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| Title: | 2024/25 Queensland Ocean/Beach Representative Team (Open / Youth) – Athlete Selection Information |
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| Audience: | All SLSQ Clubs & Branches |
| Summary: | Information for athletes wishing to be considered for selection in the 2024/25 Queensland Representative Teams including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024/25 Queensland Cyclones Ocean/Beach Interstate (Open & Youth) Team • 2024/25 Queensland Super Surf Teams League (SSTL) Teams. |
| Date: | 28 th October 2024 |

INTRODUCTION

Surf Life Saving Queensland is calling for expressions of interest (EOI) from athletes seeking selection in the 2024/25 Queensland Ocean/Beach Representative Teams including:

- Queensland Cyclones Interstate Team (Open & Youth), and
- Queensland Super Surf Teams League (SSTL) teams.

These teams will contest their respective representative competitions from 13 – 15 December, 2024 at Wanda, NSW.

| Event | Date | Location |
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| SLSA Interstate Championships (Open & Youth) | Friday 13 December 2024 | Wanda, NSW |
| Super Surf Teams League (SSTL) Round 1 | Saturday 14 December 2024 | Wanda, NSW |
| Super Surf Teams League (SSTL) Round 2 | Sunday 15 December 2024 | Wanda, NSW |
| SLSA Interstate Competition (Pathways)* | Tuesday 1 April 2024 | Gold Coast, QLD |

For more information about each event, please see:

- [SLSA Circular 22/24-25: Super Surf Teams League Entry Circular](#)
- [SLSA Circular 23/24-25: Australian Ocean and Beach Open and Youth Interstate Championships Entry Circular](#)

***NOTE: The 2024/25 Interstate Pathways (U14 & U15) competition will be separately held on Tuesday 1 April, 2025. Any references to the “interstate” team within this circular refer to the Open & Youth competition in December 2024, unless otherwise specified. Pathways nomination information will be circulated in early 2025.**

KEY DATES

| Item | Date |
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| Expressions of Interest Open | Monday 28 th October 2024 |
| Expressions of Interest Close | Wednesday 27 th November 2024 |

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM STRUCTURE

Due to the changes to the interstate and SSTL competition structure, the composition of QLD SSTL Teams will primarily be selected from the interstate nominations. All teams will align with the respective event requirements as specified by SLSA.

QUEENSLAND CYCLONES (OPEN / YOUTH) INTERSTATE TEAM COMPOSITION

The Queensland Cyclones Interstate Team (Open/Youth) will include Open and Youth age divisions with a total team size of 20 athletes:

- Open Division consisting of a maximum 5 male competitors and 5 female competitors eligible to compete in the Open age category (U17 / U19 / Open).
- Youth Division consisting of a maximum of 5 male competitors and 5 female competitors eligible to compete in the Under 17 age category only.

QUEENSLAND SSTL TEAM COMPOSITION

The 2024/25 SSTL competition will see the introduction of an U17 division, in addition to the open competition. Queensland will maintain a total of 4 teams across both divisions.

- Open Division – 3 x teams consisting of a maximum of 4 male competitors and 4 female competitors eligible to compete in the Open category (U17 / U19 / Open) in each team.
 - Queensland Seawolves
 - Queensland Makos
 - Queensland Marlins
- U17 Division – 1 x team consisting of a maximum of 4 male competitors and 4 female competitors eligible to compete in the Under 17 age category only.
 - Queensland Canecutters

Team names are not geographically aligned to any branch or region, with all team members being selected as 'QLD' SSTL representatives. Consideration may be given to geographical alignment (either current or historical) of athletes to individual teams at the discretion of the selectors.

Competitors competing in the U15 age group for the 2024/25 Season **are not permitted to compete.**

Team composition may vary from round to round, however once a competitor represents one team, they are not able to transfer to another team during the series.

A list of reserves will also be formulated to cover any injuries across the series.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration for selection in a Queensland Representative Team, athletes must:

1. Be a current financial member of; and have current competition rights with SLSQ club.
2. Hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion and meet any patrol, award or other requirements as detailed in SLSA 5.04 – Competition Eligibility Policy or the event entry circular.
3. Complete any required education / online course in the requested timeframe as required by SLSQ.
4. Be in good standing with their club, branch and state;
5. At all times abide by SLSA's Code of Conduct and act in a manner that does not bring the sport of surf lifesaving, SLSQ/SLSA or the Queensland Cyclones Representative Teams into disrepute.
6. Be motivated and passionate about contributing to the success of the Team.

Note: Only athletes eligible to compete for Australia can be selected as part of these championships.

SELECTION

The Queensland Cyclones Ocean/Beach Interstate Team and QLD SSTL Teams will be selected by Queensland Selectors with the primary objective of achieving the best outcome for Queensland at the Australian Interstate Championships and SSTL competition.

When considering athletes for potential selection to a Queensland Representative Team (including Queensland Cyclones Ocean/Beach Team), Selectors may consider:

- a) performances in competitions in the current season and/or performances in previous seasons;
- b) overall consistency of performances and potential to delivery consistent performances over the duration of representative campaign;
- c) point scoring capability and capacity with respect to the interstate championship point scoring format;
- d) current level of skill and physical capacity required for the nature of the event;
- e) willingness and ability to fill a role that may enhance Queensland's medal potential;
- f) individual strengths that may contribute to the performance of the team as a whole (such as leadership, knowledge and experience);
- g) demonstrated and/or potential ability to work collaboratively as part of the team, including with the Head Coach, coaches, team management and other team members;
- h) any current or potential injury or condition, which may impair, inhibit or prevent the athlete's performance to the requisite level;
- i) any other factor considered relevant to the circumstance, including any additional non-performance based traits considered beneficial to the team.

