winners Progress
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CLUB & COMMUNITY AWARDS

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ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

An Administrator who consistently goes the extra mile to make the lives of other members easier, or to make the services and programs delivered by the club run smoother.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the member/individual being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

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LIFESAVING AWARDS



LIFESAVING AWARDS

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SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

An active patrolling member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

BETTY'S BURGERS YOUTH SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

An active patrolling member (between the ages of 15–21 as at 30 September 2024 in the 24/25 season) who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the member/individual being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?



OTHER CRITERIA

- For Surf Lifesaver & Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year awards, nominations require patrol hours to be uploaded for the 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 season (extracted from Surf Guard).

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress to SLSNSW AOE



NEW SOUTH WALES

SLSNSW Winners Progress to SLSA AOE





LIFESAVING AWARDS

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PATROL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

A Patrol Captain who is passionate about improving the service their patrol offers to the community, or the experience it offers to members.

PATROL OF THE YEAR

An exemplary Patrol that is a shining example of what a patrol should do (the service it provides), and how it should do it (the behaviour and attitude of its members).



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the member/individual being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress
to SLSNSW AOE
(except Patrol of the Year)



**NEW SOUTH
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EDUCATION AWARDS



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ASSESSOR OF THE YEAR

An endorsed Assessor who is passionate about building the skills of others, consistently delivers a positive and supportive assessment experience, and who encourages other members to engage in training or assessment.

TRAINER OF THE YEAR

An endorsed Trainer who is passionate about building the skills of others, consistently delivers a positive learning experience, and who encourages other members to engage in the delivery of training.

FACILITATOR OF THE YEAR

A Facilitator who encourages members to engage in training or assessing, is passionate about building the skills of others, and consistently delivers a positive learning experience.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the member/individual being nominated.
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3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress to SLSNSW AOE



**NEW SOUTH
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SLSNSW Winners Progress to SLSA AOE
(except Facilitator of the Year)





VOLUNTEER AWARDS



VOLUNTEER AWARDS

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

An impressive member who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

An impressive member (between the ages of 15-21, this refers to the members age as at 30 September 2024 in the 2024/25 season) who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the member/individual being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?



OTHER CRITERIA

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

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress
to SLSNSW AOE



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SLSNSW Winners
Progress to SLSA AOE
(except Youth Volunteer of
the Year)





SURF SPORTS AWARDS



SURF SPORTS AWARDS

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MASTERS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

An athlete over the age of 30 who has achieved sporting excellence.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

An athlete aged 15 or older who has achieved sporting excellence in Open Aged Competition.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Has the athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition) during the 2024/25 season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team?
2. List the competition results achieved by the athlete in the 2024/25 season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events?
3. In the 2024/25 season how is the athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors or mentoring)?
4. Does the athlete hold any coaching and/or officiating qualifications?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?



OTHER CRITERIA

- A youth aged competitor (i.e. aged 15 to 18 years as at 30 September 2024 in the 2024/25 season) may be nominated for both Athlete of the Year and Youth Athlete of the Year. However, only results achieved in Open Age Events and Open Age Team representation are considered for the Athlete of the Year award.

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress
to SLSNSW AOE



**NEW SOUTH
WALES**

SLSNSW Winners
Progress to SLSA AOE
(except Masters Athlete of
the Year)





SURF SPORTS AWARDS

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YOUTH ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

An athlete aged between 15-18 (this refers to the members age as at 30 September 2024 in the 2024/25 Season) who has achieved sporting excellence in Youth and/or Open Aged Competition.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. List the competition results achieved by the Youth Athlete in the 24/25 season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events?
2. Has the Youth Athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition, if relevant) during the 24/25 season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team?
3. In the 24/25 season how is the youth athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? Do they contribute to broader life-saving activities and engage with other members (including juniors, mentoring, coaching or officiating)?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?



OTHER CRITERIA

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SLSNSW Winners
Progress to SLSA AOE





SURF SPORTS AWARDS

**NOMINATE
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COACH OF THE YEAR

An accredited coach who has made a significant contribution to athlete performance at a state, national and/or international level, to the development of athletes in SLS activities outside of surf sports, and to the educational development of other coaches in SLS.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. What coaching qualification does the member currently hold, Foundation, Development or Performance Coach?
2. What coaching roles has the member fulfilled during the 2024/25 season at Club, Branch (where applicable), State, National and International Level?
3. List the competition results attributed to the coach, where this member was the primary coach for the athlete and/or team, in the 2024/25 season.
4. Has the coach been involved in any mentoring and development of other coaches, creating of supporting documentation and/or programs. Please provide examples of where the coach has shown a positive and supportive attitude, behaviour and actions (including who it has impacted and how) in the 2024/25 season?
5. Has the coach undertaken any personal development to improve themselves as a coach in the 24/25 season?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress
to SLSNSW AOE



**NEW SOUTH
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SLSNSW Winners
Progress to SLSA AOE





SURF SPORTS AWARDS

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OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

An accredited surf sports official who has made a significant contribution to both officiating at a state, national and/or international level, and to the educational development of other officials in SLS.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. What officiating qualification does the member currently hold, Core, Technical or Senior Official?
2. List the member's officiating roles they have fulfilled during the season at Club, Branch, State, National and International level (where applicable)
3. Describe the Officials achievements during the 2024/25 season, including examples, areas of achievement may be in mentoring, training, documentation and process, new programs, solving problems etc.
4. Please provide examples of how the official adheres to and is a role model of the values of SLSA, Surf Sports and the SLSA Match Fixing Policy
5. List any training or development the official has undertaken this season to improve themselves and their impact.



