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SURFING WA JUNIOR STATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2026

Selection Process and Criteria Explanation:

This document aims to provide additional transparency and a deeper understanding around the selection process and criteria specific to WA surfers.

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

Provide support to the (Southwest) Region's best up and coming surfers who do not already receive support as a part of a National Program.

Provide More Opportunity – Develop our Surfers – Lift Overall Performance Standard

SELECTION PROCESS:

Potential Candidates are identified by local and state coaches/managers.

Candidates are ranked by a combination of Talent/Ability (**Skill Matrix**) and **Competition Success**. Those ranked highest and with strongest alignment to the **Selection Criteria** will be invited to join the program.

A further breakdown of each of these components is below.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- The surfer must be male and aged 14 to 17 years of age during the program year.
- The surfer lives within the relevant program/squad's region.
- The surfer is not currently Nationally Categorized or a part of a National Talent ID Program.
- The surfer is committed to competing at pathway events during the program year.
- The surfer is pursuing a career as a competitive surfer.
- The surfer has strong work ethic and commitment.
- The surfer would take the program seriously and conduct themselves appropriately throughout (i.e. They would benefit from the program and would not act in a way which may impede another's experience).

SKILL MATRIX:

Surfers are given a score out of 10 for their demonstrated skill in each of the following areas: airs, turns, barrels, solid waves surfing and small wave surfing.

This score is based on their competitive age group for the CURRENT year (Program Year).

Skill Matrix Example:

Name	DOB	Airs	Turns	Barrels	Solid Waves	Small Waves	TOTAL
Surfer A		7	7	7	7	7	35
Surfer B		5	6	4	4	4	23
Surfer A		8	8	8	7	7	38

COMPETITION SUCCESS:

A surfer's total points on the Surfing Australia National Junior Rankings at the completion of LAST year are recorded. The total is divided by 1,000 and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Competition Success Example:

Name	DOB	SA JNR Points	TOTAL
Surfer A		25000	25
Surfer B		15680	16
Surfer A		6000	6

FINAL RANKING:

A Final ranking is achieved by combining the totals for both Skill Matrix and Competitive Success.

Final Ranking Example:

Name	DOB	Skill Matrix	Comp Success	TOTAL	FINAL RANK
Surfer A		35	25	60	1
Surfer B		23	16	39	3
Surfer A		38	6	44	2

SUMMARY:

Those surfers with the highest Final Ranking (Skill Matrix Result + Competition Success) AND strong alignment to the Selection Criteria will receive an invitation into the program.

Once invitations have been accepted – the squad will be announced publicly.

Please Note:

With limited resources and a maximum squad size of 4 male surfers, not everyone can be invited to the program, nor every region be involved. However, we aim to continue expanding these opportunities to more surfers across different regions in the very near future.

