

Surfing Australia

National Junior Surfing Team Selection Policy

1.0 Objectives:

To select athletes and support staff, to represent Australia at the International Surfing Association (ISA) World Junior Surfing Championships

2.0 National Selection Panel:

The National selection panel for the Australian Surfing Team will comprise of:

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- National High Performance Manager
- National Head Coach
- ASP Australasia Operations Manager

Wildcard Recommendation Panel:

Wildcard recommendation panel will act as consultants to the Australian Selection Panel providing athlete recommendations for the wildcard selection process. (See point 3.3 for Wildcard selection criteria).

The wildcard selection panel will consist of State representatives selected by the Australian Selection Panel.

3.0 National Team Selection Criteria:

3.1 Eligibility for Selection:

To be eligible for selection in the National Team athletes must:

- 3.1.1 Be an Australian citizen
- 3.1.2 Be a registered member of a State Association affiliated with Surfing Australia
- 3.1.3 Be of the correct age to fulfill the ISA entry requirements for the U/16 boys, U/18 girls and U/18 boys divisions
- 3.1.4 Athlete's ages are taken from the 1st of January of the year of the International competition.

3.2 The Australian Junior Surfing Squad:

- 3.2.1 1st place at National Junior Championships in U/16 boys, U/18 girls, U/18 boys of previous year (mandatory Australian Team & Squad selection)
- 3.2.2 2nd, 3rd, 4th place at National Junior Championships in U/16 boys, U/18 girls, U/18 boys of previous year (mandatory Australian Squad selection)
- 3.2.3 3 x Wildcard selected surfers in each division U/16 boys, U/18 girls, U/18 boys. (See 3.3 for Wildcard Selection Criteria)
- 3.2.4 A total of 7 surfers in each division to attend Australian Squad Selection Camp

Note: Australian Squad will be required to attend 1 intensive Australian Team Selection Camp to be held prior to the WJSC.

3.3 The Australian Squad Wildcard Selection Criteria:

- 3.3.1 Demonstrated outstanding competitive performances in the period leading up to Wildcard selections at events such as Pro Junior, National Titles, State Titles, Regional Titles, Grom Search.
- 3.3.2 Demonstrated positive attitude towards representing Australia at International Level.

Australian Squad Positions (Summarised Selections):

Selection	U/16 Boys	U/18 Boys	U/18 Girls
1	1 st Aust. Titles	1 st Aust. Titles	1 st Aust. Titles
2	2 nd Aust. Titles	2 nd Aust. Titles	2 nd Aust. Titles
3	3 rd Aust. Titles	3 rd Aust. Titles	3 rd Aust. Titles
4	4 th Aust. Titles	4 th Aust. Titles	4 th Aust. Titles
5	Wild Card 1	Wild Card 1	Wild Card 1
6	Wild Card 2	Wild Card 2	Wild Card 2
7	Wild Card 3	Wild Card 3	Wild Card 3

3.4 The Australian Team Selection Criteria:

- 3.4.1 Mandatory selection of the Australian Champions in U/16 boys, U/18 boys, U/18 girls.
- 3.4.2 The remaining 3 positions in each division will be selected based on Specific performance criteria's during the Team Australia junior selection camp.
- 3.4.3 Included in the criteria will be surfing assessments based on athlete's competition skill level during simulated heats at Selection Camp.
- 3.4.4 Results in key competitions relevant to there age divisions will be utilized in the Team Australia Selection Criteria.
- 3.4.5 Also impacting the selection criteria will be athlete's performances at the camp including their fitness level and overall attitude.
- 3.4.6 Based on performance at the Australian Squad selection camp the surfers will be ranked from 2 to 7 (excluding the Australian Champion who will be automatically ranked 1st).
- 3.4.7 Surfers ranked 1 to 4 gain selection into the Australian Junior Surfing Team to represent Australia at the WJSC.
- 3.4.8 Surfers ranked 5 to 7 will be considered reserves in the order they are ranked.

