

Rowing Australia (RA) Transfer Program

1. Talent Identification (TID) Testing Session

The TID testing session will be held in late February at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. The Next Wave will advertise the testing to members through emails, online newsletters and the SLSA website. Contact will also be made with local surf clubs to identify club athletes that have the physical characteristics RA are looking for so that they can be approached to attend the testing.

2. Talent Spotting at Carnivals

RA will attend selected carnivals in the lead up to the TID testing session to identify athletes RA would like to see attend testing. Identified athletes will then be contacted by The Next Wave to outline the details of the transfer program and strongly encourage them to register for the TID testing session.

3. Development Clinic

The week before the TID testing session Rowing Australia will hold a Development Clinic. This Clinic is one of the benefits back to surf lifesaving from our partnership with RA.

There will be two sessions held at the Clinic - an Athlete Coaching session (athlete coaching) and a Coach Development session (coach professional development). Sweeps and their crews are encouraged to take part in this Clinic as highly experienced rowing coaches will be presenting at this Clinic.

4. Registration to Attend

Surf members interested in attending either the TID testing session or Development Clinic will need to register through the SLSA website www.sls.com.au/talentid.

5. Athlete Selection

Surf athletes that meet the physical requirements at the testing session will be selected into a trial squad where they will learn to row at the Mosman Rowing Club. Selected athletes will have a training program put together that recognizes their surf lifesaving commitments and importantly the requirement until the completion of Aussies will be especially light.