



SURFING TASMANIA (STAS) COMPETITION POLICIES – REVISED 12th Feb 2024

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
- The Event Manager or STAS Board, (ANY 2) are responsible for managing and resolving issues. All STAS members are subject to the penalties prescribed.
- The Event Manager must be a current financial member and is permitted to surf in the event if the required forms and payments are completed.
- The event Head Judge 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 midnight on the Wednesday prior to the specified event date. This allows the Event Manager to check seedings and complete the heat draws early on Thursday/Friday. Heats will then be released and managed on Live Heats unless otherwise specified.

PLEASE NOTE: Late entries will be considered on a case-by-case basis up to 24 hours prior to the planned Event date by the nominated Event Manager; however, if accepted a late entry fee will apply to cover the additional administration costs.

NUMBER OF DIVISIONS

All competitors may enter a maximum of only 2 shortboard divisions; one as First Choice the other as Second Choice. This is to allow the Event Manager enough flexibility to run the entire event in the allocated time period and in the best possible waves for all competitors.

¹ Note: The U21 division will reviewed annually by STAS to determine if it will be included in the next event season.

Surfers wishing to enter more than 2 divisions as currently set as STAS Policy must make an application to the Event Manager and at least one STAS Board Member for consideration.

SECOND CHANCE DRAW

STAS always will endeavor to offer all junior division surfers a second chance draw or two finals format where possible. Open Men's and Women's divisions will always have a second chance draw or double final format. In certain conditions the Event Manager has the right to amend that offer and run a knockout draw.

EQUALITY FOR GIRLS/WOMEN

Women will have the same opportunities as men in State Championship rounds. In the double chance/requalification format, U14,16,18, 21 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.

Women surfers who wish to surf against boys/men for alternative competition can only enter the Open Men's and Women's Divisions, not underage divisions.

TWO FINALS

When two finals are being run (in the place of heats to semis to finals progression, because of low numbers), it is the finishing position or rankings in each final that are tallied.

So, two first placing will be on a total of 2, a second and third will be on 5. Over the two finals if there are surfers who are on the same number e.g. (2 and 3, 3 and 2, or 1 and 4) then the surfer with the highest single wave score over the two heats will win.

WILD CARDS

STAS and our Event Manager 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 its original draw. The intent of this is to allow the Event Manager 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-month residency or be able to confirm work contract, study/enrolment or property lease 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 i.e., bad/dangerous weather, lack of surfable waves. Given many competitors travel hundreds of kilometers to our state rounds, STAS undertakes to carefully consider conditions leading up to an event and call a postponement, if necessary, by midweek to

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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,

If two Open competitors are equal on 4 events, then the 5th result will be counted.

- Over Age Divisions - 3 out of 3 events.

If competitors are drawn on 3 out of 3, the competitors will share the State Championship

- U21, U18,16,14 and Age Divisions - 3 out of 3 events.

If competitors are drawn on 3 out of 3, the final decision is based upon results in other age divisions above that division. If that is the case, the second position for the State Junior Team will be at the discretion of the Board of Surfing Tasmania.

- SUPS - 2 out of 2,
- Body-board - 2 out of 2.

The school's 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 Board'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 Manager/Head Judge.

Parent assist is not permitted in older U14/16/18/21 divisions. The Head Judge will calculate scoring for the Parent Assist where required.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST-JUDGING/TALLYING

The Head Judge/Event Manager will consider conflicts of interest when assigning judging and roles and oversee the judges roster to ensure there is no conflict of interest with e.g.: parents judging 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 Manager/Head Judge or Surfing Tasmania Board. Water safety is distinct from parent assist in that it provides a safety role only and may be used in any junior division.

PRICING

Surfing Tasmania pricing of entry fees is carefully monitored by our staff to provide our members and participants with the best possible participation cost. All our prices are in Australian dollars (AUD) and include GST (Goods and services tax).

REFUNDS

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

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