

**TEXAS GULF SURFING ASSOCIATION
2016 - 2017 MEMBERSHIP & CONTEST ENTRY**

Mailing address: 100 El Cid Dr., Rockport, TX 78382

Send Check or Money Order (NO CASH) **DEADLINE: TUESDAY MIDNIGHT** before contest
TGSA ON-LINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM by Credit Card at <http://www.suftgsa.org>

**ALL FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE AND NONTRANSFERABLE FOR
ANY REASON INCLUDING POSTPONEMENT OF CONTEST**

MEMBERSHIP FEE / YEAR: (expires 7-31-17): _____ \$

Competitive Youth . . . **\$45** ; Competitive Adult (18+) . . . **\$55**

District: (split at Victoria) **North** or **South** T-shirt: **XS AS AM AL AXL**

Open Contests **\$40** first div / **\$30** each add'l / **\$15** Micro-Groms _____ \$

Open / Cash Award Division **\$50**: _____ \$

(TSSC is an Invitational determined by criteria decided at beginning of season)

Texas State Surf Competition . . **\$50** first div / **\$40** each add'l: _____ \$

Pro-Am Competitions (cost varies) _____ \$

Tax Ded. Don.: _____ \$ Scholarships: _____ \$ All Star Team: _____ \$

Check#: _____ Total Enclosed: _____ \$

Contest Entering: _____

Name: _____ Male / Female

Birth Date: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, St Zip: _____

***** Celebrating 28th Season of Competition *****

2016-17 TENTATIVE CONTEST SCHEDULE

Aug 20, 2016 - TGSA/Texas Surf Camps Grom Round Up @ Galveston Island State Park

Aug 27, 2016 - TGSA / Texas Surf Camps Grom Round Up @ Caldwell Pier, Port Aransas

Sep 17-18, 2016 – South Padre Island Open Present by South Padre Island Convention and Visitors
Bureau @ South Padre Island

Oct 15-16, 2016 – Packery Channel Open @ Packery Channel Jetties Present by Third Coast Surf Co.

Nov 12-13, 2016 – North Open Event to be Announced

Dec 3-4, 2016 - Port Aransas Open @ Horace Caldwell Pier, Port Aransas Presented by Port Aransas
Chamber of Commerce and Fins Grill & Icehouse

Feb 18-19, 2017 – Galveston Open @ Seawall 47th Street Jetties Presented by Southern Spears

Apr 1 - 2, 2017 - Texas State Championships @ Bob Hall Pier, Corpus Christi

Blackout Dates: April 16, 2017 (Easter), March 11 to 19, 2017 (Spring Break)



All competitors and teams must be a paid member and have paid contest fee before **TUESDAY MIDNIGHT** before contest to secure slot at Open contest.

No fees will be transferable to other contests for any reason including postponements.

Email request by competitors or teams for entry without payment will be not be accepted and beach entries will only be available for open slots.

{Your Division is determined by your age as of 01/01/2017 }

SHORTBOARD DIVISIONS

(board can not exceed 18 inches over your height)

**Micro-Groms (Boys & Girls 8yrs and under, push-in)
Menehune Girls (girls 12 & under)**

**Menehune Boys (12 & under)
Girls (14 & under)
Boys (14 & under)**

**Junior Women (17 & under)
Junior Men (17 & under)
Men (29 and under)**

**Women (all ages)
Masters (ages 30+)
Senior Men (ages 40+)
Legends (ages 50+)
Air (all ages)**

Open Body Board (TSSC only)

CASH AWARD DIVISIONS

These divisions do not count towards TEAM POINTS
...prize can be adjusted with # of entrants too minimal to cover prize...

