



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PARA TEAM SELECTION POLICY

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1.0 Objectives

To select the best athletes to represent Australia at the International Surfing Association (ISA) World Para 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 Australian Para Surfing Team will comprise of:

- SA Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- SA National High Performance Director
- SA Chief Of Sport
- Para Surfing Expert
- State Representative

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 Para Surfing Team

Up to nine men athletes and nine women athletes across the nine Para Surfing Sport Classes, for a total of eighteen eligible athletes. The nine men and nine women maximum athletes per country will include no more than two athletes in any one Para Surfing Sport Class.

Surf Classes

- Para Surf Stand 1 (PS-S1)
- Para Surf Stand 2 (PS-S2)
- Para Surf Stand 3 (PS-S3)
- Para Surf Kneel (PS-K)
- Para Surf Sit (PS-S)
- Para Surf Prone 1 (PS-P1)
- Para Surf Prone 2 (PS-P2)
- Para Surf Visual Impairment 1 (PS-VI1)
- Para Surf Visual Impairment 2 (PS-VI2)

Please note that all athletes will need to be classified officially by the ISA approved Classifier to compete in the ISA World Para Surfing Championship. This would be deemed as the official international classification.

5.0 Selection Criteria

Class	Men	Women
Para Surf Stand 1	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Para Surf Stand 2	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Para Surf Stand 3	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Para Surf Kneel	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Para Surf Sit	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Para Surf Prone 1	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Para Surf Prone 2	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Para Surf VI 1	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Para Surf VI 2	Australian Champion	Australian Champion

5.1 Athletes

5.1.1 For all classes the Australian champion will automatically be offered the first selection, but if they decline, that position in the team will become a wildcard selection.

5.1.2 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.

5.2 Wildcard Selection Criteria

Should a wild card become available then a wildcard selection is at the sole discretion of the National Selection Panel. Selections will be based off the following;

1. Australian Title results
2. World AASP Tour event results
3. AASP World Title (within last 2 years)
4. ISA Event (within last 2 years)
5. Injury or Illness considerations and inability to compete at Australian titles

WILDCARD SELECTION MATRIX	
EVENT	POINTS
1st Australian Titles	4
2nd Australian Titles	3
3rd Australian Titles	2
4th Australian Titles	1
1st World AASP Tour event	3
2nd World AASP Tour event	2
3rd World AASP Tour event	1
AASP World Title (within last 2 years)	3
1st ISA event (within last 2 years)	3
2nd ISA event (within last 2 years)	2
3rd ISA event (within last 2 years)	1

5.3 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 Para 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.