



# isasurf

International Surfing Association

**2023 Annual General Meeting**

**December 11, 2023**

# ISA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

1. Opening by the ISA President

2. Roll Call

3. Proxies

*Note: A proxy for a person to attend must be submitted in writing by the head of the NF not in attendance via the GetQuorum proxy submission process.*

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from 2022 ISA AGM (virtual)

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## 5. Report of the President



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## 5. Report of the President

- i. Olympic Relations - Olympic Funding Update
- ii. Olympic Eligibility Update
- iii. World Surfing Games – Final Olympic Qualifier

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## 5. Report of the President – Olympic Relations

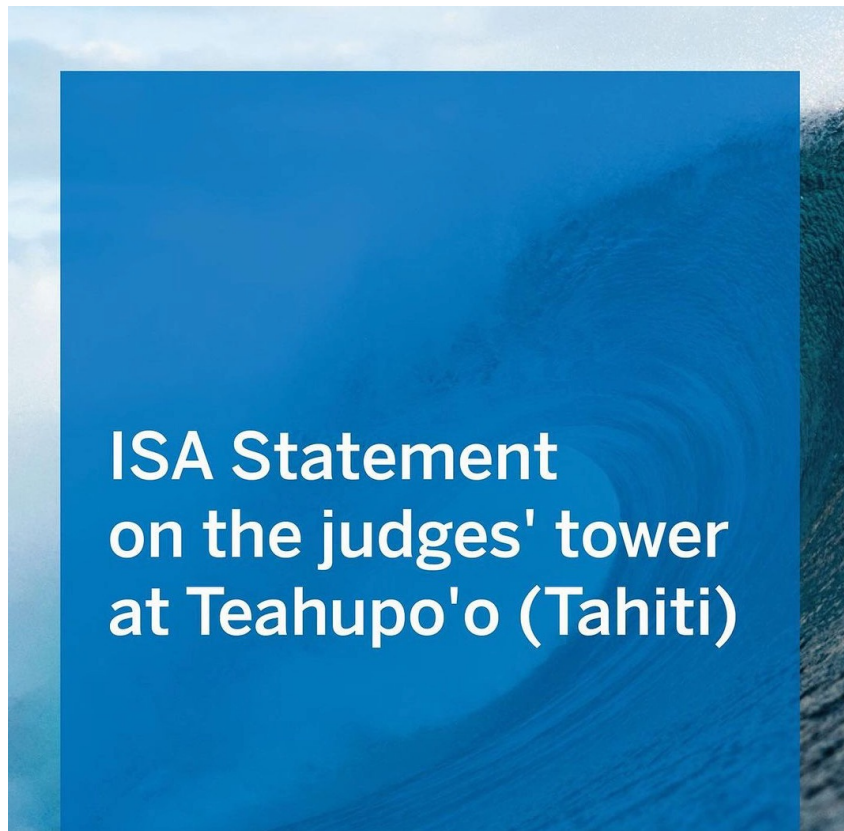
### i. Paris 2024



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## 5. Report of the President – Olympic Relations

### i. Paris 2024



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isasurfing ✓ The ISA was saddened and surprised to see that a test undertaken by the French Polynesian government resulted in the coral reef at Teahupo'o being damaged by a barge.

As an International Olympic Federation, the ISA is responsible for the Olympic surfing competitions. Venue facilities and infrastructure are the responsibility of Paris 2024 Organizing Committee in coordination with the French Polynesian government.

The determination that the old judging tower was not legally compliant was taken by the government of French Polynesia. As a result, the French Polynesian government and Paris 2024 decided to build a new tower.

From the beginning of the proposal to host Olympic surfing in French Polynesia, the ISA has always insisted that the protection of the natural environment in Teahupo'o is a priority. This vision was agreed and is shared by all parties.

