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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to set out how a squad which would train together and from which some would be selected onto a team to represent Ireland at International Lifesaving Competitions will be selected.

2.0 SCOPE

Applicable to all aspects of the administration functions as outlined within this procedure.

3.0 REFERENCES

Irish Water Safety Policy Manual

Procedures Manual

4.0 DEFINITIONS

IWS = Irish Water Safety

SC = Sports Commission of Irish Water Safety

Season = Jan to Dec of the preceeding year. Ie. 2018 squad will be calculated from scores achieved in competitions completed Jan-Dec 2017.

5.0 AUTHORITY & RESPONSIBILITY

The Sports Commission has the overall authority to oversee all activities and ensure they are carried out consistent with this procedure.

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6.0 METHOD

National Youth Squad – youth squad members are age 15-18 years (as year of birth)

This procedure covers all aspects of selecting a National Youth Squad for the Sport of Lifesaving.

1. The top 12 ranked male competitors and the top 12 female competitors, from points accumulated at both the National Open Water Lifesaving Championships and the National Still Water Lifesaving Championships, from the categories listed in 3 below, who have competed **in both** the Open Water and Still Water National Championships, in the previous season, will be invited by the SC to form the National Youth Squad for Lifesaving Sport.
2. Ranking from the Open Water Championships and Stillwater Championships will be as follows;
 - 2.1. The top points gained at the championships in individual events will be taken into account in determining the ranking of competitors in each category listed below and if applicable,
 - 2.2. Half the points gained in one the following two team events;
 - 2.2.1. Board Rescue, and,
 - 2.2.2. Rescue Tube Rescue, for the victim and rescue tube swimmer only.
 - 2.3 Must have a minimum of 2 top 5 finishes at Irish National Events
– made up from pool events, beach events or a combination of both pool & beach events and relay team participation (names will be taken from those named on entry forms for relay teams, and changes prior to or on the day of the event must be notified to the commission by email by the latest 1 week after the competition.)
 - 2.4 If points are level for places, the athlete with the most top (individual) finishes will be selected.
3. The categories of competitors to be considered are Senior Men and Senior Ladies and Junior Boys and Junior Girls.
4. Must be involved in an annual training programme locally (swimming, athletics, triathlon, canoeing) – consisting of weekly supervised training schedule
5. All squad members must attend and help on at least one regional squad day.
6. The SC at their sole discretion may invite other athletes who may, or may not have attained the above criteria to join the Squad.
7. All athletes selected to the National Youth Squad must sign and agree to be bound by the Athlete's Code of Conduct and Squad memberships conditions.
8. The SC will have the authority to remove any athlete from the National Squad for any breach of the Athlete's Code of Conduct or any behaviour deemed as gross misconduct by the SC.
9. The decision of the SC will be final.
 - 9.1. Appeals against any breach in the procedures as detailed above may be lodged by athletes in accordance with the Appeals Procedure.

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7.0 METHOD

National Senior Squad – senior squad members are age 17+ years (as year of birth)

This procedure covers all aspects of selecting a National Senior Squad for the Sport of Lifesaving.

10. The top 8 ranked male competitors and the top 8 female competitors, from points accumulated at both the National Open Water Lifesaving Championships and the National Still Water Lifesaving Championships, from the categories listed in 12 below, who have competed **in both** the Open Water and Still Water National Championships, in the previous season, will be invited by the SC to form the National Senior Squad for Lifesaving Sport.
11. Ranking from the Open Water Championships and Stillwater Championships will be as follows;
 - 11.1. The top points gained at the championships in individual events will be taken into account in determining the ranking of competitors in each category listed below and if applicable,
 - 11.2. Half the points gained in one the following two team events;
 - 11.2.1. Board Rescue, and,
 - 11.2.2. Rescue Tube Rescue, for the victim and rescue tube swimmer only.
 - 11.3 Must have a minimum of 5 top 5 finishes at Irish National Events.
 - made up from pool events, beach events or a combination of both pool & beach events and relay team participation, (names will be taken from those named on entry forms for relay teams, and changes prior to or on the day of the event must be notified to the commission by email by the latest 1 week after the competition.)
 - 11.4 If points are level for places, the athlete with the most top (individual) finishes will be selected.
12. The categories of competitors to be considered are Senior Men and Senior Ladies and Junior Boys and Junior Girls.
13. Must be involved in an annual training programme locally (swimming, athletics, triathlon, canoeing) – consisting of weekly supervised training schedule
14. All squad members must attend and help on at least one regional squad day.
15. The SC at their sole discretion may invite other athletes who may, or may, not have attained the above criteria to join the Squad.
16. All athletes selected to the National Senior Squad must sign and agree to be bound by the Athlete’s Code of Conduct and Squad memberships conditions
17. The SC will have the authority to remove any athlete from the National Squad for any breach of the Athlete’s Code of Conduct or any behaviour deemed as gross misconduct by the SC.
18. The decision of the SC will be final.
 - 18.1. Appeals against any breach in the procedures as detailed above may be lodged by athletes in accordance with the Appeals Procedure.

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8.0 RECORDS/DOCUMENTATION

Title.	Description	Form No.	Retention period
National Squad Selection	Process for selecting a national squad for senior men, senior ladies, junior boys and junior girls.	SP-01	2 Years minimum