



# HYUNDAI AUSTRALIAN BOARDRIDERS BATTLE

 SURFING AUSTRALIA

## 2023/2024 CLUB MANUAL



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## Fast Facts

- The Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle is an unprecedented event series involving over 70 of Australia's Boardriders Clubs in eight State qualifying events and culminating in a Grand Final for 32 clubs in 2024
- Surfing Australia has "Shared the Stoke" for an enduring 11 years and have given back over 1.2 Million dollars to Australian Boardrider Clubs
- Major sponsors of the 2023/24 series include the naming rights partner Hyundai and supporting sponsors Le Tan, ACCIONA, Jim Beam, BC Bars, Oakely and Surfing Australia
- National Final participating Boardriders Club (BRC) breakdown:  
16 x NSW BRC's (4 x NSW North BRC's, 6 x NSW Central BRC's 6 x NSW South BRC's), 6 x QLD BRC's, 3 x VIC BRC, 2 x WA BRC, 2 x SA BRC, 2 x TAS BRC, Wildcard BRC's by application
- The Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle will comprise of a Teams format at the National Final
- To win, clubs need to possess true depth of talent and the understanding of the different strategies that need to be applied to Teams surfing format
- \$24,000 prize money split between x 8 State events
- \$90,000 prize money across the National Final with the winning boardriders taking home a huge \$20,000
- Specialty Awards for the Grand Final (To be confirmed)
- The best performing Male and Female will receive the Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew and Layne Beachley Medals
- The Oakley Prizm award will go to the stand out surfer of the Grand Final weekend
- The National Final will be broadcast at [www.australianboardridersbattle.com](http://www.australianboardridersbattle.com) and live on Fox Sports throughout the weekend

# BATTLE LINES

The battle lines have been drawn.  
Over 70 clubs from six States do battle  
over four months to qualify for the  
Grand Final in 2024.



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## State Qualifying Events

There will be eight rounds of State qualifying events from September 9, 2023 through to Mid December 2023. Due to the large number of clubs in NSW the State will be split into three qualifying regions North, Central and South.

- Surfing NSW Regions - North (Far North Coast + North Coast + Mid-North Coast to Hawkes Nest)
- NSW Central = (Port Stephens to Newcastle + Central Coast + Northern Beaches to Harbour Bridge)
- NSW South = (Harbour Bridge to Southside + Sutherland + Illawarra + South Coast)

All State qualifying events will be **Teams format only** using the second chance progression formats used in the SA Rule book. There is prize money for top placed clubs in all State events but the most valuable opportunity is to qualify and compete for the big buck\$ in the prestigious National Final.

### EVENT 1: SURFING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TRIGG, WA - SEPT 9, 2023

### EVENT 2: SURFING VICTORIA

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PHILLIP ISLAND, VIC - SEPT 24, 2023

### EVENT 3: SURFING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FLEURIEU PENINSULA, SA - OCT 1, 2023

### EVENT 4: SURFING NEW SOUTH WALES

#### NSW NORTH

NSW NTH - COFFS HARBOUR, NSW - OCT 15, 2023

### EVENT 5: SURFING TASMANIA

#### TASMANIA

CLIFTON BEACH, TAS - OCT 22, 2023

### EVENT 6: SURFING QUEENSLAND

#### QUEENSLAND

SUNSHINE COAST, QLD - OCT 29, 2023

### EVENT 7: SURFING NEW SOUTH WALES

#### NSW CENTRAL

NORTH NARRABEEN, NSW - NOV 11, 2023

### EVENT 8: SURFING NEW SOUTH WALES

#### NSW SOUTH

KIAMA, NSW - NOV 18, 2023

### EVENT 9: SURFING QUEENSLAND

#### QUEENSLAND – NATIONAL GRAND FINAL

BURLEIGH HEADS, QLD - MARCH 9, 10 2024

#### STATE QUALIFYING EVENTS PRIZE MONEY

##### NSW

1st	\$1,500
2nd	\$1,000
3rd	\$500
4th	\$400

##### QLD

1st	\$1,500
2nd	\$1,000
3rd	\$500
4th	\$400

##### WA

1st	\$1,500
2nd	\$1,000

##### VIC

1st	\$1,500
2nd	\$1,000
3rd	\$500

##### TAS

1st	\$1,500
2nd	\$1,000

##### STH AUST

1st	\$1,500
2nd	\$1,000

In regards to state allocations of qualifying clubs into the National Final; If a State regional battle has 4 or less clubs competing, the top 2 clubs will qualify for the National Grand final.

