

NOTICE OF THE EVENT

Indian Open of Surfing 2026

National Surfing & SUP Championship

Eco Beach, Blue Flag Tannirbhavi, Mangalore, Karnataka, India.

May 29th to 31th 2026

Organised by the Surfing Swami Foundation (SSF) under the aegis of the Surfing Federation of India (SFI), and in association with Karnataka Surfing Association is proud to present the 9th edition of the Indian Open of Surfing 2026, taking place from May 29th to 31st 2026, at Blue Flag Beach, Tannirbhavi, Mangalore.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This is a Short Board and Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) competition, part of the National Series 2026.
- 1.2 The National Series Event is governed by the ISA RULEBOOK & CONTEST ADMINISTRATION MANUAL, September 2025.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 No participant substitution is permitted once registered.
- 1.5 Additional Rules referenced in the Notice of Event and Event Instructions may apply.

2. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISA Rules.
- 2.2 Boards/athletes are required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the SFI.
- 2.3 Participants will be responsible for keeping such advertising visible throughout the **Indian Open of Surfing 2026**.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1 For eligibility ISA rule in Chapter 2 Section 1 will apply. Registration process will be as per ISA Rule Chapter 2 Section 2. The Indian Open of Surfing competition is open to Indian passport holders.
- 3.2 KSA/SFI will have final authority on eligibility.
- 3.3 Registration Fees are applicable for the event depending on category.
- 3.4 Registrations will close 3days prior to the event start date, as announced by SFI.
- 3.5 Participants are required to pay the registration fee at the time of registration verification.

3.6 Registration verification will take place at the venue of competition on the day prior to competition commencement, unless otherwise informed. The specific time and location will be announced closer to the date.

3.7 The fee includes entry to the competition, breakfast and lunch on event days and free access to all shore-based events for each registered participant.

3.8 In the event of inclement weather or in order to ensure safety, the SFI may decide to modify, cancel or interrupt the Event. In such cases the entry fees will not be returned. This applies, with no limitation, to exceptionally adverse weather conditions, war, mobilization, requisition, embargo, fire, flooding, strike, or any blocking of the facilities caused by an event outside the control of the KSA/SFI.

3.9 The entry categories & criteria will be as follows:

No	Category	Age	Board
	SURFING		
1	Women's Open (Shortboard)	All Ages	Short Board
2	Men's Open (Shortboard)	All Ages	Short Board
3	Juniors Male (Shortboard)	U18	Short Board
4	Juniors Female (Shortboard)	U18	Short Board
	SUP		
5	Men's Open (SUP) Technical	All Ages	SUP
6	Women's Open (SUP) Technical	All Ages	SUP
7	Men's Open (SUP) Sprint	All Ages	SUP
8	Women's Open (SUP) Sprint	All Ages	SUP
9	Juniors Male (SUP) Sprint	U18	SUP
10	Juniors Male (SUP) Technical	U18	SUP

Participants in Open Category (Male & Female) — Shortboard:

- Minimum of 6 entries required to run the category.
- SFI accredited Surf Schools can nominate 2 surfers per category per accredited school.
- Registration fee: INR 1,000

Participation in Juniors Category: (Male & Female) — Shortboard:

- Minimum of 6 entries required to run the category else participants will be given the option to take part in the Open category.
- SFI accredited Surf Schools only can nominate 2 surfers per school.
- Registration is free

Participants in Open Category (Male & Female) — SUP:

- Minimum of 6 entries required to run the category.
- Registration fee: INR 1,000

Participation in Juniors Category: (Male & Female) — SUP:

- Minimum of 6 entries required to run the category else participants will be given the option to take part in the Open category.
- Registration is free.

Note:

U18 Junior Division (Boys & Girls):

Open to competitors who are 18 years old or younger. To be eligible, a competitor must not turn 19 at any time between January 1 and December 31 of the competition year.

Age Verification:

All U18 competitors must submit valid proof of age.

3.10 PAYMENT INFORMATION: All payments for registration are to be made as detailed in Section 3.5 above.

4. FORMAT

4.1 The event format will be as per ISA Rule Book Chapter 2 Section 3.

5. PRIZE MONEY

Applicable TDS will be deducted when paying the prize money.

