



Team World Championship Rules 2017

(copied from the full WSKA Rules 2017)

A4 Team World Championship

1. Each Team represents their Country. The criteria for being classed as a Country will be determined by WSKA. It will usually require that area to have its own independent government, or be a distinct and significant surfing region.
2. International Qualification:
 - a. A person is eligible to represent either the country of their birth, the country of birth of either parent, or the country in which they have been continually resident for the past 3 years.
 - b. A competitor must not change from one country to another during one year.
 - c. For a competitor to change countries they compete for, they must either:
 - i. Have 3 years not competing (if surfed for team A in 2013, he/she can surf for team B in 2017); or
 - ii. Both team managers involved must agree with the change.
3. A minimum of 6 people is required to form a Team. (6 people, not 6 heats filled by less people).
4. Each Round of the Team event will have 16 Heats:

4 x Men	Long Boat	
2 x Women	Long Boat	
1 x Junior	Long Boat	- age 18 or younger on 31 st December (not 19 during this year)
1 x Master	Long Boat	- age 40 or over on 1 st January
4 x Men	Short Boat	
2 x Women	Short Boat	
1 x Junior	Short Boat	- age 18 or younger on 31 st December (not 19 during this year)
1 x Master	Short Boat	- age 40 or over on 1 st January

The age categories apply to this competition year

Juniors must have different competitors for the long and short categories.

Masters must have different competitors for the long and short categories.

(Women can have the same competitors. Men can have the same competitors.)

In each Round, any competitor can only compete in a maximum of 2 categories.

5. For each Heat, points are awarded for positions (1 for 1st, 2 for 2nd etc.) a competitor must surf a wave (and so get a wave score) to get position points. No wave or a no show will score one more point than last place. **Example A:** 5 kayakers in a heat. 1 kayaker is missing, so they score 6 points. **Example B:** 5 kayakers in a heat. 1 kayaker stays on the beach, 1 kayaker goes

in the water but does not catch a wave, 3 kayakers surf waves. Kayaker on the beach scores 6, kayaker with no wave scores 6. Other kayakers score 1, 2 or 3 points. The lowest Team score at the end of a Round is the winner.

6. Alternates / Reserves; and submitting Teams.
 - a. A Team may list up to 2 Alternates (Reserves) for each of the 8 Team categories. Therefore, on the full Team list there are spaces for 16 competing Heats and 16 Alternates. In theory, this could be 32 people. In practise, a full Team is often 10 to 12 people, with several competing in 2 categories, and many also being listed as Alternates in other categories.
 - b. Before the Team event starts, every Country's complete Team list will be published – this is the original entry list, including Alternates. This is so all Teams are clear who is in which Team and no changes can happen.
 - c. For each Round, the Team Manager is free to choose his/her competing Team, from the named team members and alternates in each category.
 - d. Before each Round, the Team Manager must submit to the event organiser, the names of their team members who will be competing in each category in that Round.
 - e. If an Alternate is substituted after the Heats are announced, the person who is removed is no longer eligible to surf in the Team contest. If a person is substituted before the draw is made however, he/she is eligible to surf in the Team contest at a later date.

7. WSKA and the event organiser will determine the best way for the Team event to run when the number of entries is known. Guidelines are:
 - a. The previous World Championship result may be used for seeding Round 1.
 - b. Consideration should be given to Countries competing against as many other different Countries as possible.
 - c. Each Country should compete a minimum of 2 Rounds.
 - d. A Team's competitors for each category should be randomly drawn to the Heats available.
 - e. The running order for each Round will end with a Men's class, not a Junior or Women's class.
 - f. Where the same Countries compete over 2 Rounds, the 2nd Round will run in a different order to the 1st Round.
 - g. The competition is planned to end with a Final of 3, 4 or 5 Countries.
 - h. A "Small Final" to allow Countries to compete for (example) 6th to 10th places should be run if possible.
 - i. In the event of poor surf conditions and insufficient time, the format of the competition may be changed by WSKA and the event organisers. If this happens, the results of any completed Rounds may be used to determine the final results, at the WSKA and event organiser's discretion.

8. Each Team is invited to bring a large flag to be given to the organisers for display at official functions.

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