

UniSport Australia Guideline

Surfing

Men and Women

UniSport surfing competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of [Surfing Australia](#) except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

1.1. Maximum number of registrations per university is listed by competition below:

Competition	Maximum competition size
Men's Shortboard	72
Women's Shortboard	36
Men's Longboard	36
Women's Longboard	24
Team's Challenge	12 teams

1.2. UniSport and the competition manager reserves the right to alter the maximum competition sizes based on the number of entries received during the registration period.

1.3. Team's challenge is a minimum three different competitors per university (must include one woman) with the following breakdown:

- One men's shortboard
- One women's shortboard
- One longboard (man or woman)
- One shortboard (man or woman) or one longboard (man or woman)

1.4. Team's Challenge entries are offered to each competing university on a first come, first serve basis until the competition is full. Should places remain, universities will be invited to nominate a second entry in the Team's Challenge.

- a) Composite teams of different universities will be permitted, however, points earned in a composite team will not contribute to overall university point score.

2. Competition format

2.1. The following events will be contested:

- a) Shortboard
- b) Longboard
- c) Team's Challenge

2.2. In individual events, heats will be up to six-person, 20-minute heats and finals unless varied by the competition manager if scheduling allows.

2.3. The best two waves will be counted as the surfer's final heat score. A ten wave maximum will be set before the heat or final commences, at the discretion of the Head Judge and in consultation with the Contest Director.

2.4. No beach starts, all heats are to be started from a marshalling area in the line up, with the exception of team's challenge.

2.5. Siren or horn blasts must be used to start and finish heats (one to start, two to finish). A five minute visual and PA warning is to be given prior to the finish of each heat.

2.6. The Team's Challenge event will be contested over 40 minute heats and a 60 minute final (as required), unless varied by the competition manager. Heats will be conducted as a best one of two waves (per surfer), with the final conducted as a best two of three waves (per

- surfer). However, the Team's Challenge may be altered as per the competition manager sees fit due to availability in the schedule and surf conditions.
- 2.7. The method of draw shall be by the way of seeding.
 - 2.8. The draw for the first day's competition will be made after the team captain's meeting. The draw for each round will be confirmed the night before for next day's competition where possible.
 - 2.9. There shall be a maximum of five judges, with one head judge. All judges are required to be accredited by [Surfing Australia](#).

3. Point score

- 3.1. The championship will be scored on the performance of each competitor in each event as per [ISA official team points allocation table](#), see 3.4.
- 3.2. The overall men's and women's champion university will be awarded to the university who scores the highest combined score from the individual events.
- 3.3. The overall champion university will be awarded to the university with the highest combined men's, women's and Team's Challenge point score across all events.
- 3.4. Only the scores of each university's top five competitors in each individual category and the top score in the Team's Challenge will contribute to the university's point score.
- 3.5. The below points score table will be utilised for all events:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	1000	46	255
2	860	47	250
3	730	48	245
4	670	49	240
5	610	50	235
6	583	51	230
7	555	52	225
8	528	53	220
9	500	54	215
10	488	55	210
11	475	56	205
12	462	57	200
13	450	58	195
14	438	59	190
15	425	60	185
16	413	61	180
17	400	62	175
18	395	63	170
19	390	64	165
20	385	65	160
21	380	66	158
22	375	67	156
23	370	68	154
24	365	69	152
25	360	70	150
26	355	71	148
27	350	72	146
28	345	73	144
29	340	74	142
30	335	75	140
31	330	76	138
32	325	77	136
33	320	78	134
34	315	79	132
35	310	80	130
36	305	81	128
37	300	82	126
38	295	83	124
39	290	84	122
40	285	85	120
41	280	86	118
42	275	87	116
43	270	88	114

44	265	89	112
45	260	90	110

3.6. Where two or more competitors share equal placing, the points from the placings (added) will be equally distributed to each competitor.

4. Marshalling requirements

- 4.1. Athletes must check in with the beach marshal and collect allocated rash vest at least 15 minutes prior to the heat commencing.
- 4.2. Surfers can paddle out for their heat once there is five minutes remaining in the previous heat. Surfers in the next heat are to remain wider and clear of the surfers in the current heat.

5. Priority

- 5.1. Right-of-way non-priority heats will be followed:
 - a) The surfer deemed to have the initial inside position for a wave has unconditional right-of-way for the entire duration of that ride. Interference will be called if, during that ride, a majority of judges feel that a fellow competitor has hindered the scoring potential of that surfer deemed to have right-of-way for the wave.

6. Uniform requirements

- 6.1. The specific uniform requirements for surfing are as per the [Surfing Australia Rule Book](#) with the following UniSport uniform requirements:
 - a) Swimsuits must be in good moral taste
 - b) Competitors must wear the designated UniSport coloured competition vest upon collection from the beach marshal during the heat and up until returning to the beach marshal.

7. Team duties

- 7.1. Team duty requirements for surfing are:
 - a) Each competing university may be required to nominate at least one judge, who will be co-opted to judge, if required.
- 7.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.
- 7.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the UniSport Guideline *Breach of Competition Requirements*.

Previous rule amendments

March 2001 | April 2005 | May 2008 | June 2010 | March 2011 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017 | March 2018 | May 2019 | June 2021 | June 2022 | July 2023 | February 2024 | January 2025

*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.