



Northern Territory

Regulations

2025 Amendments

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1.1 Application

1.2 Rules of Debate

2.1 Advisory Committees

- (a) The following advisory committees shall be appointed by the SLSNT Board every two years:
 - a. Lifesaving Advisory Committee
 - b. Surf Sports Advisory Committee
 - c. Development Advisory Committee and
 - d. Education Advisory Committee.
- (b) A committee may at its discretion, co-opt the services of any member of SLSNT or other person to assist in its functions. Such co-opted members shall have no voting rights.
- (c) All reports and any recommendations of an advisory committee or panel must be presented to the SLSNT Board.
- (d) All advisory committees must direct all finances through the SLSNT Board as they have no financial delegation.

2.1.1 Lifesaving Advisory Committee – (Also refer to terms of reference)

- (a) The Lifesaving Advisory Committee shall be endorsed bi-annually, by the Board and shall comprise a Board appointed chair, each Club's director of lifesaving and the SAR team coordinator. The SLSNT Lifesaving Officer/Manager will act as secretariate for this committee.
- (b) Other non-voting members may be appointed in an advisory capacity including, persons with specialised skills.
- (c) Meetings of this advisory committee shall be convened by the appointed chair.
- (d) The chair shall report to the SLSNT Board on the Lifesaving Advisory Committee's activities.
- (e) The Lifesaving Advisory Committee shall be responsible for the quality management of the lifesaving business of SLSNT.
- (f) The Lifesaving Advisory Committee shall have power to activate routine matters falling within it's terms of reference, provided that all matters of SLSNT policy and major expenditure are the subject of recommendations to, and are approved by, the SLSNT Board.
- (g) Responsibilities of the Lifesaving Advisory Committee shall include reviewing, developing and maintaining lifesaving policies and procedures; implementing SLSA Manuals and other directives; develop and conduct lifesaving activities for SLSNT; encourage expansion of services; and attend to matters referred to it by SLSNT Board.

2.1.2 Surf Sport Advisory Committee – (Also refer to terms of reference)

- (a) The Surf Sport Advisory committee shall be endorsed bi-annually and shall comprise a Board appointed chair and each Club's director of surf sports.

The committee should include an athlete representative and an officials representative. The SLSNT Surf Sport Officer will act as secretariate of this committee.

- (b) The chair shall convene meetings.
- (c) The Chair shall report to the SLSNT Board on the Surf Sport Committee's activities.
- (d) The Surf Sport Committee shall review, develop, and control competition events between clubs within the Northern Territory and allied regions.
- (e) The Surf Sport Committee shall have the power to activate routine matters within terms of reference provided that all matters of SLSNT policy and major expenditure are referred to SLSNT Board.
- (f) Responsibilities of the Surf Sport Advisory committee shall include reviewing, developing, and maintaining competition policies and procedures; implementing SLISA Manuals and rules; develop and conduct events on behalf of SLSNT; endorsing members to represent SLSNT in representative teams; and attending to matters referred to it by SLSNT Board.

2.1.3 Development Advisory Committee – (Also refer to terms of reference)

- (a) The Development Advisory Committee shall be endorsed bi-annually and shall comprise a Board appointed chair plus three additional members provided each Club is represented. The SLSNT Development Officer will act a secretariate for the committee.
- (b) Meetings shall be convened by the chair.
- (c) The chair shall report to the SLSNT Board on the Development Committee's activities
- (d) The Development Advisory Committee shall review, develop and control all development of Members throughout the Northern Territory.
- (e) The Development Advisory Committee shall have the power to activate routine matters within its terms of reference provided that all matters of SLSNT policy and major expenditure are referred to SLSNT Board.
- (f) Responsibilities of the Development Advisory Committee include reviewing, developing and maintaining policies and procedures, and promoting activities for the development of all members, including but not limited to, membership growth, retention, recognition, diversity, leadership, and junior development.

2.1.3 Education Advisory Committee – (Also refer to terms of reference)

- (a) The Education Advisory Committee shall be endorsed bi-annually and shall comprise of a Board appointed Chair plus three additional members provided each Club is represented. The SLSNT Education Manager will act a secretariate for the committee.
- (b) Meetings shall be convened by the chair.
- (c) The chair shall report to the SLSNT Board on the Education Advisory Committee's activities.

- (d) The Education Advisory Committee shall have the power to activate routine matters within its terms of reference provided that all matters of SLSNT policy and major expenditure are referred to SLSNT Board.
- (e) Responsibilities of the Education Advisory committee include To disseminate education, learning and training resources, standards and practices in line with National and NT policy and within agreed training frameworks or guidelines.

2.2.1 Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee will comprise minimum of three and a maximum of five members. Members of the Nominations Committee must have a good working knowledge of contemporary governance principles and practices (including ASIC and Office for Recreation Sport and Racing guidelines).

- (a) Members will be ordinarily appointed for a term of two years or as determined by the Board to ensure staggering of tenure and rotation of members.
- (b) The Nominations Committee will meet as frequently as required. It will be normal to schedule meetings after the close of Director Nominations and prior to the Council Agenda papers being distributed.
- (c) The role of the Nominations Committee is to assess the suitability of candidates for election to the Board and make recommendations to the Council.

