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<b>Audience:</b>	Club Captains/Competition Officers, Board Riding Coaches/Competitors
<b>Summary:</b>	This document outlines entry details for the 2026 Surf Life Saving WA Board Riding Championships which will be held at Scarborough Beach on Saturday 6th June.
<b>Action:</b>	Clubs are to note entry conditions.

### EVENT DATE AND LOCATION

The 2026 WA Board Riding Championships will be held at Scarborough Beach on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Marshalling will take place from 7am to 7.30am on the day.

### LIST OF EVENTS

Note: A minimum of three competitors from two clubs is required to constitute an event. The event will not run without the minimum competitor requirement.

U13 Male Short Board	Open Male Short Board	Open Male Long Board
U13 Female Short Board	Open Female Short Board	Open Female Long Board
U14 Male Short Board	30-39yrs Male Short Board	30-39yrs Male Long Board
U14 Female Short Board	30-39yrs Female Short Board	30-39yrs Female Long Board
U15 Male Short Board	40-49yrs Male Short Board	40-49yrs Male Long Board
U15 Female Short Board	40-49 Female Short Board	40-49yrs Female Long Board
U17 Male Short Board	50yrs+ Mixed Short Board	50-59yrs Male Long Board
U17 Female Short Board		50-59yrs Female Long Board
U19 Male Short Board		60yrs+ Mixed Long Board
U19 Female Short Board		

### EVENT PROGRAM

Competitors and Clubs will be advised of the final program on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### ENTRY FEES

- \$50 per competitor. This entry fee covers the 2026 Surf Life Saving WA Board Riding Championships only.
- All entries to use the [SurfTec](https://entries.surftec.com.au) entry system at [entries.surftec.com.au](https://entries.surftec.com.au).
- Entry fees are non-refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if events are subsequently cancelled after commencement of the Championships.

### SAFETY BRIEFING

A safety briefing will take place at 6:45am central to the competition areas on the beach.

### ENTRY CONDITIONS

- **Entries will close Thursday 26 May at 11.59pm. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Heat draws will be created from the entries system after close of entries.
- Age categories for these championships are taken as of 30 September 2025.

- U13 competitors must possess the U13 preliminary and competition skills evaluations. U14 and U15 competitors must be proficient in the SRC as a minimum. U17, U19, Open and Master's competitors must be proficient in the Bronze Medallion as a minimum.
- Competitors who fail to marshal between 7.00 to 7.30am at the Marshalling area on the day of competition shall not be eligible to compete.
- Event rounds, excluding team events, will not be held up for competitors who compete in more than one event category.

## JUDGES

The Championship Referee **Neil Bowie**, in conjunction with SLSWA Surf Sports staff, will appoint judges to the heats and finals. In addition to judges, assistance is required with competitor marshalling and timekeeping. If you can assist, please contact the Surf Sports Team [surfsports@sksa.com.au](mailto:surfsports@sksa.com.au).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Board riding judging criteria will be as per A.S.A short board judging criteria i.e. A surfer must execute the most radical controlled maneuver in the critical section of the wave with speed and power throughout. The surfer who executes such maneuvers on the biggest and/or best waves for the longest functional distance shall be deemed the winner.
2. All heats will be controlled through signal flags:
  - Green Flag - Heat is in progress,
  - Orange Flag - Heat has 5 minutes to go,
  - Red Flag - Heat is finished
3. All heats will be water/wet starts.
4. Competitors will report to the Area Marshall 10 minutes prior to the start of their heat to collect a competition vest.
5. Competitors can paddle out (off beach) when orange flag is raised (5 minutes to go flags) and remain clear of the competitors in the water.
6. Competitors can paddle into competition area when red flag is raised and be prepared to commence competition when the green flag is subsequently raised.
7. Competitors, upon completion of their heat, must return to the beach in a kneeling/prone position so as not to be confused with the competitors in the next heat.
8. Competitors are requested to return their competition vests to the Area Marshall immediately upon return to the beach.

Interference/fouling will be called in ALL circumstances and the interference rules and requirements will be explained and emphasized at the competitors briefing.

## MEDALS AND PRESENTATIONS

Clubs will compete for the Champion Club – WA Board Riding Championships that incorporates all results from short board and long board categories from all applicable age groups (nippers to masters).

Presentation of championship medals will be held on the beach following the completion of each event along with the presentation of overall points winner Champion Club Banner.

For further information, please contact the Surf Sports Team on 9207 6666 or email: [surfsports@sksa.com.au](mailto:surfsports@sksa.com.au).

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