



# 2025 EVENT GUIDE

## RIP CURL NATIONALS

EVENT#1: LONGBOARD NATIONALS MARCH 29

EVENT#2: SHORTBOARD NATIONALS MAY 9-11

COX BAY, TOFINO, BC, CANADA

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#### **WHAT is it:**

'25 RIP CURL NATIONALS is **now** 2 separate and distinct events, one event for Longboard and one for Shortboard.

For the first time, Canadian Longboarders will come together for 1 day of competition at Cox Bay, Tofino, on March 29, for the Rip Curl Longboard Nationals Canada! 2 National Champs will be crowned in the official International Surfing Association (ISA) recognized Longboard Open divisions (9'+).

Rip Curl Nationals Canada continues as a 3-day surfing competition featuring women and men competing in official ISA age categories and shortboard disciplines: Open, U18 & U16 Junior shortboard, and new for this year: 40+ Masters and U14. All will be competing for the highly coveted Rip Curl Canadian National Titles. This event is produced and sanctioned by Surf Canada as a CANAM Open series.

**WHY do it:**

1. Because being involved and competing is a lot of FUN!
2. Gives you a personal goal and incentive to acquire and improve your surf skills.
3. And, for those that are at the top of their game, the Final results from eligible competitors will determine 2025 Canadian National Team selections for '25 ISA World Championships. [Team Selections Protocol](#)

***All National Team spots are Earned by Competition Results.***

**WHEN:**

Rip Curl Longboard Nationals Canada: March 29

Rip Curl Nationals Canada: May 9-11

7:00am – 6pm\* Rip Curl NATIONALS, Heat Draw and Schedule will be published on [liveheats.com](#) when available. Search 'Surf Canada'

*\* Schedule is tentative and SurfCanada reserves the right to change the schedule without prior notice. It is EVERY competitor's ongoing responsibility to be aware of ANY changes and adjust accordingly. Please check your LiveHeats account as well as the On-Site Beach Marshall for any changes.*

**WHERE:**

This 19th year of "The Rip Curl" once again returns to the home of Canadian surf competition, Cox Bay, Tofino, B.C., with the competition site in front of the Maltby Road beach access.

Planning your Visit [Here](#)

Travel Tips & Regulations [Here](#)

**WHO:**

Open to Female and Male surfers from Canada and surfers from any country are eligible to compete in each of following;

Open Shortboard, Junior U18, U16, U14 shortboard, 40+ shortboard, Open Longboard (9'+)

**PRIZING:****OPEN Shortboard \$4,000**

Female and Male OPEN finalists equally receive from the Total Prize Purse as follow:  
Champion **\$1,000**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **\$500**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **\$300**, 4<sup>th</sup> **\$200**

## **BONUS PRIZING:**

**\$10,000** provided by the Burns Family of Qualicum Beach and Calgary, in support of Surf Canada, with **\$4,000** assigned as a **Bursary**, financially supporting the highest placing\* Vancouver Island based, eligible Canadian surfers at the Rip Curl NATIONALS as follows:

\$1000 to OPEN Women

\$1000 to U18 Girls

\$1000 to OPEN

\$1000 to U18 Boys

**NEW BONUS:** Burns Family Bonus Bucks – up to **\$6000** assigned to further incentivize top performers: \$50 Burns Bonus Bucks will be awarded to every heat winner, of every round, in each division! That is up to 120 winners, and yes, that includes Longboard, Juniors, Masters and Open!

*\* In the event there is a tie in the ranking when determining the highest placed eligible surfer, the surfer with the highest heat-score total from their final heat in the respective event will obtain the Burns Family Bursary.*

## **Podium Prizing**

Finalist will receive prizing from Title sponsor Rip Curl Canada and our Event partners

## **Medal Allocations:**

All finalists in each division of SurfCanada events will receive medals, according to final placing, as follows:

1st - gold, 2nd - silver, 3rd - bronze, 4th - copper

## **Competition rules can be viewed by clicking [here](#)**

All divisions will be judged by ISA accredited officials, live scoring and four-person, non-priority heats.

