



**2023 Caravan and Motorhome Club English National Surfing Championships –  
Age based shortboard divisions and bodyboard divisions.**

**Event Format**



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## OVERVIEW

This contest will see the continuation of the 2023 Caravan and Motorhome Club English National Surfing Championships. First part of which, will run Mid-April, [see here](#).

The aim of the event is to offer all age-based divisions within shortboard surfing the opportunity to compete and win a national champion title. For 2023 we will also be showcasing some bodyboard divisions to enable this part of our community a national stage to compete on.

The following divisions will run:

### BODYBOARD:

- Men's and Women's Open
- U18s Boys and Girls (max 18 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

### SHORTBOARD:

- Under 12 Girls & Boys (max 12 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)
- Under 14 Girls & Boys (max 14 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)
- Under 16 Girls & Boys (max 16 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)
- Under 18 Girls & Boys (max 18 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)
- Men's & Women's Seniors (age 28+). Must be 28 before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023
- Men's & Women's Masters (age 35+). Must be 35 before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023
- Men's & Women's Kahunas (age 45+). Must be 45 before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

**Age categories are in alignment with the ISA rulebook.**

Event dates: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May      Backup dates: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Preferred location: Watergate Bay, Cornwall

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 17:00pm – Entry Opens via [LiveHeats](#).
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.00am – Entry Closes.
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May by 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 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 3-day double peak surfing competition with live scoring. Whilst we should have ample time for every surfer who enters to compete, we do advise surfers enter as soon as possible.

Surfers can only compete in one age-based division but can also enter the Open. E.g. a U18 bodyboarder could enter the U18s, and the bodyboard open. For shortboard surfers, the Men's and Women's Opens are running 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April (entry closes 10<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am). Surfers can compete in the open shortboard, and their respective age-based division at the May competition.

Should a division be oversubscribed, places will be prioritised for Team England squad members and the semi-finalists/finalists of the **relevant division** 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 9<sup>th</sup> May, your place into the competition may be withdrawn by Event organisers.

If you require any support with Membership, please email Lenka: [lenka@surfingengland.org](mailto:lenka@surfingengland.org)

### **KEY ENTRY INFORMATION:**

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 17:00pm – Entry Opens via [liveheats](#). ([www.liveheats.com/surfingengland](http://www.liveheats.com/surfingengland)). All entries will be waitlisted and not confirmed immediately.
- Entry fees are £27 for adults, and junior divisions are £22.
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 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 for all divisions, and the semi-finalists/finalists of the English Nationals in the previous year will be prioritised places.
- All other remaining places will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
- **All entries into the event will be confirmed by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May by 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.
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## SCHOOL STUDENTS

The contest is planned to run on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May which we appreciate is a school day – upon entry closing, a letter will be issued to all surfers that can be shown to your school that you are competing at the English National Surfing Championships.

For U12s, we are aware of a National maths SAT exam taking place on the Friday. Due to this, we will ensure that the U12 division does **not** run on Friday. For all U14s, U16s, and U18s, please be prepared to surf on Friday.

If there are examinations that we cannot avoid clashing with, surfers will be eligible for wildcard for any Team England purposes.

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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\*).

If you enter the event and it is oversubscribed and we cannot give you a space, you will be refunded (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.

\*Minus transactions fees is due to these funds going directly to the platform provider.

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## TEAM ENGLAND FUTURE EVENTS/SELECTIONS

For surfers aspiring to compete for Team England, 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.

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## 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](mailto:info@surfingengland.org) by midnight of the day before the English National Surfing Championships (i.e. by 23:59 on the 11<sup>th</sup> May if the event runs on the preferred contest date, or by 23:59 on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 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 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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

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