

Information Sheet

Officials Course and Accreditation Process

2024 - 2025

Surf Sports Officials education is delivered through both an online and practical ‘face to face’ learning environment.

Successful members who complete all learning outcomes will be eligible for accreditation as either a Core or Technical Official.

It is expected that members who commence the Officials accreditation journey acknowledge the level of commitment required to complete the learning and assessment process and will gain competency as either a Core or Technical Official within 12 months.

Prerequisites

- REGISTERED and FINANCIAL member who are a minimum of 16 years +
- MUST hold a current Working with children check – Blue Card (aged 17 ½ years +), SLSQ CYRMS and SLS Child Safe Awareness module completion.

TYPES OF OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION

Core Official

Officials working with junior level participants in a club surf sport environment (recreationally or competitively) available to those members aged between 16-17 who wish to become officials.

Core Officials need to understand the core elements of the Surf Sport environment and how this relates to officiating in junior surf sport (beach, board and swim) environments.

This course provides a basic understanding of the key events conducted for junior level competitions.

Core Officials are permitted to Officiate at any junior carnivals and competitions including State Championships where up to and including under 14 years age categories are conducted.

There are four duties that they can carry out: Marshall, Recorder, Timekeeping Judge and Finish Judge.

Core Officials will be supervised at competitions by a competent Technical (or above) accredited Official.
 Permitted to Officiate at Junior level competition (U8-U14s)

Technical Official

Officials who choose to fulfil specific officiating role/s and who work with participants who are actively competing in a club / branch / state surf sport competition environment. Officiating roles may include:

- Marshall / Check-Marshall
- Starter / Check-starter
- Recorder
- Timekeeper
- Recorder
- Finish Judge

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registering interested members - Interested members are required to register via their club. Once the relevant checks are undertaken to ensure membership, prerequisites and blue card status are confirmed, clubs may lodge these via this link: **NEW OFFICIAL EOI 2024-2025**.

It is very important that the registered member email and phone details are current in Surfguard as these details will be used to communicate with the members throughout the accreditation journey.

Working with Children Check – Blue Card *No Blue Card and No Child Safety Online Modules = No Start

Clubs are required to only submit members who hold a current blue card and lodged into Surfguard.

Branches will audit candidates who nominate to commence the Officials accreditation pathway and only those who meet the prerequisite criteria and blue card status will be permitted to commence.

Members will be required to have completed the following two courses:

- SLSQ Child Youth Risk Management Strategy (SLSQ CYRMS)
- SLS Child Safe Awareness

THE OFFICIALS COURSE

ONLINE LEARNING

The online modules are completed in two separate e-learning platforms. Each new Official will be required to complete and submit proof of completion of the relevant online modules before registering for and/or attending any face to face workshop and 'on the job' assessment.

CORE OFFICIALS

The Core Officials online learning will take approximately 4 hours to complete and consists of the ASC Officiating Course and the SLS - Core Official online learning modules.

Step 1: Members Area – eLearning

- Log into your Members Portal - <https://members.sls.com.au/>
- Select the eLearning tab
- Select Login to eLearning
- Selected the 'Training Library' on the left of the screen
- Select SLS- Officiating and View Course
- Select SLS Core Official
- Pay \$10.00 to enrol in the course of your choice and complete ALL 2 modules below:
 1. ASC Officiating- General Principles Course
 2. SLS - Core Official

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The Technical Officials online learning will take approximately 6+ hours to complete and all modules must be completed before moving to the face to face induction workshop and 'on the job' training.

Step 1: Members Area – eLearning

- Log into your Members Portal - <https://members.sls.com.au/>
- Select the eLearning tab
- Select Login to eLearning
- Selected the 'Training Library' on the left of the screen
- Select SLS- Officiating and View Course
- Select SLS Technical Official
- Pay \$10.00 to enrol in the course of your choice and complete ALL 6 modules:
 1. ASC Officiating General Principles Course
 2. SLS - Being a Technical Official part 1
 3. SLS - Being a Technical Official part 2
 4. SLS Module 3a - Technical Official in Action (Marshall/Check Marshall)
 5. SLS Module 3b - Technical Official in Action (Starter/Check Starter)
 6. SLS Module 3c Technical Official in Action (Timekeeper, Finish Judge, Recorder)

Registered members are to upload their completion certificates for verification by --- via these links:

- SLS CORE OFFICIAL – [SLS CORE OFFICIAL LODGEMENT](#)
- SLS TECHNICAL OFFICIAL - [SLS TECHNICAL OFFICIAL LODGEMENT](#)

If you require technical assistance with the Members Area or with the online training process, consult the SLSA eLearning User Guide available on the SLSA IT Helpdesk website <https://help.sls.com.au/>

FACE TO FACE 'INDUCTION' WORKSHOP

Members who have completed the above online learning for either CORE or TECHNICAL OFFICIAL and uploaded completion certificates will then be required to attend a face-to-face 'induction' workshop before moving on to the 'on the job' training and assessment carnivals.

This workshop provides the new trainee official with the necessary information and tips for their first day on the beach.

Each new Official attending this workshop will receive a New Officials Kit containing:

- Surf Sports Officials Logbook,
- Course flip chart,
- Officials Shirt,
- 'On the Job' Assessment paperwork,
- Officials Handbook.

The total cost of this pack is \$35.00 (GST inc.), which will be invoiced to the members Club after attendance at this workshop. When registering for attendance at the face to face induction workshop, you were also asked to advise of your shirt size for inclusion in your New Officials Kit.

Completion Certificates must be uploaded by **COB** ---.

Further induction workshop dates may be scheduled if required throughout the surf sports season (October to December) if required.

'ON THE JOB' ASSESSMENT

The 'on the job' training and assessment will be undertaken over a minimum of 2 allocated assessment carnivals or as otherwise deemed competent by the Officials Assessor.

The Branch and State Officials Liaison Officer will communicate with all trainee officials that reach this stage about the allocated assessment carnivals.

Members have 12 months to complete this phase of accreditation.

Should you have any further questions, your club administrators and/or club official liaison officers can contact the office to discuss.