

Circular 1508



2021-22 SLSCC Awards of Excellence Nominations

Audience: All Members, Club Committees and Club Presidents

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Summary	<p>This circular outlines the information related to the Surf Life Saving Central Coast (SLSCC) Awards of Excellence recognising the 2021/22 season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 1 – General Conditions• Section 2 – Summary of Awards• Section 3 – Nomination Process
Objective	<p>To recognise outstanding achievements and contributions from members, clubs and branches in the 2021/22 season.</p>
Action	<p>Clubs are to endorse and submit one nomination per category to SLSCC by Sunday 24th April 2022. This season the club submission process will involve the completion of a digital copy of the nomination form and uploading the documents to a Jotform link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nomination Forms: Click here• Submission Link: Click here

We all know them – members who care, give up their time and want to make a difference in the organisation. The Surf Life Saving Central Coast Awards of Excellence celebrate the incredible people in our organisation and the impact they have on their club, members and their local communities.

This year's awards will be presented at the **SLSCC Awards of Excellence function on Saturday 11th June 2022**. This event will be held at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi, 2261

Changes for the 2021/22 Awards

1. SLSA have updated the wording for the Community Education Award
2. Additional 'criteria pointers' have been added to assist in applications for Coach and Official nominations.
3. Youth Volunteer and Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year awards are open to members aged between 15-21.
4. Surf Sports Team of the Year has to represent a Surf Life Saving sporting discipline as defined in the Surf Sports Manual.
5. SLSCC Patrol Competition winners will not progress to the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence because the award category has been removed from NSW award categories.

Note that there has been no change to sport award criteria or age cut offs due to an ongoing Sport category review at SLSA, which has now been pushed to the 2023 season.

Regards

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Section 1 – General Conditions

General Notes

- Clubs are strongly encouraged to submit nominations for all award categories to ensure that club members are recognised for their achievements and successes throughout the season.
- All nominees must be SLSA financial members (or affiliated organisations). Nominations should focus on activities during the 2021/22 Surf Life Saving season, from 1st July 2021 – 30th June 2022.
- Where ages are mentioned, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2021/22 season.
- All winners sizing for any prizes will be taken from their members portal (surfguard) profile.
- Winners may be called upon to act as ambassadors of Surf Life Saving, both within the organisation and to external audiences.
- Surf Life Saving Central Coast events or teams will not be considered for nomination for these awards.
- Paid employees at any level may apply for the awards listed. However, paid service will only be counted if applying for the Coach of the Year awards. All other awards recognise voluntary contributions only. Unless otherwise specified, these awards are in recognition of individual achievements, team submissions will not be considered.
- Late nominations will not be accepted

Selection Process

- Finalists for awards will be determined by a volunteer selection panel and will involve a review of applications for the volunteer and program/ innovation awards and Sports Awards.
- For selection of the Branch Recognition Awards the approved selection criteria for each award will be used with the exception of the President’s Award which will be selected by the SLSCC President.

SLSCC Winners

- Please note any sizings required for winners will be taken from their members portal profile.
- Winners of Awards listed in the ‘SLNSW Awards’ lists will be nominated for the SLNSW Awards of Excellence. All SLNSW categories are aligned with SLSA selection criteria.
- The SLNSW Awards of Excellence will be held on Saturday 27th August 2022 at Luna Park, Milsons Point, Sydney, NSW 2061
- The SLSA Awards of Excellence will be held on Saturday 5th November, 2022 on the Gold Coast, QLD.

Nomination Form and Submission

This season the club submission process will involve the completion of a digital copy of the nomination form and uploading the documents to a Jotform link.

Nomination close Sunday 24th April 2022. Below is a step by step guide to the submission process.

How to Submit Nominations

1. Download the relevant [nomination form](#) and open
2. Fill in the empty boxes in the PDF
3. Click SAVE AS, select folder and name PDF [Award. Club]
4. Return to the existing PDF and refill with new category details.
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 till all awards have been completed
 - a. Use Volunteer Nomination form for Volunteer/ Program Awards
 - b. Use Sports Award Nomination form for Sport Awards
6. Download other required information for Youth Surf Lifesaver and Surf Lifesaver and save
7. Open [Bulk Submission link](#)
8. Fill in required information

9. Drag and drop or select all nominations and additional information and place into upload section.
10. Save email receipt of submission

Section 2 – Summary of Awards

SLSNSW Awards

Winners will progress to the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence

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.

Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year

An active patrolling member (between the ages of 15-21, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2020/22 season) who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

*Volunteer of the Year**

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

Club of the Year

An outstanding SLS-affiliated club that is committed to improving the experience of its members, providing a safer environment for the community, and improving club operations.

*Athlete of the Year***

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

*Youth Athlete of the Year***

An athlete aged between 15-18 (this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2021/22 season) who has achieved sporting excellence in Youth and/or Open Aged Competition.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 mission of saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities.

*Innovation Award****

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

Youth Volunteer of the Year

An impressive member (between the ages of 15-21, this refers to the members age as at 30 September in the 2021/22 season) who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.