Australian Junior Team Positions (Summarised Selection):

Selection Positions (Squad Rankings after selection camps)	U/16 Boys	U/18 Boys	U/18 Girls
1	1st @ National Titles	1st @ National Titles	1st @ National Titles
2	By National Selection Panel	By National Selection Panel	By National Selection Panel
3	By National Selection Panel	By National Selection Panel	By National Selection Panel
4	By National Selection Panel	By National Selection Panel	By National Selection Panel
5	1st Reserve ranked 5th after Selection Camps	1st Reserve ranked 5th after Selection Camps	1st Reserve ranked 5th after Selection Camps
6	2nd Reserve ranked 6th after Selection Camps	2nd Reserve ranked 6th after Selection Camps	2nd Reserve ranked 6th after Selection Camps
7	3rd Reserve ranked 7th after Selection Camps	3rd Reserve ranked 7th after Selection Camps	3rd Reserve ranked 7th after Selection Camps

3.5 Reserves

- 3.5.1 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 World Junior Surfing Championships the athlete will be required to pass a medical screening and fitness test conducted by Australian Team support staff.
- 3.5.2 In the case that this athlete is deemed unable to represent Australia at the peak of his/her ability then the next reserve shall be selected.

4.0 The Australian Junior Surfing Team:

ISA World Junior Surfing Championships:

- 4 x U/18 Boys (Shortboard)
- 4 x U/18 Girls (Shortboard)
- 4 x U/16 Boys (Shortboard)
- 1 x Head Coach
- 2 x Assistant Coaches (Including a Female Coach)
- 1 x Manager
- 1 x Assistant Manager
- 1 x Team Chiropractor
- 1 x Team Judge

5.0 Selection Criteria for Team Support Staff:

5.1 Selection of Team Coaches:

- 5.1.1 Selection of Australian Head Coach is mandatory. If the head coach is unavailable then appointment of the replacement lies with the Australian Selection Panel
- 5.1.2 Selection of the two support coaches (including women's coach) will be advertised for tender with State Branches and on www.surfindaustralia.com
- 5.1.3 Coaches will be selected by the Australian Team selection panel.

5.2 Criteria for Team Coach Selection:

- 5.2.1 Coaches must hold a current NCAS Surf Riding Level 2 coaching accreditation and current rescue certificates.
- 5.2.2 Coaches must have demonstrated experience working with elite surfing athletes, with preferred competition & or coaching experience at international surfing events.

5.2.3 Demonstrated experience working in an intensive team environment and be capable of working within team harmonics.

Note: Selection of the National Team Coaches will be made by the National Selection Panel.

5.3 Selection of Team Management

5.3.1 Selection of the Team Manager and Assistant Manager will be advertised for tender with State Branches and on www.surfindustralia.com

5.4 Selection Criteria for Team Manager's

5.4.1 Extensive knowledge and understanding of Team Australia, its role in International competition (including the ISA) and Surfing Australia's High Performance programs

5.4.2 Demonstrated ability to successfully manage a large team of junior athletes and support staff in a major event environment (over a 2 week period).

5.4.3 Demonstrated ability to plan and implement all team media, including daily press releases and website requirements. Ability to liaise with International media

5.4.4 Demonstrated ability to relate to junior athletes and HP coaches whilst playing a pivotal role in team harmonics and discipline.

5.4.5 Preferred coaching history and or current accreditations, providing an understanding of elite coaching strategies and athletes requirements for major events.

Note: Selection of the National Team Manager will be made by the National Selection Panel.

6.0 Overriding factors - Illness/misadventure/extenuating circumstances

In considering the performances of athletes at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this policy, the Selection Panel may in their discretion give weight to extenuating factors.

Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this policy must advise the National High Performance Manager in writing of this fact and the reasons therefore before the commencement of events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this policy.

In cases of illness or injury, athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by Surfing Australia.