



 SURFING AUSTRALIA

NEWCASTLE  
NSW

AUSTRALIAN BODYBOARD TITLES

AUGUST 20 - 22, 2026

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# WHATS HAPPENING

SURFING AUSTRALIA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 2026 AUSTRALIAN SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2026 HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO WAVE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE AUSTRALIAN BODYBOARD TITLES WILL BE HELD IN NEWCASTLE, NSW FROM AUGUST 21 - 22, 2025.





# WHAT TO EXPECT



NEWCASTLE IS HOME TO CONSISTENT BEACH BREAKS AND REEF-ASSISTED WAVES THAT FUNCTION WELL IN A VARIETY OF CONDITIONS. THE MAIN BASE FOR THE EVENT WILL BE NEWCASTLE BEACH, HOWEVER THE EVENT IS MOBILE WITH SEVERAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY, INCLUDING NOBBYS BEACH AND COWRIE HOLE.

ALL EVENT LOCATIONS OFFER A RANGE OF WAVE OPTIONS SUITABLE FOR DIFFERENT CONDITIONS AND SWELL DIRECTIONS. EXPECT WAVES IN THE 2-4 FOOT RANGE, WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR LARGER CONDITIONS IF SWELL INCREASES. EXPECT WATER TEMPERATURES OF APPROXIMATELY 17-19°C, WITH A 3/2MM STEAMER RECOMMENDED.

NOBBYS BEACH AND THE COWRIE HOLE TYPICALLY PROVIDE GREATER SWELL EXPOSURE AND CAN OFFER MORE CONSISTENT SURF COMPARED TO NEWCASTLE BEACH, PARTICULARLY DURING SOUTHERLY SWELL EVENTS.

# TRAVEL TO NEWCASTLE BEACHES

## Directions:

Type “Newcastle Beach” or “Nobbys Beach Car Park” into your phone or GPS, depending on the daily event location. Both are well signposted once you arrive in the Newcastle CBD.

**Newcastle Beach:** Access via Shortland Esplanade, Newcastle East NSW 2300

**Nobbys Beach / Cowrie Hole:** Follow Nobbys Road toward Nobbys Headland, Newcastle East NSW 2300

## Parking:

Street parking and public car parks are available near all event locations, including along Shortland Esplanade and Nobbys Road.

Parking availability varies depending on time of day and beach location

Standard Newcastle City Council parking restrictions and time limits apply

Paid parking zones may operate in some areas, particularly near Newcastle Beach

We recommend allowing extra time to secure parking, especially during peak hours

Competitors and spectators are encouraged to carpool or use public transport where possible, as Newcastle Beach and Nobbys Beach are both within walking distance of the Newcastle Interchange and CBD.



# EVENT SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: OPENING CEREMONY

OPENING CEREMONY AND TEAM MANAGER AND JUDGES MEETINGS (ALL COMPETITORS, TEAM MANAGERS AND JUDGES TO ATTEND)

VENUE: TBC

4.00PM – 5.00PM: COMPETITOR INFO

5.00PM – 5:30PM: TEAM MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS MEETING

## FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> – SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2026

ALL COMPETITORS TO MEET ON BEACH FOR AN APPORX 7:30AM START

ALL DIVISIONS ON STANDBY

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST – PRESENTATION FOR ALL DIVISIONS

SCHEDULE WILL BE RELEASED ON LIVEHEATS 3 X DAYS BEFORE COMPETITION.

\*\* ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*

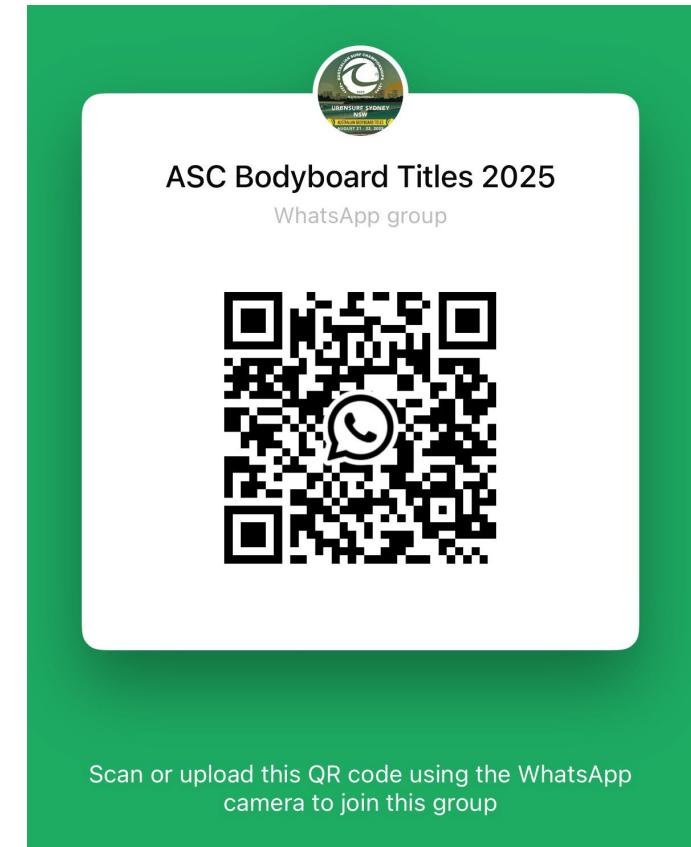


# EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

THE AUSTRALIAN SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL AGAIN INCORPORATE THE WHATSAPP COMMUNICATIONS TO ALL COMPETITORS, PARTICIPANTS, TEAMS AND SPECTATORS THROUGH WHATSAPP GROUP.

