



OFFICIAL INVITATION (en español mas abajo)

*Host Organizer: Federación Española de Surf
Sanctioned by the International Surfing Association*

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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EVENT SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

*Schedule is subject to change. **Contact FES to schedule your registration appointment.**

Sun, 27 November: Arrivals and Team Registration

Mon, 28 November: Arrivals and Team Registration

Tue, 29 November: Opening Ceremony

Wed, 30 November: Competition Begins

Sun, 4 December: Finals and Closing Ceremony

TEAM SIZE

Final Registration: 28 November

Team confirmation, payment, seeded competitor lists and all documentation must be finalized with the Event Host by 28 November 2011 to participate in the 2011 ISA World Bodyboard Championship.

Team size is as follows:

- 2 Open Men Bodyboard
- 1 Open Women Bodyboard
- 1 Under 18 Men Bodyboard
- 1 Drop Knee Open Bodyboard
- Alternates, Team Officials and Team Supporters at the discretion of team management

REGISTRATION FEES

The current rate for registration is USD\$175 per registrant. This rate is only available for all registration payments and documents received by the Event Host prior to the close of registration. **See the complete Registration Fee schedule below.**

The benefits of registration include:

1. Access to Official ISA Pre and Post Event Communications
2. Invitations to Official Event Functions
3. Limited Insurance coverage while participating in the ISA event
4. Official transportation as described below
 - o Lodging to/from Official Events and Meetings
 - o Lodging to/from Contest Venue
5. Participation in the Parade of Nations and Official Opening Ceremony
6. Access to Team discounted rates for lodging, and food and airfare, if negotiated by the host organizer
7. Official Event T-Shirt
8. Official gift-bag with Rulebook, Event Program, Sticker, Poster, etc.
9. Access to Team Tents at Contest Venue
10. Water and snacks at Contest Venue

The policy is to collect registration fees for all those officially associated with each team, as well as those who desire to obtain any of the registration benefits. This includes all coaches, medical staff, translators, media, family members and friends who want VIP credentials.

REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

- Teams will pay **USD\$175** per registrant if fees are received by end of day on **1 November 2011**.
- Teams will pay **USD\$200** per registrant if fees are received between **2-27 November 2011**.
- Teams will pay **USD\$225** per registrant if fees are received onsite at event on **28 November 2011**.

Teams shall communicate directly with the Event Host (FES General Coordinator, Lourenço Chaves de Almeida: lca@fesurf.net) with any questions regarding payment of registration fees.

Items to note:

- Registration fees will be charged to each team member, managers, coaches, translators, medical staff, media, supporters and additional parties.
- All registrants must sign an Indemnity Form provided by the Event Host.
- A surfer competing in more than one division is required to pay a Registration Fee for each division entered.
- Alternates must be identified and paid for prior to close of registration to be eligible for participation in the contest.

OUTSTANDING BALANCES

- A nation will not be allowed to compete if it has any outstanding dues payable to the ISA. Contact ISA Operations Coordinator, Anne Tuite at annetuite@isasurf.org to verify outstanding account balances.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Teams are highly encouraged to submit registration requirements to the Event Host at least 30 days prior to the event. Please review the ISA's registration requirements.

Submit to Event Host at least 30 days prior to the event:

1. **Complete list of names of all participants.** For security purposes, the Event Host must receive the names and contact information of all athletes, coaches, managers, trainers, family and friends. Athletes must be listed in seeded order.
2. **Travel & Accommodation Information**, including arrival and departure dates & times and lodging.
3. **[Athlete Bios](#)** to be used for media purposes.

4. [Therapeutic Use Exemption forms](#). These forms may be submitted via email or fax to the ISA HQ and are requested at least 30 days in advance of the contest.
5. [Indemnity form](#) for each registered team member **AND ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS**.
6. [Code of Conduct](#) - forms must be completed and signed.
7. [List of team email addresses](#)

Submit to Event Host during on-site Registration, (27 and 28 November):

1. **Passports** - All athletes' nationality and ages must be confirmed. Actual passport and clear copies of passports must be provided at time of registration.
2. **Sand** – 2.5 liters of dry sand from the beaches of your country for the Sands of the World Ceremony. Label the sand container with country and beach name.
3. **National Flag**
4. **ISA Competitor Stickers and National Flag Stickers** - The ISA requires all athletes to place the mandatory ISA Competitor and National Flag stickers on the top 1/3 of their board (back only) prior to entering the water for their heats. ISA Competitor stickers will be distributed by the Beach Marshalls, and athletes are required to bring their own National Flag stickers to the event.