***Open Short Board (all ages)**

***Open Long Board (all ages)**

\$200 for 1st place and rollover of entry fee in Open Div. for next contest for 2nd, 3rd, 4th Extra slots may be awarded to a youth as a wildcard spot

LONGBOARD DIVISIONS

(Board must be 3 ft over height)

Junior LB (ages 17 & under)

(Board must be 9 ft and over)
**Mens LB (ages 18 - 39)
Women's LB (all ages)
Senior LB (ages 40 +)**

STAND UP PADDLE BOARD

**Open Men (all ages)
Open Women (all ages)**

**COMPETITORS MAY SURF
MULTIPLE DIVISIONS GOING UP IN
AGE OR DOWN IN AGE TOWARDS
MEN & WOMEN DIVISIONS**

GENERAL RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION – IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Texas Gulf Surfing Association (“TGSA”) athletic sports program, including all related events, functions and activities, the undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees as follows:

[1] The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent injury, paralysis and death;

[2] **I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS**, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES** (as defined below), and assume full responsibility for participation.

[3] I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, executors and personal representatives (and if the parent of a participant, as next friend of and on behalf of my minor child), **HEREBY RELEASE AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND TGSA**, its officers, directors, officials, agents, volunteers, employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (referred to collectively as “RELEASEES”), **FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, EXPENSES, DAMAGES AND LIABILITY OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER, INCURRED OR ASSERTED BY, THROUGH OR UNDER ME (AND, IF A PARENT, MY MINOR CHILD) FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, MEDICAL EXPENSES, LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, IMPAIRMENT, LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY AND ANY AND ALL OTHER CLAIMS, DAMAGES, EXPENSES OR CAUSES OF ACTION WHATSOEVER**, arising from or in any way related to participation in any way in the athletic program of TGSA, attendance or participation in any event activity or function thereof, or any related event, function or activity, including prior to, during or after any such event, function or activity. **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES, OR ANY OF THEM, OR OTHERWISE.**

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AND UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, THAT I UNDERSTAND I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND THAT I HAVE EXECUTED SAME FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR RELIANCE UPON ANY REPRESENTATION BY RELEASEES.

PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT’S SIGNATURE
IF PARTICIPANT UNDER THE AGE OF 18 _____ DATE: _____

TGSA ON-LINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM at <http://www.surftgsa.org> is available for annual memberships and contest entries. You can enter on-line up to the Saturday before the original contest date and be able to use a credit card or mail this form along with payment. **THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE YOU CAN COMPETE.**

TGSA SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

SPORTSMANSHIP DEFINED AS THE FOLLOWING:

- The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines sportsmanship as conduct becoming to one participating in a sport. (Such as; fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in, winning or losing.)
- The above definition of sportsmanship will be strictly applied to the sport of competitive surfing at all TGSA competitions

UNSPORTSMANSHIP LIKE CONDUCT DEFINED AS THE FOLLOWING:

Surfer is defined as active participant and/or a minor competitor's guardian(s)

- Any surfer who assaults a TGSA official or employee in any way will be suspended from the association for the remainder of the competition year and will lose all individual points that may have been accumulated up to the point of the infraction. Any surfer that causes destruction or damage to property will be subject to immediate suspension from that TGSA event and will lose all individual and team points that have been accumulated at that event.
- A surfer may receive a verbal warning once for the following infractions, upon receiving a second verbal warning, that surfer will be suspended for the remainder of that TGSA event and will lose all individual and team points that may have been accumulated at that event.
- Rude gestures to contest officials and judges
- Swearing at contest officials and judges
- Spitting at contest officials and judges - Ripping up judges sheets
- Writing on judges sheets
- Swearing in official area
- Free surfing in competition area. Any competitors practicing in a designated contest area or causing any other interference with competitors when it is not his/her heat, may be disqualified from the contest, or the next contest, and lose any rating points and team points from that contest
- Taking competition jersey off in water
- Use of illegal drugs in or near the official competition area
- Any and all behavior deemed to be un-sportsmanlike conduct by any two TGSA officials.

APPEALS PROCESS:

- Any surfer who loses his TGSA membership due to the violation of this sportsmanship conduct code may appeal to the TGSA Board of Directors. Upon review, the Board's decision will be final.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above Sportsmanship Code

Signature _____