## **SURFER REGISTRATION**

- Rip Curl Longboard Nationals: Registration Opens February 28 [here](#)
- Rip Curl Shortboard Nationals: Registration Open March 15 [here](#)

By Registering and having your credit card charged (or pending) for this event has you waitlisted for your category, but does not confirm entry. You will be notified when your registration has been confirmed or declined before the close of registration.

As payment is required for this event, athletes will need to provide payment details during registration. However, you will only be charged if and when your entry gets confirmed by an Event Director.

Please reference EVENT ESSENTIALS for further details.

### **IMPORTANT No Refunds for:**

- **LONGBOARD NATIONALS** for ANY reason after March 21, 2025.
- **SHORTBOARD NATIONALS** for ANY reason after April 20, 2025.

### **SPECTATING**

Watching live at Cox Bay is always free.

As we are guests of the District of Tofino and the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, all District Park rules apply, including; parking and fees, no alcohol consumption, no smoking, no fires directly on the sand, and pets must be on leash at all times.

[How to Beach Responsibly](#)

IF Live Webcast is produced: at [www.csasurfcanada.org](http://www.csasurfcanada.org)

and YouTube [www.youtube.com/@csaSurfCanada](https://www.youtube.com/@csaSurfCanada)

### **Parking Fees**

Beach Pay parking in effect 8am-11pm

\$3/hr, \$3 each additional hr, \$15/day or \$150 annual pass

[Plan your trip/getting around tofino](#)

### **Dogs and Pets**

Dogs are permitted; however, **they must be on a leash at all times**. This includes beaches, trails, parking lots and in the water.

This regulation is actively enforced [Here](#) with fines and further penalties if needed. It is also illegal to harass wildlife, therefore a visitor can be charged if their pet chases a wild animal.

Please clean up after your pet and dispose of the waste in the garbage cans provided.

Picking up after your pets shows respect to other visitors, their pets and the environment.

### **HWY 4**

Road work [Events](#)

There is also a traffic advisory hotline which will provide detailed and up-to-date information to help plan your trip. The number is: 1-855-451-7152.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### Current guidance from the Office of the Public Health Officer

- All sport activities are allowed.
- **Proof of vaccination** is no longer required for sport activities and programs.
- Businesses, organizations and facilities no longer need a COVID-19 safety plan. They must follow communicable disease guidance from **WorkSafeBC**.
- Wearing masks in public indoor settings is not required by public health. Wearing a mask is a personal choice.

All attendees must adhere to the guidelines set out by Federal, Provincial, and Local governments and the event organizer – no exceptions. Guidelines are subject to change based on the Federal, Provincial, and Local governments and our guidelines are subject to change alongside.

Please DO NOT ATTEND if you feel unwell.

## ACCOMODATIONS

Rip Curl NATIONALS event site, is situated at the centre of beautiful Cox Bay. The seaside town of Tofino offers a wide range of accommodation, from stunning Ocean and Harbor view resorts, to cozy Cabins, Bed & Breakfasts, Eco-Yurts, Hostels, Motels and Campgrounds, you can find your unforgettable place to stay through the links below.

### **HOTEL ZED TOFINO and LONG BEACH LODGE RESORT are our official Event Hospitality Partners:**

As the official Host Hotels for Rip Curl NATIONALS CANADA:

**HOTEL ZED TOFINO** is centrally located just minutes away from competition site at Cox Bay & the center of Tofino. Plus, Hotel Zed Tofino is offering incredible accommodations specials exclusively for competitors and fans!

Promo rate code **"CSAFANS" for 15% off** from May 7-12, 2025.

Please call toll free 1-855-763-7771 to book.

Learn more at this [Link](#)

*"Hotel Zeds are ridiculously fun, unpretentious hotels that look damn good on your Instagram. We have completely unordinary amenities like rotary dial phones in every room, plus a bunch of other great stuff. You'll never be bored here."*

*Now open in Tofino! Our Tofino Zed is our most deluxe hotel that oozes 1970's swank. Here we have the world's first bike path that takes you through the lobby, retro office, psychic's den and mini-disco with light up Saturday Night Fever style dance floor!"*

**LONG BEACH LODGE RESORT** is the center of gravity for this surf weekend's fun, food and rest! Located on the beach at Cox Bay, you are just a few steps away from all the action!

In addition, Long Beach Lodge is offering exclusive specials for fans and competitors! Promo rate code **"RIPCURL2025" for 20% off** stays from May 9-11, 2025.

