



## **NOTICE OF EVENT**

**International Surfing Festival, Varkala, 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** Kerala Tourism, under the aegis of Surfing Federation of India (SFI)

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 This is a Short Board competition part of the National Series.
- 1.2 The National Series Event is governed by the ISA RULEBOOK & CONTEST ADMINISTRATION MANUAL, September 2023.

Link to Rulebook:

[https://mcusercontent.com/a9e5b7f44e66a4afe2c244aab/files/0d51d420-8c13-ae38-facb-4d94caeabd28f/ISA\\_RULEBOOK\\_SEP\\_2024.01.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/a9e5b7f44e66a4afe2c244aab/files/0d51d420-8c13-ae38-facb-4d94caeabd28f/ISA_RULEBOOK_SEP_2024.01.pdf)

- 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 Kerala Tourism/SFI.

2.3 Participants will be responsible for keeping such advertising visible throughout the event.

## **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 competition is open to Indian passport holders.

\*\*\*non-Indian passport holders who have contested before in SFI events can only take part through an accredited surf school. No points would be allocated but prize money would be awarded.

3.2 SFI will have final authority on eligibility.

3.3 Registration Fees is applicable for the event depending on category.

3.4 Registrations will close at 6 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

3.5 Participants are required to pay the registration fee at the time of registration verification.

3.6 Registration verification will take place on 28th March at the venue of competition, unless otherwise informed. The specific time and location for the verification will be announced closer to the date.

3.7 The fee includes entry to the competition, t-shirt, breakfast and lunch on event days.

3.8 In the event of inclement weather or in order to ensure safety, the SFI may decide to modify the events or 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 SFI

3.9 The entry categories & criteria will be as follows

## **SURF CATEGORIES**

### **Participation in Groms Category: (Female: Age 16 & under)**

- 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

### **Participation in Groms Category: (Male: Age 16 & under)**

- Total of 32 slots in Groms Category.
- SFI accredited Surf Schools only can nominate 2 surfers per school.
- Registration is free

### **Participation in Open Category: (Female)**

- Minimum of 6 entries required to run else category will be cancelled
- SFI accredited Surf Schools can nominate 2 female surfers per category per accredited school. (Shortboard only).
- Registration fee INR 1000

### **Participation in Open Category: (Male)**

- Total of 56 slots in Open Category for the first 56 valid registrations
- Top 16 surfers as per the National Rankings from 2023 will get automatic entry into the event which will be confirmed after payment and registration.

- Remaining 40 slots are allocated to SFI Accredited Surf Schools who can nominate 2 surfers per accredited school (apart from the top 16).
- Registration fee INR 1,000 per athlete

#### **Participation in International Cup – Team Event:**

- Minimum of 4 teams required to run the category
- Maximum of 8 teams allowed
- Each team must consist of 2 Non-Indian passport holders and at least 1 female team member
- Winning team will be the highest total of individual points
- Registration fee INR 10,000/- per team
- This is a non-ranking category

### **3.10 PAYMENT INFORMATION**

All payments for registration are to be made as detailed in 3.5 above.

## **4. FORMAT**

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

No	CATEGORY	Age	Board
1	Women's Open	All Ages	Short Board
2	Men's Open	All Ages	Short Board
3	Groms Girls	16 & under	Short Board
4	Groms Boys	16 & under	Short Board
5	International Cup – Team Event	All Ages	Short Board

## 5. Prize Money:

- Applicable TDS will be deducted when paying the prize money.

Categories	Female	Male
<b>Groms Category</b> <b>*** Worth of Grants</b>	1st Place – INR 15,000/- 2nd Place – INR 10,000/- 3rd Place – INR 7000/- 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 5000/-	1st Place – INR 15,000/- 2nd Place – INR 10,000/- 3rd Place – INR 7000/- 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 5000/-
<b>Open Category</b>	1st Place – INR 20,000/- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – INR 15,000/- 3rd Place – INR 12,000/- 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 9000/- 5 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 7000/- 6 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 7000/- 7 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 5000/- 8 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 5000/-	1st Place – INR 20,000/- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – INR 15,000/- 3rd Place – INR 12,000/- 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 9000/- 5 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 7000/- 6 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 7000/- 7 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 5000/- 8 <sup>th</sup> Place – INR 5000/-
<b>International Cup</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Team – INR 1,00,000/- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Team – INR 50,000/-	

## 6. EVENT INSTRUCTIONS (EI)

The Event Instructions will be provided to the participants at the Judges briefing after registration verification on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## **7.VENUE – Edava Beach Surf Spot**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nFqeR6RcsYEWtBRE7>

## **8. COMPETITION AREA**

The Competition Area will be provided at the 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**

The scoring criteria will be explained during the judges briefing.

## **11. PROTEST COMMITTEE**

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 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 ISF Rules Chapter 2, Section 3 (A) in the Anti-Doping Code. Doping control may take place during the regatta.

## **14. RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors and support personnel participate entirely at their own risk. The 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 AND TRANSPORT SERVICES**

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 this communication in the contest area.

17.2 The means of communication are allowed only for the purpose of emergencies, safety, and weather reports. Each team should declare their communication equipment to the OA.

## **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 DETAIL**

Team leader, Team manager or designated person as point-of-contact for each participant shall provide an email address and mobile phone number to Event office/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.

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Contest Director** - Nawaz Jabbar - 9952007000

**Local Organiser Contact** - Vineeth - 98468 13515

**Event Co-ordinator** - Rammohan Paranjape - 99808 45767