

Queensland School Sport



13-19 years Surfing Competition Procedures

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QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

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This document **must** be read in conjunction with the
QSSMG Competition Procedures.

1 Queensland School Sport Internal Structures

1.1 Sport Specific Committees and Advisory Groups

The Queensland School Sport (QSS) 13-19 years Surfing sports specific committee follows:

- Queensland School Sport Management Group (QSSMG) Competition Procedures.
- Queensland School Sport 13-19 years Surfing Competition Procedures

QSS 13-19 years Surfing Competition Procedures and QSSMG Competition Procedures must be read in conjunction with one another.

1.2 Registration of New Sports

1.3 Alternative Procedures Enabling Participation at a School Sport Australia Competition

1.4 De-registration of Sports

1.5 Sport Specific Committee Reports

1.6 State Sport Committee Finances

2 Approval of Competitions

3 Competition Programs

3.1 State Championships (Inter-regional Competition)

3.2 State Championship Competition Rules

Junior and open boys and junior and open girls state championships

3.2.1 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.

3.2.2 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.

3.2.3 Recognised surf safety courses

The following courses have been approved by the QSS Surfing.

3.2.3.1 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.

3.2.3.2 Surf Bronze – Surf Life Saving Association (1985 onwards).

3.2.4 Event safety equipment and personnel

For each day of competition in the state championships, the host region shall provide:

3.2.4.1 A surf safety officer (e.g. lifeguard or suitably qualified and proficient teacher or parent).

3.2.4.2 Rescue equipment (motorised rescue water craft recommended, minimal requirements – rescue board and first aid kit).

3.2.5 Governing rules

Competition rules will follow the current Surfing Australia Rulebook as closely as possible.

3.2.6 Competitions within state championships

Conditions permitting, there are two types of competition of the state titles:

3.2.6.1 Individual titles:

3.2.6.1.1 There will be individual titles in each of the divisions – junior boys, open boys, junior girls and open girls. The top three surfers in each division will represent their state in the all-stars team.

Age and gender divisions;

- 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)

3.2.6.1.2 There will be a separate round for surfers who are eliminated in Round 1. This way ensuring all surfers have at least two surfs.

3.2.6.2 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.

3.2.7 Regional team size:

- Junior boys – six
- Junior girls – four
- 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
- Student official

3.2.8 Organising committee:

3.2.8.1 The State Titles organising committee will be formed in the year prior to hosting the Titles.

3.2.8.2 The committee will usually consist of:

- a) State Secretary/Chair Person
- b) Host Region School Surfing Co-ordinator or appointee
- c) Host Region School Sport Officer

3.2.8.3 Duties of Organising Committee (Host Region and QSS Surfing Chair Person):

- Confirm venue
- Provide list of suitable accommodation options
- Set event budget
- Organise equipment
- Prepare Information bulletins
- Prepare printed program
- Organise souvenir apparel (e.g. T-shirts)
- Prepare Participation Certificates
- Prepare event staff list
- Organise Opening and Closing Ceremonies, including special guests
- Organise venue for Pre-Championship and Annual general Meetings

3.2.8.4 Final Organising Decision-making

The host region surfing co-ordinator, in consultation with the host region school sport officer, will be responsible for making decisions after consulting with other organising committee members.

3.2.9 Competition Format

3.2.9.1 Individual Titles:

3.2.9.1.1 All surfers in each age group will be seeded according to Regional results from the previous year and the order presented by each region.

3.2.9.1.2 All surfers in each age group will surf in Round 1 or be seeded into Round 2 depending on the size of the draw.

3.2.9.2 School Team Titles:

3.2.9.2.1 Teams may select any two of their three surfers registered for the division for any heat; surfers must attend same school.

3.2.9.2.2 Once a heat has started, the third surfer is ineligible to compete in that heat.

3.2.9.2.3 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).

3.2.10 Judiciary Committee:

3.2.10.1 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.

