

13-19 years Surfing Competition Procedures

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Change History

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NOTE: This manual is to be read in conjunction with the:

- School Sport Australia policies and guidelines
- Queensland Representative School Sport Leadership handbook

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Sport Competition Guidelines

Minimum Venue Standards

The host region venue must comply with audit requirements and:

- complete a procurement process (where required).
- have sufficient and suitable (e.g. cabin/motel style) accommodation within the host town/city to provide places for all visiting parents/supporters competitors/ student officials/team officials
- have access to appropriate transport to/from the host town/city
- have access/proximity to 24 hour medical services (e.g. hospital, ambulance, dentist, physio)
- The playing venue must be a suitable standard and must comply with the sport specific minimum requirements. Consideration must also be given to factors such as:
 - sufficient number of suitably sized change rooms present
 - spectators must be adequately catered for with suitable viewing, toilet facilities, canteen etc.
 - Competition Area – Field of Play/number of courts or fields required
 - Suitable shade & shelter for hot & wet weather if necessary
 - Access to water
 - Officials' Room with secure area for official's bags
 - Championship working group control room
 - Access to internet
 - Laptop and printer
 - Photocopier
 - Paper
 - General stationery

First Aid

A minimum of two First Aid Officers/Sports Trainers must be provided each day of competition. Any child treated must be accompanied by a Team Official or parent.

Spectator's facilities

Ensure there is sufficient shade, seating, toilets facilities, food and drinks vendors.

Officials

It is preferable that all key officials have a minimum Level accreditation and first aid/CPR. The key officials are (but not limited to):

- Tournament Director
- Technical Convenor
- Chief Referee

Additional officials required (list individually)

Student Officials – insert QRSS 'categories'

Equipment

- The Host Region must supply all equipment for the safe conduct of the Championships.
- All equipment must comply with sport specific requirements
- Other necessary equipment is:
- Competition Software (if applicable)
- Access Passes (if applicable)

Competition areas must be checked each day for potential hazards and steps must be taken to rectify or make safe these potential hazards.



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Bulletins

Bulletin 1

- Team levy
- Venue
- Dates
- Pre-championship meeting date and venue
- Participating regions
- Team size
- Competition working group contact details
- Program of events
- Sports medicine arrangements
- Opening ceremony information
- Closing ceremony information

- Photo graph cost
- Canteen arrangements
- State nomination details

Bulletin 2

- Confirmation of previous bulletin information
- Draw
- Photo Schedule

Additional information required for the tournament

Links for Live results & Live streaming

Special Guest for Opening ceremony

- Education Minister, Sport Minister
- Director Teaching and Learning
- Local Government representative
- Department of Education
- QRSS Board
- State Organisation
- Event sponsors

Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

Invitation to the following:

- Host Region officials
- Key Event Officials
- Team Officials
- Sponsor representative
- State Sporting Organisation Representative

Meetings

Pre-Championship Meeting

Selection Meetings

Post-Championship Meeting (if applicable)

A pre-championship meeting, chaired by the host RSSO / Asst. RSSO, in conjunction with the QRSS-SE member in attendance shall be convened for the purpose of discussing the conduct of the championships. The convenor may also be involved in the hosting of the meeting.

Regional team lists are to be confirmed at the pre-championship meeting. No changes are to occur after the list is confirmed.



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A post-championship meeting may be convened and from this meeting recommendations may be put forward for consideration by the QRSS-SE. If recommendations are endorsed by regional delegates, these must then be submitted to the QRSS-MC for approval.

All regional officials must attend all meetings and official functions as organised by the championship convenor and/or the QRSS-SE. This would include any Professional development opportunities as organised by the QRSS-SE.

Pre Championship Meeting agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Team officials' registrations
3. Student protection
4. Project Consent
5. Reporting injuries
6. Concussion
7. Game time consideration
8. State Team selection
9. Communication lines
10. Championship working group items
 - Championship schedule
 - Check program for player changes
 - First Aid/Ice
 - Venue information
 - Venue layout
 - Parking
 - Fields/Courts/warm up area
 - Championship Contact Numbers
 - Team Photographs
 - Opening and Closing Ceremonies
 - State championship draw
 - Competition procedures
 - Unofficial Dinner
 - Referees

Duration and Draws

Duration of championships are to be scheduled to use no more than two school days for competition. Where this cannot occur, the Host Region will communicate with the QRSS – RC and QRSS for approval and endorsement.

Such issues may include:

- availability of venues,
- number of games played per day etc.

At each State Championship for team sports, the draw must ensure that all teams play on each day of the event.

At each State Championship a Queensland team may be selected and named (as a travelling or merit team). No other teams are to be named.

The sport specific competition procedures outline the draws and round robin matches to be played for various formats.



