



2020 English National Surfing Championships
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Team England Open Surfers Selection Policy

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Event Format

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 (9th - 17th May in El Salvador) 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, the open shortboard competition (only Womens, Mens, U18s Girls & Boys divisions) will run separately from the main English National Championships.

The English National Championships will run as usual in May (for 2020, 8th – 10th 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 will 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: 14th/15th March

Backup date: 28th/29th 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 Friday 31st January at 12pm via liveheats.
- Entry will close on Monday 2nd March at 10am.
- Entry will NOT be confirmed straight away. In the event a division is oversubscribed, to ensure we have the highest calibre of surfing, 75% of places will be prioritised for our highest performing athletes, as determined by the Team England Manager, Coach and Surfing England representative, principally based on results from the last 12 months WSL, ISA, European Surfing Federation and the 2019 English National Championships. The remaining 25% of places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- All entries into the event will be confirmed by Wednesday 4th March.
- All competitors will be required to have read and agree to the team selection policy.

2020 Team England Selection Policy

Team England Selection Policy

1. Objectives

- 1.1 To select the best possible team to represent England at the 2020 British Surfing Championships & British Cup.
- 1.2 To provide a clear selection criterion 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 2020 English National Surfing Championships will determine the selection of the English Surfing Team. This will include competing at the 2020 British Championships and British Cup on the 18th and 19th April in Scotland.

4.1.3 The selection for each division will be composed of:

- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed surfers
- 1 Wildcard surfer

4.1.4 Where a surfer declines their selection or is unable to compete the next best placed surfer from the English Nationals will be selected (if 4th place declines or is unavailable it will fall to the highest points 5th place and so on).

4.1.5 Wildcard conditions:

4.1.5.1 Any surfer unable to compete and wishing to be considered for the wildcard will need to apply using the 2020 Team England Wildcard Application Form which can be requested from and then submitted to info@surfingengland.org by midnight of the day before the English National Championships (i.e. by 23:59 on the 13th March 2020 if the event runs on the preferred contest date, or by 23:59 on the 27th 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. Athletes who can demonstrate travel costs have already been incurred for a QS event that clashes with the event will be eligible for wildcard entry, however, attendance at non-QS events, overseas training or cost of travel will not be considered exceptional circumstances.

4.1.5.4 Wildcard decisions will be made by a selection panel consisting of the Team England Manager, Team England Head Coach and a Surfing England Board Member. The panel will make a 1st choice and 2nd choice selection, and further selections if required.

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 1st wildcard selection. In the event the 1st choice wildcard selection is



unavailable or one of the 1st, 2nd or 3rd placed surfers from the 2020 English National Surfing Championships were unavailable, the second wildcard selection will be used with places falling to the 3rd (then 4th, 5th and so) ranked wildcard entries.

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

- 1st and 2nd 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.