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Due to the coronavirus pandemic all remaining scheduled events for Surfing England for Autumn 2020 have been under review.

There is fundamental information surfers, parents, supporters, sponsors, and other interested parties must be aware of for the format and delivery of the 2020 Caravan and Motorhome Club English National Surfing Championships. Ahead of entering surfers must familiarise themselves with this document.

The aim of the event is to offer England’s Elite Surfers an opportunity to showcase their talent and claim a 2020 English Champion title.

There will include the following divisions:

SHORTBOARD
- U12 Girls & Boys
- U14 Girls & Boys
- U16 Girls & Boys

LONGBOARD
- U18 Boys & Girls
- Men’s Open & Women’s Open

Event date: 10th/11th October  Backup date: N/A

Preferred location: Watergate Bay, Cornwall

IMPORTANT DATES:
- Monday 7th September at 11.00am – Entry Opens via liveheats. (www.liveheats.com/surfingengland). NOT ALL ENTRIES WILL HAVE PLACES – PLEASE READ THE EVENT FORMAT AHEAD OF ENTERING.
- Monday 28th September at 10.00am – Entry Closes.
- Monday 5th October at 17.00pm – All successful entrants to the event will be confirmed and surfers who do not have places will be informed by this day. If you are booking travel/accommodation to Cornwall you may wish to choose to wait for this confirmation.
- Thursday 8th October at 13.00pm – Deadline for Contest Organisers to make the Event Call.
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 no appropriate Lifeguard Cover, rejections to run from the Landowner, Council Events Team, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Events team, or Sport England.

We are striving to consider everything to ensure the event runs and is safe. Should there be stormy/too large surf conditions, we may not be able to run due to back up venues being too small for social distancing.

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**Entry Information:**

Due to social distancing and limits on group sizes and gatherings, the event will be a 2-day, single peak event with live scoring. The event will be significantly reduced and there may not be places available for everyone who wishes to compete. Team England Squad members will be prioritised – see below for more information around entry.

Entries will only be permitted to Surfing England Member’s, you can join us here. If you are unsure of the status of your membership, please email: membership@surfingengland.org

- Entry will open on Monday 7th September at 11.00am via [liveheats](http://www.liveheats.com/surfingengland). All entries will be waitlisted and not confirmed immediately – read below.
- Entry will close on Monday 28th September at 10.00am.
- Entry will be limited to a Single Age Division category unless a surfer competes in both disciplines of Shortboard and Longboard. For example, an Under 16 Shortboarder can enter the U18 Longboard. However, a U12 Shortboarder cannot enter the U14 Shortboard Division – you must choose one age-based category.
- Surfers have always been allowed to enter the Open, for example a U18 Boys Longboard entrant can also enter the Men’s Open Longboard. Please note this does not mean you are guaranteed to surf both divisions due to limits on numbers.
- Surfers who entered the English Nationals A in March and surfed in the U18s are eligible to also surf in a U12/U14/U16 category if their age means they can do so. This information is correct by the Event Format set out for English Nationals A before the full impact of COVID-19 was known.
- **Entry will NOT be confirmed straight away. By entering you accept this does not guarantee you have a place to surf.**
- If divisions are oversubscribed, to ensure we have the highest calibre of surfing, all the places will be prioritised for our highest performing athletes, as determined by the Team England Manager, Coach and a Surfing England representative.
- Team England Squad Members will be prioritised for all Divisions.
- Any remaining places will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
• **All entries into the event will be confirmed by Monday 5th October at 17.00pm.** If you are booking travel/accommodation to Cornwall, you may wish to choose to wait for this confirmation.
• A minimum of 3 Surfers will be required in a Division for them to run.
• All competitors are required to have read and agree to the terms of this document.

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**Coronavirus Measures**

Surfing England will do their upmost 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 your parental/guardian details on your membership are up to date. To check any details, email: membership@surfingengland.org
- Provide all surfers, officials and parents/guardians that must enter the contest site with a self-assessment for any COVID-19 symptoms if required at the time of the Event.
- 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 at all times unless an emergency situation.
- Surfers, spectators, and event staff/officials must minimise the use of public transport and car-sharing where possible to reduce any transmission risk.
- Public toilets and cafes/restaurants in the local vicinity to be used at the individual’s own risk.

**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 be in their own gazebo with socially distanced stations.
- Ecoworks Marine will be providing a sanitiser station for cleaning of contest rash vests and ensuring we have an unlimited supply of hand sanitiser on the event site.
- 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 will be cordoned off to protect event staff.
The competition area must only be entered by surfers who are competing at the event and a parent/guardian if required.

There will be a one-way system for surfers collecting/returning rash vests.

All other spectators are politely asked to stay outside of the marked competition area.

Please enjoy watching the action from a safe place on the beach.

Surfers competing at the event must:

- Social distance at all times.
- Use hand sanitizer as requested by event staff.
- Stay clear of the media area and the judges.
- Only come onto the Event site a maximum of 1 hour before their heat, surf their heat, and then leave the core contest area. You can be on the beach as it is public space but keep distance from the core site until required for your heat or to ask essential questions.
- Always keep your personal surfboards and wetsuits with you, do not leave items at the contest site or in Surfing England/Sponsor gazebos.
- Rash vests will be sanitised to industry standards by Ecoworks Marine – collect a resh vest as indicated by the Beach Marshall for your heat. Once you have finished your heat, return your rash vest immediately to the sanitising station and place in the bucket for washing as directed by staff.
- There will be no ‘check in’ – surfers must use liveheats to check the schedule and see upcoming heats.
- View the Heat Draw on liveheats.
- Surfing England will post the running order onto Instagram Stories and update it as it changes throughout the day. We will have a printout at the Event Site but please do check online as much as possible.

UK Government Guidance

- 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
• **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.
  

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**Contact Information**

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