



SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY

Competition Eligibility & Proficiency Requirements

(In Alignment with SLSA & SLSNSW Policy Framework)

1. PURPOSE

This document outlines the minimum eligibility, award, proficiency, patrol and compliance requirements for participation in Surf Life Saving Sydney (SLSS) endorsed competition.

These requirements apply to all participants involved in competition activities including:

- Athletes
- Coaches
- Officials
- Boat Sweeps
- IRB Drivers & Crew
- Water Safety Personnel
- Team Managers
- Safety Officers (SMEC)

All compliance requirements must be met prior to 31 December each competition season, unless otherwise specified under SLSA or SLSNSW policy.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To compete at Branch, State, National level, athletes must:

- Be a current financial member of an SLSA affiliated club
- Hold the appropriate SLSA award for their age division
- Hold current annual proficiency relevant to that award
- Meet patrol hour requirements (where applicable)
- Have all awards processed and recorded in SurfGuard
- Be correctly linked to their club in LiveHeats
- Meet division age eligibility requirements

Athletes whose awards or proficiencies are not recorded in SurfGuard are ineligible to compete.

3. SLSA AWARD & AGE REQUIREMENTS

Under 8 – Under 13: Junior Preliminary Evaluation and Junior Competition Evaluation

Under 14: Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) – Mandatory

Under 15: Bronze Medallion – Mandatory

Under 17, Under 19 & Open: Bronze Medallion – Mandatory

Masters: Bronze Medallion – Mandatory

All divisions must hold current annual proficiency and meet patrol requirements where applicable.

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4. PATROL HOUR REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum patrol hours must be completed by 31 December
- Patrols must be rostered and logged in SurfGuard
- Pro-rata hours apply to new members in accordance with SLISA guidelines
- Roving patrols must be approved and recorded correctly
- Failure to meet patrol hour requirements may result in inability to compete.

5. NON-AWARD CATEGORIES (120 DAY / 90 DAY AWARDS)

The 120-Day Award and 90-Day Award fall under the same category of Non-Award Award.

- 90-Day Award – Queensland Members
- 120-Day Award – All other states
- Issued to members actively completing Bronze Medallion training
- Valid only within their prescribed timeframe
- Must be processed in SurfGuard
- Do NOT replace Bronze Medallion where Bronze is mandatory
- Unprocessed awards result in ineligibility.

6. LIVEHEATS & ENTRY COMPLIANCE

Prior to entries opening, Clubs must ensure:

- Athletes are correctly linked to club in LiveHeats
- SLISA Membership number matches SurfGuard
- Date of birth matches SurfGuard
- Division eligibility is correct
- Awards and proficiencies are current
- Clubs experiencing entry issues must contact the Event Team prior to entries closing to allow resolution.

7. OFFICIALS ELIGIBILITY

- Being a current financial member
- Hold current SLISA Officials accreditation
- Meet reaccreditation cycle requirements
- Be endorsed by Branch/State Officials Coordinator
- Hold current Working with Children Check (where applicable)
- Officials who are not current will not be allocated to competition.

8. COACHES

- Being a current financial member
- Hold Bronze Medallion if required
- Hold current SLISA Coaching Accreditation
- Meet reaccreditation requirements
- Hold current Working with Children Check (where applicable)



9. BOAT SWEEPS/COACHES

- Be current financial members
- Hold Bronze Medallion
- Hold current annual proficiency
- Hold current Sweep Accreditation
- Hold current SLSA Coaching Accreditation
- Meet reaccreditation cycle requirements
- Sweeps without current accreditation are not permitted to sweep.

10. IRB COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

- Be current financial members
- IRB Crew: Bronze Medallion, IRB Crew Certificate, Current annual proficiency and IRB training Competition Eligibility Award
- IRB Driver: Bronze Medallion, IRB Driver Certificate, Current annual proficiency and IRB training Competition Eligibility Award

11. WATER SAFETY PERSONNEL

- Be current financial members
- Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)
- Hold Bronze Medallion
- Hold current annual proficiency
- Meet IRB requirements if operating IRB

12. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Review member compliance prior to 31 December
- Confirm patrol hours
- Ensure award processing in SurfGuard
- Confirm LiveHeats linkage
- Address compliance issues before entries close

No assumptions should be made regarding pending awards or renewals.

13. IMPORTANT NOTICE

Failure to meet compliance requirements may result in:

- Ineligibility to compete
- Removal from event allocation
- Disqualification
- Referral to relevant competition authority

Surf Life Saving Sydney expects all Clubs to verify compliance well in advance of competition season deadlines.