PLEASE JOIN THE ASC 2026 WHATSAPP COMMUNITY TO GET ACCESS TO ALL INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINE BROADCAST GROUPS, UPDATED PRE-EVENT INFO AND DAILY CONFIRMATION OF EVENT LOCATIONS. SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINK BELOW:

[JOIN THE WHATSAPP ASC COMMUNITY HERE](#)



# EVENT FORMAT

THE 2026 AUSTRALIAN BODYBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL UTILISE THE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT FORMATS DESIGNED BY SURFING AUSTRALIA. THIS YEARS FORMAT REWARDS THE CHAMPIONS FROM EACH STATE TITLE WITH A SEEDED START IN THE NATIONAL TITLE.

FOR EXAMPLE, NSW WERE THE CHAMPION STATE IN THE 2025 AUSTRALIAN BODYBOARD TITLES. THEREFORE, THE 2025 STATE TITLE CHAMPION FROM NSW WILL BE SEED 1 IN THE NATIONAL TITLES AND HAS A SEEDED START IN ROUND 3.

- COMPETITORS STARTING FROM ROUND 1 HAVE A SECOND CHANCE IN ROUND 2 IF UNSUCCESSFUL
- PROGRESSIONS IN ALL SEEDED FORMAT SIZES ARE A CROSS OVER STYLE TO MIX UP COMPETITOR MATCH UPS

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#### AUSTRALIAN BODYBOARD TITLES – 2025 STATE SEED ORDER

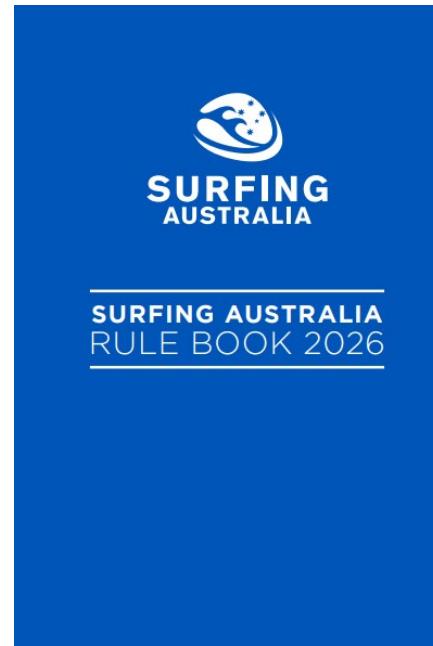
SEED 1: NSW  
SEED 2: QLD  
SEED 3: WA  
SEED 4: VIC  
SEED 5: SA  
SEED 6: TAS

ALL DISCIPLINES AND DIVISIONS AT THE 2026 AUSTRALIAN SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL UTILISE 4 MAN PRIORITY.



# RULEBOOK & EVENT WEBSITE

CLICK ON RULEBOOK IMAGE TO ACCESS THE 2026 SURFING AUSTRALIA RULEBOOK



THE AUSTRALIAN SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTS A LIVE WEBSITE WITH ALL EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
EVENT WHATSAPP FOR DAILY UPDATES, LIVE SCORES, RESULTS, VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS, IMAGES AND NEWS.

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.AUSTRALIANSURFCHAMPIONSHIPS.COM](http://WWW.AUSTRALIANSURFCHAMPIONSHIPS.COM) SO YOU DO NOT MISS A MOMENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# 2026 STATE ALLOCATIONS

Australian Bodyboard Titles

	NSW	QLD	VIC	WA	SA	TAS	WC/SAWC	Current Round Size
Open Men	4	4	3	2	0	0	7	20
Open Women	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	6
U18 Junior Men	4	1	0	1	0	0	2	8
U16 Cadet Open	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
U14 Grommet Open	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Masters Men Over 35	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	12
Kahunas Men Over 45	2	3	2	2	0	0	1	10
Open Drop Knee Men	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	8
Total	28	14	10	10	0	0	14	76



# UNFILLED STATE ALLOCATIONS

## UNFILLED STATE ALLOCATION DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURE

ANY UNFILLED STATE ALLOCATIONS WHICH ARE SEPARATE TO SURFING AUSTRALIA WILDCARDS WILL BE FILLED BY THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE;

### PROCEDURE 1;

UNFILLED STATE ALLOCATIONS (SHOWN ON STATE ALLOCATION PAGE) ARE OFFERED TO COMPETITORS WHO COMPETED AT EACH RESPECTIVE STATE TITLES IN ORDER OF STATE SEEDING (SHOWN BELOW) UNTIL ALLOCATIONS ARE EXHAUSTED

### PROCEDURE 2;

ANY FURTHER UNFILLED STATE ALLOCATION ARE OFFERED AS PER THE SAUST WILDCARD PROCEDURE

## EVENT SEEDING ORDER

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### AUSTRALIAN BODYBOARD TITLES – 2026 STATE SEED ORDER

1. NSW
2. QLD
3. WA
4. VIC
5. SA
6. TAS



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**ASC EVENT WHATSAPP COMMUNITY:**

[FOLLOW LINK TO JOIN EACH SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE](#)

**LIVE EVENT WEBSITE:**

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