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Title: Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021 - Boardriding General Information
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Summary: This document contains general information for all boardriding competitors and team management to assist with streamlining competition days at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2021.

COVID-19 UNPREDICABILITY

This document has been prepared with the best intentions based on current State Health Authority information regarding COVID-19 restrictions and related border movements. However, as has been noted over many months this information is constantly changing and as such all officials, athletes, coaches and supporters should be prepared to allow for some flexibility in their planning. SLSA will do their best to provide advance notice on the listed options and possible further amendments however, again, as has been witnessed over many months COVID-19 restrictions can be amended with little to no notice by the various State Health Authorities.

SLSA is actively working with QLD Health and the Sunshine Coast City Council to finalise the COVID Safe Plan for the Championships. Due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, and related restrictions, SLSA cannot guarantee there will be no amendments to the event and/or the timetable of races leading into and during the Championships. All endeavours are being examined and discussed to keep the event as normal as possible however SLSA acknowledges that due to the COVID-19 pandemic there are likely to be restrictions in some form placed on the Championships.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should further information be required please contact the Boardriding Area Referee – Ralph Bock
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Key Officials

Name	Position
Ralph Bock	Area Referee
Terry Aldridge	Sectional Referee
Vicki Smyth	Sectional Referee
Bill Scott	Competitor Liaison
Peter Reid	Course Supervisor

All appointed judges to Aussies 2021 Boardriding are Surfing Australia accredited judges.

SAFETY

Each day, risk assessments will be done to ensure that competitors have a safe environment to compete in. Warn of any hazards, it is assumed that every competitor is at a competent surfing standard. Please be aware of other Surfers in the heat if any may be in difficulty/injured.

VENUE / SURF / WEATHER CONDITIONS

The 2021 Board Riding competition is fully MOBILE with the daily contest location chosen subject to prevailing conditions.

Coolum is the first choice beach to conduct the event, however this is by no means confirmed.

Weather predictions and relevant conditions such as tides, wind and swell will determine the Running Schedule each day.

HEAT MARSHALLING

Competitors will be called up for their heat 10-15 minutes prior to start of heat.

When a competitor is called up for their heat they must attend the marshalling tent, have their name ticked off and collect their coloured rash vest. The rash vest must be put on at the marshalling tent.

On completion of heat the rash vest is to be returned immediately to marshalling tent and name ticked off.

BOARDRIDING SPECIFIC COVID PROTOCOLS

When a competitor is called up for a heat they attend the marshalling tent and have name ticked off, collect their coloured rash vest and rinse the rash vest in the bucket of water with detergent/disinfectant.

On completion of heat competitors must immediately return to marshalling tent have their name ticked off and then put their own rash shirts into a bucket of water with detergent/disinfectant, and wash thoroughly, rinsing out before hanging to dry at the Marshalling area.

There will be limited access into event Judging & Marshalling tents. Only those who need to be working in the Judging & Marshalling tents at the time will have access.

Competitors must leave the activity area once they have completed the activity for their event.

All shared equipment used by Judges and Officials need to be disinfected on a regular basis.

All judges, event staff, competitors and spectators are to maintain a 1.5m distance from each other.

RULES & JUDGING

Judging will be as per the current SLSA Rule Book in conjunction with the Surfing Australia rule book.

Judging of a ride commences when the Competitor's hands leave the rails of their surfboard to stand up.

The assumption is that all competitors are competent surfers and have a good understanding of the rules.



HEAT STARTING

To signal the start and completion of heats, a system of siren and coloured feathers will be used.

- (i) The start of heats – one blast of siren and green feather raised.
- (ii) A 5-minute warning prior to the end of a heat – green feather lowered and yellow feather raised.
- (iii) The finish of a heat – 2 blasts of siren and no feathers raised.

HEAT FINISH

Once the heat is completed, all Competitors shall immediately return to the beach. Stand-up surfing on return to the beach shall not be permitted (Penalties may apply). Each Competitor returning from a preceding heat shall report to the Marshall and return their allocated vest.

RIDING TIME

The riding time allowed for each heat & finals will be 20 minutes.

The maximum number of waves to be ridden is 10 waves. Surfers will not be scored once 10 waves are marked and must return to shore. The best 2 waves will be scored. The key is to be selective with wave choice.

HEATS

The number of surfers in each heat & final may be 4-6.

At the 5-minute warning, the next heat will be instructed to paddle out. Competitors need to stay out of the competition area and not impede the previous heat.

Be aware of Walk Throughs. This can affect the running schedule.

EQUIPMENT

All surfboards must be compliant as per rule 7.1. Surfboards may be measured to ensure compliance. Shortboards - maximum length of less than 2.74m (9 feet) measured from the nose to tail on the deck of the surfboard.

Longboards:

- (i) A minimum length of 2.74m (9 feet) measured from the nose to tail on the deck of the surfboard.
- (ii) Minimum width dimensions to total 1194mm (47 inches) aggregate i.e. the total of the widest point, plus the width 305mm (12 inches) up from the tail and the width 305mm (12 inches) back from the nose.
- (iii) The shape of the long board is to be traditional and may include multiple fins and channels, but cannot include add on tail or nose blocks.

SCORING

The Surfing Australia accredited Judges will be using a computerized scoring system. Instant scores will be called and results of each available when surfer comes out of water. The scoring system is similar to what the WSL uses.

Each wave scored will be judged out of 10. As a guide the following applies:

- 0.0 – 2.0 points Poor
- 2.1 – 4.0 points Fair
- 4.1 – 6.0 points Average
- 6.1 – 8.0 points Good
- 8.1 – 10.0 points Excellent

The Judging Criteria is as per rule 7.4.1 Short Board Wave Riding Criteria and 7.4.2 Long Board Wave Riding Criteria.



RUNNING SCHEDULE

After initial & final competitor marshalling on Friday 16th April 2021, heats for all divisions will be drawn up. The running schedule & heat draws will be posted on the Team App and other SLSA medium by Sunday 18th April 2021. The running schedule for each day will be communicated by 4pm the previous day.

Depending on the number of heats, each day may have one or two competition areas. These will be named North Bank and South Bank.




The running schedule will be developed based on COVID Protocols and relevant weather predictions and conditions such as tides, wind and swell.

As previously mentioned, the Surfing window is between Monday 19th April and Friday 23rd April.

MEDALS & TROPHIES

Medals will be presented on site as close as possible to event final conclusion. All trophy presentations will be presented at the main presentation area on Saturday 24th April 2021.

Trophies to be presented include the following:

-  Surf Board Riding Overall Open Champion Club Competition
-  Surf Board Riding Overall Masters Champion Club Competition
-  Teams Surf Board Riding 'Peter Doolan Trophy'