

## SLSA Age Group Evaluations and Surf Education Awards

The following table outlines the national standard for preliminary and competition skills evaluations. Some branches may set distances above the standard below. Please ensure that you liaise with your respective branch for confirmation of the specific requirements.

AGE GROUP	PRELIMINARY EVALUATION	COMPETITION EVALUATION	AGE AWARD
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 3m 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	25m 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	25m swim (any recognised stroke) 1 minute survival float	Minimum 150m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Aware 2
Under 10	25m swim (any recognised stroke) 1.5 minute survival float	Minimum 150m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Safe 1
Under 11	50m swim (any recognised stroke) 2 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Safe 2
Under 12	100m swim (any recognised stroke) 2 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Smart 1
Under 13	150m swim (any recognised stroke) 3 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Smart 2
Under 14	200m swim (any recognised stroke, in less than 5 minutes) 3 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)
Assessors	Club Executive delegate 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 the age group to compete in championships.	Every junior member should achieve the relevant Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group.