The French Polynesian government has taken the decision to pause all further testing and preparations to draw lessons following the incident on the reef. The ISA welcomes this

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### ii. Los Angeles 2028

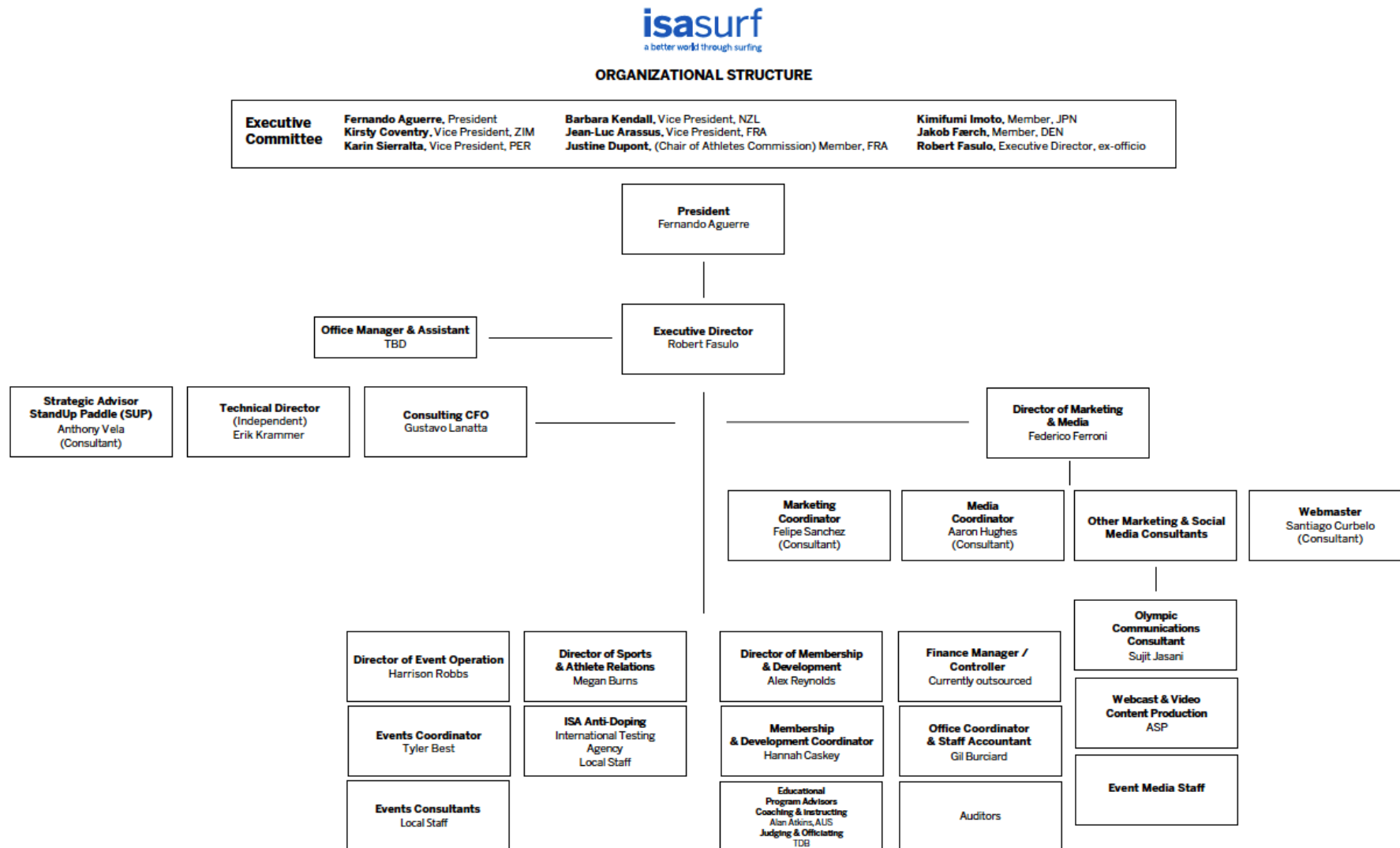
1. New Disciplines & Events
2. Paralympic Update



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## 6. Report of the Executive Director

### a. ISA Staff Structure as of December 10, 2023



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## 6. Report of the Executive Director

