



# VICTORIAN STATE TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

All Life Saving Victoria members in the U/17, U/19 and Open age groups for the season 2007-2008 are eligible to participate providing they have met the following selection criteria.

## Participant Requirements

In order to be eligible for selection in the State teams, participants must;

- Be a current financial member of an affiliated LSC within Victoria; and
- Have obtained their appropriate age group award (see below).

AGE GROUP	AWARD	PATROL HOURS
Under 17, 19, Open*	Bronze Medallion	Existing award holders are required to complete 16 hours patrol (to be confirmed)

**\* Note: Competition age is taken as of Midnight 30 September**

Registration will take place on day of trial.

## State Team Composition

The State Team will each comprise the following positions:

- 3 x U/17 Male Competitors
- 3 x U/17 Female Competitors
- 3 x U/19 Male Competitors
- 3 x U/19 Female Competitors
- 3 x Open Male Competitors
- 3 x Open Female Competitors
- 1 x Open Male Boat Crew
- 1 x Open Female Boat Crew

## State Team Management Group

The Management Group will comprise the following positions:

- 1 x Coach
- 1 x Manager
- 1 x Chaperone/assistant manager/medical personnel

## State Team Selection Process

Selectors will be evaluating the participants on their competitive ability in the following disciplines:

- Surf Race
- Board Race
- Iron Person
- Beach Sprint
- Beach Flags
- Surf Ski
- Boat Race

The team chosen will reflect the best possibilities of achieving the highest overall point score at the Interstate Challenge. Selectors will reserve the right to exercise their discretion in final selections if circumstances deem fit.

## **State Team Selection Process**

In general terms, 2 **water area** competitors are selected from the following disciplines:

- ski paddling (excluding U/17)
- swimming
- board paddling
- Iron

### **Selection Is Based Upon The Following:**

1. Actual performance in the nominated state team selection events
2. How versatile the competitor is, eg: *The 2nd ranked ski paddler may also be the 2nd ranked iron competitor and therefore the best competitor in each discipline may not always be selected. It could happen that the best iron person is also the best swimmer or the best board paddler or the best ski paddler. If this is the case, two athletes may be able to cover all water events and two runners may be selected. Board rescue combinations are also an area of consideration.*
3. How the competitor ranks at a national level at the time of selection. Selectors discretion will remain if circumstances deem fit.

In general terms, the **beach area** competitor is selected as follows:

Ideally, the best all round beach performer is selected. If there is no all round performer, the best sprinter is selected because a higher overall point score can be obtained. If there are two competitors who are similar in sprinting abilities (regularly within a metre or two), then the flagging skills will be used to decide the selection.

### ***Other considerations***

*If the best all round performer has also been selected for the water area, this may allow for an additional water area competitor to be selected. Alternatively, if the water area competitors are strong, a specialist sprinter and flagger may be selected.*

## **Further State Team Information**

At this stage the following information has been supplied to Life Saving Victoria. As further details are announced you will be notified.

- **State Team**  
The Interstate Challenge will be held at Bondi Beach on 1 and 2 December 2007.
- **State Team Costs**  
Successful athletes will be required to contribute to the cost of attending the championships. The cost may be subsidised by Life Saving Victoria.  
The funding/cost will cover the following:
  - Accommodation
  - Transport
  - All meals
  - Team Uniform

- **Additional Training Sessions**

Competitors who are selected must make themselves available for additional Team training sessions.

📌 **Major Contact Points**

If you have any further queries relating to the Victorian Selection Trials it is best that you contact:

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