

Surfing Australia Australian National Longboard Surfing Team Selection Policy Updated February 2023

1.0 Objectives:

- To select the best athletes to represent Australia at the International Surfing Association **(ISA)** Longboard Surfing Championships.
- To provide a clear criteria for athletes who strive toward being selected to represent their country.

2.0 National Selection Panel:

The National selection panel for the National Longboard Team will comprise of:

- SA Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- SA National High Performance Director
- SA Event Manager
- Specialist

3.0 Eligibility for Australian National Team Selection:

To be eligible for selection in the National Team athletes must:

- Be an Australian citizen with a valid Australian passport.
- Be a registered member of a state association affiliated with Surfing Australia.
- Not have competed for another country within 18 months of the date of the competition for which the team is being selected.
- Surfing Australia may in its absolute discretion, grant an exemption to an athlete from the application of the residency eligibility rule as a result of any particular aspects of the competitor's history or personal circumstances. The decision of Surfing Australia shall be in its absolute discretion and there shall

be no appeal against this decision by the competitor or any other person.

- Comply in all respects to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code which the ISA abides by and has no sanctions placed on them by the Sport Integrity Australia (SIA).
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Surfing Australia, state they are member of or other surfing authority having jurisdiction over the athlete or the competition.

4.0 The Australian National Longboard Team:

The format of Team Australia to compete at the ISA Longboard Surfing Championships:

- 2 x Open Men
- 2 x Open Women

5.0 <u>Selection Criteria:</u>

Selection	Open Men	Open Women
1	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
2	Wildcard Selection	Wildcard Selection

- **5.1** The calendar year prior Australian Longboard Championships will determine the selection of National Longboard Surfing Team.
- **5.2** Where a selected team member declines their selection or is unable to compete as a result of failing the medical screening and fitness test as provided in clause 6.1 below, this athlete will be replaced with a wildcard selection.

5.3 Wildcard Selection Criteria

Wildcard Selection is at the sole discretion of the National Selection Panel, consideration will be taken from the key areas below.

5.4 U18 Guardian

Should any U18 competitor(s) be selected in an Open event they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who is not another athlete in the team for the duration of the event.

6.0 Injury

6.1 In the case of a selected Australian National Team member incurring injury or incapacity to compete at the highest level in the lead up to either the ISA World

Longboard Surfing Championships, the athlete will be required to pass a medical screening and fitness test conducted by Australian Team medical staff.

6.2 In relation to fitness, the determination of the Australian Team medical staff is final.

7.0 Appeals:

Decisions made by the Selection Panel are final there is no right of appeal.