### b. Financial Statements

#### INTERNATIONAL SURFING ASSOCIATION, INC.

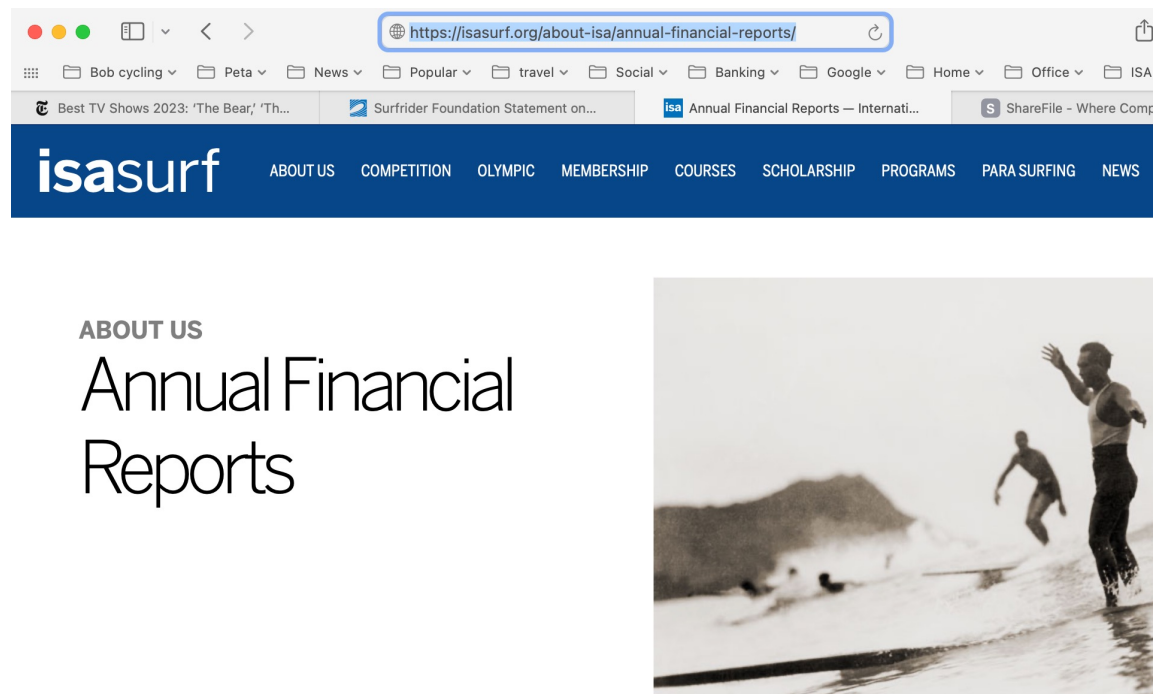
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>Support and revenue:</b>			
Development programs	\$ 591,360	\$ -	\$ 591,360
Licensing	27,470	-	27,470
Event revenue	1,893,981	-	1,893,981
Membership dues	54,076	-	54,076
Grants	1,487,000	-	1,487,000
Merchandise	15,612	-	15,612
Interest income	499	-	499
Net assets released from restrictions	80,000	(80,000)	-
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>4,149,998</b>	<b>(80,000)</b>	<b>4,069,998</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Program services	3,093,914	-	3,093,914
Management and general	908,367	-	908,367
Interest expense	2,001	-	2,001
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>4,004,282</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,004,282</b>
Change in net assets	145,716	(80,000)	65,716
Net assets, beginning of year	1,968,457	80,000	2,048,457
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,114,173</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,114,173</u>

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## 6. Report of the Executive Director

### b. Financial Statements – All past Audited Accounts on ISA Website



The ISA is pleased to publish the Audited Financial Statements conducted by an independent, international auditing firm.

# ISA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

## 7. Membership Matters

- a. Status of NF Applying Members (recommended by EC for approval as Applying Members)

- i. **New Members:**

- 1. Romania – **Federatia Romana de Surfing (FRS)**
    - 2. Kuwait – **Kuwait Surf Committee (KSC)**



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**KUW**

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## 7. Membership Matters

### ii. Membership Transfers:

1. Transfer from Slovak Surfing Association (not in good standing) to **Slovak Independent Surfing Association**
2. Transfer from Surfing Bangladesh (not in good standing) to **Bangladesh Surfing Association**
3. Transfer from Ghana Surfing Association (not in good standing) to **Ghana Surfing Federation**



