



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 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 stroke) 1-minute survival float	Minimum 150-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Aware 2
Under 10	25-m swim (front crawl) 1.5-minute survival float	Minimum 150-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Safe 1
Under 11	50-m swim (front crawl) 2-minute survival float	Minimum 200-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Safe 2
Under 12	100-m swim (front crawl) 2-minute survival float	Minimum 200-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Smart 1
Under 13	150-m swim (front crawl) 3-minute survival float	Minimum 200-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Smart 2
Under 14	200-m swim (front crawl, in less than 5 minutes) 3-minute survival float	Minimum 200-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)
Assessors	Club Executive delegated authority		
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 competition evaluation must be achieved before any members are eligible to compete.	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 the *SLSA Surf Sports Manual* and SLSA Policy 5.04 'Eligibility to compete in SLSA competition' for more information on SLSA competition evaluations.