



## 2020 English Adaptive Surfing Open



### Important Information on Event Format, Entry Process, Volunteers & COVID-19 Measures

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## Event Format

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We are pleased to inform you that the 2020 Korev Lager English Adaptive Surfing Open will run on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at The Wave, Bristol. Please note that due to the coronavirus pandemic we have taken considerable thought and measures to ensure we deliver this event as safely as possible.

There is fundamental information that surfers, friends/family, supporters, sponsors, coaches, and other interested parties must be aware of for the format and delivery of the event. Ahead of entering the competition surfers must familiarise themselves with this document. Event Staff and Surf Coaches wishing to volunteer must also read this policy.

The aim of the event is to provide the Adaptive Surfing Community a place to come together, surf, have fun, and compete.

**Event Title: 2020 Korev Lager English Adaptive Surfing Open**

**Event date: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Location: The Wave, Main Road, Easter Compton, Bristol, BS35 5RE**

### Important Dates:

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.00am – Entry Opens (details below)
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.00am – Deadline for [Volunteer Registration Forms](#) to be submitted (details below)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.00am – Entry Closes
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.00am – Deadline for submission of [Surfer Registration Form](#)
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September by 17:00pm – Volunteers selected to attend the event will be confirmed in an email.
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – It's ON! Timings to be confirmed in the week before the contest. It will be a full day at The Wave.

Please note, whilst we are making every effort to deliver this event there are variables outside of our control that would mean we could not run, such as changes in government guidance, restrictions from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Events team, or Sport England. There is also a small risk of The Wave having to cancel if conditions are too windy/stormy which impacts the ability to operate safely. Therefore, Surfing England and The Wave hold the right to cancel.

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### **About The Wave**

The Wave is creating inland surfing destinations that will bring the joy of surfing to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Its first site is in Bristol, UK and is powered by Wavegarden Cove Technology, producing a variety of waves to suit all surfers.

### **Accessibility at The Wave**

The whole of The Wave site is accessible and disability-friendly.

Note: There is an 800m walk from car park to club house, they have limited disability car parking spaces at the club house so please register your parking requirements with Surfing England in advance should you require a space.

Sheltered changing facilities are available at The Wave in beach style changing huts, additional changing facilities may be established if competitors require assistance, please register with Surfing England for this.

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### **Event Format / Divisions**

This event is the first surfing competition Surfing England will hold at The Wave and we are looking forward to showcasing this incredible venue and Adaptive Surfing.

With this being the first event, we ask surfers to come with an open mind – the format will be released once entry numbers are confirmed. Our aim will be to ensure we run in a format that maximises wave time for surfers.

The competition will run so surfers can surf either the [Advanced Wave](#) or the Beginner Wave which breaks on the inside of the lake. Surfers will be able to surf both sides of the lake as part of the format.

With regards to Divisions, once surfers have registered entry, we will begin to map out the format in more detail. The entry fee will be a one-off fee and surfers will be able to surf a minimum of one division. When you register for the event on live heats please also 'enter' into all divisions you are interested in surfing.

### **Entry Information:**

- Entry will open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.00am via [liveheats](#). ([www.liveheats.com/surfingengland](http://www.liveheats.com/surfingengland))
- Entry will close on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.00am.
- Surfers must purchase '1 Competing Surfer Entry Ticket' which costs £50.



- Surfers must then register their interest to compete in the listed divisions of Womens Open, Mens Open, Standing, Sitting/Kneeling, Prone, Assisted and Visually Impaired.
- Surfers will be accepted into a minimum of 1 Division. Surfers can list their preference of divisions on the [Surfer Registration Form](#) (**this form must be submitted by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.00am to [hannah@surfingengland.org](mailto:hannah@surfingengland.org)**)
- Event organisers and Contest Director will finalise format/divisions once entry has closed.
- All competitors will be required to have read and agree to this document.

### **Surfers and Support Staff**

For surfers who need support/assistance with transfer from land to water, or in the water itself you must let us know as part of your [Surfer Registration Form](#). Please let us know on this form whether you are bringing people with you from your own 'support bubble' for these purposes.

Surfing England will have a team on hand to help with event delivery and surfers will be allocated specific volunteers as required. These people will be your key contact throughout the event to minimise the number of people interacting in close proximity.

### **Surf Coaches/Individuals applying to Volunteer at this Event**

For Coaches/individuals interested in volunteering at this event, we will be looking to work with experienced people who have previously completed a Surfing England Adaptive training session or can demonstrate other relevant experience. We will be looking for people who can volunteer for the full day of competition.