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## 7. b. Points Requested by Members:

### i. Romania – Best practices for National Funding

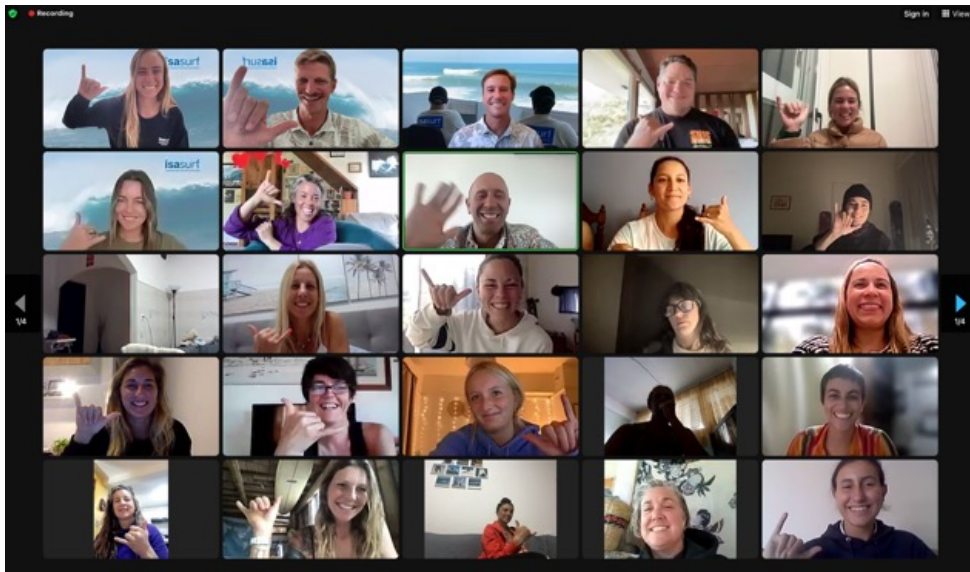
### ii. Australia:

1. WT athletes arrival dates into Puerto Rico (ISA position on flight cancellations / delays and athletes not arriving until 24th Feb)
2. ISA format (Clarification of elimination round)
3. Any changes to medical exemption process
4. How will ISA monitor athlete effort at Games (following Fernando's announcement)
5. The Olympic judging tower at Teahupo'o
6. The ISA World Surfing Games scheduling – LA28 qualification
7. Update and decision timeline for Para-surfing for LA28 games inclusion
8. What World Surfing Games and Championships are confirmed for 2024, 2025, 2026 – all disciplines. If unconfirmed, what is the timeline for confirmation?

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## Gender Equality – Women’s Judging Program

ISA development initiative with the aim to add more women technical officials in the sport of Surfing and increase the number of women on the judging panels during ISA Events and the Olympic Games.



### **Online Women’s Judging Program: November 15-17**

- Over 130 WOMEN from 45 COUNTRIES
- Overwhelmingly positive feedback and results

### **In-Person Training – 2024 World Surfing Games**

- Details and applications - January 2024
- On-site training + shadow judging for top international female judging candidates

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## 8. b. Athlete Development i. Athlete's Commission



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## 8.b.i. Athletes' Commission

- Next Election - 2024 ISA World Surfing Games
- Positions open for election:
  - Justine Dupont (FRA)
  - Alana Nichols (USA)
  - Casper Steinfath (DEN)
- Engage athletes in your countries. Nominations open Jan 2024
- More info: <https://isasurf.org/about-isa/isa-athletes-commission/>

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## 8.b.ii. Athlete Training Camp - Tahiti

### Aim

- Provide education, preparation, and training opportunity for Olympic qualified athletes/qualification hopefuls

### Featured

- Tereva David as ISA Coaching Expert
- Water Safety
- In/Out of Water Training
- Reef & Lineup Education
- Video Analysis
- Physiotherapy



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## 8.b.ii. Athlete Training Camp - Tahiti

### Legacy Videos

- Reef/Lineup Awareness
- Water Safety
- Equipment & Preparation



### 2024

- Aim for Spring/Summer
- Qualified athletes without opportunity

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## 8.b.iii. Scholarship Program

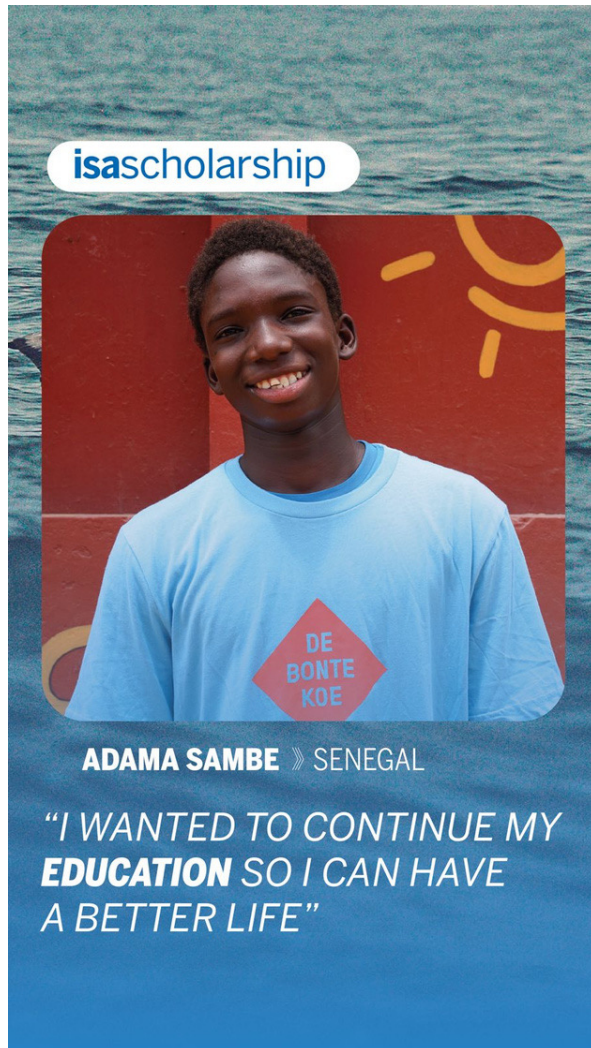
### HISTORY

- Providing financial support to U-18 boys and girls in need
- Supporting their academic and surfing careers
- **100%** of donated funds go to recipients
- Up to \$1,000 each
- Since 2007, **\$388,500** awarded to **over 400 surfers**
- **Application Open until Jan 15, 2024**



# ISA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

## 8.b.iii. Scholarship Program



### WHO CAN APPLY

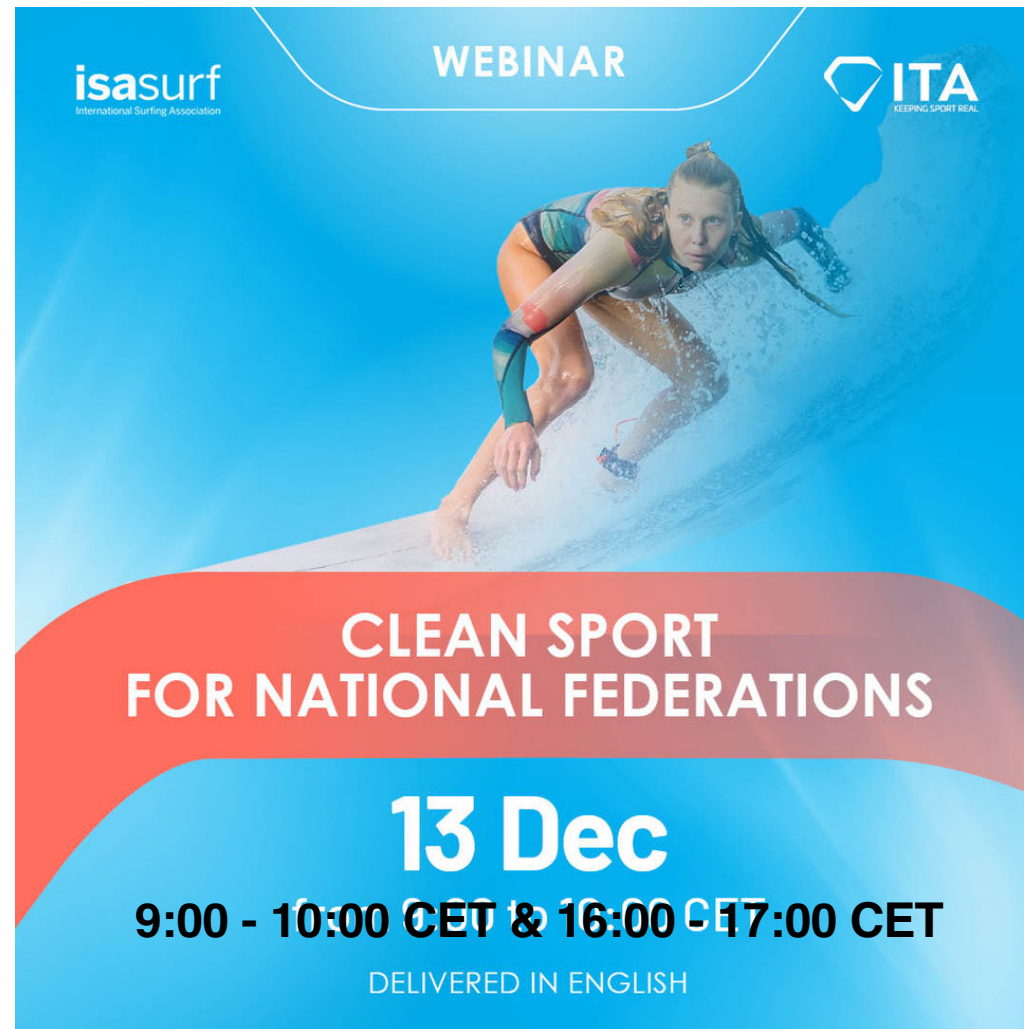
- 18 years or under
- Demonstrates financial need
- Enrolled in school
- Outstanding role models to community
- Recommended by National Surfing Federation

### CAN BE USED FOR

- Education (tuition, books, etc)
- Equipment (Boards, wetsuits, etc)
- Competition / Training
- and more

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## 8.b.iv. Anti-Doping



The poster features a central image of a female surfer in a colorful wetsuit riding a wave. The background is a gradient of blue and red. The text is white and black, providing clear information about the webinar.

**isasurf**  
International Surfing Association

**WEBINAR**

**ITA**  
KEEPING SPORT REAL

**CLEAN SPORT  
FOR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

**13 Dec**

**9:00 - 10:00 CET & 16:00 - 17:00 CET**

DELIVERED IN ENGLISH

# ISA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

## Membership and Development Department Support



- A Better World Through Surfing
- Empower your NF to succeed
- NOC Recognition + Relationship
- Development Support + Programs

**Regular Communication and Updates – Help Us Help You**

# ISA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

## Recognized Continental Surfing Associations



- **Africa:** African Surfing Confederation (ASC) now officially recognized. AGM held in April with 15 nations represented and Oumar Seye (SEN) elected as president of ASC.
- **Asia:** Asian Surfing Federation (ASF) hosted Asian Surfing Championships in the Maldives in July along with AGM ASF with representatives from 11 member nations and 5 non-member National Federations.
- **Oceania:** The Oceania Surfing Federation (OSF) hosted development program in Fiji in November 2023.
- **Europe:** European Surfing Federation hosted annual Euro Surf events.
- **Americas:** Pan American Surf Association hosted the PASA Games in Panama in April and supported Pan American Games in Santiago in October.

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## Recognized Continental Surfing Associations

ISA is exploring how to build further capacity in the ISA Recognized Continental Associations to further regional development

- Quarterly meetings with Membership and Development Department
- More reporting, communication, and collaboration
- Increased support to expand their reach and impact.



