



## **USA SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONAL ORGANIZATION QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS RETURN FOR 2024, FINALS TO RUN AT LOWERS**

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Hello surfers,

As registration for the 2023/2024 competition season opens for regional organizations, we are sending a reminder that the past few year's "COVID era" USA Surfing Championships open registration policy has been discontinued.

Please read carefully, there are a few special rules that vary among the different disciplines.

In order to qualify to surf in the 2024 USA Surfing Championship (USA Champs), surfers must qualify via a regional organization (WSA, NSSA, ESA, TGSA, HSA) to earn an invitation into next year's USA Champs.

**This applies to all surfers wishing to compete at USA Champs in**

- **all ages Longboard**
- **adult Shortboard**
- **Para Surfing**

**SUP/SUP Surf/Prone USA Champs participation remains open.**

Surfers must have completed a regional organization's minimum number of required 2023/2024 events and qualified for the regional organization's end of season championship (West Coast Champs/WSA, Regionals/ESA, States/HSA, Regionals/NSSA, TGSA Championship, etc) in order to receive an invitation to USA Champs 2024.

To compete for an invitation to the 2024 USA Surfing Championship, please check with your regional organization to determine their minimum season participation requirements, unless otherwise specified below.

**There will no longer be open/uninvited registration into USA Champs, with the exception of Open Division SUP/SUP Surf/Prone Paddle and Open Division Longboard.**

**Longboard Open Divisions** (Open Men and Open Women) at USA Champs are qualifiers for the ISA World Championship team as part of the Pan Am Games qualification track. Therefore, Open Division Longboard entrants at USA Champs

must have qualified **either** via a regional organization **or** by having competed in WSL Longboard event/s during the 2023/2024 season.

**SUP/SUP Surf/Prone Paddle Open Divisions** (Open Men and Open Women) at USA Champs **are** direct qualifiers for ISA World Championship teams as part of the Pan Am Games qualification track. Because USA Surfing does not currently pull from any regional SUP organizations, all SUP/Sup Surf/Prone will remain open registration for USA Champs 2024.

**Adult Shortboard** at USA Champs **is not** a direct qualifier for the ISA World Championship team. As the only discipline currently included in the Olympics, shortboard qualification for ISA, Pan Am and other Olympic delegation events happens per ISA selection procedures (WSL ranking). Adult shortboarders wishing to compete for the USA Surfing National Champion titles must qualify via regional organizations.

**Para Surfing** at USA Champs **is** a direct qualifier for the ISA World Championship team. Para surfers wishing to compete for USA Surfing National Champion titles and spots on the USA Team for ISA Worlds, must qualify by participating in a minimum of four (4) events during the 2023/2024 regular season. The four events may be a combination of WSA, HSA, and PSL North American events. **NOTE:** Please check with each regional organization for qualification requirements to surf in that organization's end of season championship (West Coast Champs/WSA, States/HSA, etc). Participation in USA Champs does not require participation in a regional organizations' end of season championships, only a total of four regular season events as noted above.

And, as always, USA Surfing Membership is required for entry into USA Champs.

### **Finals will be run at Lowers for 2024**

**NOTE:** Para surfers who earn spots on the USA Team at Oceanside will earn an invitation to surf a Para Surf Team demonstration heat at Lowers.

Have a great season! Hope to see you next June at USA Champs.

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