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## **2020 English National Championships Event Format**

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## **Team England Open Surfers Selection Policy**

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### **Purpose**

We are releasing the 2020 championship format and 2020 Team England open selection policy in draft form and we invite constructive comments from athletes, coaches and managers to feed into the final policy and event format.

Our ambition is simple, to deliver the best possible outcome for English Surfing and the strongest English Open team to compete at the British Championships.

The voices of our surfers and coaches' matter. We encourage you to get in touch via email [info@surfingengland.org](mailto:info@surfingengland.org) to express your opinion on our proposed event format and selection policy. The period for comments is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January. All views will be considered in detail with opportunities to discuss before both the event and selection policy are signed off the w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

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## 2020 English National Championships Event Format

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To accommodate possible Olympic selection, all national federations are running their national championships early, allowing time to feed into the British Team selection via the British Championships. The British Team will then compete at the 2020 ISA World Games where the final places for the Tokyo Olympics will be decided.



Events early in the season are at the mercy of tougher conditions, higher chances of un-contestable surf and trickier logistics with beach lifeguard services etc not yet running. As such, our proposal is to split out the open shortboard competition (only Womens, Mens, U18s Girls & Boys divisions) from the main English National Championships which would still run as usual in May (for 2020, 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May, location tbc), allowing us to maintain our commitments to athletes in other divisions and our commitments to our sponsors, without which we simply couldn't deliver the events.

The open shortboard event would be a highly focused competition and with a smaller footprint that gives us more flexibility to switch location and adapt to the conditions.

There will be four divisions:

- Womens
- Mens
- Girls U18s
- Boys U18s

Event date: 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March

Backup date: 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March

Preferred location: Fistral Beach, Cornwall

The event will run with our most experienced contest director and judges, scoring will be operated with live heats.

Entry Information:

- Entry will open on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Entry will close on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Entry will NOT be confirmed straight away. If the event is oversubscribed applications will be seeded according to results from the last 12 months WSL, ISA, ESF (European Surfing)



Federation) and English National Championships. Unseeded surfers will be confirmed on a first come first serve basis.

- All entries into the event will be confirmed by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- All competitors will be required to have read and agree to the team selection policy.

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## 2020 Team England Selection Policy

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### Team England Selection Policy

#### 1. Objectives

- 1.1 To select the best possible team to represent England at the British Surfing Championships 2020
- 1.2 To provide a clear selection criteria for athletes who strive to represent their country

#### 2. Eligibility

2.1 To be eligible for the English Team, athletes must:

- Hold a valid British passport
- Be a registered member of Surfing England
- Comply in all respects with the drug policy of ISA and WADA Code
- Confirm they agree with, and have had opportunity to comment on the selection policy
- And meet at least one of the following three criteria:
  - Be born in England
  - Have one or more parents born in England
  - Have confirmed residency of three years or more in England

#### 3. The English Surfing Team

3.1 The format for the English Surfing Team to compete at the British Surfing Championships:

Division	Female	Male
Open	4	4
Junior (under 18)	4	4

3.2 The open division has no age restrictions; however we reserve the right to implement an age restriction in the event ISA or IOC implement an age restriction in advance of the 2020 World Surfing Games.



#### 4. Selection Criteria

##### 4.1 Athletes

4.1.2 The English National Surfing Championship will determine the selection of the English Surfing Team.

4.1.3 The selection for each division will be composed of:

- The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed surfers
- 1 Wildcard surfer

4.1.4 Where a surfer declines their selection or is unable to compete the athlete will be replaced by the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice wildcard selection (see 4.1.5). In the event more than one athlete is unable to compete the next best placed surfer from the English Nationals will be selected (if 4<sup>th</sup> place declines or unavailable it will fall to the highest points 5<sup>th</sup> place and so on).

4.1.5 Wildcard conditions:

4.1.5.1 Any surfer wishing to be considered for the wildcard will need to apply using the 2020 Team England Wildcard Application Form which must be submitted to [info@surfingengland.org](mailto:info@surfingengland.org) by midnight of the day before the English National Championships (i.e. by 23:59 on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 if the event runs on the preferred contest date, or by 23:59 on the 27<sup>th</sup> March if the event runs on the backup date)

4.1.5.2 All surfers competing at the 2020 English National Championships will automatically be eligible for wildcard selection (this allows for incidents where a surfer has to pull out mid competition due to injury or underperforms at the event, leaving them with the potential to still secure a place in the team via the wildcard).

4.1.5.3 Wildcard applications for surfers not able to enter the championship must detail and provide evidence of the exceptional circumstances preventing entry, for example illness or injury with doctors note or close family bereavement. Event clashes, travel distance or cost of travel will not be considered exceptional circumstances.

4.1.5.4 Wildcard decisions will be made by a selection panel of 3 which will consist of established surf coaches with international coaching experience and will be chaired by a Surfing England Board Member. If there are multiple wildcard applications, the panel will make a 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice selection.

4.1.5.5 Wildcard selection will be based on the surfers results from the previous 12 months from WSL, ISA, ESF (European Surfing Federation) and the 2019 English National Championships. The weighting will be in the above order.

4.1.5.6 The selection panel's recommendations will go to the Surfing England Performance Group who will ensure the process has been fairly followed, before confirming and releasing the 1<sup>st</sup> selection. In the event the 1<sup>st</sup> choice selection is unavailable or one of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> placed surfers drops out, the secondary selection will be used.



4.2 In event the contest is not able to run on the preferred or backup dates, the following selection criteria shall apply:

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place from the 2019 English National Championships
- 2 Wildcard places based on the same process and criteria as detailed in 4.1.5.4 and 4.1.5.5

## 5 **Appeals**

5.1 Any appeal regarding team selection must be made in writing within 10 days of the team selection.

5.1 Appeals are purely to determine the correct process has been followed

5.2 All appeals will be managed in accordance with the Surfing England appeals procedure