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Further Reference:
These Australian School Surfing Rules and Guidelines supplement the standard School Sport
Australia Sport Constitution. They should also be considered with the standard Australian Schools

1. SAFETY GUIDELINES

1.1. Introduction
   a) Surf Safety is a core component of School Surfing activities programs. The following
guidelines are written as a recommendation for states’ selection activities.

1.2. Surf Safety Prerequisite
   a) Each student competing for their state at the national championships should have
completed a recognised surf safety course and be currently proficient in areas covered by
the course.
1.3. Recognised Surf Safety Courses
   a) The following courses have been approved:
      ii) Surf Bronze – Surf Life Saving Association (1985 onwards)

1.4. Event Safety Equipment & Personnel
   a) For each day of competition in the National Championships, the host state shall provide:
      i) a surf safety officer (eg Lifeguard or suitably qualified and proficient teacher or
         parent)
      ii) rescue equipment (IRB recommended, minimal requirements - rescue board and
         first aid kit)

2. CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANISATION GUIDELINES

2.1. Joint Arrangements
   a) Where possible, the National Titles will be held jointly with the National Junior Titles of
      Surfing Australia.
   b) Whether held singly or jointly, the following guidelines apply.

2.2. Length of Event
   a) The National Titles will be held using a maximum of five school days.

2.3. Host State Roster
   a) The order of hosting National Titles will be as per the School Sport Australia roster.

2.4. Organising Committee
   a) The national titles organising committee will be formed in the year prior to hosting the titles.
   b) The committee will usually consist of:
      i) National Secretary
      ii) Host State School Surfing Coordinator or appointee
      iii) Host State Surfing Australia Executive Officer or appointee
      iv) Host State School Sport Association Executive Officer or appointee
      v) National Junior Surfing Program Manager/s
      vi) National Titles Major Sponsor representative

2.5. Duties of Organising Committee
   a) Confirm venue
   b) Provide list of suitable accommodation options
   c) Set event budget
   d) Organise equipment
   e) Prepare educational activity (several options preferable)
   f) Prepare information bulletins
   g) Prepare printed program
   h) Organise souvenir apparel (eg T-Shirt)
   i) Prepare participation certificates
   j) Prepare event staff list
   k) Organise Opening and Closing Ceremonies, including special guests
   l) Organise venue for Pre-Championship and Annual General Meetings

2.6. Final Organising Decision-Making
   a) The host state School Surfing Coordinator, in consultation with the host state School Sport
      Executive Officer, will be responsible for making decisions after consulting with other
      organising committee members.

2.7. Venue
   a) The venue for the national titles will be discussed at the annual general meeting two years
      prior to the relevant year of hosting and confirmed in the calendar year previous to hosting.

2.8. Accommodation
   a) It is expected that dormitory, cabin or hostel accommodation will be utilised by each state
      team.
b) A list of several options for accommodation will be prepared by the organising committee and provided to state contacts at least six months prior to the event.

2.9. Pre-Championship Meeting
   a) The Pre-Championship meeting will be held on the afternoon or night prior to the start of competition.
   b) Matters to be presented and or discussed will be:
      i) competition draw
      ii) description of probable venues
      iii) presentation of participant forms
      iv) appointment of National Team Selection Committee
      v) arrangements for special functions and meetings (eg Annual General Meeting)

2.10. Participant Documentation
   a) The host state will send the following forms to be completed by team managers of participating states:

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<td>iii) Media Release Form (giving permission for photos and names to be used in conjunction with the event – eg Event Report, Web Page Results, School Surfing Web Page)</td>
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2.11. Competition Officials
   a) Judges
      i) Each participating state is expected to provide a suitably experienced and qualified judge.
      ii) Where states are unable to provide a judge, a fee will be imposed to cover the cost of an additional local judge to be employed (as per normal Surfing Australia conditions)
   b) Student Officials
      i) Where possible, states should provide a suitably experienced and qualified student official, who may or may not be the state judge.
   c) Other Competition Officials
      i) The host state, through the organising committee, will provide a list of other contest officials, as per the Surfing Australia Rulebook, and including:
         • Contest Director
         • Technical Director (usually the National Secretary)
         • Head Judge
         • Extra Judges (recommended panel of eight)
         • Surf Safety Officer (including rescue equipment)
         • Marshals
         • Site Work Crew
         • Media Officer
         • PA Operator
         • Commentator
2.12. **Trophies and Presentations**
   a) Perpetual shields are presented to champion school teams. It is the responsibility of the current state champion team manager to bring such trophies to the championships.
   b) Trophies or medallions shall be presented to all finalists
   c) Individual presentations will be made to:
      i) Overall Champion Surfer
      ii) Encouragement Award

2.13. **Opening and Closing Ceremonies**
The host state, through the organising committee, will be responsible for organising a venue, equipment and special guests for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

3. **RULES OF COMPETITION**

3.1. **Rules**
   Competition Rules will follow the current Surfing Australia Rulebook as closely as possible.