**Room Reservations, & Inquiries:**

Please call toll free in North America 1-877-844-7873

Local or Outside North America 250-725-2442

[info@longbeachlodgeresort.com](mailto:info@longbeachlodgeresort.com)

Learn more at this [Link](#)

**For a wide range of other places to stay in Tofino**

<https://tourismtofino.com/places-to-stay/>

**Plan your West Coast Visit:**

<https://tourismtofino.com>

**EVENT PREVIEW**

Canada's most highly anticipated surf contest is the legendary Rip Curl NATIONALS, hosted annually in Tofino, Canada. For 2025 Rip Curl Nationals is now 2 separate events: Longboard Nationals is ON for March 29, and Shortboard Nationals is ON for May 9-11, 2025!

CANAM series events was formed in 2023 as a joint North American Continental event series. CANAM, is sanctioned by both Surf Canada and USA Surfing and will feature women and men surfers from across CANada and the AMericas, all contesting for the prestigious Rip Curl titles in Tofino, Canada.

Some of you have competed in Surf Canada events before and for some of you this will be your first time, and we hope you are just as stoked about competing this year at Cox Bay as we are!

Each year we strive to make this competition better for all surfers and spectators and we feel like this year's event will be another very memorable one! We hope to see you at Cox Bay, for this both Rip Curl NATIONALS, Longboard and Shortboard!

For those that can't be there, we look forward to engaging with you through our live scoring on [Live Heats - Longboard Nationals](#) and [LiveHeats - Shortboard Nationals](#) and hopefully on Surf Canada's [YouTube Channel](#)  
We hope to see you in Tofino in the very near future.

## EVENT ESSENTIALS

By Registering and having your credit card charged (or pending) for this event, has you waitlisted for your category, but does not confirm entry. You will be notified when your registration has been confirmed or declined before the close of registration.

### **Confirmation of registration & Event seeding will be based on the following hierarchy:**

1. your 2024 Nationals event seeding
2. Event partners athlete allocations,
3. time stamp of your registration.

In the event that your registration has been declined due to overcapacity, your entry will be fully refunded.

- 1) Rip Curl NATIONALS determines Canadian National Champions, and results will determine Surf Canada National Team athletes in 2025 for the ISA World Championships. Please go to [www.csasurfcanda.org](http://www.csasurfcanda.org) 'About Us' tab 'Document Centre' for detailed [2025 TEAM CANADA SELECTION PROTOCOL](#).  
Any questions please email [dom.domic@csasurfcanda.org](mailto:dom.domic@csasurfcanda.org)
- 2) In order to ensure zero conflict-of-interest, ISA accredited Officials will be judging. Live scores will be utilized to provide each surfer updates in real time.
- 3) If eligible, Surfers are permitted to register for more than one category and up to 3. There is no discount for multiple entries.
- 4) **\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*** All Surfer's ages are taken as of January 1, 2025. Therefore, a U18 surfer may not turn 19 between January 1 and December 31, 2025. A U16 competitor may not turn 17 between January 1 and December 31, 2025. Proof of age will be required to compete, and no competitors under 12 years of age\*(exceptional circumstances will be considered)
- 5) Rip Curl NATIONALS is Open to all surfers, irrespective of nationality or residence.
- 6) Please be mindful that we are all guests in Tofino and all rules still apply; Pay Parking, No alcohol, No smoking, No fires directly on the beach, and Pets must be on leash at all times ([detailed information](#))

**No Competition Entry Fee refunds** for any reason after the following deadlines:  
**LONGBOARD NATIONALS** for ANY reason after March 21, 2025.



**SHORTBOARD NATIONALS** for ANY reason after April 20, 2025.

## COMPETITOR REGISTRATION

Please note that registration for this event is again being managed by LiveHeats, which through your smart device, offers user friendly registration, seamless live scoring, real time heat scheduling so you know when your heat is on, and of course event results! If you require support for your registration, please email [liveheats](mailto:liveheats)

**\*Online fees are:**

Shortboard Open, U18, U16, U14, 40+, & Longboard divisions are \$80 each

*\*all pending availability*

Read this [Indemnity form](#) carefully and completely, and if you agree, please sign and bring to the registration tent on-site prior to your first heat. You will not be allowed to compete without a properly signed Indemnity form.

