



ANNOUNCEMENT

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SUBJECT:	SLSS 2025/26 Junior Lifesaver of the Year (JLOTY) Awards Nominations
OVERVIEW:	This announcement provides details relating to the SLSS 2025/26 Junior Lifesaver of the Year (JLOTY) Schedule, Nomination Form and Questions.

Nominations for Surf Life Saving Sydney (SLSS) Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award are now open for 2025/26.

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award (JLOTY) is a way for Clubs and Branches to recognise their U14 members' achievements in Surf Life Saving; the contributions they have made to all levels of Surf Life Saving, as well as within the community.

All U14 members who believe they could be the next Junior Lifesaver of the Year should apply through their Club. The female and male Sydney Branch winners will then progress to the SLSNSW JLOTY Development Camp and interview process to determine the State winners.

Clubs are invited to submit one female and one male nomination for the 2025/26 Surf Life Saving Sydney Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award. JLOTY nominations must include completion of the [Nomination Form](#) and Nomination Questions listed in the process and scheduled section of this announcement. Nomination forms must be submitted electronically by the due date **Sunday 16 November 2025 11:59 pm**.

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Please note:

- All applications must be typed; handwritten applications will NOT be accepted.
- Nominees must have completed their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) by 31 December 2025.
- Resumes or additional information will not be considered by the judges and cannot be included with nominations.
- The Junior Lifesaver of the Year award is **only** open to **bona fide Under 14 Surf Lifesavers in this season**, and **not** anyone who is technically an U13 participating up an age group at their club, nor any U15's participating down.

All nominations are to be endorsed by Clubs and submitted to Surf Life Saving Sydney by Sunday 16 November 2025 11:59pm

2025/26 JLOTY Process and Schedule

1. Ensure all directions are followed from SLSS regarding the completion of forms.

2. Nomination Forms

The Nomination Form needs to be completed and submitted online via the [Nomination Form](#)

3. Nomination Questions

- What's been the most enjoyable part of your Surf Life Saving experience so far?
- What's your proudest moment in Surf Life Saving?
- If you could start a new activity or program in Surf Life Saving, what would it be and why?
- Who do you look up to in Surf Life Saving, and why?
- If you could ask the SLSNSW President to change something for youth members, what would it be?

Questions to be answered via the [Nomination Form](#)

4. Submission Date

All completed and Club endorsed Nomination Forms and Nomination Questions to be received by the Branch office no later than **Sunday 16 November 2025 11:59 pm**

5. **Assessment of applications** will take place immediately after the closing date deadline has passed.

6. **Finalists will be advised by Friday 28 November 2025.**

7. Interviews with the Finalists will be held at the Branch Office on **Saturday 17 January 2026, from 2:00pm onwards** face to face and/or via teams.

8. Schedule for interviews to be notified once finalists are selected.

9. SLSS Junior Lifesaver of the Year will be announced at our Branch Championships 2026 on Saturday, 7 February 2026 at Elouera SLSC. (Exact details and times TBC).



If you have any questions relating to JLOTY nominations, please do not hesitate to contact David Love, Director Youth & Junior Development via email director_juniordevelopment@sls.sydney or the Branch Office.

We look forward to receiving SLSS Club's JLOTY nominations.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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