If a State regional battle has 8 or less clubs competing the top 3 clubs will qualify for the National Grand Final.

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## HOW TO ENTER

Clubs can enter online at [www.australianboardridersbattle.com](http://www.australianboardridersbattle.com) or call respective State Branches. Entries open in August, 2023.

State entries to the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle close 1 week prior to each State scheduled event. The entry fee will be \$395 + GST per club, payable to the State Branch.

Nominated club squad lists are to be sent to the State Branch a minimum of 2 days prior to each State qualifying event.

## CLUB ELIGIBILITY

All competing clubs must be affiliated and insured with their relevant SA State branch and must hold regular club meeting and club championship rounds for the 2023 and 2024 surfing seasons.

## CLUB SQUAD FOR THE GRAND FINAL

Only one competing squad can be nominated per club.

A maximum of 9 competing members will make up the entire club squad.

Each club squad can consist of 2 Open males & 1 Open female, 1 Junior (male or female), and 1 Over 35 Master (male or female). Plus reserves - 1 Open male reserve, 1 Open female reserve, 1 Junior reserve and 1 Master reserve will be allowed for the National Final.

Each club must have a designated competing club captain, and a non-competing designated coach and or manager.

## CLUB TEAMS FOR THE REGIONAL QUALIFY EVENTS AND GRAND FINAL EVENT

Selected out of the club squad a minimum of 5 competing members can be utilised for the Teams format.

Each club Team will consist of 2 Open males & 1 Open female, 1 Junior (male or female), and 1 Over 35 Master (male or female)

One of the 5 Team members will be chosen as the Power Surfer.

The club team or order of names can be changed from heat to heat.

A club must complete a new club team list with any changes.

## CLUB COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

Club competitors must be current and financial members of their respective club for the 2023 and 2024 surfing seasons.

A surfer can only compete for the one club in Regional and National battles.

Club competitors must be holders of an Australian passport, Australian birth certificate or hold current Australian citizenship documentation that shows the competitor is currently going through the Australian Immigration/citizenship requirements.

Proof of all of the above will be on the onus of every competitor and can be requested by the Technical Committee/Director at any time prior, during, or after the specified event.

## AGE GROUPS ARE DEFINED AND DETERMINED BY

Juniors cannot be, or turn 18 by December 31st 2023. Please note: Under 18 Junior Surfers that qualify and surfed in the regional battle will pre-qualify for the Grand Final in 2024. All other Juniors surfers that have not pre-qualified will have to adhere to the Dec 31st 2023 age restrictions.

Masters must be 35 and over as of the 1st of January 2023.



## STATE BATTLE SEEDING

State events will be seeded as per previous State Australian Boardriders Battle events in 2022. If there are no possible seeding arrangements available, this will be seeded by a random draw or at the discretion of the State Branch.

## NATIONAL BATTLE SEEDING

The 2024 National Battle seeding will be based on the results from the 2023 National Final.

The highest placed club from each state will determine the state seeding order, the results at the State regional battles will determine the rest of the seeding. In NSW, the final totals of each club will determine the order of NSW seeds.

The selected wildcard clubs will be given the lowest seeds.

## Wildcard Application & Criteria For The National Final

National Final Wildcard Boardriders Club positions will be determined by the Surfing Australia selection panel on application. The wildcard applications must be made prior to the Sunday 26th November, 2024

Application forms can be filled out and returned to Surfing Australia 9 Barclay Drive, Casuarina Beach NSW 2487 or by email [glen@surfingaustralia.com](mailto:glen@surfingaustralia.com)

Each club application will be reviewed under the following guidelines and results:

- 1) Club results in every ABB Series
- 2) Club results in any other State or National interclub events in 2019/20/21/22/23.
- 3) Individual club surfer/athlete results for 2019/20/21/22/23.
  - WSL Challenger results
  - WSL Star/Qualifying Tour results
  - ISA World Championship event results
  - Surfing Australia National Title results

