# SAFETY GUIDELINES

## 1.1 Introduction

- Surf Safety is a core component of School Surfing Programs. The following guidelines are written as a recommendation for state selection activities.

## 1.2 Surf Safety Prerequisite

- Each student competing for their state at the national championships should have completed a recognized surf safety course and be currently proficient in areas covered by the course.

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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 Australian Sports Council Constitution and Policies.
1.3 **Recognised Surf Safety Courses**

a) The following courses have been approved:
   
   
ii) Surf Bronze – Surf Life Saving Association (1985 onwards)
   
iii) Certificate II Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)

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 (jet ski 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) Where possible 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 organizing 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 organizing 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) arrangement 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 the team managers of participating states:
   - **Forms** - **When to be presented by manager**
     i) Team List (giving surname, given name, school attended) – Send to host state convenor at least two months prior to the event
     ii) Competitor Profile (giving summary of contest results, sponsors, etc) – Pre-Championship Meeting
     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) – Pre-Championship Meeting
     iv) Principal’s Approval Form – Pre-Championship Meeting
     v) Proof of Age – Pre-Championship Meeting

### 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 organizing 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
### Trophies and Presentations

- 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.
- Trophies or medallions shall be presented to all finalists.
- Individual presentations will be made to the overall champion male and female surfer.

### Opening and Closing Ceremonies

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

### Rules of Competition

#### Rules

Competition rules will follow the current Surfing Australia Rulebook as closely as possible.

#### Divisions

- There are four age divisions and two types of competition at the National Titles.
  - **Age and Gender Divisions**
    - Under 16 Girls (age at 31/12 in the year of competition) – not All-stars
    - Under 16 Boys (age at 31/12 in the year of competition)
    - Under 19 Girls (age at 31/12 in the year of competition)
    - Under 16 Boys (age at 31/12 in the year of competition)
  - **Types of Competition**
    - Individual Titles (Not in a joint titles year with Surfing Australia)
    - Teams Titles (MR Shield and All-stars)

- Individual Titles
  - There will be individual Titles in each of the divisions – Under 16 Girls, Under 16 Boys, Under 19 Girls, Under 19 Boys.
  - In the case of joint titles with the Surfing Australia Junior Titles, the schools division will consist of the Teams Titles only.

#### Team Size

- **Junior Girls All-stars – two or three**
- **Junior Boys All-stars – two or three**
- **Senior Girls All-stars – two or three**
- **Senior Boys All-stars – two or three**
- **Junior Boys MR Shield – two or three**
- **Senior Girls MR Shield – two or three**
- **Senior Boys MR Shield – two or three**

#### Competition Format

- **Individual Titles**
  - All surfers in each age group will be seeded according to state results from the previous year and the order presented by each state.
  - All surfers in each age group will surf in round one.
  - Winners (first place-getters) of round one will progress to round three.
iv) All others will surf in round two.

v) Winners (top 50% 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% 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 seeded in round 1 based on results from the previous year.

Heat 1 1 v 6
Heat 2 3 v 4
Heat 3 2 v 5

iii) Winners (first place-getters) of round one will progress to round three. All others will surf in round two. Winners from round two will join winners from round one in round three. From round three onwards the competition will be knockout.

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) 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 of 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 titles’ heat
   • 1st place – 2 points
   • 2nd place – 1 point

ii) For the State Teams event:
   • 1st place – 9 points
   • 2nd place – 7 points
   • 3rd place – 5 points
   • 4th place – 3 points
   • 5th place – 2 points
   • 6th 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 3.6 a) 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
a) Surfing Titles.

b) In the absence of an international tour or international event, the team shall be 'honorary' 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

iv) Junior Girls – three to six (no MR Shield division for this age group/ only All-stars)

### 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 organizations 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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