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress
to SLSNSW AOE



**NEW SOUTH
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SLSNSW Winners
Progress to SLSA AOE





SURF SPORTS AWARDS

**NOMINATE
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SURF SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

An exemplary Surf Sports Team that has achieved notable success. Teams may represent any Surf Life Saving sporting discipline as defined in the Surf Sports Manual.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. List the competition results achieved by the Team in the 2024/25 season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events?
2. Has the Team competed as a Branch/State or National representative team during the 2024/25 season? If so, please list the events?
3. In the 2024/25 season how has the Team been positive role models and shown good sportsmanship and/or been good ambassadors for Surf Life Saving? Do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors)?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?

AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress
to SLSNSW AOE



**NEW SOUTH
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SLSNSW Winners
Progress to SLSA AOE





JUNIOR AWARDS



JUNIOR AWARDS

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BETTY'S BURGERS U15 SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises and rewards patrolling members 13–15 years 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.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the member/individual being nominated.
2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?



OTHER CRITERIA

- For U15 Surf Lifesaver of the Year award, nominations require patrol hours to be uploaded for the 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 season (extracted from Surf Guard).



JUNIOR AWARDS

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FEMALE JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

(U9, U10, U11, U12 AND U13)

MALE JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

(U9, U10, U11, U12 AND U13)

Exemplary Male and Female Junior Surf Lifesavers (Nippers) who possesses a deep understanding and commitment to the Junior Development program, and takes an demonstrates leadership and a willingness to assist within their Club.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Tell us about the Nominee's increased understanding of how the skills developed in this season's Junior Development Program can be utilised in their future role(s) as Surf Lifesavers.
2. Describe the Nominee's commitment and dedication to their club's Junior Development Program this season.
3. List the Nominee's achievements in Surf Life Saving this season.
4. Has the nominee assisted in conducting Junior Development activities or initiatives this season, including taking on any challenges or leading new initiatives?



CONSIDER

1. What is their understanding of Surf Life Saving pathways and activities? Did they participate in any Club or Branch initiatives?
2. How would you describe their commitment and participation in Junior Development activities?
3. What were their greatest achievements (outside of Surf Sports) this season?
4. Considering their achievements for the 2024/25 season, what has this meant for the individual?
5. Are there areas within your Club/Branch/State where the nominee has made an important contribution to SLS?



JUNIOR AWARDS

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U15 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward young athletes 13 – 15 years who have demonstrated sporting excellence as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within SLS.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Has the athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition) during the 2024/25 season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team?
2. List the competition results achieved by the athlete in the 2024/25 season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events?
3. In the 2024/25 season how is the athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors or mentoring)?
4. Do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors, mentoring, coaching or officiating)?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?



JUNIOR AWARDS

**NOMINATE
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FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

(U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 AND U14)

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

(U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 AND U14)

Young athletes who have demonstrated sporting excellence within their respective age category as well as contributed to the area of surf sports within SLS.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Has the athlete competed in any representative teams (including international competition) during the 2024/25 season? If so, please list the team and how they contributed to the success of the team?
2. List the competition results achieved by the athlete in the 2024/25 season at championship carnivals or major surf sports events?
3. In the 2024/25 season how is the athlete a positive role model, a good sportsperson and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving? How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors or mentoring)?



CONSIDER

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JUNIOR AWARDS

**NOMINATE
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TEAM OF THE YEAR (JUNIOR)

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

AGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR (JUNIOR)

Age Managers who have demonstrated excellence as well as significant contribution to the area of Junior Development within SLS.



QUESTIONS/SELECTION CRITERIA

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2. What has been achieved?
3. What impact has this had, and for whom?



CONSIDER

1. What relevant positions, roles, or responsibilities do they hold?
2. Have they done something in response to an identified need or problem?
3. Have they done something new or different to achieve results?
4. Have they inspired others to think or to do things differently?
5. Have they had to overcome any challenges to make a difference or achieve success?
6. Do they model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?



RESCUE SERVICES AWARDS



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**NOMINATE
HERE**

RESCUE SERVICES MEMBER OF THE YEAR

A member involved in Rescue Services (Duty Officer, Rescue Water Craft, Surf Rescue 30, UAV) who has made a difference through volunteering efforts in rescue services.

DUTY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

A Duty Officer or Rescue Coordinator who has performed above and beyond the required standard and commitment required, representing SLS Sydney in a professional and well-regarded capacity at emergency incidents, training events/exercises and/or Emergency Operations Centre.



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4. For Rescue Services Member & Duty Officer of the year awards, any further supporting evidence that may assist nominees for consideration and a photo of nominee in uniform.



CONSIDER

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AWARD WINNERS

SLSS Winners Progress
to SLSNSW AOE
(except Duty Officer of the
Year)



**NEW SOUTH
WALES**



RESCUE SERVICES AWARDS

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HERE**

RWC MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Patrol hours performed; completed all rostered patrols; external training or buddy system training; out of hours participation to call outs.

SURF RESCUE 30 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Patrol hours performed; completed all rostered patrols; external training or buddy system training; out of hours participation to call outs.

UAV MEMBER OF THE YEAR

A UAV Pilot or Operator who has shown an outstanding commitment to the development of themselves and the UAV program, completing regular patrols, participating in training events/exercises and contributing to the development and innovation of the operations within Sydney Branch.



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