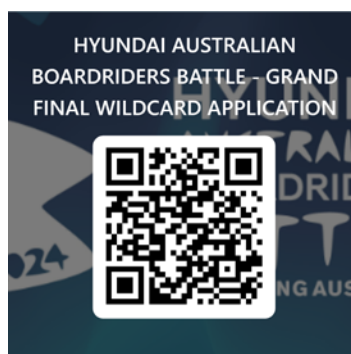
**Please note: The surfers/athletes that are documented as part of the clubs Wildcard application must be competing for the club in the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle Grand Final. Failure to fulfil these Wildcard obligations can result in your wildcard being revoked at the 2024 National Final or forfeiture of prizemoney.**

The successful wildcard clubs will be notified by the Friday 8th December, 2024.

Decisions made by the selection panel for the invited wildcard positions for the 2024 Hyundai Australian Boardriders National Final are final, there is no right of appeal.

The selected wildcard clubs will be given the lowest seeds of the National Final weekend.

Please apply for the ABB Wild card with the QR code below.





# BATTLE PLAN

The Battle Plan comprises of a tactical teams format at each State qualifying event and Grand Final.



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## State and National Event Rules

### 1. CLUB SQUAD FOR THE GRAND FINAL

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Each club must have a designated competing club captain, and a non-competing designated coach and or manager.

### CLUB TEAMS FOR THE REGIONAL QUALIFY EVENTS AND GRAND FINAL EVENT

Selected out of the club squad a minimum of 5 competing members can be utilised for the Teams format.

Each club Team will consist of 2 Open males & 1 Open female, 1 Junior (male or female), and 1 Over 35 Master (male or female)

One of the 5 Team members will be chosen as the Power Surfer.

The club team or order of names can be changed from heat to heat.

A club must complete a new club team list with any changes.

2. Reserves: A reserve surfer can be used at the start of the next heat or round. Each club may include 1 nominated reserve team member in each of the following divisions. E.g. Open Male, Junior, Master and Open Female. All club squad members must be nominated prior to the start of the competition so age and citizenship eligibility can be determined to meet all criteria.
3. Each club must have a designated competing club captain, and a non-competing designated coach and or manager.
4. Club competitors must be current and financial members of their respective club for the 2023 and 2024 surfing seasons.
5. A surfer can only compete for the one club in Regional and National battles.
6. Club competitors must be holders of an Australian passport, Australian birth certificate or hold current Australian citizenship documentation that shows the competitor is currently going through the Australian Immigration/citizenship requirements.
7. All State qualifying events will be Teams format only using the second chance or 50% progression formats used in the SA Rule book.
8. Age groups are determined by:  
Juniors cannot be, or turn, 18 by the 31st December 2023. Please note: Under 18 Junior Surfers that qualify and surfed in the regional battle will pre-qualify for the Grand Final in 2024. All other Juniors surfers that have not pre-qualified will have to adhere to the Dec 31st 2023 age restrictions.
9. Once a team member has been nominated for the designated heat they cannot be substituted in that heat. Runners for injured surfers are not allowed.
10. Surfers can be interchanged between each surfing format at the start of a new heat, round or day.



## State and National Event Rules

11. All clubs are encouraged to use all of their club squad members at least once during the event.
12. All competitors, club captains and managers must be available for any media commitments at the event.
13. Any ties between clubs in a Teams match will be broken by going back to the POWER SURFER'S highest scoring final ride. If they are still tied the tie will be broken by going back to the POWER SURFER'S first ride in the match.
14. Seeding numbers and progressions for all formats are based on the Surfing Australia rule book.
15. The highest placed club from each state at the 2023 Grand Final will determine the state order of the 2024 National Final. The results at the State regional battles will determine the rest of the seeding. In NSW, the final totals of each club will determine the order of NSW seeds.
16. All Grand Final prize monies will be paid to the club on receipt of a valid tax invoice and within 14 days of the National Final.
17. **All State prize monies will be paid to the club on receipt of a valid tax invoice within 14 days by the respective State branch.**