### Competitor Registration

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## NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS

1. SurfCanada will nominate qualified and eligible athletes to compete in all the 2025 International Surfing Association (ISA) World Surfing Championships. All selections will be administered by Surf Canada.
2. The ISA determines the number of athletes that may compete at their events by establishing quotas and qualification system per discipline for each country participating, which also guide Surf Canada's Qualification System [HERE](#)
3. Surf Canada's Guiding Principle is to select the very best competition surfers to represent Canada at the ISA events.

### **SELECTIONS SUMMARY** – for much more detail, click [HERE](#)

1. To be eligible for selection to **Team Canada** an athlete must at minimum:
  1. Be a Canadian Citizen
  2. Have a Canadian Passport that is valid until at min 6 months from the start of the contest
  3. Junior surfers age requirements as per ISA regulations [HERE](#)
2. *Surf Canada 2025 Team* selection is equal for both Women and Men and is [METHOD A selections](#) result based nomination is determined on applicable WSL results/rankings and final results from 2025 Rip Curl NATIONALS, Tofino, Canada.

**[ISA World Longboard Surfing Championships \(WLC\), Surf City, El Salvador April 25-May1 ISA LINK](#)**

### **Registration Deadline April 11th**

Longboard – Team Quota 2 per gender

#### **\*\*ATTENTION – VERY IMPORTANT\*\***

3. Due to the extremely tight time line between Team Selections and ISA WLC, any surfers that will be competing for those positions should contact [dom.domic@csasurfcanada.org](mailto:dom.domic@csasurfcanada.org) to be added to the SurfCanada's LONGLIST of potential athletes, as there will be several administrative items that will need to be completed for eligibility well in advance, whether you qualify or not.
4. All nominated travelling Team athletes are 100% responsible for their own: travel and accommodation costs, travel planning; food, equipment and preparation (i.e. All Team members are 100% self-funded).
5. SurfCanada strongly recommends that self-selected Longlist athletes to Purchase a flight that is 100% refundable. Do not wait until after Rip Curl Longboard NATIONALS is completed. Your travel details will need to be submitted well in advance to SurfCanada, whether you qualify or not.
6. SurfCanada will support the named and travelling ISA National Team members in with the following:
  1. Team Uniform
  2. Pre and Post ISA Games logistical support

Detailed Qualification systems and protocols can be found [HERE](#):

Should there be a discrepancy between this document and the Qualification System, the Qualification System shall prevail. In the event of changes by the Organizations to the eligibility or selection criteria, Surf Canada is bound by these changes

### **COX BAY WAVE PROFILE**

Very reliable and consistent sand bottom Beach Break that works on all tides and open to all North Pacific swell angles.

Swell, Wind and Tide Forecast: 7 day [Here](#)

For more information on how to stay safe – Water & Beach Hazards [Here](#)

### **ORGANIZER**

SurfCanada is a not-for-profit National Sport Federation governing all Surf disciplines and is recognized by the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), International Surfing Association (ISA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

All profits generated from the staging of this competition, get reinvested into Canadian High Performance competitive surfing.

The 2025 Rip Curl NATIONALS, is proudly hosted by the District of Tofino on the traditional territory of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, and supported by our:

**Community Partners;** Tourism Tofino & District of Tofino.

This event is funded in part by, a grant from viaSport BC and the Province of British Columbia and with participation from the Government of Canada « Avec la participation du gouvernement du Canada. »

**Event Partners** [Rip Curl Canada](#), [Heineken 0-0](#) AdventureCo -MBMG, [YETI](#), [Canadian Union of Skilled Workers](#) , [Endless Surf](#), [AFTANAS surfboards](#), [Surfside grill](#) [FCS](#), [Sex Wax](#), [LEUS](#) , [Ukee Poke](#), [West Coast Shapes Ukee](#)

**Event Hospitality** Proudly provided by [Long Beach Lodge Resort](#) and [Hotel Zed Tofino](#)

**Media Partner** TBD

**SurfCanada NATIONALS** event property is 100% owned, administered and operated by SurfCanada, the official National Sporting Federation (NSF) and sport partner of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) and the International Surfing Association (ISA) who in turn is the International Olympic Committee (IOC) governing federation. As such, SurfCanada is solely responsible for selecting Surf, Adaptive, Stand-Up Paddle, and Prone Paddle athletes to compete at international events including the yearly ISA World Championships, PASA Pan American Surf Championships and every four years the Youth Olympic Games, Pan American Games and the Summer Olympics Games.

