



VICTORIAN REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION POLICY SURFING VICTORIA



Victorian Selection

Selection into all State Representative Teams, **the Victorian Emerging Talent Program** and the Rip Curl Pro Trials, for all disciplines is by invitation from Surfing Victoria.

For Junior Shortboard divisions at the Australian Surf Championships, State Rounds are the key consideration within the policy. Athletes who are unable to compete in the minimum of 2 out of the 3 rounds will have the option of applying for a wildcard team position by written application.

For Open Shortboard Longboard, Stand Up Paddleboard, Bodyboard and Masters disciplines at the Australian Surf Championships, State Rounds are the key consideration within the policy.

Surfing Victoria reserves the right to provide a wild card to an athlete who was unable to compete in their respective discipline's state rounds. This will only be considered by written application to be provided no more than 2 weeks after the final state round event date.

The two key elements that will be taken into consideration for the granting of wild card team selection are;

- The athlete was competing at a higher-level World Surf League (WSL) or International Surfing Association (ISA) rated events i.e. WSL World Qualifying Series or Pro Junior.
- The athlete was injured or had a medical condition that prohibited participation in the event or series (medical certificate required).

Please note that Junior Shortboard events that are rated equal to, or below 7,500 points on the Surfing Australia Junior Series will not be taken into consideration in any wildcard applications.

All applications will be considered by the Surfing Victoria Technical Committee and there will be no appeal system available to athletes requesting consideration for selection via this process.

Selection for the Victoria School Surfing Team to compete at the Australian Junior Surfing Titles in the MR Shield will be made, taking into consideration;

- Current year Victorian Junior Series ratings.
- Current year Victorian Team members (including wildcards).
- Previous year Victorian Junior Series ratings.
- State Schools Teams Titles.
- Independent Schools Teams Titles.

The Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group will ratify the final team selections.

Victorian Residency Requirements

For all Victorian Representative Teams, **the Victorian Emerging Talent Program and the Rip Curl Pro Trials**, all surfers must be current Victorian residents and be Australian Citizens. Surfing Victoria may request documentation to verify citizenship where required. The Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group may ask for surfers to provide documentation proving their residence. This may include Victorian Drivers Licence, letter from employer or school, enrolment on the electoral roll or any other required evidence.



For new Victorian residents, athletes must be able to prove current Victorian residency and hold a current Surfing Victoria Core Membership. Eligibility to compete in Victorian state events is at the discretion of the Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group.

For existing Victorian residents, the Surfing Victoria Technical Committee acknowledges that Victorian athletes may choose to leave the state for extended period for the betterment of their surfing career.

For Under 18 surfers;

Eligibility to compete, or be selected for Victorian representative teams is at the discretion of the Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group. Athletes must be able to prove current Victorian residency and hold a current Surfing Victoria Core Membership.

For athletes competing in the Victorian Junior Series, Surfing Victoria recognises that these events run early in the calendar year, with the Australian Junior Titles held at the conclusion of the school year. The Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group advises that a surfer needs to attend a minimum of two (2) full terms at a Victorian School in the respective calendar year to demonstrate Victorian residency.

For athletes applying for the Victorian Emerging Surfer Program, the program runs over a financial year and therefore surfers must be enrolled in a Victorian School across all four terms to maintain eligibility in the program.

A surfer must retain a Victorian postal address and enrolment in a Victorian School to sufficiently demonstrate true residency.

Athletes can apply for an exemption to the above schooling requirements, through a written application to the Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group who will assess each request on a case by case basis.

For Open Aged surfers;

Eligibility to compete, or be selected for Victorian teams, The Victorian Emerging Surfer Program, and the Rip Curl Pro Trials is at the discretion of the Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group. Athletes must be able to prove current Victorian residency and hold a current Surfing Victoria Core Membership.

Surfing Victoria recognises open age athletes may spend extended times out of Victoria for competition and training. In these cases, an athlete may be asked to demonstrate Victorian residency outside of these competition and development windows by the Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group.

In these cases, an athlete will be asked to demonstrate that a *majority* of time spent outside of Victoria was for the betterment of their professional surfing career, whilst being able to clearly demonstrate that their true residency remained in Victoria.

Athletes can apply for an exemption to the above requirements, through a written application to the Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group who will assess each request on a case by case basis. These requests must be made a minimum of 3 months prior to the specific event or program.

For non-Australian Citizens / Passport holders; Athletes must be able to prove current Victorian residency and hold a current Surfing Victoria Core Membership. Eligibility to compete in Victorian state events is at the discretion of the Surfing Victoria Technical Advisory Group. Victorian Team representation at National Title events and the Rip Curl Pro Trials requires proof of Australian



Citizenship, meaning some athletes may be eligible to compete in Victorian events but be unable to represent Victoria at the Australian Titles and the Rip Curl Pro Trials.

Specific WSL Member Region & Allocated Representative Flag for Rip Curl Pro Trials

For athletes with current or legacy WSL memberships and/or profiles, additional to meeting the Victorian residency requirements, to be eligible for the Victorian Emerging Talent Program and/or invitation to the Rip Curl Pro Trials a surfer's WSL Member Region must be Australia/Oceania and that surfer have the Australian flag allocated to their member profile.

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