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JUNIOR AWARDS

Preliminary Evaluation, Competition Evaluation & Surf Education Awards

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| Audience: | Club Presidents, Directors of Administration and Junior Activities Coordinators |
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| Summary | Junior Activities Surfguard Guide |
| Objective | To provide clarification for clubs on the administration process and requirements of SLSA Junior Awards. |

All SLSA Junior Members are required to achieve the below awards:

Preliminary Evaluation: Every junior member is required to participate in this evaluation, conducted by the club. This Evaluation should be completed at the first water based activity held by the club at the beginning of each season. Record of this achievement should be documented on the SLSNSW Proficiency Test Work Card at the time of the activity being successfully completed. In readiness for this to be processed in Surfguard.

Competition Evaluation: The competition evaluation must be achieved before any junior members are eligible to compete. To compete at any level in water based or beach events, junior members must hold the above Preliminary Evaluation, The Competition Evaluation and the below Surf Education Award.

Surf Education Awards: Every junior member must achieve the relevant Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group. Throughout the SLSA season junior members should be attending Surf Education activities according the age group. Please refer to the pre-season pack for SLSA Junior Evaluations and Education National Guidelines.

Junior Development Program Resources are available via the below links:

- https://members.sls.com.au/SLSA_Online/modules/login/index.php
- <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/resources/junior-nipper-activities>
- https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/sites/site.test/files/Pre-Season%20Pack%202018_Membership.pdf

Surf Guard Entry Process to be completed by 31 December

Junior Preliminary Evaluation

Go to Assessment tab

Select New Assessment Request

Then choose the following:

1. **Assessment Type** - Bulk Proficiency
2. **Award** - Preliminary Evaluation (Appropriate to age category)
3. **Document Location** - Club name to be noted (Cards to be kept on file at club as record of attendance)
4. **Get Candidates** – Select each member individually that is listed on work card. *(“Do Not Blanket Process”. this will cause a double up of awards for members. Please ensure each member is selected as per the cards)*
5. **Allocate and Complete**

Junior Competition Evaluation

Go to Assessment tab

Select New Assessment Request

Then choose the following:

1. **Assessment Type** - Bulk Proficiency
2. **Award** - Junior Activities Competition Evaluation (Appropriate to age category)
3. **Document Location** - Club name to be noted (Cards to be kept on file at club as record of attendance)
4. **Get Candidates** - Select each member individually that is listed on work card. *(“Do Not Blanket Process”. this will cause a double up of awards for members. Please ensure each member is selected as per the cards)*
5. **Allocate and Complete.**

Surf Education Awards

Go to Assessment tab

Select New Assessment Request

Then choose the following:

1. **Assessment Type**- Award
2. **Award** - Surf Play (choose award according to age group allocation)
3. **Document Location** - Club name to be noted
6. **Get Candidates** - Select each member individually that is listed on work card. *(“Do Not Blanket Process”. this will cause a double up of awards for members. Please ensure each member is selected as per the cards)*
4. **Save** (this assessment will then be saved as an Incomplete until submitted)
5. Return to the Home Screen.
6. **Submit** the award from the **“Incomplete Assessments”**
7. This Assessment will then be forwarded to SLSCC for Approval.



SLSA Age Group Evaluations and Surf Education Awards

| Age group | Preliminary evaluation | Competition evaluation | Surf education awards |
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| Under 6 | From a standing position in waist-deep water, perform a front glide and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float holding a buoyant aid and recover to a secure position. | | Surf Play 1 |
| Under 7 | From a standing position in waist-deep water, perform a front glide, kick for 3 m and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float for a few seconds and recover to a secure position. | | Surf Play 2 |
| Under 8 | 25 m swim (any recognised stroke) 1-minute survival float | Nil (no water competition, except for wade which takes place in waist-deep water) | Surf Aware 1 |
| Under 9 | 25 m swim (any recognised stroke) 1 minute survival float | Minimum 150 m open water swim (any recognised stroke) | Surf Aware 2 |
| Under 10 | 25 m swim (any recognised stroke) 1.5 minute survival float | Minimum 150 m open water swim (any recognised stroke) | Surf Safe 1 |
| Under 11 | 50 m swim (any recognised stroke) 2 minute survival float | Minimum 200 m open water swim (any recognised stroke) | Surf Safe 2 |
| Under 12 | 100 m swim (any recognised stroke) 2 minute survival float | Minimum 200 m open water swim (any recognised stroke) | Surf Smart 1 |
| Under 13 | 150 m swim (any recognised stroke) 3 minute survival float | Minimum 200 m open water swim (any recognised stroke) | Surf Smart 2 |
| Under 14 | 200 m swim (any recognised stroke, in less than 5 minutes) 3 minute survival float | Minimum 200 m open water swim (recognised stroke) | Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) |
| Assessors | Club Executive delegated authority | | |
| Recognised (Swim) Stroke Definition | Recognised swimming/survival strokes (i.e., front crawl, breast stroke, back stroke, side stroke, survival back scull, butterfly) may be demonstrated using one or more combination of strokes. Both the preliminary and competition evaluations should be undertaken in a continuous fashion. | | |
| Notes | Every junior member is required to participate in this evaluation, conducted by the club, prior to any junior water activity training or competition being undertaken. Any child that does not meet the required evaluation level will require a higher level of supervision when involved in water-based activities at the discretion of the club. | The open water competition evaluation must also be achieved before any members are eligible to compete. Every junior member must achieve the relevant Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group to compete in championships. | Every junior member should achieve the relevant Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group. |

A maximum supervision ratio of 1:5 (WSP: participants) applies as per SLSA Policy 1.01a 'Water Safety Procedure' to ensure the evaluations are conducted in a safe aquatic environment. Refer to the *SLSA Age Managers Learner Guide* and SLSA Policy 1.01a 'Water Safety Procedure' for more information on Junior Preliminary Evaluations.

Refer to SLSA Policy 5.04 'Competition Eligibility Policy', its accompanying SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility and the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* and for more information on SLSA competition eligibility and requirements.

Refer to the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* or the *SLSA Age Guides* for information on swim competition courses that may be modified for distance to assess age group open water swim evaluations.

All SLSA documentation relating to surf education awards, preliminary evaluations, surf sports competitions and water safety are located within the SLSA Members Area Library (portal.sls.com.au)