



## 2023 Rip Curl Grom Search

### Event Format



*Figure 1: 2023 Division Champions - Grom Search at Fistral Beach*

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#### OVERVIEW

We are proud to be the delivery partner for UK Rip Curl Grom Search for another year.

There is fundamental information surfers, parents/guardians, supporters, sponsors, and other interested parties must be aware of for the format and delivery of the 2023 Rip Curl Grom Search. Ahead of entering surfers must familiarise themselves with this document and by entering the event you accept the terms of this document.

The aim of the event is to offer UK based Junior Surfers an opportunity to showcase their talent and claim a 2023 Rip Curl Grom Search title, and a place at a European Grom Search Final (to be confirmed by Rip Curl).

This will include the following divisions:

#### SHORTBOARD

- Under 12 Girls & Boys (born in 2011 or later)
- Under 14 Girls & Boys (born in 2009/2010)
- Under 16 Girls & Boys (born in 2007/2008)

Age categories are in alignment with the ISA rulebook, [see here](#).

Event date: 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March      Backup date: 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Preferred location: Fistral Beach, Cornwall

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 17.00pm – Entry Opens via [liveheats](#). ([www.liveheats.com/surfingengland](http://www.liveheats.com/surfingengland)). **NOT ALL ENTRIES MAY HAVE PLACES – PLEASE READ THIS EVENT FORMAT AHEAD OF ENTERING.**
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am – Entry Closes.
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 16<sup>th</sup> March at 13.00pm – Deadline for Contest Organisers to make the Event Call – if the forecast is clear, we will make the call on the Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.



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 change locations.

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## ENTRY INFORMATION:

The event will be a 2-day, single peak event with live scoring. The event will be capped and there may not be places available for everyone who wishes to compete. Entry will prioritise competitors who competed in 2022 who have a seeding, and remaining places will be on a first come first serve basis.

**You must be a UK citizen and Member of your National Governing Body to enter the contest (Surfing England, Welsh Surfing Federation, Scottish Surfing Federation, Channel Islands Surfing Federation, Northern Irish Surfing).**

**For Surfing England Membership** [you can join us here](#). If you are unsure of the status of your Surfing England membership, please email: [membership@surfingengland.org](mailto:membership@surfingengland.org)

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 17.00pm – Entry Opens via [liveheats](#). **Entry costs £15 per surfer.** ([www.liveheats.com/surfingengland](http://www.liveheats.com/surfingengland)). All entries will be waitlisted and not confirmed immediately – read below.
  - Entry will be limited to a **Single Age Division category** – you must choose one age-based category. Please make sure you enter the correct age-based division, as referenced above.
  - Entry will close on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am.
  - **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, places will be prioritised to 2021 Grom Search competitors and remaining spaces on a first come, first serve basis.
  - **All entries into the event will be confirmed by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 it to run.
  - All competitors are required to have read and agree to the terms of this document.
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## REFUND POLICY – COMPETITION ENTRY FEES

If you cancel/withdraw your entry **before** the specified closing date of the contest you will be eligible for a refund (minus transaction fees).



If you cancel/withdraw your entry **after** entry has closed for an event, a refund will not be issued.

If the event is postponed to the back-up date and you wish to cancel/withdraw your entry you will not be issued a refund if the back-up date is clearly written within the event format.

If the event is postponed and there is **no** back-up date, you are eligible to claim a refund for your entry fee (minus transaction fees).

Wherever possible, if you are unable to attend an event, please let us know at the earliest opportunity so that places may be given to other surfers.

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## IMAGE RIGHTS AND CONSENT

As a Member of Surfing England if you attend and / or participate in any event organised by Surfing England, you hereby grant to Surfing England and its partners permission to use your image and / or your child's image (if you are the relevant parent or legal guardian) in photography or videography produced by us including in the following:

- Surfing England displays
- within any printed publications
- on the Surfing England website
- on Surfing England's social media pages
- In Videos and other promotional materials

If you are under 16, then you hereby confirm and warrant that you have obtained consent from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s), for your image to be used by us, in the way set out above.

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## 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.

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### CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any Event enquiries, please contact Zoe on [zoe@surfingengland.org](mailto:zoe@surfingengland.org)

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