2.2.2 Honours and Awards Panel

- (a) The Honours and Awards Panel shall comprise the President, plus three other appointed members, preferably with a representative from each Club.
- (b) This committee shall inquire into and report to the Board on all submissions for recognition of members within SLSNT, including life membership, national awards (as provided under SLISA Regulations Section 5), ILS citations, and civil awards.

2.2.3 Finance, Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee (FARCC)

- (a) The FACC shall comprise:
 - a. one SLSNT Director (who will act as chair);
 - b. the CEO; and
 - c. at least one but not more than three independent members with accounting/financial experience
- (b) The role of the FACC is to consider and make recommendations to the Board in relation to matters of finance, audit and compliance across SLSNT.
- (c) The FACC, through its chair, reports to the SLSNT Board.

2.2.4 Judiciary Panel

- (a) The Board may convene a Judiciary Panel to investigate and/or determine matters referred to it. The Board may also convene a Judiciary Panel on such terms and for such purpose(s) as is required. A member of each committee shall act as committee secretary and keep records of all investigations and decisions of that committee.

2.3 Other committees and panels

Other committees and panels may be established from time to time by the SLSNT Board for whatever purpose it sees fit. Membership of these committees and panels shall be determined by the Board and shall include a term of reference.

- (a) The following positions shall be deemed Officers of SLSNT:
 - a. Public Officer
 - b. Search and Rescue Coordinator
 - c. SLSNT Coach
- (b) The following positions shall be deemed Officers, but are honorary positions, and need not be filled by members:
 - a. Patron
 - b. Vice-Patrons
 - c. Auditor
 - d. Medical Officer
- (c) Public Officer
 - a. The Public Officer shall be appointed by the Board and may or may not be a member of the Board, as per Rule 25 (2) of the constitution.
 - b. They shall carry out duties as listed in Rule 41 of the constitution.
- (d) Search and Rescue (SAR) coordinator
 - a. The SAR coordinator shall be a member of and responsible to the Lifesaving Advisory Committee.
 - b. They shall be responsible for the SLSNT SAR team and will coordinate with the Education manager to ensure all members are correctly trained for SAR activities.
- (e) SLSNT Head Coach
 - a. The SLSNT Head Coach shall be a member of and responsible to the Surf Sports Advisory committee.
 - b. The Coach shall be responsible for coaching any SLSNT representative teams
 - c. They may appoint any suitably qualified coaches to assist them
- (f) Patron
 - a. There shall be one Patron of SLSNT appointed each year at the AGM
- (g) Vice-Patrons
 - a. There may be any number of Vice-Patrons of SLSNT appointed each year at the AGM
- (h) Auditor

- a. The Auditor will be appointed by the Board annually to carry out the financial audit to ensure the association complies with accounting standards and standards required for registration as a charity.
- (i) Medical Officer
 - a. The medical officer shall provide medical advice to SLSNT if required.

2.4 Roles and responsibilities of Directors and Officers

- (a) President

The President will chair Board meetings and General Meetings.
- (b) Vice-President
 - a. One of the Directors, other than the President, shall be appointed Vice-President by the Board.
 - b. The Vice-President will be the opposite gender of the president, to ensure gender equity in Board
 - c. The Vice-President shall assume responsibilities of the President in the Presidents absence.
- (c) Elected & Appointed Directors
 - i) The Directors will manage SLSNT's business and may exercise those of SLSNT's powers that are not required, by the Act or by this Constitution, to be exercised by SLSNT in General Meeting.
 - ii) Without limiting clause 16.1 of the SLSNT Constitution, the Directors may exercise all SLSNT's powers to borrow or raise money, to charge any property or business or give any other security for a debt, liability or obligation of SLSNT or of any other person.
 - iii) The Directors may, by resolution or by power of attorney or writing under seal, delegate any of their powers to the CEO or any employee of the SLSNT or any other person as they think fit.

3.1 Membership Categories

Each Club shall only provide for those membership categories as listed in the SLISA Regulations. Clubs are not required to offer every membership category listed.

3.2 Life Membership

- (a) Life membership - Nominee must have rendered longstanding and valued volunteer service to SLSNT. For service to be considered as longstanding and valued, it must be sustained and a conspicuous contribution. The point of distinction to this recognition award is the prominent nature of their contribution which sets them apart from other significant service by other members

(b) A SLSNT Life Member

- a. Will have maintained a sustained level of voluntary service at a level that brings distinction to that service.
- b. Will have made an individual contribution that can be classified as unique, and which can be attributed to that person as opposed to being a member of a wider group of members.
- c. The unique nature of the service can be at different levels of SLSNT provided that the nomination evidence exemplary service that can be seen as a unique contribution to the advancement of surf lifesaving in the NT.
- d. An emphasis on primacy of service at territory level is a key interpretive criterion, with the significance of service at club levels being taken into consideration when it can be demonstrated that such service is found to be innovative and leading best practice to assist in the development of surf lifesaving in the NT

