



## 2021 USA Surfing Championships Qualification

This year's 2020/2021 USA Surfing Championships qualifications has been set. As previously noted, USA Surfing has decided to delay moving forward with the new ratings/qualifications system in favor of using a modified system for this year's event, due to the lingering effects of the pandemic on everyone's competition seasons. The qualification process will proceed as follows:

### **UNDER 18 SHORTBOARD**

#### **Qualification of USA Prime West athletes**

The top 50% of athletes who complete 3 of 5 Prime West events.

#### **Qualification of USA Prime East athletes**

The top 50% athletes who complete 2 of 3 Prime East events.

#### **Tie-break rules for Prime**

1. If total points are tied, tie is broken by the athlete with highest finish out of the minimum number of events.
2. If still tied, go to the second highest result. If still tied, go to the next highest.
3. If a tie exists after all the minimum number of event finishes are considered, if both did an additional event, the highest finish in that event prevails.
4. If that doesn't break the tie and both surfers surfed yet another event, the highest finish in that event prevails.
5. If the tie is still not broken, the highest final heat score in the surfers' best result prevails. If a surfer has more than one "best result" (i.e. two first-place finishes) the result with the highest heat score in the final heat prevails.
6. If still tied, the highest wave score in the final heat of their best result will determine the winner of the tie.

#### **Regional organizations (mainland, USA Prime regions) NSSA East, NSSA West, ESA, WSA**

Each organization will receive a total of 16 opportunities to qualify athletes for the event (\*2 athletes per age division) to be awarded to the first- and second-place finisher in each age division, if the athlete has not already qualified through Prime.

(\*Boys U12 NSSA West and WSA 3 athletes each.)

**Note:** Pre-qualification through Prime and double qualification via two or more regional organizations in a non-Prime age division do not open a spot to a regional organization's next athlete/s in the ranking.

**Note:** Regional organization leadership will be responsible for determining their own qualification method for:

- all age divisions in regional organizations (where Prime is unavailable) and/or having experienced an absence of qualifying events during the pandemic (i.e. HASA, TGSA, NSSA HI)
- non-Prime age divisions (Girls U14 and U12, Boys U12) in regional organizations where Prime is available (ESA, NSSA East, WSA, NSSA West,

**Regional organizations (Hawaii, Texas, non-USA Prime regions) NSSA HI, HASA, TGSA**

Each organization will be able to qualify athletes based on historic allocation numbers.

TGSA - 8

HASA - 38

NSSA HI - 38

(see USA Champs Qualification spreadsheet for division breakdown)

**LONGBOARD ALL AGES & ALL OTHER DISCIPLINES**

**All regional organizations (mainland and Hawaii)**

Open (All athletes / all divisions wishing to compete are eligible.)

**Note:** All athletes competing will be required to purchase a USA Surfing competition membership to be eligible for the event. (Memberships are \$50, valid for 12 months, and allow athletes to surf in any USA Surfing sanctioned event for the entire 12-month period following the date of purchase.)

LOWER TRESTLES ISA/Youth Division				WEST			GULF	HAWAII	
	NSSA	ESA	PRIME	NSSA	WSA	PRIME	TGSA	HASA	NSSA
Boy's U18 (ISA)	2	2	14	2	2	20	**	7	7
Boy's U16 (ISA)	2	2	13	2	2	16	**	7	7
Boy's U14	2	2	9	2	2	10	**	5	5
Boy's U12	2	2	2	3	3	1	**	4	4
Girls U18 (ISA)	2	2	9	2	2	10	**	6	6
Girls U16 (ISA)	2	2	8	2	2	10	**	5	5
Girls U14	2	2	2	2	2	2	**	2	2
Girls U12	2	2	2	2	2	0	**	2	2
	16	16	59	17	17	69	8	38	38
<b>Oceanside Harbor North Jetty</b>									
Men's 18 - 29	Unlimited			Unlimited			Unlimited	Unlimited	
Women's 18+									
Masters 30 - 39									
Seniors 40 -49									
Legends 50+									
Boys LB U14									
JR LB U18									
Men's LB 18+									
Senior LB 40+									
Girls LB U14									
Girls LB U18									
Women LB 18+									
SUP Surf Boys U18									
SUP Surf Girls U18									
SUP Surf Open Men's (ISA)									
SUP Surf Open Women's (ISA)									
SUP Surf 40+ Men and Women									
SUP Technical Men									
SUP Technical Women									
SUP Distance Men									
SUP Distance Women									
Para Surf Stand 1 Men									
Para Surf Stand 2 Men									
Para Surf Stand 3 Men									
Para Surf Kneel Men									
Para Surf Prone 1 Men									
Para Surf Prone 2 Men									
Para Surf Vision Impairment 1 Men									
Para Surf Vision Impairment 2 Men									
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Regional organizations' season champion and 1st runner up will receive an invitation to  
 \* USA Surfing Championships at Lower Trestles.

TGSA will receive a total of 8 opportunities to qualify athletes into USA Surfing  
 \*\* Championships at Lower Trestles that they may allocate as they see fit.

\*\*\* For Non-ISA divisions, regional organizations may qualify as many surfers in these as  
 they would like.