



## Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

Title:	2024 Australian Surf Boats National Team Selection Event – Entry Circular
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Summary:	This Circular contains the relevant details for entering competitors into the Australian Surf Boats National Team Selection for the 2025 Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series

### BACKGROUND

Each year Surf Life Saving Australia and Surf Life Saving New Zealand select an Open Male, Open Female, U23 Development Male & U23 Development Female surf boat crews to represent their country in the annual Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series.

The 2025 Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at Waihi Beach, New Zealand with the 3-test series to be run alongside the NZ SLS North Island Surf Boat Championships.

To be considered for selection crews must enter via SEMS and attend the Australian Surf Boat Team selection event at Ocean Beach on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Note, your entry indicates your nomination for the event.

### SELECTION

Victorious crews of the selection events must be Australian Citizens, current, financial members of SLSA and in good standing with the organisation for their selection to be considered by the selection panel as per [2025 TTSB Selection Guideline](#).

Upon entering this selection event all crews are agreeing to Australian Lifesaving Team Selection Guidelines. All crew members are also agreeing to attend any media requirements or team functions as directed below, as well as confirming their availability to attend the 2025 Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. If any member fails to meet these requirements the selection panel will then consider the results of racing at the selection event and announce a replacement team in accordance with the [2025 TTSB Selection Guideline](#)

Prior to the selection event, all teams and team members must have read and understand the [2025 TTSB Selection Guideline](#).



## SELECTION EVENT

### Australian Surf Boat Team & Australian U23 Development Team

To be considered for selection in either the U23 Development or Open Australian Surf Boat Team to compete at the 2025 Trans-Tasman Series crews must nominate and compete at the below trial event as organised by ASRL/SLSA.

When: Friday 6th December 2024

Where: Ocean Beach, NSW

Time: 8:00am start

### 2025 Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series

When: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Where: Waihi Beach, New Zealand

A key component of the Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series is for the Australian crew's to help promote and support surf boat racing in New Zealand. All Australian crews will be required to compete in the New Zealand North Island Championships and participate in local coaching/training events at the conclusion of the Test Series. The North Island Championships are run over two days (8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February).

## SELECTION PANEL

The Selection Panel will be responsible for the selection of crews to represent Australia at the 2025 Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series. A Surf Boat panel advisor may be appointed to the Selection Panel to assist with selections but will not have voting rights.

Selection of the Australian Team will be decided following the conclusion of the trial event at Ocean Beach SLSC on Friday 6th December. Please allow time for this process to followed.

The 2025 Team Managers will also be present at the selection event.

## TEAM COMPOSITION

- Open Male Crew (Australian Capped Team Representative)
- Open Female Crew (Australian Capped Team Representative)
- U23 Male Crew (Australian Development Representative)
- U23 Female Crew (Australian Development Representative)

## PLEASE NOTE

- Open Male and Open Female Crews will receive Australian Life Saving Team Cap Number and Blazer.
- All team members are required to complete the online induction in order to accept their position on the team and complete all required documentation by the indicated deadline.
- As with the majority of Australian Life Saving Team tours, those athletes selected will be required to assist with tour costs (accommodation, outfitting, meals etc.) in form of a levy. The following levies to be paid towards this tour.
- Selected U23 Male and Female Development Crews will be required to pay a \$900pp levy.
- In nominating for and being selected in the Australian Surf Boat Teams all team members are expected to travel with the team to and from the event.
- All selected crews will need to be available the afternoon of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February for a formal presentation and team meeting at SLSA Head Office at Bondi Beach.
- The team will travel to New Zealand on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- There will be a formal team dinner between the Australian & New Zealand Teams on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- Accommodation for all crews will be provided in Sydney on Wednesday for interstate crews and from



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February for all other crews prior to crews returning to Australia on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## EVENT DATE & LOCATION

Date	Event	Beach
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Australian Surf Boats National Team Selection Event	Ocean Beach SLSC, NSW

## ENTRY PROCESS

Club entries to the Australian Surf Boats National Team Selection Event must be submitted via the SLSA Sports Event Management System (SEMS). Instructions for entries can be found via the following [SEMS Guide](#).

## ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

To be eligible to compete at the Championships, competitors must comply with Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility and the Guidelines for Competition Eligibility document (available on the SLSA Members Area). If the requirements of Policy 5.04 are not met for the current season by 31<sup>st</sup> December, the team member will be withdrawn from the team.

## ENTRY FEES

The Australian Surf Boat National Team Selection entry fees are as follows:

Price Level	Entries Open	Entries Close	Price (incl GST)*
Entry Fee	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	11:59PM Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	\$30

\*Note 1: Prices are per competitor.

## PAYMENT

Clubs will be sent an invoice after each entry period. Clubs **MUST** pay by Wednesday 4 December. **Clubs must include club name and invoice number when paying total amounts.**

**CLUBS WITH UNPAID ENTRY FEES WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE.**

## REFUND OF FEES/CANCELLATION FEES

Once an invoice has been generated, **entry fees are non-refundable.**

## TEAM CHANGES

Changes to already existing team entries can occur up until Entries close at 11:59pm (AEDT), 22 November 2024 via SEMS.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All competitors entered in the Championships must be financial members of an affiliated club or ILS affiliate.

## MEMBERSHIP, AWARD PROFICIENCIES AND PATROL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMPETITORS

Each competitor must hold the award relevant to their entry and have completed a proficiency test for the award. The details of these requirements are detailed in SLSA's Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility and the SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility document via the SLSA Member's Area. As noted under Eligibility to Compete see above for further details.



## RESTRICTIONS ON EVENTS AND PROVISOS

The following restrictions shall apply in regard to nominations and competition in the various events:

- a) As detailed in Note 1 of Section 5.1(a) of the Surf Sports Manual only accredited S3 and S2 Sweeps will be eligible to sweep surf boats in these Championships. For further information please refer to the SLSA Sweep Accreditation Document.
- b) Please note Section 5.1 (f) of the Surf Sports Manual re the mandatory wearing of helmets in Surf Boats unless an acceptably low-level risk is assessed.
- c) Surf Boat Competitors are reminded to refer to the Surf Sports Manual Section 5.1(c) Note 7 that details particular 'double dipping' rules that apply to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

## MATCH FIXING AND ANTI-DOPING

### MATCH-FIXING

The SLSA National Policy on MatchFixing and framework covers all SLS Events that are conducted by SLSA, State Centres, Branches and Clubs includes special events, conducted by third parties sanctioned by an SLS entity and any event, competition or series connected with Surf Lifesaving. Please refer to Policy Document 5.11 for further details.

### ANTI-DOPING

Members participating in the Australian Surf Boat Selection event have responsibilities under SLSA Policies, specifically [Policy 5.02 Australian National Anti-Doping Policy](#) and [Policy 6.23 Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine in Sport](#).

It is strongly recommended that all participants including competitors, team managers, handlers and coaches complete the online Sports Integrity Australia training module Anti-doping Fundamentals as a minimum prior to the selection event. <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/education>.

Athletes selected on the Australian Life Saving Team will be required to complete the following Sport Integrity Australia Courses:

- Anti-doping Fundamentals
- 2025 Annual Update
- Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling