

# Become a member EASTERN SURFING ASSOCIATION



*Your membership helps support the ESA to be the best it can be*

As an ESA member, you will be a part of one of the strongest surfing organizations and benefit from its various programs:

**Competition:** Local, Scholastic, Regional and The Easterns® Competition opportunities

**WSL QS & Jr Pro Events:** ESA competitors may qualify for these events based on rankings.

**USA Surfing:** ESA competitors may qualify for these events.

**Member Benefits:** Discounted price for subscription to Surfer magazine, along with discounts from ESA sponsors.

**Scholarships:** Apply for a Marsh Scholarship towards higher education.

**S.E.A. (Surfers for Environmental Action):** Protect your rights to free beach access and clean water.

**Visit [www.surfesa.org](http://www.surfesa.org):** Your comprehensive resource for all ESA and East Coast Surfing information.

The **Eastern Surfing Association** is the largest amateur surfing association in the United States. It was founded in 1967, by East Coast surfers to promote, preserve and protect the sport of surfing on the East Coast. Our family-oriented programs promote a healthy and active lifestyle. It is not uncommon to find two or three generations of the same family involved as members of the ESA, and actively competing in our program. Two of the original ESA founders, Cecil Lear and David Reese, are still active in the Association today. The ESA's activities are organized into twenty-four districts, which extend along nearly 2,000 miles of coastline. Stretching from the Great Lakes through the Florida Panhandle, each district's programs are developed and operated by a dedicated group of volunteer directors and qualified officials. The ESA is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Beginning in 2019, the ESA is working with the WSL to create a direct pathway for ESA competitors to reach the next level of their surfing career goals.

## Competition

One of the primary activities of the ESA is its program of competition for surfers of all ages and abilities. With a history of over fifty years of success, ESA contests are organized at the grassroots, district level on a year-round basis. Each district conducts four or more contests per year, and each year the ESA has over 100 competitions along the East Coast, Gulf Coast and the Great Lakes. Within these contests, surfers compete in ability groupings, ranging from novice to the most advanced competitors. The athletes are divided among a series of age groupings for both men and women, ranging from Menehunes (under twelve years of age), through Grand Legends (over age sixty). From the local District level, competitors may advance to regional competitions and possibly on to The Easterns® Surfing Championship. ESA competitors may also earn slots into the WSL QS & Jr. Pro events offered along the east coast and Caribbean. ESA competitors may also receive slots to the USA Championships.

## Beach Access and Preservation

The ESA is the only effective organized voice on the East Coast, speaking politically and legally for the interests of East Coast surfers, working to ensure free public access to a clean beach and clean ocean environment. This effort becomes increasingly important as population swells cause greater

competition for the limited areas of open beach still remaining. The ESA has traditionally responded to efforts to limit surfing by political activities on a local level.

## Academic Scholarships

Deserving amateur surfers who wish to continue their formal education beyond the high school level can apply for financial assistance from the ESA's Marsh Scholarship Program. The grants are awarded annually to ESA members on the basis of academics and citizenship, rather than athletic ability. The program began in 1981 to recognize and honor the accomplishments of North Carolina surfer Mike Marsh. Mike set a fine example for students everywhere by earning his law degree while simultaneously and successfully waging his own private battle with cancer. To date, the ESA has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving surfing scholars.

## Ecology Education

In 1990, the ESA launched Surfers for Environmental Action (SEA) to serve as a clearing house for information regarding environmental concerns on the East Coast, and to develop a program of ecology education for our members. The ESA is currently affiliated with the Clean Water Network and the Environmental Defense Fund



**NEW & RENEWALS – PLEASE VISIT THE ESA’S ONLINE LINK (preferred method)**  
<https://esa.surfsignup.com/>

**ESA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THOSE WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS (New & Renewals)**  
**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & MAIL TO ADDRESS BELOW**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member – Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP – \$35 per person (non-competitive)
- COMPETITION MEMBERSHIP - \$65 per person for all divisions based on age/gender.
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - \$95 per family (individuals must reside at the same address) **The cost includes all divisions available based on age/gender for competitive family members** (list names, date of birth and divisions for each additional member on additional sheet).
- LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - \$1,000 per person – includes 5 divisions (does not include Surfer Magazine)

As a member of ESA, you are eligible to receive a one-year subscription to Surfer Magazine for ONLY \$5. Surfer is available in print and digital subscriptions (please specify below – one per household).

**If you would like to receive this Surfer subscription, please include an ADDITIONAL \$5 to your total payment, and specify a print or digital subscription.**     Print subscription     Digital subscription

**Mail Orders Only – no personal checks accepted! Please make your money order payable to the ESA and mail to:**

**ESA Headquarters  
 PO Box 4736  
 Ocean City, MD 21843**

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*(Please be sure to include the \$5 for Surfer Magazine subscription if you would like to receive this)*

**For questions about your membership, please contact [info@surfesa.org](mailto:info@surfesa.org)**