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# 2023 Otago/Southland Awards of Excellence Nomination Information Booklet

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# Otago/Southland – Awards of Excellence

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## Introduction

SLSNZ's Local Awards of Excellence programme recognises contribution of our members from the grass roots of Surf Life Saving during the 2022/2023 season. Each club is entitled and encouraged to enter one nomination per category (typically the winning club equivalent for the category). Nominations will be judged against the criteria outlined for each award by a local Honours and Awards, Sport or Lifesaving Committee.

The winners of some categories of the local awards of excellence will automatically become finalists for the prestigious national DHL Awards of Excellence to be held later in 2023. Finalists will be judged by the National Sport Committee, National Lifesaving Committee or the board of SLSNZ depending on the award category.

The awards clubs are able to nominate for include:

- Lifeguard of the Year
- Patrol Support of the Year
- Rookie Lifeguard of the Year
- Instructor/Examiner of the Year
- Rescue of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Innovation of the Year
- Surf Official of the Year
- Event Guard of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Services to Junior Surf Coaching

In addition, other awards that are judged without a specific nomination include:

- Regional Lifeguard of the Year
- Beach Education Instructor of the year
- Club of the Year

If you have any questions or queries about how to complete a nomination, please contact Stu Bryce for advice/guidance. All nominations must be completed on the enclosed nomination form (please note there is a specific nomination form for each award) and forwarded to Brent Matehaere by 9:00am, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

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## Timeline for Otago Awards Nominations/Decisions

Award Nominations Open – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Award Nominations Close – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 9:00am

\* We are aware this is a very tight timeframe for some awards that may be effected by results, particularly the Coach of the Year, and Team of the Year (Large Craft)

\* We are OK if these need to be submitted late. The due date will be 9:00am, Friday 21st May, 2023

**Awards Evening:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 6:00pm, Metro Direct Lounge – Edgar Centre

# Otago/Southland – Lifeguard of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of drowning prevention services for SLSNZ. It is aimed at active surf lifeguards undertaking lifeguarding duties.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the contribution to surf lifesaving during the period from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. The successful nominee will be seen as a role model for surf lifeguards and therefore should portray a picture of health, knowledge, capability, credibility and leadership.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Patrolling duties
- Award training duties
- Instructional
- Examining duties
- Club activities specific to surf lifesaving services
- Regional activities specific to surf lifesaving services
- Rescue related activities
- Personal award development to improve lifesaving capability
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the 2023 Surf Lifeguard of the Year.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top lifeguard for this award, only 1 nomination per club.
- The winner of each Local Area will only be announced at the Awards Ceremony and will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 DHL Lifeguard of the Year award.

# Otago/Southland – Patrol Support of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of drowning prevention services for SLSNZ. It is aimed at active patrol supporters.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the contribution to surf lifesaving during the period from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. The successful nominee will be seen as a role model for surf lifeguards and therefore should portray a picture of health, knowledge, capability, credibility and leadership.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Patrolling duties
- Award training duties
- Instructional & Examining duties
- Club activities specific to surf lifesaving services
- Regional activities specific to surf lifesaving services
- Rescue related activities
- Personal award development to improve lifesaving capability
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the 2022 Patrol Support of the Year.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top Patrol Support for this award, only 1 nomination per club.

The winner of each Local Area will only be announced at the Awards Ceremony and will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 Patrol Support of the Year award.

# Otago/Southland – Rookie Lifeguard of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a youth member who has made an outstanding effort in training and shows promise as a future lifeguard within their club and the region. It is aimed at rookie lifeguards in the U13-U14 age groups.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the contribution to surf lifesaving during the period from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. The successful nominee will be seen as showing real promise as a future surf lifeguard and therefore should portray a picture of health, knowledge, capability, credibility and future promise.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Patrolling duties
- Award training duties
- Club activities specific to surf lifesaving services
- Regional activities specific to surf lifesaving services
- Rescue related activities
- Personal award development to improve lifesaving capability
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the 2023 Rookie Lifeguard of the Year.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top rookie lifeguard for this award, only 1 nomination per club.

The winner of each Local Area will only be announced at the Awards Ceremony.

