

APPENDIX 1

Aquatic Play and Fundamental Aquatic Skills (FAS)

Recommended depth of safe aquatic environment – 1 metre

	Under 6	Under 7	Under 8
Flotation	Back or front float for a minimum of 5 seconds, recover to stand.	Back or front float for a minimum of 10 seconds, recover to stand.	Back or front float for a minimum of 15 seconds, recover to stand.
Submersion	Submerge to touch the bottom with hands.		
Propulsion	From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (1-2 metres) & recover to stand.	From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (2-3 metres) & recover to stand.	Swim on front any stroke (distance 20 metres) followed by swim underwater (distance 2-3 metres).

Stage Two: Under 9, Under 10, Under 11

Applied aquatic skills

Recommended depth of safe aquatic environment – 1.5 metres

	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11
Flotation	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for a minimum of 1 minute.		Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for minimum of 2 minutes.
Submersion	Submerge to touch the bottom with hands.		Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands.
Propulsion	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 10 metres.	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 25 metres.	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50 metres.

Stage Three: Under 12, Under 13, Under 14

Junior/trainee lifesaver – pathway to SRC

Recommended depth of safe aquatic environment 1.8 metres

	Under 12	Under 13	Under 14
Flotation	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for minimum 3 minutes.		
Submersion	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands.		Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, do not recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands.
Propulsion	Swim on front any stroke for 75 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres.	Swim on front any stroke for 100 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres.	Swim on front any stroke for 100 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 100 metres.

APPENDIX 2

AGE GROUP	COMPETITION EVALUATION
U6	Nil
U7	Nil
U8	Nil (no water competition, except for wade which takes place in waist-deep water)
U9	Minimum 150m open water swim (any recognised stroke)
U10	Minimum 150m open water swim (any recognised stroke)
U11	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)
U12	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)
U13	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)
U14	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)

Note: The definition of 'Open Water' is sourced from NSW Maritime and refers to 'navigable waters' which includes beaches. It does not include inland and coastal rivers, lakes and enclosed bays, harbours or rock pools. For example, open water may not mean you can complete the evaluation in a rock pool.

For more information on SLSA Surf Sport competition eligibility and requirements refer to:

- [SLSA Policy 5.04 – Competition Eligibility Policy](#)

- [SLSA Surf Sports Manual](#)

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