



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND

2023 Regional and National Awards Information Booklet

SLSNZ

January 2023

Awards of Excellence – Overview

SLSNZ's Awards programme aims to recognise the contribution of our members to surf life saving. This document sets out the framework that will be in place for the 2023 Regional and National Awards. The Awards covered are:

SLSNZ Regional Awards

- Service
- Distinguished Service
- Life Membership

These are selected in the following Regions:

- Northern Region
- Eastern Region
- Central Region
- Southern Region

SLSNZ National Awards

- NZLGB Lifeguard of the Year
- DHL Instructor of the Year
- DHL Volunteer of the Year
- DHL Patrol Support Person of the Year
- BP Rescue of the Year
- TSB Bank Coach of the Year
- TSB Bank International Sports Performance of the Year
- TSB Bank Surf Official of the Year
- DHL Innovation of the Year

- Service
- Distinguished Service
- Life Membership
- 50 Year Badge

Separate (but linked) to these are the SLSNZ Local Awards. The framework for these is covered in separate documents generated at a Regional level and not in this document.

SLSNZ Local Awards

- Lifeguard of the Year
- Instructor of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Patrol Support Person of the Year
- Rescue of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Sports Team of the Year
- Surf Official of the Year
- Innovation of the Year
- Club of the Year

In addition, some Local areas have other have historic awards unique to their area.

These are selected in the following 'Local' areas:

- Northern (Region).
- Coromandel #
- Bay of Plenty #
- Gisborne
- Hawkes Bay
- Taranaki
- Capital Coast
- Canterbury
- Otago

Note: For Sports, awards BOP and Coromandel are combined.

If you have any questions or queries about these programmes, please contact your local Regional Manager for advice/guidance.

REGIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

These are selected in the following Regions:

- Northern Region
- Eastern Region
- Central Region
- Southern Region

There are three levels of Service award:

- Service
- Distinguished Service
- Life Membership

A points system is used to determine eligibility for these awards. The detail on the points scoring system is set in out the nomination form.

Please only use the latest version of the spreadsheet.

There are no limits on the number of applicants from a club.

For any queries, please contact your local Regional Manager.

Timelines for Regional Service Awards

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| 27 January 2023: | Nomination forms for 2023 Awards available on the SLSNZ website for clubs to access. |
| 21 April 2023: | Nominations close for Southern Region. Clubs need to return nominations to the following email address:
awards@surflifesaving.org.nz . |
| 1 May 2023: | Nominations close for Northern, Eastern and Central Regions. Clubs should return nominations to the following email address:
awards@surflifesaving.org.nz . |
| April to May 2023: | Regional Honours & Awards Committees to select recipients for 2023 awards. |
| May to July 2023: | Awards Functions held in conjunction with Local Awards. |

NATIONAL AWARDS

While the detail of these is covered in the Local Awards document, for reference the process for these awards is summarised below:

Award	Finalists Found via	Judged by
NZLGB Lifeguard of the Year	Winners of the 9 Local Awards	National Lifesaving Committee
DHL Instructor of the Year	Winners of the 9 Local Awards	National Lifesaving Committee
DHL Volunteer of the Year	Winners of the 9 Local Awards	National Honours & Awards Committee
DHL Patrol Support Person of the Year	Winners of the 9 Local Awards	National Lifesaving Committee
BP Rescue of the Year	National monthly winners (6) of the BP Rescue of the Month Awards	National Lifesaving Committee
TSB Bank Coach of the Year	Winners of the 8 Local Awards	National Sport Committee
TSB Bank International Sports Performance of the Year	No finalists – straight to a winner.	National Sport Committee with recommendations from the SLSNZ High Performance Selectors
TSB Bank Surf Official of the Year	Winners of the 8 Local Awards	National Sport Committee
DHL Innovation of the Year	Winners of the 9 Local Awards	National Honours & Awards Committee

Clubs do not need to make any specific nominations for any of the above awards at a National level.

In addition, there are four levels of **Service Awards**. These are:

- Service
- Distinguished Service
- Life Membership
- 50 Year Badge

A points system is used to determine eligibility for the Service, Distinguished Service and Life Membership awards. The detail on the points scoring system is set out in the spreadsheet itself (**please use the 2023 v1.2 version**). The 50 Year Badge has a simpler application form – also available from the SLSNZ website

And as usual, a Regional/ District Service award is a pre-requisite for a National Service Award.

Note: clubs must apply for all Service Awards – they are not granted automatically.

Timelines for National Service Awards

27 January 2023:	Nomination forms for 2023 Awards available on the SLSNZ website for clubs to access.
30 June 2023:	Nominations close. All Nominations should be returned by clubs to SLSNZ (Attention: Chief Executive).
July 2023:	National Honours Awards Committee to finalise recommendations for 2023.
August 2023:	Board Confirmation of Honours & Awards for 2023.
23 September 2023:	Honours & Awards presented at 2023 Awards of Excellence function following the AGM.

General Comments on Service Awards

- As noted earlier, SLSNZ service awards are not automatically granted, they still need to be applied for, i.e. Clubs still need to submit award nominees applications to the appropriate Honours & Awards Committee for consideration.
- The points thresholds are guides only. Honours & Awards committees have complete discretion to award, or not award, Service Awards.
- The Honours and Awards Committees may grant exceptions for "special circumstances".
- Nominations for posthumous awards will not be considered.

Key points to remember when making submissions

- All applications need to be completed in full to be considered.
- Only a Club Chair or President may submit a nomination.
- Please ensure the SLSNZ PAM database is correct and updated with all the Nominees positions, honours and awards as all nominations will be checked against the SLSNZ PAM database record and may be returned to Clubs / Regions as incomplete if significant divergence is evident.
- The Nominees will be required at the time of acceptance of the Award to verify the correctness of information provided on their behalf and confirm that SLSNZ, Regions and Clubs may use the information for publicity and promotional purposes.
- Members who are paid more than out of pocket expenses for a task receive reduced points for those tasks as per the schedule. Voluntary activity should still be recognised i.e. a paid administrator that is also the voluntary club instructor should be recognised in the latter position.
- Members can be fast-tracked if they are found to be eligible for a higher award.
- The 50 Year Badge Award is for 50 years of service to SLS and does not necessarily need to be consecutive. **Note: the 50 Year Badge has its own application form – it does not use the spreadsheet used for the other awards.**

For any queries regarding Honours & Awards, please contact the CEO on 04 560 0335 or 027-480-2239 or email paul.dalton@surflifesaving.org.nz