# Otago/Southland – Instructor / Examiner of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and enhancement of surf lifeguard capability within the local area during the 2022/2023 season.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the contribution to overall enhancement of lifeguard capability during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Club and Regional Lifeguard training duties
- Personal award development to improve lifesaving capability
- Community involvement in surf lifesaving instruction
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the 2023 Instructor/Examiner of the Year.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top Instructor/Examiner for this award, only 1 nomination per club.
- The winner of each Local Area will only be announced at the Awards Ceremony and will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 DHL Instructor of the Year award.

# Otago/Southland – Rescue of the Year

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## Background

Rescue of the Month awards are the opportunity for clubs and clubbies to be recognised for their outstanding contribution to the community and Surf Life Saving's purpose of protecting our community in the water. The purpose of this award is to recognise and reward members involved in outstanding rescues during the 2022/2023 season.

## Consideration of Selection

The winner will be selected from all Rescues that were nominated for SLSNZ Rescue of the Month during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review nominations that were put forward for Rescue of the Month, as well as the nominations made by club.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top rescue of the season for this award.
- The winner of each Local Area will only be announced at the Local Awards Ceremony.
- Please note: for the national BP Surf Rescue of the Year 2023 Award, each of the six winning national 'rescue of the month' recipients will be judged by the National Lifesaving Committee to decide the winner.



# Otago/Southland – Volunteer of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise an outstanding member who has made a significant volunteer contribution to enhancing surf lifesaving within their Local Area during the 2022/2023 season.

## Consideration of Selection

The most important area of selection is the voluntary contribution to overall enhancement of surf lifesaving during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Volunteer contribution to surf lifesaving outputs at Club/Regional/National levels
- Management and Administration
- Funding / Sponsorship
- Recruitment and induction programmes
- Image of surf life saving
- Promotion and marketing
- Aspects of development or innovation the member contributed significantly towards
- Demonstrated leadership by the nominee
- Personal development undertaken to improve volunteering performance
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety in the community

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the Volunteer of the Year 2023.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top Volunteer for this award, only 1 nomination per club.
- The winner of each Local Area will only be announced at the Awards Ceremony and will automatically be a finalist for the national DHL Volunteer of the Year 2023 Award.
- Please note that the Board of SLSNZ will judge the finalists to decide the National DHL Volunteer of the Year award.

# Otago/Southland – Innovation of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member, club, business or group who through innovation have been able to enhance Surf Life Saving New Zealand's ability to achieve its purpose of 'preventing drowning in New Zealand'.

## Consideration of Selection

The winner will be selected during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Projects, Programmes or Products will be considered
- Must be original or not currently being done elsewhere in NZ
- Extent of impact on SLS is a consideration

## Selection

- Honours and Awards Committee will select the winner of the 2023 Innovation of the Year Award.
- Each club is urged to nominate Innovative ideas that have been put into practice,
- Each winning local area nomination will automatically proceed as a finalist for the 2023 National Innovation of the Year Award.

# Otago/Southland – Surf Official of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Officiating of surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023 season.

## Consideration of Selection

The winner will be selected from all Officiating performances during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Local, Regional, National and International officiating positions held
- The level and quality of officiating achieved
- Number of competitions officiated
- Development of new or emerging officials in the club or region
- Personal development undertaken to improve officiating performance
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety and surf sport in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due date for Surf Official of the Year.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top Officiating Performance for this award, only 1 nomination per club.
- The winner will automatically be a finalist for the national 2023 DHL Surf Official of the Year award.

# Otago/Southland – Event Guard of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution as an event guard for surf lifesaving sport competitions in the 2022/2023 season.

## Consideration of Selection

The winner will be selected from all event guard performances during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Local, Regional, National and International events worked at
- The level and quality of event guarding achieved
- Number of competitions event guarding at
- Development of new or emerging event guards in the club or region
- Personal development undertaken to improve event guard performance
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety and surf sport in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due date for Event Guard of the Year.

Each club is urged to nominate their top event guard for this award, only 1 nomination per club.

# Otago/Southland – Coach of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the coaching of Surf Sport Teams and/or Individuals in 2022/2023 Season.

