

SLSQ Sunshine Coast Branch Inter-Branch

Selection Policy 2026

Document Policy

This policy outlines the eligibility requirements, selection process, assessment criteria, and discretionary considerations for the appointment of athletes to the Sunshine Coast Branch Representative Team for the 2026 Inter-Branch competition. The policy applies to eligible competitive members within the nominated age groups and is administered under the auspices of Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ).

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a fair, transparent, and consistent approach to the selection of athletes for the Sunshine Coast Branch Representative Team. Selection decisions will be made in the best interests of the team, with consideration given to individual performance, commitment, availability, and capacity to contribute to team outcomes.

2. Scope

This policy applies to athletes seeking selection in the U13, U14, U15, and U17 age groups, with age determined as at 30 September 2026. All interested members must submit a formal Expression of Interest to be considered for selection.

3. Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for consideration, athletes must be financial and competitive members of an affiliated Surf Life Saving Club, fall within the relevant age category, submit an Expression of Interest by the required closing date, and demonstrate a commitment to training, competition attendance, and team participation.

4. Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on an athlete's current season results, demonstrated consistency, attendance, potential contribution to overall team points, and capacity to perform effectively in a team environment. Results from State and Australian Championships may be considered, along with relevant SLSQ Pool Rescue carnivals.

Attendance at every SLSQ Pool Rescue carnival is not compulsory; however, regular carnival participation and consistent training attendance will be considered when assessing an athlete's suitability for selection.

5. Assessment Events

The selection panel may consider athlete performance at the Sunshine Coast Branch Selection Trials scheduled for 10th October 2026 and Rainbow Junior Carnival scheduled for 24th October 2026.

6. Selection Panel Discretion

The selection panel reserves the right to select the most suitable competitors at its discretion. Final selection decisions may take into account athlete performance, prior results, current form, availability, illness, injury, team balance, and the overall needs of the Sunshine Coast Branch Representative Team.

7. Timeline

Expression of Interest submissions generally close in late September each year. Any confirmed dates, nomination requirements, or changes to the selection process will be communicated to eligible members through the appropriate Sunshine Coast Branch channels.

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