

## Thirroul SLSC Circular 16-011



# Youth Surf Sports Team Selection

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**Summary:** *At Branch/State/Aussies/Worlds Championship events, selections will be made to enable maximum points to be gained by the Club. At other carnivals selectors will have the discretion to make selections to reward and/ or promote participation.*

At Thirroul SLSC we encourage all Youth to compete and represent Thirroul. We are all competing for Thirroul SLSC and therefore all work together and cheer each other on and congratulate each other wherever we finish in an event.

## OBJECTIVES

Thirroul Youth competitor team selection will be based primarily on the following two objectives:

- Performance: To select the strongest teams to represent TSLSC in each age group and to achieve the best possible results for TSLSC, based on ability and expected performances of the competitors.
- Participation: To encourage, recognise and reward participation in and commitment to training and development as part of the TSLSC Youth Surf Sports team, and to encourage maximum participation from Thirroul Youth in Surf Sports.

If it is difficult to make a selection where these two objectives are weighted evenly, then selection will take into account the actual carnival:

- Branch/State/Aussies/Worlds Championships: The first objective will be weighted higher although competitors must be attending training sessions i.e. the aim will be to select the strongest team (e.g. even though this may not include a Youth who has shown more commitment during the season).
- Other carnivals: The second objective will be weighted higher.

## PREFERENCES AND EXPECTATIONS

All competitors are expected to compete:

- for Thirroul SLSC at all carnivals in team events (i.e. fulfil their responsibility to their club/ team mates before being able to make up a composite team with another club)
- in their own age group (i.e. fulfil their responsibility to their team mates in that age group before being able to compete at an older level)
- in the same events as part of a team (e.g. Surf Team, Board Relay, Taplin Relay, Board Rescue ) as they are competing in as an individual (e.g. individual surf race)
- in their finalised team, unless a valid reason is given (i.e. fulfil their responsibility to their team mates even though they may want to withdraw to conserve energy for an individual event) If competitors prefer to participate in particular team events and not others, they should let the

Head Coach know prior to team selection. Individuals' team preferences will be considered, as will workload and individual competitive aspirations of the competitors.

## **TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Performance will be judged by the following criteria, in order of weighting:
  - Results at carnivals in current season: Sydney Water Series, Summer of Surf, Cronulla Short Course, etc.
  - Performance and ability demonstrated at training, as judged by coach

At the start of the season when there have not been many carnivals, team selection will be based on the previous season and/or preseason training.

- Participation:
  - Attendance at training, ie Club endorsed training sessions (generally training with the Thirroul SLSC Youth Surf Sports team, with other training to be discussed with the Head Coach at the beginning of the season)
  - Commitment, consistency and attitude to training
  - Participation in carnivals, including carnivals not listed above
  - Rostered patrol hours
- Other considerations:
  - Teamwork: Competitors' abilities to "work well together" in a team
  - Injury/ illness: Any injury/ illness which could impair, inhibit or prevent the competitor from appropriate level of performance or represent an unacceptable risk
  - Conditions: Expected conditions at the carnival venue and on the day. Also conditions during carnivals during the current season which may have skewed performance results.
  - `Club spirit': Commitment and attitude to other club members, club life and surf lifesaving.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The Head Coach will be responsible for team selection, taking into account the above criteria. The Head Coach will present and discuss the selection with the Surf Sports Committee, which will comprise three people: the Head Coach, an Assistant Coach and Head Surf Sports (or Competition or Team Manager). A majority decision is required.

The decision of the selectors will be final. This shall not prevent, limit or restrict the selectors (e.g. Head Coach or proxy) changing the selection of any team at any time, in the interest of club spirit and competitive focus and/ or other relevant circumstances.

If parents/ carers want to dispute or complain about team selection they should NOT approach any other parent or competitor. Parents should contact the Head Coach or President.

Any appeal/ protest for team selection, should be forwarded in writing (e.g. by email) to the President 10 days prior to the carnival. The Executive will appoint an impartial panel to undertake an assessment of each case.