



2023 Junior Surf Series

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There is the information surfers, parents/guardians, supporters, sponsors, and other interested parties need to be aware of for the format and delivery of the 2023 Junior Surf Series. Ahead of entering surfers and parents should familiarise themselves with this document and by entering the event you accept the terms of this document. Please note this document is subject to change as guidance changes/develops.

Event Divisions:

SHORTBOARD

- Under 12 Girls (Max 12 years old by 31st Dec 2023)
- Under 12 Boys (Max 12 years old by 31st Dec 2023)
- Under 14 Girls (Max 14 years old by 31st Dec 2023)
- Under 14 Boys (Max 14 years old by 31st Dec 2023)

Age categories are in alignment with the ISA rulebook.

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMINGS:

The event dates are:

- Croyde 20th May
- Newquay 1st July
- Bude 15th July
- Praa Sands 16th September
- Tynemouth 30th September
- Finals day @ The Wave 26th October

Each stop runs on a Saturday, with the back up listed as the Sunday.

Entry will open approximately one month before the event date and close on the Monday before the event date at 10:00. All entries will be made through [liveheats](http://www.liveheats.com/surfingengland). (www.liveheats.com/surfingengland).



NOT ALL ENTRIES MAY HAVE PLACES – PLEASE **READ THIS EVENT FORMAT** AHEAD OF ENTERING.

- On the Monday before the competition date @ 10:00 entry will close
- On the Tuesday before the competition successful entrants to the event will be confirmed and surfers who do not have places will be informed. If you are booking travel/accommodation to Devon, you may wish to choose to wait for this confirmation.
- On the Thursday before the competition, event organisers will issue the event call. If the forecast is clear, organisers will make the call on the Wednesday to give as much notice as possible for those needing to travel.

Please note, whilst we are making every effort to deliver each stop in the series, there are variables outside of our control that would mean we are not able to run.

We strive to consider everything to ensure the event runs and is safe. This will include venue selection, for example if a more sheltered spot could allow the comp to run with a larger forecast.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

The event will be a 1-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. The organising club will hold 50% of the places and the remaining will be on a first come first serve basis.

You must hold a valid membership of Surfing England to enter the contest or membership of the hosting surf club.

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

- Entry Opens via [liveheats](#). **Entry costs £10 per surfer.** (www.liveheats.com/surfingengland). There are no refunds available.
 - 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 the Monday before the competition 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 on a first come, first serve basis.
 - **All entries into the event will be confirmed by close of play on the Tuesday before the competition.** If you are booking travel/accommodation, you may wish to wait for this confirmation.
 - A minimum of 3 Surfers will be required in a Division for them to run.
 - All competitors and their parents/legal guardians are required to have read and agree to the terms of this document.
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SURFER SAFETY

The safety of the contestants is the number one priority. If the event lifeguards and / or event organising team believe conditions are unsafe for any reason, for example fog, increasing swell size, rips or other hazards the contest will be paused or potentially called off. The decision of the safety team is final.

Parents should only allow entry of their child if the child is a competent swimmer and is able to practice good surfing etiquette. If parent or child has any doubts about the child's capabilities, please do not enter them. We recommend coming as a spectator instead where you will be able to meet the event team and other parents and competitors to get a better idea of the standard before deciding whether to enter the next event in the series, or to join a surf club for more practice and development.

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.

FAQs

I have entered but now can't come, can I have a refund or transfer entry to another stop on the series? No. We can't issue refunds for the series or transfer places between competitions.

What if there is no surf on the competition date or the backup Sunday? We are holding one weekend as backup for the series. If an event can't run as scheduled it will be transferred to the back up weekend of 21st/22nd Oct. Unfortunately if the back up weekend is already taken and further events can't run as scheduled they will be cancelled.



Why can't you tell me straight away if my child has a place? We try and maximise the amount of places available, and if one division is undersubscribed it means we may be able to accommodate extra surfers if another is oversubscribed. We can only work this out once entry is closed.

Can I help my child in the water? Parental assistance is allowed for the under 12s to help them get out back, but ideally surfers will be able to paddle into waves unassisted. Judges will still count assisted waves, but will be scored accordingly

My child is 15, why don't you have a division for them? The series can only run thanks to the amazing support of our sponsors Eola and Animal and the time and effort from the host surf clubs and their volunteers. Adding additional age divisions would turn the contest into a two day event which doubles the resourcing and cost of running. At the moment, we simply don't have the capacity to do that. We are trying to bring in funding from Sport England to help us grow, but it's taking a lot of lobbying and fighting to get our sport properly recognised and supported.

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