



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL STANDUP PADDLE & PADDLEBOARD SURFING TEAM

SELECTION POLICY

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1.0 Objectives

To select the best athletes to represent Australia at the International Surfing Association (ISA) SUP & Paddleboard Surfing Championships.

To provide a clear criteria for athletes who strive toward being selected to represent their country.

2.0 National Selection Panel

The National selection panel for the National SUP & Paddleboard Team will comprise of:

- SA National High Performance Director
- SA Event Manager
- Flat Water SUP Specialist
- Surf SUP Specialist

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 18 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 the 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 National SUP & Paddleboard Team

The format of Team Australia to compete at the ISA SUP & Paddleboard Surfing Championships:

DIVISION	MEN	WOMEN
SUP Surfing	2	2
SUP Racing Technical	2	2
SUP Racing Distance	2	2
SUP Sprint Race	1	1
Junior SUP Racing Technical**	1	1
Paddleboard		
Racing Technical	1	1
Racing Distance	1	1
TOTAL	10	10
Team Paddle Relay		
SUP Racing	1	1
Paddleboard	1	1

5.0 Selection Criteria

Selection	SUP Surfing	SUP Racing Technical	SUP Racing Distance
1	Australian Champion	Australian Champion	Australian Champion
2	Wildcard Selection	Wildcard Selection	Wildcard Selection
Selection	SUP Sprint Race	Junior SUP Racing Technical	
1	Wildcard Selection	Australian Champion	
Selection	Paddleboard Racing Technical	Paddleboard Racing Distance	
1	Wildcard Selection	Wildcard Selection	

- 5.1 The year of Australian SUP & Paddleboard Championships will determine the selection of National SUP & Paddleboard Surfing Team.
- 5.2 Where a selected team member declines 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.

5.3 Wildcard Selection Criteria

Wildcard Selection is at the sole discretion of the National Selection Panel. Should ISA cancel any division, the following years Wildcard allocation will go directly to the previous year's Australian Champion. Should the ISA cancel the same division two consecutive years in a row, this will negate the automatic qualification of the first year's Australian Champion.

Consideration for Wildcard selection will be taken from the key areas below.

- World Championship & International events from current year
- World Championship & International events from previous 24 months
- National SUP event performances

5.4 U18 Guardian

Should any U18 competitor(s) be selected in an Open 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 National Team member incurring injury or incapacity to compete at the highest level in the lead up to either the ISA World SUP & Paddleboard 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

- 7.1 Decisions made by the Selection Panel are final there is no right of appeal.