



INTRODUCING THE 2026 USA SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP!

We're stoked to announce the 2026 USA Surfing Championships, taking place June 7–12 at Oceanside Harbor. This national event brings together the best shortboard, longboard, SUP, prone paddleboard, and para surfers from across the country to compete for national titles and ISA World Championship team selection.

This guide will walk you through:

- How to qualify
- How to register
- Key deadlines and requirements

Whether you're a seasoned competitor or aiming to qualify for the first time, everything you need to know is below. Let's go!

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Division(s)
June 7–8	Para Surf
June 8–10	Longboard
June 11	Adult Shortboard + SUP Surf
June 12	SUP & Prone Races (Distance, Tech, Age Divisions)

HOW TO REGISTER

All competitors must complete these two steps:

1. **Become a USA Surfing Member**
[Join or renew your membership](#)
2. **Register for the event on LiveHeats**
[Register here](#)

Registration deadline: May 23, 2026

Entry fees will only be charged if you are accepted. All entries start on the **waitlist**. Acceptance notifications and payment requests will be sent **starting May 24**.

Who Qualifies? (Priority Entry Pathways)

Priority invitations will go to surfers who competed in one or more of the following organizations or are current ISA team members.

Divisions & Qualifying Organizations:

- **Shortboard (Adult Divisions):**
WSA, NSSA, ESA, TGSA, HSA, US Boardriders, WSL QS, ISA Team Member
- **Longboard (Open Men/Women):**
WSA, NSSA, ESA, TGSA, HSA, WSL QS, ISA Team Member
- **Para Surf:**
WSA, HSA, AASP, PSL, Access Surf, or being a 2025 ISA Team Member

If you haven't competed in these orgs but want to be considered for an open spot: [Register for Open Consideration](#)

PARA SURF: Additional Participation Requirements

To participate in the Para Surf division, you must agree to the following:

- ✓ **Bring your own support team** as needed per division.

Example: Prone Assist must bring their own pusher/catcher; VI (visually impaired) must bring their own coach.

- ✓ **Be able to surf independently** (unless in Prone Assist or VI).

You must be able to paddle out, catch waves, and compete safely.

Exceptions may be made for PS1 athletes with approval from the Contest Director.

"Note: If you cannot check these two boxes, please reach out to USA Surfing for more assistance. You can also access more information on training opportunities, grants and assistance in and out of the water here. [CAF](#). [Life Rolls On](#). [Amp Surf](#). [Stoke for Life](#). [Surf Gimp](#). [Access Surf](#). [High 5's](#). [Oceans of Hope](#). [Operation Surf](#)"

Questions

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We're here to help you make it to O'side and surf your best!