Volunteers will be supporting in a range of activities such as transfers from land to water, back to land, and in water support with 'pusher/catcher' techniques to ensure the surfers safety. At all times, The Wave will have trained lifeguards on duty.

Due to coronavirus measures we must limit the number of volunteers helping at the event. To register your interest to volunteer, please complete the [Volunteer Registration Form](#) and submit no later than Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.00am to [hannah@surfingengland.org](mailto:hannah@surfingengland.org). Volunteers will be confirmed by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. This Volunteer Registration Form will also act as the details for COVID-19 track and trace purposes.

### **International Surfers traveling to the Event**

We appreciate that many surfers will not be able to attend this event due to current travel restrictions. For those who intend to travel and compete, we look forward to welcoming you. Please note you must abide by UK Government Guidance and any rules on self-isolation. Please see links at the bottom of this page to guidance.

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## **Coronavirus Measures**

Surfing England will do their utmost to deliver the event in the safest possible way and adhering to all the latest regulations around coronavirus.

### Surfing England will:

- Appoint a COVID-19 officer
- Collect information on all participants for track and trace purposes (collected during event entry). For Under 18s, you must ensure Surfing England have a copy of your parental/guardian details – please complete this as part of your Surfer Registration Form.
- Provide all surfers, officials, and parents/guardians with a self-assessment for any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Ensure the First Aider is in appropriate PPE.
- Complete all required Risk Assessments.
- Ensure the event is agreed by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Sport England, and all relevant Councils/Landowners.

### General Guidance:

- Social distancing must be adhered to where possible unless an emergency situation arises, or the surfer requires additional support from their dedicated volunteers. It is imperative at this time that surfers who need assistance are not excluded from surfing.
- Surfers, spectators, and event staff/officials should minimise the use of public transport where possible. If this is unavoidable, please use as many precautions as possible such as wearing of a face covering. UK Gov Guidance linked at the bottom of this document.
- If car-sharing you should try and do this with people from your household or support bubble. Please refer to specific gov guidance on how to minimise risks at the bottom of the document.
- Public toilets and cafes/restaurants in the local vicinity to be used at the individual's own risk. When entering indoor areas, please wear a face covering, unless you have reason to be exempt, please refer to full UK gov guidance linked further down.
- There are frequently located hand sanitiser stations around The Wave site – please use regularly.

### Competition Area:

- The core contest site will include the Contest Director and Tabulator's admin area, the Commentator, and the Beach Marshall.
- The media team will be positioned in a separate area, but they will be permitted to come within the competition area to capture content.
- The Judges will have a designated gazebo on the middle pier at The Wave.
- There will be a specific area for surfers.
- Sponsors branding will be on-site, but we will not be running any activations.



- The core contest area will be marked with gazebos/flags – areas such as judging, and media will be cordoned off to protect event staff.
- There will be a one-way system for surfers collecting/returning rash vests.
- All general spectators/other Wave users are politely asked to stay outside of the core competition area/any specific surfer areas. Please enjoy watching the action and maintain appropriate social distancing.

Surfers, Event Staff (including Judges), and Volunteers competing at the event must:

- Social distance as much as possible and wear face coverings where required.
- Use hand sanitizer as requested by Event/The Wave staff.
- Stay clear of the media area and the judges.
- Keep your personal surfboards and wetsuits in allocated space by Surfing England and The Wave.

Friends/Family/Supporters attending the event must:

- All friends/family/supporters who are attending the Event with surfers must register for a Spectator Pass at The Wave – this costs £2 for the day.
- You must register for track and trace purposes and for The Wave to monitor visitor capacity.
- With new guidance in place by the UK Government, in England group sizes can be NO larger than 6. Please ensure your friends/family/supporters who are spectating abide by these rules.
- Please register as soon as possible to avoid missing out due to the venue reaching capacity.
- To register, visit: <https://www.thewave.com/opening-times-and-prices/spectator-pass-visiting-without-surfing/>

UK Government Guidance

- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) UK Government Information Hub.**  
Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19): Entering the UK.** If you are a resident or visitor travelling to the UK, you must read and abide by the UK Government's rules and legislation. You must complete the form linked on the webpage to provide your journey and contact details.  
Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers.** Details on travelling in vehicles or on public transport during the coronavirus outbreak. Also includes a Checklist for safer travel and rules on wearing a face covering.  
Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#private-cars-and-other-vehicles>
- **Guidance: When to wear a face covering and rules on exemption. Please make sure you read the advice specific to England.**  
Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>



- **Guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England.**  
This includes information for wider sport and event organisers. Surfing England and The Wave will be running the event in alignment with this guidance.  
Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation>
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