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13-19 years Surfing Competition Information

Queensland Representative School Sport trials and championships shall be conducted according to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Surf lifesaving rules and guidelines • QRSS Leadership Handbook • QRSS Risk assessment handbook 	
Age groups offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-19 years Boys & Girls – State Championship/Surfing Australia National Championship
Event Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges - Each participating region is expected to provide a suitably experienced and qualified judge. • Student officials - All regions should provide a mature interested student official, to work on judging panel under guidance of a head judge. • Sport Executive member • Convenor • Technical director (usually the state secretary) • Head judge – Surfing Queensland • Extra judges (recommended panel of eight) • Surf safety officer (including rescue equipment) - Surfing Queensland • Marshals - Surfing Queensland • Site work crew - Surfing Queensland
Additional teams (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For State Championships, the Leadership handbook processes will be followed.
Sporting Organisation Support (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QRSS Executive and the Championship Convenor will be in contact with Surfing Queensland as is appropriate to coordinate venues, equipment, officials, and strategic initiatives.
State Championship Team Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each regional team may have two officials appointed.
Umpires/Referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student officials are utilised and work with Surfing Queensland to officiate the events.
Appointment of Queensland Team Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The manager and coach of QRSS Girls and Boys Teams will be appointed via the QRSS advertised processes. • 2 coach/managers are selected to attend the National Championships • Qualifications required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coach: Level 1 ACC accredited in surfing Current Surf Bronze or equivalent ○ Manager: Current Surf Bronze or equivalent Current First Aid
Appointment of Selectors	<p>In addition to the coach, two selectors for each of the boys' and girls' competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations and voting will occur as part of an agenda item at the pre- championships meeting. • Each region will have one vote to determine selectors. • The selection panel for the state team will consist of one representative of each region and the state coach (after selection). • The Queensland coach will be the chairperson of the selection panel. • If a tie occurs in selection of the state team, a competitor's highest single result will be the deciding factor (in accordance with Section 6.2.2.8. If the highest single result is equal, a countback process will continue until the tie can be broken. <p>The association's executive may replace any selector who, in their opinion, has not performed their duty in the best interests of the sport or state team.</p>

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<p>Announcement of the state team</p>	<p>A team in seven divisions will be selected as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open boys school team of two or three surfers from the MR Shield teams' competition at the Queensland School Surfing Titles. • Open girls school team of two or three surfers from the MR Shield teams' competition. • Junior (under 15) boys school team of two or three surfers from the MR Shield teams' competition. • Junior (under 16) girls school team of two or three surfers from the MR Shield teams' competition. • Allstar open boys team of three surfers. • Allstar open girls team of three surfers. • Allstar junior boys team of three surfers. • Allstar junior girls team of three surfers. • Reserves will not be named and will be called if necessary following the same selection criteria as above. • The student official with the highest judging percentage at the state titles, nominated by the head judge will represent the state at the national titles.
<p>Queensland Team selection process</p>	<p>All Queensland Team members need to have proof of successful completion of the Surf Survival Certificate (or higher award).</p> <p>Selection procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectors must make themselves aware of the standards necessary for selection of a surfer in a Queensland team. • Selectors must be meeting on a regular basis throughout the state titles. • Selectors must be present throughout the titles and do all that is possible to observe the form of surfers present. • Regional team coaches may supply written reports to the selection panel. • Where necessary, recent performances at other surfing competitions may be considered if provided in written form and signed by a regional coach. • A selectors' meeting shall be held before the final day of competition to prepare a short list of Queensland team members. • After the finals, a brief selectors and executive meeting shall be held to prepare a Queensland team list. The Queensland team will be ratified by the executive before announcement. • In the event that the Queensland School Surfing Championships cannot be completed in the allocated time due to unsafe or unsurfable conditions, students may submit a list of their best five surfing competition results from the 12 months preceding the State Championships through their team manager to be considered for selection. • These results must be submitted within two weeks of the advertised conclusion of the state championships. • A points and ranking system that reflects the current World Surf League 'Ranking System' will be used to determine the make-up of the Queensland team. Points and rankings will be allocated to events in accordance with the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Championship Tour Points – World Junior Titles: • (QS 10 000) Australian Junior Scholastic Titles • (QS 6000) Australian School Title • (QS 6000) Queensland Scholastic Titles • (QS 3000) Queensland School Championships • (QS 3000) Queensland Championships Circuit events • (QS 1500) All Surfing Australia sanctioned events