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## Olympic Solidarity



- Olympic Solidarity offers funding to support the following areas: athletes, coaches, administrators, promotion of the Olympic values, knowledge-sharing and participation in the Games
- ISA is available to provide guidance and support for Olympic Solidarity Projects and is ultimately responsible for approving the technical aspects of each project
- Updated website for OS and available for consultation and support for interested NFs
- Good potential for projects prior to Paris 2024 Olympic Games

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## African Youth Athlete Development Program – April 22-29 Senegal



- 20 youth + coaches from 10 African nations selected to participate (ANG, CPV, LIB, MAD, MRU, MAR, MOZ, NGR, STP, SEN).
- Training with ISA coaches and athletes to maximize skillsets and plant seed for future Olympians and coaches from developing Surfing nations
- Funded by Olympic Solidarity
- 2024 YADP for Asia/Oceania in Maldives or Fiji (TBC) in April/May/June

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## African Youth Athlete Development Program – April 22-29 Senegal



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## Development Programs – Coaching



- Regional Development Team: Andrew Joyce (Dev. Officer), Gustavo Corrales (Americas), Tasha Mentasti (Africa)
- Coaching + Instructing Program:
  - 2023 to-date: over 2,500 coaches participating, 200 courses, 44 countries
  - Global Network of Presenters – 11 new in 2023
- Coaching Program Review + Updates
  - Survey at beginning of year, Presenter Focus Group August, Presenter Meeting Early 2024
  - Key feedback: Greater standardization of delivery and standards, Quality mentorship, Potential New Levels, Professional development and additional resources

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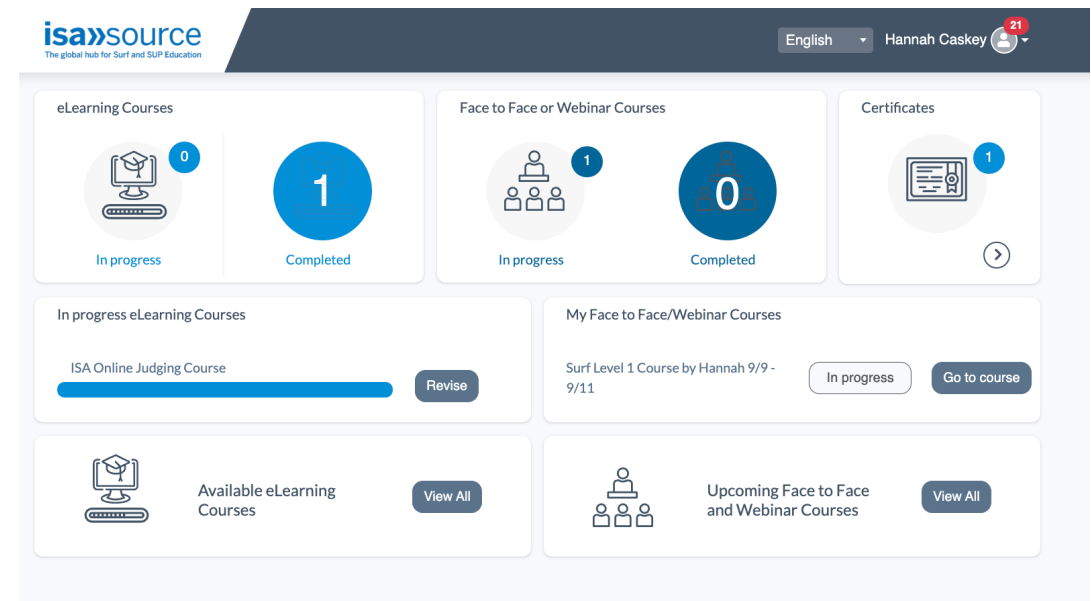
Over 5,700 registered users, 600 courses managed, and 770 e-learning users

## 2023 Improvements Included:

- New Payment Processor and Accounting
- Automated Coaching and Judging Directory
- Improved Look and Feel of Dashboard

## Future Improvements and Prospects:

- Premium Webinars/Content
- Additional E-Learning Courses and Continuing Education
- Renewal System Integration
- Improved Integration with ISA Website to Improve the User Journey



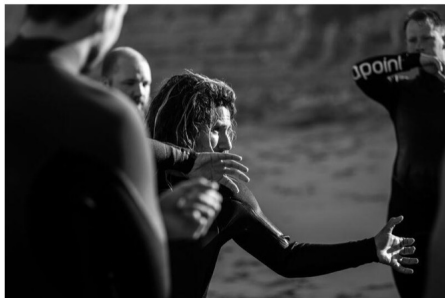
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## ISA Development Webinars

