



# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MASTERS SURFING 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 Masters 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 Masters Team will comprise of:

- SA Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- SA National High Performance Director (NHPD)
- SA Head of Podium
- SA Event Manager / Chief Of Sport
- Independent Specialist 1

An independent specialist is a person appointed by the National Federations who has experience in, and understanding of, the Sport and high-performance sports and has the required skills for membership of the NSP.

### 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 Master's Team

The format of Team Australia to compete at the ISA World Master's Surfing Championships:

AGE DIVISIONS	MEN	WOMEN
40+	1	1
50+	1	1
60+	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

#### 5.0 Age Division Clarification

- Masters 40+ Division: Year of Birth: 1984 or earlier
- Grand Masters 50+ Division: Year of Birth: 1974 or earlier
- Kahunas 60+ Division: Year of Birth: 1964 or earlier

Ages are calculated as of January 1st in the year of participation.  
Athletes may compete in multiple divisions if they are eligible

#### Age Division Clarification

- Masters 40+ Division: Athletes who are age 40 or older as of January 1 of the competition year.
- Grand Masters 50+ Division: Athletes who are age 50 or older as of January 1 of the competition year.
- Kahunas 60+ Division: Athletes who are age 60 or older as of January 1 of the competition year.

Athletes may compete in multiple divisions if they are eligible.

#### 6.0 Selection Criteria

WOMEN'S SURFING	MEN'S SURFING
Australian Champion	Australian Champion

The current calendar year's Australian Surf Championships will determine the selection of National Masters Surfing Team.

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 7.0 below, this athlete will be replaced with a wildcard selection.

#### 7.0 Wildcard Selection Criteria

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

- Previous Australian Champions
- Runner up Australian Champions from the current calendar year
- Previous WSL WCT Competitors
- Past ISA WSG Competitors

## **8.0 Injury**

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

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

## **9.0 Appeals**

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