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Appendix 5

Southern Region Specific Awards 2025

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Rookie Lifeguard of the Year – Nomination Information

Presented at	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canterbury/Tasman and Otago/Southland Awards of Excellence• Valid nominations will be eligible for Local Area Awards.
Description	<p>This is awarded to an outstanding Rookie who has made a significant contribution to their club and Rookie Lifeguard training. This award is to recognise those in Surf Life Saving who are not yet old enough to qualify as Surf Lifeguards but have committed significant time and effort towards training for this.</p> <p>Nominees must be a member of Surf Life Saving New Zealand.</p>
Nominators	Clubs to nominate one member.
Nominations deadline	10 pm, Thursday, 1 May 2025.
Nomination Link	All nominations must be submitted using an Editable PDF from the SLSNZ website and received via the awards@surflifesaving.org.nz email address by the deadline. The Editable PDF will require all of the information below. The table below is for reference only.
Judged by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLSNZ Regional staff select winners for Local Area Awards of Excellence.



Rookie Lifeguard of the Year – Judging Criteria	
Nominee Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name Member number Current club Please include a photo for reference and media use
Nominator Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club Name Club Role Phone Email
For all sections below, only include information relating to the past year.	
Overview	Why is this member being nominated by your club for the Rookie Lifeguard of the Year Award? (Explain - 100 words max)
Rookie Training (10 points)	<p>Did the Rookie Lifeguard fully participate in the Rookie Training programme? Please speak to their level of participation, engagement and positive role modelling in your response. (100 words max)</p> <p>Responses will be ranked and allocated points by the judging panel.</p>
Rookie Lifeguard Award (5 points)	Rookies who have gained the SLSNZ Rookie Lifeguard Award and have this recorded in the SLSNZ CRM will be awarded 5 points
Patrolling Duties (10 points)	Rookies will be assessed on total voluntary patrolling hours completed as recorded by the Surf Patrol App on a weighted scale
Rookie Championships (10 points)	Rookies will be assessed on their individual scores at the Southern Region Rookie Championships on a weighted scale
Club Contributions (5 points)	<p>What additional contributions did the Rookie make to their Club or region this season that makes them stand out as a top rookie? (100 words max)</p> <p>Responses will be ranked and allocated points by the judging panel.</p>
Other	Any other relevant information to support the nomination.

Sports Team of the Year - Large Craft – Nomination Information	
Presented at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canterbury/Tasman and Otago/Southland Awards of Excellence • Valid nominations will be eligible for Local Area Awards.
Age Grade Awards	According to the Surf Sports Competition Manual, the eligibility for any age grade awards will be determined according to the age division that the team was eligible to compete in.
Description	<p>This is awarded to a surf sports team (IRB, Boat, Canoe) for outstanding and consistent performance over the past year. This is to recognise excellence in surf sports. A team can have 3 or more members, i.e., IRB, Canoe, Surf Boats; it must be from the u15 age category and above; it cannot be a whole club.</p> <p>Note: The winner will also be judged against the Team of the Year for the best team to be put forward to the National Awards of Excellence.</p>
Nominators	Clubs can nominate one team for this award.
Nominations Deadline	10 pm, Thursday, 1 May 2025.
Nomination Link	All nominations must be submitted using an Editable PDF from the SLSNZ website and received via the awards@surflifesaving.org.nz email address by the deadline. The Editable PDF will require all of the information below. The table below is for reference only.
Judged by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Area Surf Sports Committees (or equivalent): recommend winners for Local Area Awards of Excellence. •



Sports Team of the Year – Large Craft – Judging Criteria	
Nominee Details (add details for all team members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names • SLSNZ Membership Numbers • Current Club(s) • Please include a photo for reference and media use
Nominator Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club • Name • Club Role • Phone • Email
<p>For all sections below, only include information relating to the past year.</p> <p>It is a prerequisite for this award that the sports team must have competed at one or more SLSNZ (or SLSNR) Regional or SLSNZ National Events during the past season. (Yes/No)</p>	
Declaration (Required)	<p>In nominating this member for the SLSNZ Awards of Excellence you declare the following;</p> <p>The nominee is a positive role model for others and upholds the core surf lifesaving values of Collaboration, Fun, Integrity, Respect, and Wellbeing. Their actions align with SLS best practices, ensuring the wellbeing, health, and safety of themselves and others at all times.</p>
Lifesaving (10 points)	What has been the team's lifesaving contribution to their club(s) over the past year? (Explain 100 words max)
National Selection (10 points)	Specify any SLSNZ representative teams the team was selected for.
Regional Championship Results (10 points)	Specify gold medals won by this team at any SLSNZ Regional Championships over the past year. Specify the event and discipline for each gold medal won.
National Championship Results (20 points)	Specify medals won by this team at any SLSNZ or Australian National Championships over the past year. Specify the event and discipline for each medal won.
International Championship Results (20 points)	Specify medals won by this team at the ILS World Championships and other international events over the past year. Specify the event and discipline for each gold medal won.
Other	Any other relevant information (eg team results, world records, other events such as World Club Championships, other lifesaving sports events)?



Junior Surf Coach of the Year – Nomination Information

Presented at	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canterbury/Tasman and Otago/Southland Awards of Excellence• Valid nominations will be eligible for Local Area Awards.
Description	This is awarded to a volunteer for outstanding coaching in the Junior Surf space over the past year. This is to recognise the commitment and dedication of these volunteers, who play a key role in bringing through the next generation of club members and surf lifeguards.
Nominators	Clubs can nominate one member for this award.
Nominations deadline	10 pm, Thursday, 1 May 2025.
Nomination Link	All nominations must be submitted using an Editable PDF from the SLSNZ website and received via the awards@surflifesaving.org.nz email address by the deadline. The Editable PDF will require all of the information below. The table below is for reference only.
Judged by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Area Surf Sports Committees (or equivalent): recommend winners for Local Area Awards of Excellence.



Junior Surf Coach of the Year – Judging Criteria	
Nominee Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Member number • Current club • Please include a photo for reference and media use
Nominator Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club • Name • Club Role • Phone • Email
For all sections below, only include information relating to the past year.	
Declaration (Required)	<p>In nominating this member for the SLSNZ Awards of Excellence you declare the following;</p> <p>The nominee is a positive role model for others and upholds the core surf lifesaving values of Collaboration, Fun, Integrity, Respect, and Wellbeing. Their actions align with SLS best practices, ensuring the wellbeing, health, and safety of themselves and others at all times.</p>
Leadership (10 points)	What leadership has the nominee displayed, how do they carry themselves as a leader or mentor other coaches to raise the standard of coaching at their club, in other clubs, regionally or nationally? (Explain 100 words max)
Other Coaching Roles (10 points)	Has the nominee held any other coaching roles over the past year in addition to their role as a club coach (e.g., SLSNZ representative team coach)? (Explain 100 words max)
Recruitment, Retention, and Development (10 points)	How does the nominee recruit, retain, and develop athletes at your club? Explain how they have made a difference in these areas (i.e., retention rates, development of athletes). (Explain 100 words max)
SLSNZ Representatives (10 points)	How many athletes were selected for SLSNZ representative teams in the past year compared with the previous year? (Explain 100 words max)
Development (10 points)	List relevant qualifications gained, training, workshops, online learning, and other upskilling completed over the past year to enhance the nominee’s coaching skills. (Explain 100 words max)
Results (20 points)	How has the nominee improved the results of athletes at your club over the past year at regional and national levels? Specify the total gold, silver, and bronze medals won by your club athletes this year compared with the previous year's events. (List, describe explain 200 words max)
Other	Any other relevant information?