Athlete Attendance at Registration

All team athletes must be present at time of registration for personal verification of their identity by ISA officials. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure athletes are present during registration. Please arrange accordingly, since athletes not present will not be registered and will not be allowed participation in the competition. There shall be no exception to this requirement of physical attendance of competitors during registration of the team.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Representation

The ISA will ONLY accept a valid passport from the country the athlete is representing as proof of nationality for participation in World Championship events. The only exception is for National Identification cards issued by the National Government of the team country, that clearly shows "Nationality or Citizenship". Note: Such a card showing place of birth but not Nationality or Citizenship of the athlete, will not be accepted, as place of birth does not provide automatic citizenship in many countries.

The ISA will not accept any other form of government documentation supporting a passport or eligibility of passport to verify nationality. This policy will be implemented immediately and has been updated in the ISA rulebook.

Once a competitor has surfed for a country in any ISA event, he/she generally may not surf for another country at future ISA sanctioned International Events. If an athlete is allowed to represent a second nation based on the conditions set forth in *Paragraph b of By-Laws to rule* outlined below, he/she may not change back to representing his/her original country. Special exemptions may be considered, however, after presentation to the Executive Committee at least three (3) months prior to the start of any ISA sanctioned event. Requests for exemption will only be considered if received in writing through the affiliated NGB to the Executive Committee via the ISA office, with certified copies of all relevant documentation (passport, letters from/to National Sports Organizations or Home Affairs Offices, etc) accompanying the representation.

**Please see the ISA rulebook for By-Laws.*

Drug Testing

Drug Testing will follow the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) guidelines and will be conducted during the competition. To check on the updated list of banned substances, go to the WADA website www.wada-ama.org.

Passports & Visas

Please check with your travel agent or your Foreign Affairs Department for requirements. The Host has also provided a website with basic information on the requirements for entry into Spain:

<http://www.maec.es/en/MenuPpal/Consulares/ServiciosConsulares/InformacionaExtranjeros/Paginas/Nacionalidad.aspx>

Travel Vaccines

Please contact your Foreign affairs department for further information.

Travel Insurance

The ISA strongly recommends that each team procures travel insurance (including, but not limited to accident, liability and medical) for all of their participants.

EVENT SITE INFORMATION

Gran Canaria was originally populated by the Canarii (Guanches), who are believed to have arrived as early as 500 BC. The Canarii named the island Tamarán, "Land of the Brave." After over a century of European invasions and attempts at conquest, the island was conquered in 1483 by the Kingdom of Castile. This resulted in a significant step towards the expansion of the unified nation of Spain.



The capital city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria was founded in 1478, under the name "Real de Las Palmas." Today the city is bursting with cultural and social features of entertainment, in addition to the four main beaches visitors are often drawn to, Las Canteras, Las Alcaravaneras, la Laja, and Confital.

The Canary Islands are comparable to the "European Hawaii" with not only the similar great weather, but also the impressive waves for surfers.

WEATHER FORECAST

Gran Canaria is noted for its rich variety of micro climates. Generally speaking, the average daytime high ranges from 20°C in winter, to 26°C in summer. Some cool nights occur in winter, but lows below 10°C are unknown near the coast. Annual rainfall averages 228 mm, but rainfall is unevenly distributed through the island with some areas being much drier than others. Cloud cover and sunshine is often quite variable during the cooler months, and there can be several rather cloudy days in winter.

SURF FORECAST

At the time of year of the ISA World Bodyboard Championship, normal to big swells are expected and typical for the Canary Islands. The Event Host expects waves of 1 to 4 meters (3-12 feet) depending on size and orientation of the swell.

LODGING

Gran Canaria provides various accommodation options for teams. The Event Host intends to provide full details as soon as they are confirmed.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

To/From Airport:

The distance between the Las Palmas Gran Canaria Airport and contest site is about 50 kilometers. Teams that book the hotel accommodations through the Event Host, will be provided both transportation to/from the airport and to/from the contest site.

Transportation Costs To/From Airport:

Teams arranging their own transportation to/from the airport should expect costs such as:

- BUS: \$350 USD
- TAXI: \$50 USD

Official Event Travel Agency:

Teams are encouraged to submit an inquiry to the Official Event's Travel Agency, Halcon Viages, for assistance with travel:

http://fesurf.net/fes2009/index.php?option=com_chronocontact&chronoformname=HalconViajes

PAYMENT DETAILS

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN GRAN CANARIA!