## **Dangerous Conditions Rules**

1. At all times the safety and wellbeing of our competitors is of the utmost of importance. A safe surfing environment at events will be determined by the nominated competition officials. There are certain surf and weather conditions that can be classified as hazardous concerning the safety and wellbeing of all competitors.
2. In the event of surf or weather conditions that could be considered to be dangerous the Contest Director, Head Judge and Event Manager (Officials) will consult and are all authorised separately to make a decision to protect the safety and wellbeing of all competitors by immediately suspending the competition for all or some competitors until such time as the Contest Director, Head Judge and Event Manager can meet to make a final determination.
3. Where there are concerns about conditions or where an Official has suspended the competition, a meeting between the Contest Director, Head Judge and Event Manager will be convened at the earliest possible time to decide the appropriate course of action.
4. After consultation between the Contest Director, Head Judge and Event Manager the competition can be suspended, cancelled or re-scheduled until surf conditions or weather improves.
5. Where a competition has been suspended by one or all of the Officials, the competition may not recommence without a unanimous decision of the Contest Director, Head Judge and Event Manager.
6. There may be a need to suspend, cancel or re-schedule some surfing divisions based on the skill level of the competitors in that division due to the hazardous surf and weather conditions.
7. The decision by Surf Life Savers or Beach inspectors to close the beach for swimming is a matter to be considered by the Officials but that decision to close the beach does not require mandatory cessation or suspension of the competition.



## Team Event Rules

### COMPETITION FORMAT & RULES

Surfing Australia have devised a unique competition format for the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle Teams event.

1. Each Round 1 comprises of different Boardriders Club teams. Times will be at the discretion of the Head Judge and Contest Director.
2. Each Team is made up of 5 surfers - 2 x Open Men, 1 x Open Woman, 1 Master (O35 male or female) 1 Junior (U18 male or female). Open is classified as any age group.
3. Team surfers can be interchangeable at the start of a new heat, round or day. Juniors cannot be, or turn, 18 by the 31st of December 2023. Please note: Under 18 Junior Surfers that qualify and surfed in the regional battle will pre-qualify for the Grand Final in 2024. All other Juniors surfers that have not pre-qualified will have to adhere to the Dec 31st 2023 age restrictions.

Masters must be 35 and over as of the 1st of January 2023.

4. Each surfer can catch an unlimited number of waves - it can be the best 1 or 2 waves. This will be decided prior to the round starting and will be at the discretion of the Head Judge and the Contest Director.
5. If a wave has been caught within the allotted match time it could possibly count towards the team total regardless of whether the surfer has returned to the change-over area to release the next surfer.
6. At the end of the allotted heat time or when the surfer has completed his or her "set" the competing surfer is to return to the beach and enter the change-over zone before the next team surfer can be released. Entering the change-over zone means any part of the surfers body crossing or touching the line. The line is denoted by the event marshalls and or the chequered flags.
7. No runners allowed for competing team members.
8. Each team is to nominate a POWER SURFER prior to the beginning of their respective heat. The POWER SURFER CANNOT be surfer no.5 in the team order list. The POWER SURFER is allowed to return to the water and surf 1 extra wave after all 5 surfers have completed their "set" of allotted waves. If caught within the allotted match time, the POWER SURFER'S wave will count towards the team total regardless of whether the POWER SURFER has returned to the change-over area.
9. POWER SURFER will be judged on the Open power surfer's scoring scale whether male or female.
10. If there is a tie on points at the end of the match, there will be a count back between tied teams and broken by the highest final extra wave score from their respective POWER SURFER.
11. State qualifying Teams formats and Leaderboard points will be available from the appropriate State branch.

#### COACHING TIP

Managing time is crucial to the overall team performance.

The ultimate goal is to give the POWER SURFER a chance to score again.

Most matches are decided by this last chance to add to the team total by the POWER SURFER'S extra wave.

**Time  
management  
and allowing  
all your surfers  
to finish is  
the key to  
success!!**



## TEAM PENALTIES

Surfer competes out of turn: **Loss of 5 points.**

A Surfer breaks early outside of the change-over area: **Loss of 5 points.**

Team fails to catch wave limit within heat time, and or the final surfers of the team has not crossed over the line in the change-over area before the allocated 'match time' expires: **Loss of 5 points.**

POWER SURFER catches more than 1 wave: **Loss of 5 points.**

Riding and paddling interferences:

If it is best 1 wave - the interfering wave will be counted as a zero. The highest wave of the interfering surfer will be halved.