3.2.10.2 Matters of serious unsportsman-like behaviour in and out the water may be referred to the judiciary committee.

3.2.10.3 Submissions will be sought from the individuals involved, the respective team managers/coaches and those making a complaint.

3.2.10.4 The maximum penalty to be imposed by the judiciary committee is suspension from competing in the championship.

3.2.10.5 Team management in consultation with home Regional school sport boards may impose other penalties.

3.2.11 Organisation

3.2.11.1 Length of event:

The QSS Surfing State Titles will be held using a maximum of two school days, attached to a weekend.

3.3 School Based Competitions

Mark Richards Shield: "MR Shield"

School teams event in open boys/girls and junior boys/girls refer section 3.2.6.

3.4 Sponsorship

4 Access to State Championships

4.1 Eligibility

4.2 Schools of Excellence

4.3 Guidelines for Gender Equity in Sport

5 Conduct of State Championships

5.1 Championship Host

5.1.1 Venue

The venue for the State Titles will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting two years prior to the relevant year of hosting and confirmed in the calendar year previous to hosting.

- 5.1.2 The host Region will send the following forms to be completed by team managers of participating Regions:

Forms	When to be presented by Manager
Team list (giving surname, given name school attended)	Sent to host regional convenor at least two months prior to event
Competitor profile (giving summary of contest results, sponsors, etc.)	Pre-championship meeting
Media Release Form (giving permission for photos and names to be used in conjunction with the event - e.g. event report, web page results, school surfing web page)	Pre-championship meeting
Principal's Approval Form	Pre-championship meeting
Proof of age	Pre-championship meeting
Surf Survival certificate or equivalent for each competitor.	Sent to host regional convenor at least two months prior to event

5.2 Participation

5.3 Finance

5.4 Accommodation Framework

- 5.4.1 It is expected that camp dormitory, cabin, hostel, self-contained dwellings or private accommodation will be utilised by each regional team.
- 5.4.2 The favoured option for accommodation will be prepared by either the organising committee or each individual region and details provided to the state championships convenor at least three months prior to the event.

5.5 Event Officials

5.5.1 Judges

Each participating region is expected to provide a suitably experienced and qualified judge.

5.5.2 Student officials

All regions should provide a mature interested student official, to work on judging panel under guidance of a head judge.

5.5.3 Other competition officials

Provide a list of other contest officials, as per the Surfing Australia Rulebook, and including;\:

- Contest director

- Technical director (usually the state secretary)
- Head judge
- Extra judges (recommended panel of eight)
- Surf safety officer (including rescue equipment)
- Marshals
- Site work crew
- Media officer
- PA operator
- Commentator

5.6 Complaints Management

5.7 Meetings

5.7.1 Pre-championship meeting

The pre-championship meeting will be held on the afternoon or night prior to the start of competition.

Matters to be presented and/or discussed will be:

- competition draw
- description of probably venues
- presentation of participant forms
- appointment of state team selection committee
- arrangements for special functions and meetings (e.g. annual general meeting)

5.8 Health and Safety

5.9 Excursions and Functions

5.10 State Team Selections

5.11 Host Report

5.12 Travel Subsidy

5.13 Requests for Access to Students

5.14 Loss or Damage of Equipment at State Championships

5.15 Photography

5.16 Trophies and Presentations

- 5.16.1 Perpetual shields are presented to champion school teams. It is the responsibility of the current Regional champion team manager to bring such trophies to the championships.
- 5.16.2 Trophies or medallions shall be presented to all finalists.
- 5.16.3 Individual presentations will be made to:
 - a) Best team member per region
 - b) Best student official
 - c) Announcement of state team to compete at national titles

5.17 Areas of Responsibility

- 5.17.1 Opening and closing ceremonies

The host region, through the organising committee, will be responsible for organising a venue, equipment and special guests (if available) for the opening and closing ceremonies.

 - 5.17.1.1 The host region surfing co-ordinator, in consultation with the host region school sport officer, will be responsible for making decisions after consulting with other organising committee members.

