

Otago Scholastic Surfing Team Selection Policy for 2024

Current divisions for the National Scholastic Championships.

- Under 18 Girls x1, Under 18 Boys x1
- Under 16 Girls x1, Under 16 Boys x1
- Under 14 Girls x1, Under 14 Boys x1
- Under 18 Girls Longboard x1, Under 18 Boys Longboard x1
- There are a maximum of 12 surfers in the team overall, regardless of the make-up.

Surfers to be selected based on (in order of priority):

1. SNZ Grom Series Ranking and results.
2. SISA results and ranking
3. Results in the Otago Champs
4. SCBRA Ladders
 - a) The first 6 places will be automatically selected from rankings based on the events 1-3 above.
 - Under 18 Girls x1, Under 18 Boys x1
 - Under 16 Girls x1, Under 16 Boys x1
 - Under 14 Girls x1, Under 14 Boys x1
 - b) The next 6 places will be down to selectors' discretion and a wider range of events will be considered. SCBRA Ladders and a trial will play into selection, but only if selectors can't split surfers and their ranking from their performances elsewhere.
 - c) Included in the 6 places (the non-automatic selections), could be long boarders (U18 girls, U18 boys).

To be considered for selection, as a long boarder, you must have competed in at least 1 of the following South Island events, **plus the Otago Champs**.

- Tuawera Longboard Classic
 - Single Fin Mingle (Sumner Christchurch)
 - The Duke (Christchurch)
 - South Island Champs
- d) So that adds up to 2 events that long boarders must have competed in. This shows the selectors that you are committed to the art of long boarding, as opposed to a short boarder just having a go.

Notes below taken from SNZ recommendations for selection policy:

Surfing NZ recommends using 3 selectors to pick teams when surfers are not picked from a straight results format. Please note, this is recommended but not essential.

At least one regional trial must be completed prior to team selection.

If no participants enter a division or a participant enters at a regional level but does not want to compete at a national level or they are not available, then a region may add another surfer in another division of their choice. The flexibility in team selections allows regions to field teams to their strengths.

Team cohesion and participant attitudes may be part of a team's selection criteria. If an athlete is not selected due to potential compatibility and /or attitude, then the team management must supply the athlete and caregiver with the reasons in writing.

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Selectors

- Dean Rogers
- Jimi Higgins
- Darren Eade