Athletes considered for selection will not be limited to athletes who have submitted an expression of interest nomination advising their availability. Selectors may also select reserve and/or development athletes. Athletes who are selected in the interstate team will be considered for selection in a SSTL Team. Athletes must advise SLSQ in the EOI if they are not available for the duration of the campaign – Friday 13 December to Sunday 15 December.

In considering the criteria, the Selectors and SLSQ maintain the ability to use their discretion to give weight to extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to injury, personal bereavement or unforeseen unavailability.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Interested athletes are asked to complete the expression on interest nomination form linked below to advise SLSQ of their availability for selection in the 2024/25 Queensland Representative Teams by the closing date – Wednesday 27th November 2024. All nominating athletes must meet eligibility requirements as required by SLSQ and/or SLSA.

After the close of nominations SLSQ may request endorsement from respective clubs of members who have nominated.

| Nomination Link | Closing Date |
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| https://form.jotform.com/SLSQ/qld-cyclones-athlete-eoi | Wednesday 27 th November 2024 |

Note:

- Bronze of Origin: Under the ‘Bronze of Origin’ guidelines, athletes who have transferred to an interstate surf life saving club are eligible to nominate for selection in a Queensland Team if they originally completed their Bronze Medallion in Queensland. Endorsements from both your current club and original QLD club are required prior to selection.
- Team Management and Coach selection information is contained in SLSQ Circular 121.10.2024

SCHEDULE & AVAILABILITY

All athletes must commit to making themselves available for the duration of the 2024/25 Open & Youth Representative Team Campaign (including both Interstate Championships & SSTL Competition). With all interstate age groups now aligning to SSTL age groups, athletes selected in the QLD Cyclones Team will be considered for selection in a SSTL team.

This includes availability to travel to Sydney on (or before) Thursday, 12 December 2024; attendance at any Queensland Cyclones team training sessions and/or workshops leading into the competition; and the Interstate Championships themselves.

It is envisaged that the team will travel to Sydney on Thursday morning, 12 December 2024 and return after the conclusion of the SSTL Competition on Sunday 15th December 2024. (Travel dates to be advised)

Athletes who are successful in being selected in the Queensland Cyclones Ocean/Beach Interstate Team will also be involved in the SSTL Competition. SLSQ will be considering logistics for both the interstate team and SSTL teams as a singular QLD representative team during the campaign period, including accommodation for both teams.

It is expected that athletes selected are committed to their involvement with the team until conclusion of the competition. Further information will be communicated to team members once the team has been selected and announced.

COSTS

With the changes to the interstate and SSTL competition structure, it is SLSQ’s intention to accommodate all SSTL & Interstate athletes and personnel for the duration of the campaign. SLSQ is currently confirming travel, food, uniform and accommodation costs for team members and will advise of this information as soon as possible. It is expected that a levy may be payable for all successful team members to assist with cost of the team (ie. uniform, food, transport, accommodation, etc.).

UNIFORM

SLSQ will provide each athlete with a team uniform which will be distributed prior to the competition. SLSA will provide competition lycra vests which must be worn during the competition.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The selection of the 2024/25 Queensland Cyclones Ocean/Beach Open & Youth Interstate Team will be finalised and announced in early December.

SLSA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

SLSQ and SLSA expects that all members involved in competition will co-operate to ensure a positive public image and to participate in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.

The SLSA Code of Conduct, Competing Unfairly and Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour clauses etc. are contained in the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins.

All Queensland Representative Team Athletes are required complete the SLSA Child Safe Awareness and SLSA Sexual Misconduct & Harassment online courses as a condition of their selection.

Any incidents or behaviour likely to cause embarrassment or damage to the reputation and/or image of lifesaving competition will be managed as prescribed in the current edition of SLSA's Rules, Surf Sports Manual and any subsequent bulletins.

ANTI-DOPING & COMPETITION MANIPULATION

Surf Life Saving Queensland supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission and Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) in their efforts to eradicate competition manipulation and doping in sport. Members have responsibilities under the SLSA 5.02 Anti-Doping Policy, SLSA 5.11 Competition Manipulation and Gambling Policy and SLSA 6.23 Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine in Sport Policy (all available on the SLSA Members Area).

These policies apply to everyone involved in SLS. Please be aware that testing may be conducted by SIA during the Australian Interstate Championships. It is recommended that all team members (including management and staff) download the [Sport Integrity Australia app](#) and utilise the GlobalDRO [Check Your Substances](#) site where required.

All team members are encouraged to develop their knowledge and understanding of Anti-Doping by accessing the Sport Integrity Australia online courses. All Queensland Representative Team athletes are required to complete the SIA Anti-Doping Fundamentals course and SIA Annual Update course as a condition of their selection. These courses can be accessed at: <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further enquiries should be directed to Daniel Homer – Sport Development Coordinator at dhomer@lifesaving.com.au or (07) 5566 1012.

Kind Regards,

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