



SURFING AUSTRALIA

Surfing Australia National Para Team Selection Policy (updated July 2020)

1.0 Objectives:

- To select the best athletes to represent Australia at the International Surfing Association (ISA) World Para Surfing Championships.
- To provide 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 Event Manager
- State Engagement (possible future Para Committee Rep)

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 24 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 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 Para Surfing Team:

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

Surf Classes:

- Stand 1
- Stand 2
- Stand 3
- Kneel
- Prone 1
- Prone 2
- Visually Impaired 1
- Visually Impaired 2

Please note that all athletes will need to be classified officially 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
Stand 1	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Stand 2	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Stand 3	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Kneel	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Prone 1	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Prone 2	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Visually Impaired 1	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
Visually Impaired 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 Australian team member decline 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

Should Australian champion decline selection, then a wildcard selection is at the sole discretion of the National Selection Panel.

5.3 U18 Guardian

Should any U18 competitor (s) be selected in an 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 team member incurring injury or incapacity to compete at the highest level in the lead up to 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.