### **Risk Management in Surf + SUP Lessons**

Presented by ISA Course Presenter João Durão

**May 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM PST**  
Via [ISA Source](#)



198 Registrations

**Intro to SUP Skills Progression**  
Presented by ISA Course Presenter Andy Joyce  
Language: English

**October 4, 2023 at 10:30 AM PST**  
Via [ISA Source](#)



157 Registrations

**La Importancia de Registros Escritos en Surf Coaching**  
Presentado por ISA Course Presenter Gustavo Corrales  
Idioma: Español

**18 de Octubre, 2023 at 10:30 AM PST**  
Via [ISA Source](#)



123 Registrations

Free Registration for our Members, Development Programs Partners, and Certified Coaches/Judges through ISA Source

Expected to launch more free webinars and new premium (paid) webinar series in 2024

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## Development Programs – Water Safety



DOWNLOAD THE  
FULL PAPER HERE



- **Drowning Prevention Research:**
  - Bystander Rescue Survey sent to past ISA/ILS Course Participants and ISA Coaches
  - Findings: **938 total bystander (off-duty) rescues** performed by 169 respondents
  - Conclusion: Lifesaving ability is enhanced by surfing experience, previous number of rescues, and rescue/first aid training
  - Data presented at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention
- **ISA/ILS Water Safety Course:**
  - 2023 to-date: over 830 coaches participating in ISA/ILS Water Safety Course
  - Over 75 courses in 24 countries

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## Development Programs – Judging

### ISA JUDGING CERTIFICATION PATHWAY



Then gain judging experience to improve to Levels 2 through 5!

- April 2023, we officially launched restructured of Judging and Officiating Program:
- E-learning course **is now a prerequisite** for judging certification. Course available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.
- 5 Levels of Judging – Level 4 is for judges with 400+ hours and NF recommendation, Level 5 is for elite judges actively judging ISA World Championships and WSL Championship Tour
- ISA hosting International Judging Courses
- Simpler to license and run ISA Judging Program on a national level. **Offering NF Launch Package and other bulk licensing discounts through the first half of 2024**

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## Development Programs – Judging



### 2023 Judging Program Highlights and Stats:

- Large increase in quality and quantity for ISA Judging Program with 883 program participants and 750+ e-learning courses
- ISA Hosted International Courses (August 2023):
  - English Course 55 Participants, 26 Countries, 5 continents
  - Spanish Course: 22 Participants, 13 Countries, 3 continents
- Tahitian Judging Course – collaboration with Federation Tahitienne de Surf to deliver course in French and train 39 Tahitian judges
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sao Paulo Surf Forum:
  - 2-day Portuguese Judging course for 79 participants
  - Collaboration with Sao Paulo Govt.
  - Judges from Portuguese speaking African nations (ANG, CPV, MOZ, STP) participated virtually
- **Contact us to organize!**



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## ISA Development Update – Para Surfing

- Record participating at 2023 ISA WPSC in Huntington Beach - 184 athletes from 27 National Teams. Amazing surf conditions, performances, and content from this event.
- Para Surfing in the final stages of review for inclusion as an additional sport for the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games. Representatives from LA2028 attended 2023 WPSC. Decision in early 2024.
- ISA Head of Para Surfing Classification Dr. Maureen Johnson attended IPC Classification Meeting in October 2023 where Para Surfing's classification system received positive feedback from the IPC. Over 450 athletes officially classified in Para Surfing



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## 9. Report on Rulebook Changes

- See detailed NF Circular Dated 20 September 2023



Sep 20, 2023

Dear ISA Members, *(en español mas abajo)*

Following a review by the ISA Technical Committee and upon the approval of the ISA Executive Committee, a number of important revisions and updates have recently been made to the ISA Rulebook.

We encourage you to thoroughly review the updated version of the ISA Rulebook by clicking here:

- [ISA Rulebook September 2023](#)
- [ISA Rulebook with Edits](#) (includes detailed amendments from the April 2022 edition)

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## 10. Closing