The ISA greatly appreciates your coverage of the 2019 ISA World Surfing Games presented by Vans.

Please take the time to go through this FAQ document that sums up the protocol, access to material, and inspiration for your event coverage.

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1) **How shall I refer to the official title of the event?**

2019 ISA World Surfing Games presented by Vans
(Please use Vans in the title of the event name in your editorial articles and social media)

2) **What is the official event website, where can I watch live?**

[www.isasurf.org/wsg](http://www.isasurf.org/wsg)

3) **What can I shoot?**

- 400 surfers and team officials in festive country uniforms
- World-class surfing in the ocean
- Festive team zone, teams cheering
- Spectators cheering on surfers
- Water photography: Photographers can shoot from the water if the ISA media manager deems ok. Shooting from the water is not a right, but a privilege. We cannot guarantee that this option will be available during the heat(s) that you want to shoot.
- Interviews in mixed area.

4) **What can’t I shoot?**
5) Who can I interview?

- Athletes from 55 countries, coaches, team officials
- ISA President Fernando Aguerre
- ISA staff (contest director, etc.)

6) Who is competing?

See full team rosters here: https://isasurf.org/wsg/2019/en/teams/

7) How can I access photos?

Photos are available for download on the ‘media downloads’ page of the event website. ISA and photographer credit is mandatory. Rights are granted only for editorial use. No commercial rights granted.

Note that there is a search tool to search through photos from each day of competition. Enter a surfer’s name or IOC three-letter country code:

8) Will there be video available?

Video news releases are also available on the media downloads page, however, you must create a login to access the material. If you are downloading the footage for use in Japan, please read the policy on this page and contact Dentsu to see about licensing the footage.

9) What is the schedule?

Tentatively:

September 7: Opening Ceremony 11am and possible start to competition
September 8/9: Open Women
September 10: Aloha Cup, Open Women, Start to Open Men
September 11: Open Women Finals, Open Men
September 15: Open Men Finals, Closing Ceremony

10) Where do I get my media wristband?

You can stop by the media office on site during competition hours to pick up your wristband from Evan Quarnstrom.
11) What will the media office have?

The media office will be a space with tables, chairs, wifi, and power that you can cover from.

12) I need some inspiration!

Read the ISA press releases to learn about the main story lines in the event for inspiration in your writing: https://isasurf.org/wsg/2019/en/news/

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About The International Surfing Association:

The International Surfing Association (ISA), founded in 1964, is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the World Governing Authority for Surfing. The ISA governs and defines Surfing as Shortboard, Longboard & Bodyboarding, StandUp Paddle (SUP) Racing and Surfing, Bodysurfing, Wakesurfing, and all other wave riding activities on any type of waves, and on flat water using wave riding equipment. The ISA crowned its first Men's and Women's World Champions in 1964. It crowned the first Big Wave World Champion in 1965; World Junior Champion in 1980; World Kneeboard Champions in 1982; World Longboard Surfing and World Bodyboard Champions in 1988; World Tandem Surfing Champions in 2006; World Masters Champions in 2007; and World StandUp Paddle (SUP, both surfing and racing) and Paddleboard Champions in 2012.

ISA membership includes the surfing National Federations of 108 countries on five continents. The ISA is presided over by Fernando Aguerre (ARG). The Executive Committee includes four Vice-Presidents Karín Sierralta (PER), Kirsty Coventry (ZIM), Casper Steinfath (DEN) and Barbara Kendall (NZL), Athletes’ Commission Chair Justine Dupont (FRA), Regular Members Atsushi Sakai (JPN) and Jean Luc Arassus (FRA) and ISA Executive Director Robert Fasulo as Ex-officio Member.

Its headquarters are located in La Jolla, California (USA).