



2022 English Adaptive Surfing Open

Thursday 7th July at The Wave, Bristol



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

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2022 English Adaptive Surfing Open

Event Format

OVERVIEW

We are pleased to inform you that the 2022 English Adaptive Surfing Open will run on Thursday 7th July at The Wave, Bristol.

There is important 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: 2022 English Adaptive Surfing Open

Event date: Thursday 7th July



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

Important Dates:

- Thursday 26th May at 14:00pm – Entry Opens (details below)
- Wednesday 8th June at 10am – Bookings open for safari tent accommodation at The Wave – first come, first serve basis. More info below.
- Monday 27th June at 10am – Entry Closes
- Monday 27th June at 10am – Deadline for Volunteer Registration Forms to be submitted (details below)
- Thursday 30th June by 17:00pm – Volunteers will be confirmed in an email. We hope to welcome as many volunteers as possible to the Event.
- Sunday 3rd July – Deadline for registering for supported practice sessions at The Wave on Wednesday 6th July.
- Wednesday 6th July – supported practice sessions at 3pm and 6pm on the advanced wave.
- Wednesday 6th July at 19:00 – 20:00 – Adaptive surfing participation session (part of The Wave Adaptive Surf Club).
- Thursday 7th July – It's ON!

Whilst we hope coronavirus measures are behind us, please note, 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.

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. Find out more at www.thewave.com

Accessibility at The Wave:

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

Note: There is an 800m track from the car park to club house, and there are 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. **No guarantees** can be made that parking will be available at the clubhouse for any cars, but a shuttle bus and drop off system will be in operation managed by The Wave. **Only cars sent a pass in advance will be permitted to park at the clubhouse**, all others will be in the main car park. A shuttle service will then run from the car park to the clubhouse but is only for competitors and not supporters – it is not wheelchair compatible, so the aim is to ensure that all wheelchair users receive a parking space at the clubhouse.



Sheltered changing facilities are available at The Wave in beach style changing huts, as well as a Changing Spaces room with hoist. Additional changing facilities may be established if competitors require assistance.

Please continue reading below for more information about accommodation, practise sessions, etc at The Wave.

CONTEST FORMAT / DIVISIONS

This event is the third English Adaptive surfing competition Surfing England will hold at The Wave and we are looking forward to returning to this incredible venue. The format in 2021 was highly successful so this year will see a similar format.

The contest will run on the Advanced setting of The Wave and surfers must be confident to surf at this level. Find out about the advanced setting [here](#).

At Surfing England, we are proud to be supporting the ISA's drive for inclusion of surfing into the Paralympics so will be striving to align classifications more closely to the ISA's 9 para surfing sport classes (divisions), which we believe will make for fairer competition.

Divisions with low numbers may be combined into multiclass heats. Each surfer will be scored within their own class but may be in a heat with other classifications male and female. Heats are most likely to be combined male and female due to lake time/numbers.

Surfers competing as this contest must have either a current ISA classification or seek to obtain classification within the next two years. As part of development of the sport, we aim to have some British based classifiers within the next two years to ensure classification is a viable option for every surfer.

For surfers who do not have ISA classification, please register for the Event in the Para Surfing Sport Class (see below) you believe is most applicable to you. If required, we may contact you for additional information to support this.

If a surfer has had their classification removed by ISA, then they are unable to compete. We are working with the Head of Classification for Para Surfing from the ISA to support us with classification information.

CORE CONTEST – 2022 ENGLISH ADAPTIVE SURFING OPEN

The core contest will aim to run the following 9 ISA/Para Surf divisions:

For full information, see: <https://isasurf.org/learning/para-surfing/isa-para-surfing-classification/>

Para Surfing Sport Classes	
Sport Class	Description
Para Surfing Stand 1	Any surfer who rides a wave in a standing position with an upper limb amputation or congenital or impairment equivalent or short stature .
Para Surfing Stand 2	Any surfer who rides a wave in a standing position with a below the knee amputation or congenital or impairment equivalent, or leg length difference.
Para Surfing Stand 3	Any surfer who rides a wave in a standing position with an above the knee amputation or both lower extremity amputations or congenital or impairment equivalent.
Para Surfing Kneel	Any surfer who rides a wave in a kneeling or sitting without paddle position with an above the knee amputation or both lower limb amputations or congenital or impairment equivalent.
Para Surfing Sit	Any surfer who rides the wave in a sitting position that does NOT require assistance paddling into a wave and getting back on the board safely.
Para Surfing Prone 1	Any surfer who rides the wave in a prone position that does NOT require assistance paddling into a wave and getting back on the board safely.
Para Surfing Prone 2	Any surfer who rides the wave in a prone position that DOES require assistance in the water, paddling into a wave, and getting back on the board safely.
Para Surfing Vision Impairment 1	Any surfer who rides a wave in a standing position with IBSA classification Level B1 .



