



## STAS COMPETITION POLICIES – REVISED 30/10/2021

- STAS MEMBERSHIP

All competitors MUST be current STAS financial members, life members included, and the required event entry fees paid up to be eligible to enter the water for an event. This is necessary for safety and insurance purposes. If you wish to enter a STAS event you must be a Tasmanian resident of at least 3 months or be able to confirm work contract, study/enrolment or property lease.

- CODE of CONDUCT.

All STAS members are subject to Surfing Australia's Code of Conduct as per the SAUS Rulebook and member policies on the SAUS website [www.surfindustralia.com](http://www.surfindustralia.com)

The Contest Director, STAS President and Executive Officer, (ANY 2), STAS are responsible for managing and resolving issues. All STAS members are subject to the penalties prescribed.

- THE CONTEST DIRECTOR. They must be a current financial member and is permitted to surf in the event if the required forms and payments are completed.
- The CONTEST HEAD JUDGE. They must be a current financial member but is not permitted to surf in the event they are judging/managing.
- EVENT ENTRIES.

All competitors MUST complete their Event Entry, STAS Membership and pay required fees by 12 midnight on the Wednesday prior to the specified event. This allows the Contest Director and STAS officials to check seedings and complete the heat draws early on the Thursday/Friday. Heats are then be posted on STAS Facebook and website well prior to the event, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED!

**PLEASE NOTE:** No late entries will be accepted! Competitors are strongly advised to avoid disappointment by entering well prior to entry closure day. If you have an entry issue please contact the Contest Director or Executive Officer prior to entry closure!!

- NUMBER OF DIVISIONS:

All competitors may only enter a maximum of ONLY 2 short board divisions; one as First Choice the other as Second Choice. This is to allow the Contest Director enough flexibility to run the entire event in a day/weekend in the best possible waves for all competitors. Talented surfers wishing to enter more than 2 divisions as currently set as STAS Policy must make application to the Rep Committee for consideration.

- SECOND CHANCE DRAW.

STAS always will endeavour to offer all junior division surfers the second chance draw or two finals format where possible. Open Mens and Women divisions will always have the second chance draw or double final format. In certain conditions the Contest Director has the right to amend that offer and run a knock out draw.

- EQUALITY FOR GIRLS/WOMEN.

Women will have the same opportunities as men in State Championship rounds. In the double chance/requal. format, U14,16,18 and Open Women's Divisions will always have two finals. In the knockout format women will only have one final. Masters Divisions will only have one final whichever draw.

Female surfers who wish to surf against boys/men for alternative competition can only enter the Open Mens and Womens Divisions, not under age divisions. Talented surfers wishing to enter more than 2 divisions as currently set as STAS Policy must make application to the Rep. Committee for consideration.

- TWO FINALS.

When two finals are being run (in the place of heats to semis to finals progression, because of low numbers) the finishing position or rankings in each final are tallied. For example; for each final, the competitor receives point allocations based on their placing: i.e if you receive a first place, you receive 1 point, second place, 2 points third place 3 points etc. The points from both finals are tallied, and the placings are based on this, with first place being the competitor with the **lowest** point score.

If there is a draw, the highest wave scores from each final decide the winner.

- WILD CARDS.

STAS and our Contest Directors have the authority to offer up to 2 'WILDCARD ENTRIES' per EVENT **only if there is space in the heat draws. A heat cannot be expanded beyond it's original draw.** The intent of this is to allow the Contest Director the flexibility to accept an entry from a local surfer or any other competitor/situation such as entering another division at their discretion. That surfer MUST be a STAS member, a permanent Tasmanian resident of at least 3 residency and pay the required entry fees prior to entering the water.

- EVENT CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENTS.

STAS reserves the right to postpone, shorten or cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances ie, bad/dangerous weather, lack of surfable waves. Given many competitors travel hundreds of kilometres to our state rounds STAS undertakes to carefully consider conditions leading up to an event and call a postponement if necessary by midweek to avoid unnecessary travel/accommodation costs to competitors and families. Events may be rescheduled to the next available weekend where possible.

- PRIZEMONEY.

Where prizemoney is offered it shall be divided equally between male and female competitors.

- CHAMPIONSHIPS/FINAL RATINGS.

Each Division has a set number of State Championship rounds per year. The final ratings determine State Championships based upon the following formula : Open Division – best 4 out of 5 events, U18,16,14 and Age Divisions - 3 out of 4 events or Longboards - 2 out of 3 results, SUPS - 2 out of 2, Body-board 2 out of 2. If two Open competitors are equal on 4 events then the 5th result will be counted. Similarly, if Age or U14,16,18 competitors are drawn on 3 out of 4 or 2 out of 3 results, then the fourth/third round result will be counted. In the underage divisions if still drawn, the final decision is based upon results in other age divisions below/above that division. The schools championship is

not considered as it is not a STAS Championship round. If a competitor is disqualified in any round their points are cancelled for that round and allocated to the other surfers who move up one place.

- JUNIOR STATE TEAM SELECTIONS.

The top two in the final ratings are automatically selected but if they do not wish to go it is up to the Surfing Tasmania's discretion whether the position will be filled and by whom with age and ability key factors.

- PARENT ASSIST.

Parent assist is only permitted where STAS junior divisions U8/10/12 are offered in events. In these divisions parents may be permitted to assist with safety, guidance, and push ins where authorised by the Event Director/Head Judge. Parent assist is not permitted in older U14/16/18 divisions. The Head Judge will calculate scoring for the Parent Assist where required.

- CONFLICT OF INTEREST-JUDGING/TALLYING.

The Head Judge/Event Director will consider conflicts of interest when assigning judging and tallying roles oversee the judges roster to ensure there is no conflict of interest with eg: parents judging/tallying their own children.

- WATER SAFETY

Only STAS financial members with water safety qualifications (surf rescue certificate, surf bronze or appropriate) are permitted to conduct water safety at events under approval of the Event Director/Head Judge. Water safety is distinct from parent assist in that it provides a safety role only and may be used in any junior division.

- REFUNDS.

Refunds are ONLY offered if an event is cancelled or due to competitor illness/injury.

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