



Surfing Australia
Australian National Junior 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 Junior 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 Junior Team will comprise of:

- SA National High Performance Director
- SA Head of Pathway Program
- SA Pathway Coach
- SA Pathway Coach
- Neutral Stakeholder

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.
- A surfer must not have competed for another country within 18 months of the date of the event finishing (ie: ISA World Surfing Games & WSL World Juniors).

- If an athlete has been approved to represent a second nation based on the conditions in the “SA Selection policy and Rule Book” they may not be eligible to change back to representing their original country pending approval from the selection panel and in alignment with ISA ruling.
- 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 Junior Team:

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

- 3 x U18 Boys
- 3 x U18 Girls
- 3 x U16 Boys
- 3 x U16 Girls

5.0 Selection Criteria:

Selection	U18 Boys	U18 Girls
1	Australian Titles Champion	Australian Champion
2	Australian Junior National Ranking	Australian Junior National Ranking
3	Wildcard Selection	Wildcard Selection
Selection	U16 Boys	U16 Girls
1	Australian Titles Champion	Australian Champion
2	Australian Junior National Ranking	Australian Junior National Ranking
3	Wildcard Selection	Wildcard Selection

- 5.1 The calendar year prior Australian Junior Titles and the Australian Junior National Ranking system will determine part selection of National Junior Surfing Team. For all ages the Australian Junior Titles champion in each age group will automatically be offered the first spot on the team.

The second position will be awarded to the top ranked Australian Junior in each age group taken from the Australian Junior National Ranking.

- 5.2 In the event the Australian Junior Titles is not held within reasonable time prior to the ISA World Junior Surfing Championships the full team will be selected by the National Selection Panel based on Wildcard Selection Criteria, clause 5.4.
- 5.3 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.

5.4 Wildcard Selection Criteria

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

U18 -Athletes will be selected based on results/performances at key benchmark contests such as:

- SA National Rankings System
- Pro Junior rankings from the previous year
- Pro Junior performance from the current year
- WQS events
- An athlete's ability to perform in the event wave profile

Other Key Considerations

- Nationally Identified Athletes
- Previous ISA experience/Success

U16 -Athletes will be selected based on the following:

- SA National Ranking System
- Nationally Identified Athletes
- Previous ISA experience/success
- An athlete's ability to perform in the event wave profile

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 Junior 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 and there is no right of appeal.