Para Surfing Vision Impairment 2	Any surfer who rides a wave in a standing position with IBSA classification Level B2 and Level B3.
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Format of the core contest:

- All core contest heats surfing will take place on the **Advanced** setting of The Wave.
- If you are surfing on the white water/inside/in the beginner bay, your waves will not be scored. This is due to judging requirements for visibility and the scoring of surfer's waves.
- If you wish to enter the competition and be scored, please make sure you can surf the **Advanced** setting at The Wave.
- There will be a maximum of 5 surfers in a heat (Red, White, Yellow, Blue, Green).
- Surfers will be scored on each wave ridden in a heat (details of wave limit/set sizes TBC after entry closes).
- You can surf 1 wave per set (no doubling back to take another wave on any set – the breaks between surfers have been carefully planned to ensure judges have ample time to watch the whole wave being ridden and record the score).
- Your highest scoring wave on the left side of the lake and the right side of the lake will combine to give your score out of 20 and provide your final position at the end of the event.
- Interferences may impact scores – please use the spare waves to ride out of the way and paddle back around to the take off point.
- We will be following ISA rules/judging criteria as closely as possible.
- Volunteers/lifeguards may use spare contest waves to surf to provide water safety/rescue support if required.

Entry Information for core contest:

- **Entry will cost £40 per division.**
- Entry will open on Thursday 26th May at 14:00pm via [liveheats](https://www.liveheats.com/surfingengland). (www.liveheats.com/surfingengland)
- Entry will close on Monday 27th June at 10am.
- We only have a certain amount of capacity of entries per division to ensure the contest format fits within the allocated lake time. We advise you complete your entry straight away to secure your place to surf. Team England athletes will be prioritised for entries.
- 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.

Surfing England Membership:

- If you are an English citizen/resident, or part of Team England Adaptive, you must be a Surfing England Member to join the core contest.
- Adult membership is £25 for a year, starting on the date you join, and includes personal accident insurance for surfing worldwide, including at wavepools.
- Sign up or renew your membership here: <https://memberships.surfingengland.org/>

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/Wave Project Adaptive surfing training session** or can demonstrate **other relevant experience**.

We will be looking for people who can volunteer to support the running of the day, helping out for the **whole day** or either a morning slot (8.30am – 2pm), afternoon slot (1.30pm-7pm). Please note for surfers requiring 1:1 support we will ideally pair volunteers with a surfer to support them for the whole day – this may be a group of 2-3 volunteers depending on what assistance is required.

Volunteers will be supporting in a range of activities such as:

- **1:1 Pusher/Catcher Water support** - 'pusher/catcher' techniques to ensure the surfers catch their heat waves. Volunteers will be pushing at the take off point, with others in the shallows to help with catching and supporting the surfer return out back for their next waves.
- **Water Support** - Support surfers when they wipe out (if required). Competencies in adaptive surf/lifesaving/surf coaching required.
- **Land support** – we are also looking for volunteers to support where required, i.e., informing surfers of their scores (from live heats), helping surfers with heat times, changing (if requested), and general support to the athletes/the event.
- **Water/Land** - Assisting with transfers from land to water and back to land. Be stationed with one of our beach marshals to support this position and be prepared to get wet with the transfers to water. Lifting may be required.

At all times, The Wave will have trained lifeguards on duty.

To register your interest to volunteer, please complete the [Volunteer Registration Form](#) by **Monday 27th June**. If you have any questions about volunteering or wish to discuss, please contact zoe@surfingengland.org

Volunteers will be confirmed by Thursday 30th June, and we will be aiming to welcome as many of you as possible to join us! We always welcome people to come down and watch the contest too.

ACCOMMODATION AT THE WAVE

The Camp at The Wave provides the perfect option for surfers to stay, and the safari tents have been reserved for the competitors on the nights of Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th July.

- Tents comfortably hold 2-6 people and can fit up to 8 people in.
- Tents are made up of a double bed, 2 bunk beds and an optional double sofa bed
- All 25 safari tents are accessible, with 2 being specifically DDA compliant set up



- The tents start from £120 per night per tent (varying up to £180 per night per tent depending on availability). Single night or multi-night bookings are available.
- All wishing to book accommodation are required to book online at Wednesday 8th June at 10am. The tents have been kept off sale to the public to ensure competitors have availability to book, at the date/time specified these will become live on the website and available to all (including public) to book.