5.18 Minimum Venue Standards

5.19 Regional Delegates Role

6 Queensland Teams

6.1 State Team Selection Policies

- 6.1.1 The major criterion for selection will be the performance of the surfer in the Queensland School Surfing Titles. Areas of performance considered should include.
- 6.1.2 In the Allstars Team it is expected that the surfers placed first and second will be automatically selected unless failing to meet the other criteria set out below.
- 6.1.3 The skill level exhibited throughout the titles.
- 6.1.4 The attitude, behaviour and overall commitment of the surfer to their regional and/or school team.
- 6.1.5 The attitude of the surfer towards other teams' members and all officials.
- 6.1.6 All Queensland Team members need to have proof of successful completion of the Surf Survival Certificate (or higher award).

6.2 Selection Policy Guidelines

- 6.2.1 Appointment of Queensland team selectors:
 - 6.2.1.1 The selection panel for the state team will consist of one representative of each region and the state coach (after selection).

- 6.2.1.2 The Queensland coach will be the chairperson of the selection panel.
- 6.2.1.3 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.
- 6.2.1.4 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.

6.2.2 Selection procedures

- 6.2.2.1 Selectors must make themselves aware of the standards necessary for selection of a surfer in a Queensland team.
- 6.2.2.2 Selectors must be meeting on a regular basis throughout the state titles.
- 6.2.2.3 Selectors must be present throughout the titles and do all that is possible to observe the form of surfers present.
- 6.2.2.4 Regional team coaches may supply written reports to the selection panel.
- 6.2.2.5 Where necessary, recent performances at other surfing competitions may be considered if provided in written form and signed by a regional coach.
- 6.2.2.6 A selectors' meeting shall be held before the final day of competition to prepare a short list of Queensland team members.
- 6.2.2.7 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.
- 6.2.2.8 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.

World Championship Tour Points – World Junior Titles:

(QS 10 000)	Australian Junior Scholastic Titles
(QS 6000)	Australian School Titles
(QS 6000)	Queensland Scholastic Titles
(QS 3000)	Queensland School Championships
(QS 3000)	Queensland Championships Circuit events
(QS 1500)	All Surfing Australia sanctioned events
(QS 1000)	Regional School Titles

Regional team coaches may supply written reports to the selection panel.

6.3 Participation at National Events

- 6.3.1 A team in seven divisions will be selected as follows:
 - 6.3.1.1 Open boys school team of two or three surfers from the MR Shield teams' competition at the Queensland School Surfing Titles.
 - 6.3.1.2 Open girls school team of two or three surfers from the MR Shield teams' competition.
 - 6.3.1.3 Junior (under 15) boys school team of two or three surfers from the MR Shield teams' competition.
 - 6.3.1.4 Junior (under 16) girls school team of two or three surfers from the MR Shield teams' competition.
 - 6.3.1.5 Allstar open boys team of three surfers.
 - 6.3.1.6 Allstar open girls team of three surfers.
 - 6.3.1.7 Allstar junior boys team of three surfers.
 - 6.3.1.8 Allstar junior girls team of three surfers.
- 6.3.2 Reserves will not be named and will be called if necessary following the same selection criteria as above.
- 6.3.3 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.

6.4 Appointment of Team Officials

- 6.4.1 Qualifications
 - Coach: Level 1 ACC accredited in surfing
Current Surf Bronze or equivalent
 - Manager: Current Surf Bronze or equivalent
Current First Aid
- 6.4.2 Announcement of the Queensland team

The Queensland school surfing team will be announced at the presentation ceremony by the state coach.

6.5 Uniforms

6.6 Travel Policy

6.7 Queensland Team Preparation

6.8 Risk Management

6.9 Guidelines for Interstate Exchanges / Non School Sport Australia Events

6.10 International Tours

6.11 Costs

7 Accommodation framework

8 Codes of Conduct

8.1 Team Officials, Team Members, Parents and Spectators

9 Team Officials – Duty of Supervision

10 Procedures for the Investigation and Recording of Misconduct