4.1 Conduct and Behaviour

Code of Conduct

- (a) SLSNT and its affiliated Surf Lifesaving entities (SLS Entities), are all committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all members and provide a safe environment for those participating in Surf Lifesaving (SLS). SLSNT is committed to ensuring that everyone involved with SLS is treated with respect and dignity and is protected from Abuse, Bullying, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, Victimisation, and Vilification. SLSNT will uphold its core values and create a safe, fair, and inclusive environment for everyone associated with SLS.
- (b) Each member makes a commitment to actively encourage behaviours that promote a supportive and nurturing environment and contribute to SLSA's mission of saving lives, creating great Australians, and building better communities.
- (c) All directors, advisory committee members, staff and club members will all be aware of their rights and responsibilities and sets out the standards of behaviour expected of those involved in our Surf Life Saving through commitment to the SLS code of conduct and knowledge and understanding of prohibited conduct.

4.2 Grievances and Discipline

SLSNT adopts and applies the SLS Complaints Resolution Policy and related integrity policies in respect to grievances and disciplinary matters.

5.1 Beach Management Plans

- (a) All clubs must submit a Beach Management Plan to SLSNT prior to 30 April each year. SLSNT will provide a template for clubs to use.
- (b) The Beach Management Plan shall, at a minimum, include the following information:
 - a. Season (start and end dates)

- b. Duty days and times (regular and special events)
- c. Minimum strength
- d. Patrol methods
- e. Standard patrol location(s) (with map)
- f. Emergency services
- g. Emergency contacts
- h. Emergency muster point

6.1 NT Championships

- (a) The NT Championships shall be conducted annually for members who hold competition rights with clubs affiliated with Surf Life Saving NT.
- (b) The NT Championships shall be held in the latter part of the 'dry season' and shall be allocated on a rotational basis wherever possible. The Board, on the recommendation of the Sport Committee, shall determine the date, location and programme of events.
- (c) For all championships events, members who hold competition rights with the Broome SLSC (WA) and Port Jackson SLSC (WA) shall be treated as Northern Territory Members as they share a tropical dry season competition, June-September each year.
- (d) Only members recognised in paras (a) and (c) above, shall be eligible to hold a Northern Territory Championship Title and any relevant trophies. For example, the SLSNT Ironman Champion shall be a member of a club recognised in paras (a) and (c) above.
- (e) Except as determined by the Board otherwise, the NT Junior Championships shall be held in conjunction with the senior championships.
- (f) Members who hold competition rights with interstate clubs, other than those mentioned in (a) and (c) above, can win medals and points for their clubs.

6.1.1 NT Championship Events

- (a) The SLSNT Championships include:
 - a. Juniors Championships. The event list will be attached to SLSNT circulars at least 30 days in advance.
 - b. Senior Championships. The event list will be attached to SLSNT circulars at least 30 days in advance.
 - c. IRB Championships. The event list will be attached to SLSNT circulars at least 30 days in advance.
 - d. Pool Rescue Championships. The event list will be attached to SLSNT circulars at least 30 days in advance.
 - e. Champion Lifesaver. The event list will be attached to SLSNT circulars at least 30 days in advance.

6.1.2 Age Champion Titles

- (a) Age Champion Titles will be awarded for the following competition age categories for males and females – U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, U19, Senior (ages 19+), Masters (ages 35+), Veterans (ages 50+).

- (b) Only members recognised in Regulation 6.1 shall be eligible to hold an Age Champion Title. Points for Age Champion titles may only be accrued by eligible members as per Regulation 6.1.
- (c) The events that contribute to an Age Champion Title for the annual Junior Championships (U8-U14) shall be Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Surf Race, Board Race and Ironman/woman.
- (d) The events that contribute to an Age Champion Title for the annual Senior Championships shall be as follows:
 - i. U15 - Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Surf Race Board Race and Ironman/woman.
 - ii. U17 - Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Surf Race, Tube Race, Single Ski, Board and Ironman/woman.
 - iii. U19 - Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Surf Race, Tube Race, Single Ski, Board and Ironman/woman.
 - iv. Senior - Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Surf Race, Tube Race, Single Ski, Board and Ironman/woman.
 - v. Masters - Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Surf Race, Tube Race, Single Ski, Board and Ironman/woman.

6.1.3 Championship Composite Teams

- (a) Clubs may form a composite team or crew to contest a championships team event.
- (b) Composite teams are eligible for medals but will not accrue points for clubs or individuals.

6.1.4 TJ Tilley Trophy

- (a) At the conclusion of the Junior and Senior Championships the TJ Tilley Encouragement Award Trophy will be awarded to members from the U12, U13 or U14 age groups

6.1.5 Champion Club

- (a) The SLSNT Champion Club Trophy will be awarded to a club recognised in Regulation 6.1 (a) and (c)
- (b) The points total for champion club will be accrued from the Senior and Junior Championship events only
- (c) There shall be a Champion IRB Club, and Champion Pool Rescue Club, awarded at the end of those Championships.