Categories	Female	Male
Surfing Juniors Grants (Shortboard)	1st Place - Rs.20,000/- 2nd Place - Rs.15,000/- 3rd Place - Rs.12,500/- 4th Place – Rs 10,000/-	1st Place - Rs.20,000/- 2nd Place - Rs.15,000/- 3rd Place - Rs.12,500/- 4th Place – Rs 10,000/-
Surfing Open Category (Shortboard)	1st Place – INR 20,000/- 2nd Place – INR 15,000/- 3rd Place – INR 12,000/- 4th Place – INR 9,000/- 5th Place – INR 7,000/- 6th Place – INR 7,000/- 7th Place – INR 5,000/- 8th Place – INR 5,000/-	1st Place – INR 20,000/- 2nd Place – INR 15,000/- 3rd Place – INR 12,000/- 4th Place – INR 9,000/- 5th Place – INR 7,000/- 6th Place – INR 7,000/- 7th Place – INR 5,000/- 8th Place – INR 5,000/-

Categories	Female	Male
Juniors - SUP Technical		1st Place - Rs.20,000/- 2nd Place - Rs.10,00/- 3rd Place - Rs.5000/-
Juniors - SUP Print		1st Place - Rs.10,000/- 2nd Place - Rs.7,500/- 3rd Place - Rs.5000/-
SUP Technical Open	1st Place - Rs.20,000/- 2nd Place - Rs.10,00/- 3rd Place - Rs.5000/-	1st Place - Rs.20,000/- 2nd Place - Rs.10,00/- 3rd Place - Rs.5000/-
SUP Sprint Open	1st Place - Rs.10,000/- 2nd Place - Rs.7,500/- 3rd Place - Rs.5000/-	1st Place - Rs.10,000/- 2nd Place - Rs.7,500/- 3rd Place - Rs.5000/-

6. EVENT INSTRUCTIONS (EI)

The Event Instructions will be provided to the participants at the Athletes Briefing after registration verification on the day prior to the competition start.

7. VENUE

Eco Beach, Blue Flag Tannirbhavi, Mangalore, Karnataka, India - 575010 .

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8. COURSE & COMPETITION AREA

The exact competition area will be informed at the Athletes Briefing.

9. PENALTIES

Infringement and technical infringement penalties will be published in the Event Instructions. The Penalties will be as per SFI Rule Chapter 2 Section 3 (c).

10. SCORING

Scoring will be per ISA Rulebook – best 2 waves, maximum 10 points per wave, 20 points heat total.”

11. PROTESTS AND PROTEST COMMITTEE

Any protests should be submitted in writing to the Beach Marshall within 30 minutes of completion of the heat.

A Protest Committee (PC) will be appointed as per ISA rules Chapter 2 Section 3 (D). The Chairman PC will chair the PC.

12. AMENDMENTS TO NOTICE OF EVENT

The KSA/SFI may change the Notice of Event. Any such changes will be intimated to the participants.

13. DOPING CONTROL

Competitors are reminded of the rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances, which are contained in ISA Rules Chapter 2, Section 3 (A) in the Anti-Doping Code. Doping control may take place during the event.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support personnel participate entirely at their own risk. The SSF/KSA/SFI or any other Event officials and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the competition.

15. INDEMNITIES

Each entrant must sign the indemnity declaration on the Entry Form at the registration verification. If under 18, the parent or guardian must sign.

16. ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT & FOOD

Participants will have to reach the venue on their own and make their accommodation and transport arrangements.

17. MECHANICAL / ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE

17.1 The SFI prohibits any mechanical/electronic communication device (including megaphones) that links a competitor in the action of competing with another party during SFI competitive events. Various other team officials (including the coach) may use communication devices in the contest area.

17.2 Means of communication are allowed only for the purpose of emergencies, safety, and weather reports. Each team should declare their communication equipment to the Organizing Authority.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

By entering this event, the owner (or charterer), participants and support staff on competing boards grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voice, images,

likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representation of their board in any media (including television, print, and internet). SFI Rule in Chapter 2 Section 3 (D) will apply.

19. CONTACT DETAILS

Team leaders, team managers, or the designated point-of-contact for each participant shall provide an email address and mobile phone number to the Event Office KSA/SFI.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Dustbins will be provided for the disposal of trash. Competitors and teams shall be environmentally aware and responsible at the venue. Little Andaman is a pristine natural environment; all participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of environmental stewardship.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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