

# SURFING QUEENSLAND - ELIGIBILITY RULES

Approved by CEO and Legal Representative 2010

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## For Participation in Queensland Selection Events

- 1 To compete at a Junior or Longboard state selection level contest, a surfer must be living at a Queensland Residential Address continuously for the three months leading up to the Selection Event, and hold or be entitled to hold an Australian Passport.
- 2 To compete at Queensland Open, Master's or Women's state selection level contest, a surfer may reside outside of Queensland. Please note that pursuant to the eligibility for participation in the Queensland team, whilst the surfer can compete in the event, he or she is not eligible to be selected for the Queensland Team.
- 3 All participants must also be a current financial member of Surfing Queensland (or if residing outside Queensland a member of that State Association) at the time of the Selection Event.
- 4 In the case of junior competitors, surfers who attend a Queensland school and who have qualified as a surfing representative of the Queensland Schools Team will also be eligible to compete in the Queensland Junior Series in that year even if they are NSW residents.
- 5 For all selection State Events applying to Juniors and Longboarding the cut off date for entry will be strictly as per the entry form deadline. No late entries will be accepted.
- 6 The nominated division on the entry form will be the only division surfed and no changes can be made after entry close date as outlined on the official entry form.
- 7 "Under Age" Divisions – Competitors must be under the specified age as of 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.
- 8 "Over Age" Divisions – Competitors must be of age as of 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of competition.
- 9 Junior competitors may only surf **ONE Individual division** at Regional, State and National titles.
- 10 Open and Masters short board competitors may surf **TWO divisions** at National Titles.
- 11 Longboard competitors may surf **TWO divisions** at National Titles.

## For Participation In a Queensland Team

- 1 To be eligible to participate in a Queensland Team, a surfer must have qualified via a specified state qualification process, and hold or be entitled to hold an Australian Passport. The Residential Test applies to being eligible to compete in these qualifying events.
- 2 The decision of Surfing Queensland in relation to eligibility of a surfer to participate in a Queensland team shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal.
- 3 Special circumstances may be considered by Surfing Queensland for surfers who are absent from Queensland, and do not comply with the Eligibility Criteria set out above. This discretion however will only be exercised in very special circumstances. Applications must be made in writing to the CEO in sufficient time for the matter to be considered. The decision of Surfing Queensland will be communicated in writing. There is no right of appeal against this decision.
- 4 If a surfer is selected in the Queensland Schools surfing team, he or she shall be eligible to participate in the Queensland junior surfing team in that year, despite not being a resident of Queensland.
- 5 Junior competitors may only surf **ONE Individual division** at Regional, State and National titles.
- 6 Open and Masters short board competitors may surf **TWO divisions** at National Titles.
- 7 Longboard competitors may surf **TWO divisions** at National Titles.

## Residential Test

The eligibility rules at times require surfers to be living at a Queensland Residential Address. To meet this requirement, a person must have their principal place of residence in Queensland, and must reside at that Queensland address. Surfing Queensland shall be entitled to require evidence from surfers if there is any doubt as to whether they comply with that request. Such information may be:

- a) A completion of a statutory declaration
- b) The provision of evidence such as driver's licence, enrolment on the electoral roll, evidence of billing address for matters such as phone, electricity, bank and credit card.

Having a relative who resides in Queensland and having some clothes at that residence, does not meet the residential test. Whether a surfer has met the residential test shall be determined at the sole discretion of Surfing Queensland, and there shall be no right of appeal from that determination.

## Process

In the event that a competitor or a member of the competitor's family wishes to protest against the eligibility of a fellow competitor, the following process will apply:

1. The protest shall be made in writing, and shall be delivered to the CEO of Surfing Queensland. The protest will set out the basis upon which it is claimed that the competitor is ineligible.

2. The CEO will determine whether or not any further step is required to determine whether the competitor meets the Residential Test.
3. In the event that the CEO determines that further information is required, he will write to the competitor, or if the competitor is under 18 years of age the parents of the competitor, and ask them to provide information that the competitor meets the Residential Test. The Residential Test sets out the type of information which may be requested by the CEO.
4. The competitor and/or his or her parents, shall then have fourteen (14) days or such further time as the CEO shall determine to provide information to the CEO in satisfaction of the Residential Test.
5. The CEO shall present the information provided to him to the Board of Directors and they shall then make a determination.
6. It is not the role of the CEO or the Board of Directors to personally investigate such matters, and the Board shall make their determination on the basis of the material presented to them.
7. There is no right of appeal from the determination of the Board