## NOTICE OF DOPING CONTROL

Participants registered for the Rip Curl NATIONALS, and eligible to compete for a spot on the National Team must be aware that doping control may be conducted by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.

To avoid a positive test and the consequences of an anti-doping rule violation, athletes are encouraged to take the following steps:

- Check your medications: Use the [Global DRO](#) to determine if any prescription or over-the-counter medications or treatments you are using are banned by the WADA Prohibited List.
- Review your medical exemption requirements: If you require the use of a banned medication for a legitimate medical reason visit <http://cces.ca/medical-exemptions> to obtain information and instructions about how to apply for a medical exemption.
- Learn about the doping risks associated with supplements: Do not use supplements, or take significant precautions prior to doing so. Supplement products cannot be verified by the CCES or in the Global DRO. A lack of industry and government regulation makes it impossible to confirm their ingredients. Find out more at <http://cces.ca/supplements>.
- Review the sample collection procedures: This [short video will take you step-by-step through doping control](#).
- Contact the CCES with any questions:
  - o Email: [info@cces.ca](mailto:info@cces.ca)

- o Call toll-free: 1-800-672-7775
  - o Online: [www.cces.ca/athletezone](http://www.cces.ca/athletezone)
- [Notice of Doping Control for Nationals EN](#)  
[Notice of Doping Control for Nationals FR](#)

## **PARTICIPANT INSURANCE**

SurfCanada strongly recommends that each and every participant/athlete procures insurance, including, but not limited to accident, liability and medical.

Surf Canada suggests that the insurance cover accidents or injuries sustained while in Canada, including those treated in Canada or in the country of their return upon leaving Canada.

## **NOTICE OF FILMING**

This competition area for the Rip Curl NATIONALS (the Site) is being used to photograph and record audio, video, and film footage by SurfCanada. By passing these posted terms you agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions. If you do not agree with any of the following terms or conditions, you must leave the site area as your conduct will be governed by these terms and conditions if you remain.

You are entering this Site and any man-made structures that may exist at the SITE at YOUR OWN RISK and forever release Surf Canada and their affiliates, agents and sponsors (together "Surf Canada"), to the fullest extent available at law for any claims or actions that may arise as a result of any damage to property or any injury that you might incur at the Site, including death;

By entering the Site you agree to being filmed, interviewed, or otherwise recorded by Surf Canada or any other sponsor or broadcast partner at the Site and waive any and all rights to the consideration (including a credit, royalty, or other consideration) for use of your image, voice and/or likeness in any media, worldwide, in perpetuity, for any purpose whatsoever, whether commercial, marketing, advertising or otherwise as determined by Surf Canada in its sole discretion and to freely edit and license the same;

You agree that you CANNOT use any image, footage, content (moving and still) or audio taken at the Site including any image, footage, content or audio of any surfer, name, logo, or brand, product or service of Surf Canada or its sponsors, for any commercial purposes whatsoever and you agree, to the extent any such content is captured by you, it shall ONLY be used for your sole, personal, non-commercial purposes;

You agree that you WILL NOT engage in any behaviour at the Site that may damage or injure property, any person, the name and brand of SurfCanada, an athlete or any sponsor;

You agree to fully comply with local, provincial and federal laws and regulations; and

You agree to follow instructions of security and Site staff at the Site, including any request that you leave the Site, as determined by them in their absolute discretion.

If you do not consent to the above and do not wish to be photographed, recorded, or filmed, please leave the Site immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**LOOK BACK:**

## **2024 RIP CURL CANAM RESULTS**

Surf Canada's National Championship

Cox Bay, Tofino

April 19-21, 2024

HERE For full results

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**SurfCanada** and all of our partners look forward to delivering the 2025 Rip Curl Longboard NATIONALS March 29 and Rip Curl NATIONALS May 9-11, 2025 both at Cox Bay, Tofino, Canada.

We All hope to See You There!



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