



2023 Caravan and Motorhome Club English National Surfing Championships – Men’s and Women’s Shortboard Open

Event Format



Photo 1: 2022 English Nationals

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OVERVIEW

At Surfing England, we strive to progress and develop our events as we drive up the standards in England. For 2023, one of our major aims is to introduce priority judging. You can read more about this here.

The aim of this event is to offer England's **Elite Open Shortboard** Surfers an opportunity to showcase their talent and claim a 2023 English National Champion title. The remaining English Nationals will run later in the year.

The following divisions will run:

SHORTBOARD

- Men's Open
- Women's Open

Event dates: Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th April Backup dates: Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th April

Preferred location: Fistral Beach, Newquay, Cornwall

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Friday 3rd March at 17:00pm – Entry Opens via [LiveHeats](#). ENTRY DOES NOT GUARANTEE A PLACE – PLEASE **READ THE EVENT FORMAT IN FULL** AHEAD OF ENTERING.
- Monday 10th April at 10.00am – Entry Closes.
- Tuesday 11th April at 17.00pm – All successful entrants to the event will be confirmed and surfers who do not have places will be informed by this date. If you are booking travel/accommodation to Cornwall, you may wish to choose to wait for this confirmation.
- Thursday 13th April 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 not being able to secure appropriate Lifeguard Cover, rejections to run from the Landowner, Council Events Team, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport events team, local director of Public Health or Sport England.

ENTRY INFORMATION

The Event will be a 2-day single peak surfing competition with live scoring. We aim to run priority judging. We anticipate high demand for places, so it is advised to enter as soon as possible.

Should a division be oversubscribed, places will be prioritised for Team England **OPEN** squad members and the semi-finalists/finalists of the **Men's and Women's OPEN** at the previous year's English National Surfing Championships. Remaining entries are on a first come, first serve basis.



You must meet the [eligibility criteria](#) to compete for Team England to enter this event. This means you must be born in England OR be born of English parents (at least one) or grandparents (at least one) OR have lived in England for at least 3 years (evidence may be required).

MEMBERSHIP:

Entry is only permitted to Surfing England Members; you can join Surfing England and/or log in and check the status of your membership via the members portal. Visit:

<https://memberships.surfingengland.org/>

If you do not have a Surfing England Membership by Tuesday 11th March, your place into the competition may be withdrawn by Event organisers.

If you require any support with Membership, please email Lenka: lenka@surfingengland.org

KEY ENTRY INFORMATION:

- Friday 3rd March at 17:00pm – Entry Opens via [liveheats](#). (www.liveheats.com/surfingengland). All entries will be waitlisted and not confirmed immediately.
- Entry fees are £35. Events with priority will have a higher fee than those without due to the nature of additional infrastructure and staff required.
- Monday 10th April at 10.00am – Entry Closes.
- **Entry will NOT be confirmed straight away. By entering you accept this does not guarantee you have a place to surf.**
- Team England Squad Members will be prioritised for all divisions and the semi-finalists/finalists of the **OPEN** at the English Nationals in the previous year.
- All other remaining places will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
- **All entries into the event will be confirmed by Tuesday 11th April at 17.00pm.** If you are booking travel/accommodation to Cornwall, you may wish to choose to wait for this confirmation.
- Divisions will run at Surfing England's discretion; no division will run with less than 3 surfers.
- All competitors are required to have read and agree to the terms of this document and have an in-date Surfing England membership.

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.

TEAM ENGLAND FUTURE EVENTS/SELECTIONS

For surfers aspiring to compete for Team England Open, the results of this Event may be used towards selections for some events. However, surfers will not be discriminated against if they are unable to attend and are eligible for a Wildcard (see below).

The British Championships and British Cup formally ran on rotation between the 4 home nations (Channel Islands, England, Scotland, and Wales), with each home federation organising the contest. British Surfing have confirmed that going forward, they will organise the British Championships.

For all events where a British Surfing Team are required, selection policies will be at the discretion of British Surfing.

WILDCARDS FOR TEAM ENGLAND OPEN

Any surfer unable to compete and wishing to be considered for a wildcard will need to apply using the '2023 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 Surfing Championships (i.e. by 23:59 on the 14th April if the event runs on the preferred contest date, or by 23:59 on the 28st April if the event runs on the backup date).

All surfers competing at the 2023 English National Surfing 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).

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, a positive coronavirus test, 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.

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.



Wildcard selection will be based on the surfers' results from the previous 12 months from WSL, ISA, ESF (European Surfing Federation) and the 2022 English National Championships. The weighting will be in the above order.

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 wildcard selection.

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.

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

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