

## 2026 Interschools Team General information

- **All scores, results and schedules will be on “Live Heats” platform**
- **All team managers/coaches to collect your team rashies from the beach change-over box marshal.**
- **Dual Banks will operate in unison – Start and finish times are managed from the central judging operations tent. 1 siren to start 2 sirens to finish.**

### Rules and Format

- 3 surfers per team (with 2 nominated reserves - which can be interchanged between rounds)
- Once nominated a surfers cannot surf in another school team.
- Heat time is **30 mins & best 1 wave** counts per surfer – (Dependant on conditions)
- Unlimited wave count for each surfer.
- **All team surfers must start in the designated beach change-over area –** Variation of this rule is dependent on conditions)
- **Surfers in the water (1 & 2) can release the next surfer by raising both hands** at the end their final ride.
- **The final surfer (3<sup>rd</sup>) must return to the beach** and enter the change-over zone before the heat time expires.
- A team who finishes with all (3) surfers in the change-over area before the heat time expires will result in a **3-point bonus to the team total.**
- There will be **NO PRIORITY** in all heats.
- Interferences will be as the 2025 Surfing Australia rule book.  
The interfering surfer will have his or hers highest counting wave halved (50%) and added to the team total.
- The best result (1) from your school teams will determine a champion school and overall placing in each division.
- These results will be tallied on the main leaderboard to determine the Top overall school champion.