



SLSA Age Group Evaluations and Surf Education Awards

Age group	Preliminary evaluation	Competition evaluation	Surf education awards
Under 6	From a standing position in waist-deep water, perform a front glide and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float holding a buoyant aid and recover to a secure position.		Surf Play 1
Under 7	From a standing position in waist-deep water, perform a front glide, kick for 3 m and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float for a few seconds and recover to a secure position.		Surf Play 2
Under 8	25 m swim (any recognised stroke) 1-minute survival float	Nil (no water competition, except for wade which takes place in waist-deep water)	Surf Aware 1
Under 9	25 m swim (any recognised stroke) 1 minute survival float	Minimum 150 m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Aware 2
Under 10	25 m swim (any recognised stroke) 1.5 minute survival float	Minimum 150 m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Safe 1
Under 11	50 m swim (any recognised stroke) 2 minute survival float	Minimum 200 m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Safe 2
Under 12	100 m swim (any recognised stroke) 2 minute survival float	Minimum 200 m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Smart 1
Under 13	150 m swim (any recognised stroke) 3 minute survival float	Minimum 200 m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Smart 2
Under 14	200 m swim (any recognised stroke, in less than 5 minutes) 3 minute survival float	Minimum 200 m open water swim (recognised stroke)	Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)
Assessors	Club Executive delegated authority		
Recognised (Swim) Stroke Definition	Recognised swimming/survival strokes (i.e., front crawl, breast stroke, back stroke, side stroke, survival back scull, butterfly) may be demonstrated using one or more combination of strokes. Both the preliminary and competition evaluations should be undertaken in a continuous fashion.		
Notes	Every junior member is required to participate in this evaluation, conducted by the club, prior to any junior water activity training or competition being undertaken. Any child that does not meet the required evaluation level will require a higher level of supervision when involved in water-based activities at the discretion of the club.	The open water competition evaluation must also be achieved before any members are eligible to compete. Every junior member must achieve the relevant Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group to compete in championships.	Every junior member should achieve the relevant Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group.

A maximum supervision ratio of 1:5 (WSP: participants) applies as per SLSA Policy 1.01a 'Water Safety Procedure' to ensure the evaluations are conducted in a safe aquatic environment. Refer to the *SLSA Age Managers Learner Guide* and SLSA Policy 1.01a 'Water Safety Procedure' for more information on Junior Preliminary Evaluations.

Refer to SLSA Policy 5.04 'Competition Eligibility Policy', its accompanying SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility and the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* and for more information on SLSA competition eligibility and requirements.

Refer to the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* or the *SLSA Age Guides* for information on swim competition courses that may be modified for distance to assess age group open water swim evaluations.

All SLSA documentation relating to surf education awards, preliminary evaluations, surf sports competitions and water safety are located within the SLSA Members Area Library (portal.sls.com.au)