If it is best 2 waves - the interfering wave will be counted as a zero. The second highest wave of the interfering surfer will be halved.

The surfer that was interfered with will receive an extra wave if wanted, and if the match time allows.

**\*Penalty points are deducted from the team match total.**



## Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle

### 32 CLUBS TEAM EVENT

#### RND 1 – HEAT 1

	CLUB	TOTAL	1
Red	1		
White	16		
Yellow	17		
Blue	32		

#### RND 1 – HEAT 2

	CLUB	TOTAL	2
Red	8		
White	9		
Yellow	24		
Blue	25		

#### RND 1 – HEAT 3

	CLUB	TOTAL	3
Red	5		
White	12		
Yellow	21		
Blue	28		

#### RND 1 – HEAT 4

	CLUB	TOTAL	4
Red	4		
White	13		
Yellow	20		
Blue	29		

#### RND 1 – HEAT 5

	CLUB	TOTAL	5
Red	3		
White	14		
Yellow	19		
Blue	30		

#### RND 1 – HEAT 6

	CLUB	TOTAL	6
Red	6		
White	11		
Yellow	22		
Blue	27		

#### RND 1 – HEAT 7

	CLUB	TOTAL	7
Red	7		
White	10		
Yellow	23		
Blue	26		

#### RND 1 – HEAT 8

	CLUB	TOTAL	8
Red	2		
White	15		
Yellow	18		
Blue	31		

Saturday 8 heats

State qualifying Teams events will be 2nd chance format with progressions as per the SA Rule book. All State qualifying events and draws will be finalised on the Friday before the qualifying competition.



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### 32 CLUBS TEAM EVENT

#### RND 2 – HEAT 1

	CLUB	TOTAL	9
Red	1.1		
White	1.2		
Yellow	2.3		
Blue	2.4		

#### RND 2 – HEAT 2

	CLUB	TOTAL	10
Red	2.1		
White	2.2		
Yellow	1.3		
Blue	1.4		

#### Semi Final – HEAT 1

	CLUB	TOTAL	13
Red	1.9		
White	2.10		
Yellow	1.10		
Blue	2.9		

#### Grand Final

	CLUB	TOTAL	15
Red	1.13		
White	2.13		
Yellow	1.14		
Blue	2.14		

Sunday 7 heats

#### PRIZE MONEY

1ST	\$20,000.00
2ND	\$6,000.00
3RD	\$5,000.00
4TH	\$4,000.00

Further Grand Final prize-money 5th to 25th breakdown TBC

#### RND 2 – HEAT 3

	CLUB	TOTAL	11
Red	1.5		
White	1.6		
Yellow	2.7		
Blue	2.8		

#### RND 2 – HEAT 4

	CLUB	TOTAL	12
Red	2.5		
White	2.6		
Yellow	1.7		
Blue	1.8		

#### Semi Final – HEAT 2

	CLUB	TOTAL	14
Red	1.11		
White	2.12		
Yellow	1.12		
Blue	2.11		





## Code of Conduct

Surfing Australia and all of our partners want to encourage all of the Boardriders Clubs to compete in a professional manner, and we require your support in providing a safe, on-beach alcohol and smoke free environment at the State and National events.

- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the officials, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring Surfing Australia, affiliated State branches or clubs into disrepute
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow surfers, clubs, coaches, officials and spectators
- Be fair, considerate and honest in your dealings with others
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality
- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to, Surfing Australia's standards, rules, regulations and policies
- Refrain from any form of harassment of fellow surfers, clubs, coaches, officials and spectators
- Care for and respect the equipment provided to you from your club or Surfing Australia and its affiliated State branches
- Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury while competing
- Maintain a high personal behaviour standard at all times - Surfing Australia does not tolerate acts of aggression!
- No conflicting sponsor branding on any club items is allowed to be brought into event area including but not limited to tents and club signage
- No alcohol is to be brought into the on-beach event area of any State event or the National Final
- All areas of the event sites are alcohol and smoke-free unless licensed
- No alcohol at presentation ceremonies on-beach
- Do not hand winners any alcoholic drinks in celebrations on-beach
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches, of this code of behaviour
- Any breaches of the above will result in the disqualification of the surfer and or club

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