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.

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.

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.

Masters Athlete of the Year

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

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.

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.

*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).

**A youth aged competitor (i.e. aged 15 to 18 years as at 30 September in a season) may be nominated for both the 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 Athlete of the Year Award.

*** 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.

SLSCC Awards

Rookie of the Year

The Rookie of the year will be an U13/U14 member who has given outstanding service to the program.

Note 3: The following awards do not require nomination from clubs but form part of the SLSCC Awards of Excellence

Overall Surf Sports Point score

This award will be awarded to the club who has received the highest points at the 2021 Central Coast Branch Championships.

President's Award

The President Award recognises a member's outstanding contribution to surf lifesaving in special projects on behalf of Surf Life Saving Central Coast.

Rescue of the Year

This award is selected from the SLSNSW Rescue of the Month winners.

Patrol Competition

The club that has scored the highest combined points over the four rounds of Streets Patrol Competition throughout the season

Club of the Year

This award is selected through the SLSCC Club of Year criteria. The winner of this award will go on to represent the Central Coast at the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence and will be required to submit a nomination before the 25th June 2022.

Support Operations Member of the Year

A Member involved in Support Operations (Duty Officer, Rescue Water Craft and UAV) who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts in support operations.

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Volunteer and Program/Innovation Awards

- Surf Lifesaver of the Year**
- Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year**
- Volunteer of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Trainer of the Year
- Assessor of the Year
- Community Education Program of the Year
- Innovation Award
- Rookie of the Year
- Youth Volunteer of the Year
- Patrol Captain of the Year
- Support Operations Member of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Services Team of the Year
- Facilitator of the Year

Nomination Questions

To nominate for the above awards, complete the online nomination form which includes answering the three questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

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

****Additional nomination requirements – Surf Lifesaver and Youth Surf Lifesaver**

For Surf Lifesaver and Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year awards, nominations require patrol hours to be uploaded for the 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22 season (extracted from Surfguard).

Sport Awards

- Athlete of the Year
- Youth Athlete of the Year
- Masters Athlete of the Year
- Surf Sports Team of the Year

Nomination Questions

To nominate for the above awards, complete the online nomination form which includes answering the three questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

1. How have they achieved sporting excellence?
 - a. What were their results at major competitions (e.g. state, national, international)?
 - b. For athlete awards, have they been part of a representative team and if so, how did they contribute to the success of that team?
2. How are they a positive role model, a good sportsman and/or an ambassador for Surf Life Saving?
 - a. How do they contribute to broader lifesaving activities and engage with other members (including juniors)?

Nomination Pointers

Individual Volunteer Awards

When showcasing members' achievements, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

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

Program/ Innovation Volunteer Awards

When showcasing the achievements of programs or innovations, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

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

Training & Education

- What qualities does the Official bring to surf sports events to facilitate competition?
- How does the Official believe we can encourage club members to become and stay accredited officials?
- Is the Official satisfied with the training programs used for new and developing officials? How can they be improved?

Official Award

When showcasing the Official of the Year nominations, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination.

- How long has the member been officiating and what level of accreditation do they hold
- What events has the Official officiated at over the past 12 months, what roles did they under-take during that period

Input into Competition

- Give examples of the Officials interaction with Branch and/or State Referees
- How has the Official been involved in the training of new Officials – provide examples of your role
- How has the Official Mentored members to assist them in gaining their awards, provide examples of your role
- How has the Official been involved in Assessing candidates during the past year, provide examples of the Officials role

Coach Award

When showcasing the Coach of the Year nominations, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

Club, Branch, State and National coaching positions.

- Results achieved due to the coach's influence for athletes coached for 90% of the season.
- The capability of athletes and the coach's contribution to their development, both in and outside of surf sports. Personal development undertaken to improve coaching performance e.g. participated in courses, conferences etc. How the nominee has contributed to Coach Education e.g. presented at clinics, conferences, courses
- Additional coaching information regarding the nominee.

Club of the Year

Note: This award criteria will only be applicable to the club who wins SLSCC Club of the Year.

To nominate for the Club of the Year award, complete the online nomination form, attaching your club's strategic and/or operational plan, and your answer to the five questions below (with each answer no more than 400 words).

Tell us about the club.

1. What has been achieved?
2. Why and how it has made a difference, and to whom?
3. What are your plans for future development and continuous improvement?
4. What is the ONE lesson that your club can teach and share with all other SLS clubs both here in Australia and internationally?

When showcasing club achievements, you may want to consider the questions below to boost the quality of your nomination...

- How does your club support the SLS 2025 Strategic Plan?
- What new initiatives, programs or events did your club implement last season that furthered your strategic objectives? How did you identify the need for this?
- 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?
- What, if any, challenges did the club had to overcome to achieve success?
- How does your club management team model positive and supportive attitudes, behaviours and actions?
- You may wish to attach any photographs, reference letters or media coverage to your nomination.

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