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (QS 1000) Regional School Titles <p>Regional team coaches may supply written reports to the selection panel.</p>
Minimum Venue Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has to be a minimum of 45cm of wave height before surf can be deemed contestable. A special allowance may be made if the surf is rideable. This will be determined by the Contest Director in liaison with Surfing Queensland head judge. Competitors must wear the designated competition singlet/vest upon collection from the Beach Marshal during the course of the heat and up until returning it to the Beach Marshal. Failure to do so may incur an infringement penalty.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age and gender divisions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys 15 years and under – junior boys (Age at 31.12 in year of competition) Boys 18 years and under – open boys (Age at 31.12 in year of competition) Girls 15 years and under- junior girls (Age at 31.12 in year of competition) Girls 18 years and under – open girls (Age at 31.12 in year of competition)
Playing uniform	<p>All students need to be in matching uniforms which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region/state swimwear
Match equipment	<p>The convenor and host RSSO will ensure the following equipment is organised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic equipment for judging and announcing Rash vests for surfers Flags - Green, Yellow, Red
Team Size	<p>Regional team size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior boys – six Junior girls – six Open boys – six Open girls – six Junior boys school team – two or three Junior girls school team – two or three Open boys school team – two or three Open girls school team – two or three
First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each team should have an adequate first aid kit. The appointed first aid officer approves the surfer re-entering competition after initial treatment. Regional manager is the designated liaison with the appointed first aid officer at State Championships.
Spectator facilities	<p>Considerations need to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun safety for spectators, participants, and officials Amenities for adults that are separate to participant and student officials
Trophies and presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perpetual shields are presented to champion school teams. It is the responsibility of the current Regional champion team manager to bring trophies to the championships. Trophies or medallions shall be presented to all finalists (top 4). Individual presentations will be made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best team member per region Best student official Announcement of state team to compete at national titles

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Selection of referee/umpires to attend National Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided by Surfing Queensland and Surfing Australia.
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Championship Rules and Guidelines

Rules

- Safety guidelines — introduction
- Surf safety is a core component of school surfing activities programs. The following guidelines are written as a recommendation for regions' selection activities.

Surf safety prerequisite

- Each student competing for his or her region at the state championships should have completed a recognised surf safety.
- Course and be currently proficient in areas covered by the course.

Recognised surf safety courses

- The following courses have been approved by the QRSS Surfing.
- Surf survival certificates – Surf Life Saving Association (1985 onwards). Individual schools need to ensure this Surf Safety Accreditation is in place at school, district and regional trials.
- Surf Bronze – Surf Life Saving Association (1985 onwards).

Event safety equipment and personnel

- For each day of competition in the state championships, the host region shall provide:
- A surf safety officer (e.g. lifeguard or suitably qualified and proficient teacher or parent).
- Rescue equipment (motorised rescue water craft recommended, minimal requirements – rescue board and first aid kit).

Competitions within state championships

- Conditions permitting, there are two types of competition of the state titles:
- Individual titles
 - junior boys
 - open boys
 - junior girls
 - open girls
 - The top three surfers in each division will represent their state in the all- stars team.
- There will be a separate round for surfers who are eliminated in Round 1. This way ensuring all surfers have at least two surfs.

School teams titles

- Two or three surfers from the champion region school compete in a knockout round to obtain state champion school in each division.

Competition Format

Individual Titles:

- All surfers in each age group will be seeded according to Regional results from the previous year and the order presented by each region.
- All surfers in each age group will surf in Round 1 or be seeded into Round 2 depending on the size of the draw.

School Team Titles:

- Teams may select any two of their three surfers registered for the division for any heat; surfers must attend same school.
- Once a heat has started, the third surfer is ineligible to compete in that heat.
- Team results for each heat are tabulated by combining the top wave scores from each team member (number determined by head judge as for any heat).

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Judiciary Committee:

- A judiciary committee will be formed at the pre-Championship Meeting and will consist of the Championship Convenor, the Queensland Secretary and one other invited official.
- Matters of serious unsportsman-like behaviour in and out the water may be referred to the judiciary committee.
- Submissions will be sought from the individuals involved, the respective team managers/coaches and those making a complaint.
- The maximum penalty to be imposed by the judiciary committee is suspension from competing in the championship.
- Team management in consultation with home Regional school sport boards may impose other penalties.



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Player Rating Rubric

	Isolated (1)	Marginal (2)	Acceptable (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)
Attitude and Coachability	Isolated positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff	Marginal positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff	Satisfactory positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff	Good positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff	Excellent positive and appropriate attitude towards team mates, match officials and coaching staff
Communication	Isolated use of appropriate language skills during game play	Marginal use of appropriate language skills during game play	Satisfactory use of appropriate language during a game play. Is able to articulate when necessary.	Good use of language during a game play. Effectively articulates to team mates during game play	Excellent use of language during a game play. Clear and accurate instructions to team mates during game play
Problem Solving	<u>isolated</u> application of movement concepts and strategies during game play	<u>Marginal</u> application of movement concepts and strategies during game play	<u>Satisfactory</u> application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play	<u>Effective</u> application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play	<u>Excellent</u> application and transfer of movement concepts and strategies during game play
Team work	<u>isolated</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play	Marginal demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play	<u>Satisfactory</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play	<u>Effective</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play	<u>Excellent</u> demonstration of leadership, fair play and cooperation during game play