

Circular

Title: Non-award members competition eligibility and procedure
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Audience: Presidents, Secretaries, Club Captains, Surf Sports Officers, Chief Instructors, Youth Coordinators, SSAC & Panels
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Summary:	SLSSA members can participate in surf sports training and non-championship carnivals PRIOR to obtaining the appropriate award for their age group/discipline. This Circular details the circumstances when this is applicable and the procedure re how to enter such members in SLSSA carnivals.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circulate the information to relevant members (incl BM/SRC trainers, sport area captains)• Complete the process as detailed for any non-award member wishing to participate in non-championship surf sports events

SLSSA allows for persons who are not the holder of a current SLSA award and wish to participate in non-championship surf sports events (ie carnivals).

This is permitted provided that such persons:

- Are registered members of an SLSC
- Meet any minimum age requirements for use of specific equipment¹
- Have met the prerequisites for the training in the appropriate award
- Have received initial instruction/training (including protocols) on how to use the equipment, particularly in regard to injury prevention and survival in the event of a possible accident or loss of craft

¹ surf boat and surf ski competition = min. 15 years of age as at 30 September and eligible for the Under 16/17 age group

1. Prerequisites for Award Training

The following swim assessments are the prerequisites for award training & **MUST be successfully completed PRIOR to participation in training or competition** by any member who is not the holder of a current SLSA award

Age as at 30 September	Appropriate award to be undertaken	Prerequisite swim assessment (can be undertaken in ocean or pool)
13 or 14 years of age	Surf Rescue Certificate	200 metres within < 5 minutes
15 years of age or older	Bronze Medallion/Cert II	400 metres within < 9 minutes

Swim assessments have a 120 day expiry (ie if the appropriate award is not attained within 120 days from completion of the swim assessment then the swim assessment must be reassessed for the individual to continue to use SLS craft and/or participate in non-championship carnivals)

2. Recording of Award Prerequisites (*Chief Instructor or delegate*)

a. **Bronze Medallion (15yrs+)**

- SurfGuard award list includes an 'Award for non-award holders 120 days'.
- This award should be processed via the Assessment Request process as per normal process (NOTE: Assessment Type = Award; award type = SLSA Education)
- For completion of the award process, please email Alicia.lintern@surflifesavingsa.com.au
- This award will now show on the member's SurfGuard profile under list of awards & will have an expiry date of 120 days from the assessment date.

b. **Surf Rescue Certificate (13-14yrs)**

- SurfGuard award list includes Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 14
- This award should be processed via the Assessment Request process as per normal process (NOTE: Assessment Type = Award; award type = Other)
- For completion of the award process, please email Alicia.lintern@surflifesavingsa.com.au
- This award will now show on the member's SurfGuard profile under list of awards & will cover them until their SRC is attained during the season
- **Alternatively, Under 14 members show as a group in the Nipper Admin App – liaise with your Club Nipper Leader/s to have this award allocated via the App** (Nipper App User Guide [HERE](#))

3. Entering non-award members into SEMS for carnival entry (*Surf Sports Officer or delegate*)

- All non-championship carnivals (ie water, beach, surf boat, full carnivals) include the 'Award for non-award holders 120 days' as part of the award eligibility criteria.
- Therefore a member who holds a current 'Award for non-award holders 120 days' will show up as eligible to be entered for an event even though they have not yet attained the appropriate award.

PLEASE NOTE: this does not apply to State/National Championships

FAQs

- a. A Bronze Medallion holder is rejoining after a few years of absence and wish to start competing again. Do they have to do the swim assessment or just a Bronze Medallion proficiency?**
- The person must **FIRSTLY** become registered & financial for the new season.
 - They then need to **EITHER** complete their Bronze Medallion proficiency (in full & have it recorded on SurfGuard) **OR** complete the Prerequisite Swim Assessment (& have the award allocated on SurfGuard) in order to be eligible to use SLS equipment and/or compete in non-championship carnivals.
 - They will **ONLY** show as eligible for carnival entry on SEMS once they are **REGISTERED** + have either their proficient Bronze Medallion or an 'Award for non-award holders 120 days' showing on SurfGuard
 - The choice of swim assessment or Bronze Medallion proficiency will likely depend on dates for club proficiency (particularly water components) and when the member wishes to return to sport training/competition.
 - The person **WILL** need to complete their full proficiency in order to patrol/compete at States
- b. Do our Under 14s need to have the 'Award for non-award holders 120 days' recorded on SurfGuard PRIOR to competing in the first carnivals of the season?**
- Were they junior members in 2021/22 with an Under 13 competition skills assessment completed? **If YES, this Under 13 competition skills assessment is still current until 31/12/22 so that is sufficient for eligibility for the non-championship carnivals during Oct-Dec.**
If the Under 14s do not achieve their SRC by 31/12/22, they will need to have the Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 14 attained & recorded on SurfGuard in order for their names to show up as eligible for carnival participation from 1/1/23 onwards.
 - They were **NOT** junior members in 2021-22 &/or did **NOT** achieve the Under 13 competition skills assessment. **MUST complete the prerequisite swim assessment for Surf Rescue Certificate (200m < 5mins) and have the Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 14 recorded on SurfGuard in order for them to show up as eligible for carnival entry on SEMS.**
NOTE: the prerequisite swim assessment still needs to be undertaken as the first step of their SRC training but may not need to be recorded on SurfGuard as above.
- c. Do our Under 16s need to have the 'Award for non-award holders 120 days' recorded on SurfGuard PRIOR to competing in the first carnival of the season?**
- All events excluding surf ski & surf boat events = **No, If they hold a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate then this is sufficient for entry eligibility for these events at carnivals until 31/12/22**
NOTE: the prerequisite swim assessment still needs to be undertaken as the first step of their Bronze Medallion/Cert II training but may not need to be recorded on SurfGuard as above.
 - Surf ski &/or surf boat events = **YES, they MUST complete the prerequisite swim assessment for Bronze Medallion and have the 'Award for non-award holders 120 days' recorded on SurfGuard in order for them to show up as eligible for carnival entry on SEMS.**

For any further queries, please contact the SLSSA Sport team via surf.sports@surflifesavingsa.com.au or phone 8354 6900.