## Consideration of Selection

The winner will be selected from all coaching performances were nominated for Coach of the Year during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Club, Regional and National Coaching Positions
- Results achieved due to coaching influence
- Number and capability of athletes coached
- Personal development undertaken to improve coaching performance
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety and surf sport in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the 2023 Coach of the Year.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top Coach for this award, only 1 nomination per club.
- The winner of each Local Area will only be announced at the Local Awards Ceremony and will automatically be a finalist for the DHL Surf Coach of the Year Award 2023.

# Otago/Southland – Sportsperson of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise individuals who have achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The winner will be selected from all performances nominated for Sportsperson of the Year during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Athletes must be a member of one of the local area clubs.
- Selection and achievement at National Competitions.
- Selection and achievement at Regional Competitions.
- Selection and achievement at Local Area Competitions.

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the 2023 Sportsperson of the Year.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top sportsperson for this award, only 1 nomination per club.

# Otago/Southland – Sports Team of the Year

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a team who have achieved outstanding results at surf lifesaving sport competitions in 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

The winner will be selected from all performances nominated for Sports Team of the Year during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Teams must be members of one of the local area clubs.
- Selection and achievement at national competitions.
- Selection and achievement at regional competition.
- Selection and achievement at local area competitions.

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the 2023 Sports Team of the Year.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top Sports Team Performance for this award, only 1 nomination per club.

# Otago/Southland – Services to Junior Surf

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## Background

The purpose of this award is to recognise a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the coaching of Junior Surf and/or Individuals in 2022/2023 Season.

## Consideration of Selection

The winner will be selected from all coaching performances nominated during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Results achieved due to coaching influence
- Personal development undertaken to improve coaching performance
- Advocacy of surf lifesaving / beach safety and surf sport in the community
- Leadership of self and others

## Selection

- The local Honours and Awards Committee will review all nominations received by the due dates for the 2023 award for junior surf - coaching.
- Each club is urged to nominate their top person for this award, only 1 nomination per club.
- The winner of each Local Area will only be announced at the Local Awards Ceremony.



# Otago/Southland – Club of the Year

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## Background

Each year, a Club is awarded the “Club of the Year” trophy at the Local Awards of Excellence. The award and criteria are designed to recognise participation and achievement in Lifeguarding, Surf Sports and good Club Management practices during 2022/2023.

## Consideration of Selection

Each Club within the Local Area is automatically nominated within their area during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The key areas to be considered are:

**1. Refreshed Lifeguards & Refreshed IRB Drivers.**

- Clubs will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to last according to the number of Lifeguards & IRB Drivers refreshed as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 compared to the amount of Lifeguards and IRB Drivers from the previous season.

**2. Overall Membership Development.**

- Clubs will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to last according to the number of membership development awards gained through SLSNZ during the current season as a percentage of their total membership (excluding junior surf) from the current season.

**3. Volunteer Patrols & Incident Reports.**

- Volunteer Patrol Report Forms are to be entered on PAM. All Patrol Report Forms will be checked for uncompleted forms. SLSNZ will check reports on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Clubs will be ranked 1st to last according to the total score over the season.

**4. Patrol Audits.**

- Clubs will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to last according to the points gained in the Local Patrol Audit process. This is the combined average from a minimum of three (3) patrol audits completed over the current season.

**5. Sport and Lifesaving Events, National, Regional & Local Level.**

- Clubs will be ranked 1st to last based on all National, Regional and Local Area Championship Events then added together to give the total points. The total points will be ranked 1st to last.

**6. Membership Growth in Lifesaving.**

- Clubs will be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to last according to the percentage difference of new lifeguards to the total number of lifeguards from the previous season.

## Selection

- Points will be allocated as per the number of clubs in the area (i.e. 8 clubs = 1<sup>st</sup> (8 points) to 8th (1 point).
- The winner is the club with the most points obtained over the 7 categories above.
- Each Club within the Local Area is automatically selected for this award and the “Club of the Year” will be awarded at the Local Awards of Excellence Ceremony.

All criteria are objectively based and will be complied by CDO's, Regional Sport Manager, Regional Lifesaving Manager and Regional Manager