3.2. **Divisions**
   a) There are three age divisions and two types of competition at the national titles.
      i) Age & Gender Divisions
         • Under 16 Boys (age at 31.12 in year of competition)
         • Open Boys (age at 31.12 in year of competition)
         • Open Girls (age at 31.12 in year of competition)
      ii) Types of Competition
         • Individual Titles
         • Teams Titles
   b) Individual Titles
      i) There will be individual titles in each of the divisions – Junior Boys, Open Boys and Open Girls.
      ii) In the case of joint titles with Surfing Australia Junior Titles, the individual titles will be limited to Open Boys and Open Girls Divisions. Entries will be two surfers from each member body. The format will be single elimination.
   c) Teams Titles
      i) All-Stars Divisions – Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Open Boys and Open Girls
      ii) School Teams Divisions (Mark Richards Shield) – Junior Boys, Open Boys and Open Girls

3.3. **Team Size**
   a) Junior Boys All-stars – two or three
   b) Junior Girls All-stars – two or three
   c) Open Boys All-stars – two or three
   d) Open Girls All-stars – two or three
   e) Junior Boys School Team – two or three
   f) Open Boys School Team – two or three
   g) Open Girls School Team - two or three

3.4. **Competition Format**
   a) Individual Titles
      i) All surfers in each age group will be seeded according to state results from the previous year and the order presented by each state.
      ii) All surfers in each age group will surf in round one.
      iii) Winners (first place-getters) of round one will progress to round three.
      iv) All others will surf in round two.
      v) Winners (top 50 per cent from each heat) from round two will join winners from round one in round three.
      vi) From round three onwards, the competition will be knockout with at least 50 per cent progression from each heat.
vii) In the case of time lost due to unfavourable conditions, the contest director may decide to run the knockout format for all rounds.
b) **Teams Titles**
   i) The following format applies to each of the six-team divisions.
   ii) State Teams will be placed in one of two pools based on results from the previous year.
      - Pool A – 1\textsuperscript{st}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 6\textsuperscript{th} state teams
      - Pool B – 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 4\textsuperscript{th} and 5\textsuperscript{th} state teams
   iii) Each team in each pool will surf a heat against each of the other teams in the pool.
   iv) Teams may select any two of their three surfers registered for the division for any heat.
   v) Once a heat has started, the third surfer is ineligible to compete in that heat.
   vi) Team results for each heat are tabulated by combining the top wave scores from each team member (number determined by Head Judge as for any heat)
   vii) The likely pool results will be:
      - Team One – two wins = Pool Winner
      - Team Two – one win = Pool Runner-Up
      - Team Three – no wins = 3\textsuperscript{rd} Place in pool
   viii) In the unlikely event in which each team wins one heat only, the pool result will be tied. An extra heat will be surfed with one surfer from each team to break the tie. The placing from this heat will be the pool result.
   ix) **Semi-Finals**
      - Semi-finals will be knockout.
      - Semi-final 1 – Winner Pool A verses Runner-up Pool B
      - Semi-final 2 – Winner Pool B verses Runner-up Pool A
   x) **Finals**
      - The final for each division will be held between the winners of the semi-finals.
   xi) In the case of time lost due to unfavourable conditions, the contest director may decide to run the knockout format for all rounds.

### 3.5. Judiciary Committee

a) A judiciary committee will be formed at the pre-Championship Meeting and will consist of the Championship Convenor, the National Secretary and one other invited official.

b) Matters of serious unsportsman-like behaviour in and out the water may be referred to the judiciary committee.

c) Submissions will be sought from the individuals involved, the respective team managers/coaches and those making a complaint.

d) The maximum penalty to be imposed by the judiciary committee is suspension from competing in the championship.

e) Team management in consultation with home state school sport associations may impose other penalties.

### 3.6 Champion State Points

a) State rankings will be determined by adding points collected in the following manner:

   i) For each ‘Teams-Doubles’ event:
      - 1\textsuperscript{st} place – 2 points
      - 2\textsuperscript{nd} place – 1 point

   ii) For the ‘State Teams Event’:
      - 1\textsuperscript{st} place – 9 points
      - 2\textsuperscript{nd} place – 7 points
      - 3\textsuperscript{rd} place – 5 points
      - 4\textsuperscript{th} place – 3 points
      - 5\textsuperscript{th} place – 2 points
      - 6\textsuperscript{th} place – 1 point

b) **Tie** – In the unlikely event of states having overall points tied, the tie will be split by considering the higher placed state team in the ‘State Teams Event’ mentioned in 3.6a)ii).
4. AUSTRALIAN TEAM AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

4.1. National Team - General
   a) A National Team will be selected from competitors in the Australian School Surfing Titles.
   b) In the absence of an international tour or international event, the team shall be ‘honourary’ only.
   c) The national team will be announced at the closing ceremony.

4.2. Size of National Team
   a) The national team shall be constructed according to the international event or tour invitation.
      In the absence of a designated touring team size, the national team shall consist of:
      i) Open Boys – four to six
      ii) Open Girls – four to six
      iii) Junior Boys – four to six

4.3. National Team Selection Criteria
   a) The criteria used for national team selection will be:
      i) Surfing standard exhibited in the national titles
      ii) Ambassadorship for the sport of surfing (good surfing sportsmanship)
      iii) Ambassadorship for the individual, school and state team (good character exhibited out of the water)

4.4. National Team Selection Panel
   a) The national team selection panel will be established at the pre-championship meeting and consist of:
      i) The National Secretary or delegate
      ii) A representative official from each state team unless offer declined
   b) The Head Judge, Technical Director and Contest Director will also be consulted before naming the national team.

4.5. Shadow Selections
   a) Shadow selections shall be made as appropriate but not announced.

4.6. International Tour Schedule
   a) School Surfing has a growing network of similar organisations in overseas countries that share the vision of developing young people through the sport of surfing. It is hoped that a two-year cycle is experienced – tour one year and host a touring team the next.

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