

# 2024-2025



**ILLAWARRA**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

# JUNIOR

## LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

Surf Life Saving Illawarra invites all clubs to nominate their most outstanding Under 14 (DOB 1 October 2010 - 30 September 2011) female and male financial members for SLS Illawarra Junior Lifesaver of the Year 2024-2025.

Under 14 members are required to fill out the attached nomination form and return to your club by Monday 20 January 2025 and then if clubs could please forward their two endorsed nominations (**1 female and 1 male**) to Illawarra by 9am Wednesday 22 January 2025.

SLS Illawarra finalists will be required to attend either:

- an interview on either Wednesday 29 January or Thursday 30 January 2025

**OR**

- Workshop on Wednesday 29 January 2025 (9am to 3pm) including interviews (this will depend on the number of nominations we receive!)

Further details will be forwarded to the finalists after we have received all nominations.

Our SLS Illawarra Junior Lifesavers of the Year (Male and Female) will be announced at SLS Illawarra Branch Championships on Saturday 9 February 2025 at North Wollongong SLSC. More information in relation to the presentation will be forwarded to all finalists closer to the date.

Our successful Junior Lifesavers of the Year then become State finalists and are required to attend the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program held at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's Northern Beaches from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 April 2025.

All SLS Illawarra finalists will be invited to become a part of our SLS Illawarra Youth Panel and be supported and developed as future leaders in their club, branch and state.



## KEY DATES:

**Monday 20 January 2025**

Nominations close with your club

**Wednesday 22 January 2025 9am**

Nominations close with SLS Illawarra

**Wednesday 29 January and/or Thursday 30 January 2025**

Workshop/Interviews for all SLS Illawarra finalists – further details to come.

**Saturday 9 February 2025**

SLS Illawarra Junior Lifesavers of the Year announced at SLS Illawarra Bluescope WIN Community Branch Championships (all club finalists to attend)

**Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 April 2025**

SLS NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year Development Camp

Supported by:



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## 2024/25 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award

**Attention:** Club and Branch Presidents and Executives

**Date:** October 2024

**Contact:** Zoe Hersee, Member and Club Services Officer  
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<b>Summary</b>	This circular details the nomination process for the NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award.
<b>Action</b>	Branches to ensure their JLOTY communications are in line with the following dates in circular.

Surf Life Saving NSW is seeking nominations for the 2024/2025 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program and Award.

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award 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.

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program aims to focus on recognising and rewarding the young members who have been selected as Branch Finalists. The program for this age group focuses on self-leadership, socialisation, teamwork, surf lifesaving and self-awareness. Participants will be involved in physical challenges, presentations and discussions, activities and scenarios that require leadership, teamwork and communication.

**All U14 members who believe they could be the next Junior Lifesaver of the Year should apply through their Club and/or Branch.** The male and female Branch winners will then progress to the SLSNSW development camp and interview process to determine the State winners.

### The Award

Branches are invited to submit one female and one male nomination for the 2024/2025 SLSNSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year. Nominations must include the nomination form below, medical and consent form, and responses to the nomination questions.

Individual and club nominations are to be submitted to Branch in accordance with their timelines. Nominees and clubs should seek further information from their Branch as to any additional requirements for branch submission of nominations.

*Please note:*

- All applications must be typed; handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- Nominees must have completed their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) by the time of the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program to be eligible for the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award.
- Resumes or additional information will not be considered by the judges and cannot be included with nominations.

The criteria for selection will be based on the nominee's achievements in the following areas:

- Contribution to Surf Life Saving
- Surf lifesaving knowledge and skills
- Promotion of Surf Life Saving to the community
- Self leadership

All nominations are to be endorsed by Branches and submitted to SLSNSW by 9am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.

Successful applicants will be advised of their placing as State finalists after this date, and are then required to attend the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program held at The Collaroy Centre on Sydney's Northern Beaches from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The program aims to further develop members by supporting personal development and goal setting, and by positively recognising members. Best of all, it is an opportunity to meet young surf lifesavers from across New South Wales and be part of a fun experience.

Participants will take part in an informal interview hosted by a judging panel of experienced surf lifesavers, considering individuals on their merit to become the Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

Please note: SLSNSW will cover costs of accommodation, meals and activities for those members attending the workshop. Flights to and from the program will be covered by SLSNSW for finalists from FNC, NC, MNC, LNC and FSC. Finalists from other branches will be required to organise their own transport and we recommend car pooling where possible. Further information regarding transport arrangements will be available once Branch finalists have been selected and provided to SLSNSW.

The announcement of the Junior Lifesavers of the Year will be at the completion of the program, prior to midday on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Parents are invited to join the award ceremony via livestream from the SLSNSW Facebook page, and more information will be shared closer to the date. Celebrations will be held at the program and state winners will not be attending the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence.

### **Nomination Submissions**

Nominations must be endorsed by the nominee's Club and Branch and submitted by email to Zoe Hersee, Youth Development Officer at [zhersee@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:zhersee@surflifesaving.com.au) by **9am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**.