More info and where to book: <https://stay.thewave.com/the-tents/>

COMPETITION SURFERS - BOOKING SUPPORTED PRACTISE SESSIONS AND ADDITIONAL SURF SESSIONS AT THE WAVE

It is important when booking any additional surf sessions that surfers understand The Wave and its adaptive processes and support networks, outlined below.

For surfers that do not require additional support in the water: you are welcome to book any surf session on any date via www.thewave.com – a 10% competitors' concession can be applied with code 'Adaptive10'. You are also welcome and encouraged to book in to the supported practice session detailed below, please be advised that capacity is limited and those requiring support will have preferential booking for this.

For surfers that do require additional support in the water:

- The Wave have 2 private supported sessions available to competitors on the Advanced wave.
- The sessions are at 3pm (right) and 6pm (left) on Wednesday 6th July.
- These sessions will be staffed in the water with support and are for competitors only; any competitor can sign up to either or both sessions however those needing additional support will receive preferential booking for these sessions.
- To book your place on either or both sessions please complete the form and state which session/s you are wishing to sign up for: <https://www.thewave.com/additional-support-form/>
- Please then email hello@thewave.com with the subject marked 'ENGLISH ADAPTIVE OPEN WARM UP SESSIONS' to notify them that you are part of the event and wish to sign up for those sessions.
- Booking deadline for the sessions is Sunday 3rd July at 5pm.
- The cost of each session is standard session rate £55 (before 10% athlete concession) and The Wave customer service will contact for payment.

Important: The Wave are unable to offer additional support outside of these sessions, therefore supported surfers are only able to surf additional sessions should they arrange additional volunteer support by those approved to do so in the lake and that notify The Wave with detail of this support - please notify hello@thewave.com of any additional sessions booked and details of the approved volunteers, please complete the form above if you have not surfed at The Wave before.

ADAPTIVE PARTICIPATION EXPERIENCE AT THE WAVE (FOR SURFERS WITH LITTLE/NO EXPERIENCE OR FIRST TIME SURFING THE WAVE)

In 2021 a 'Waikiki Participation Session' was delivered during the event; unfortunately for 2022, due to late timings this cannot be facilitated during the Adaptive Surfing Open day.

However, The Wave would like to raise awareness of their 'Adaptive Surf Club', taking place the evening before the competition. Any interested surfers are invited to take part in their 'Adaptive Surf Club' the evening before the event surfing at 7-8pm (arrival 5pm) on Wednesday 6th July.

Find out more here via the link <https://www.thewave.com/adaptive-surfing/> and click **APPLY** and state that it is for Wednesday 6th July. This is an application process, please wait for confirmation from The Wave for your entry to have been accepted/approved.

FRIENDS/FAMILY ATTENDING THE EVENT

The requirements from The Wave are that anyone attending the venue who is not a competitor, member of event staff, or volunteer, must book a spectator's pass. These cost £2 per person and are bookable directly with The Wave.

We advise you to book these as soon as possible as it will be a busy day at The Wave. Go to: <https://www.thewave.com/spectator-pass/>

CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

Surfing England will do their utmost to deliver the event in the safest possible way and adhering to the most up to date Covid 19 regulations and guidance.

All competitors and event staff should familiarise themselves with and adhere to the latest [government guidance covid 19 guidance](#).

We encourage all participants and staff to:

- Consider wearing a face mask in crowded or enclosed spaces
- Maintain good hand hygiene and regularly use hand sanitiser
- If you have symptoms of Covid 19, get tested and do not attend the event unless you have a negative result
- If you have a positive Covid 19 PCR or Lateral Flow test, please let the event organisers know and do not attend
- Follow the guidance on self-isolation if you contract covid 19



Whilst Surfing England will deliver the event within the guidelines listed by Government, there is still a risk of contracting the virus at the event. By attending you accept this risk, and we ask you to take personal responsibility in your actions to try and limit the opportunity for transmission of the virus.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For all Event enquiries, please contact: hannah@surfingengland.org

For any Surfing England Membership enquiries, please contact: lenka@surfingengland.org

More information about The Wave

For additional information about The Wave, please visit the FAQ's here:

<https://www.thewave.com/faqs-and-knowledge-base/>