SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL SURF TEAM/CLUB

2026-27

This document is to provide information about the San Marcos High School Surf Team/Club for the 2026-27 season.

Participation: While the team practices and events are open to all surfers regardless of grade level or surfing ability, only 19 surfers can surf in a Div. 3 contest. Contests include men's shortboard and longboard, women's shortboard and longboard, and bodyboard. Only the best surfers will compete in contests, and a surfer will not be allowed to surf in more than five regular contests during a season.

All surfers who wish to participate in team or club beach events, including practices, must complete a SMHS surfing registration form, register with the Scholastic Surf Series, pay the team fee of $275 (preferably by check payable to SMHS ABC or you can Venmo us), and raise an additional $275 through our fundraiser. SMHS Surfing registration can be accomplished on our website here: https://smhssurfing.com. Scholastic Surf Series (SSS) membership must be done at https://app.surfsss.org/register by doing the following:

1. **Select your team/school and complete the questionnaire. You will need your student's health insurance info.**

Eligibility of Competitors

- SSS is designed for a school-based surf team league.
- Members of a team must be enrolled full-time at the school for which they surf.
- Members enrolled full-time in Charter Schools or other California state-approved programs may surf for their school of residence (that which they would attend according to school district and home address) and must adhere to that school district's policy.
- If there is not a team at your school of residence, then you can choose another school in your school district.
- Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA to compete in SSS competitions.
- Shortboards 7'6" and under. Longboards 9 ft. or 3 ft. over the surfer's head.
- All required forms and membership fees are received by SSS.

Season: The SSS surf season consists of five contests for each division, and the State Championships. The season begins in October and ends with the State Championships in April (assuming we qualify). Visit the SSS website for more information at surfsss.org. Here are the contest schedules for our Divisions 3 and 4:

Divisions 3

Saturday	September 26, 2026	Avalanche, Ocean Beach
Saturday	October 24, 2026	Oceanside South Jetty
Saturday	January 9, 2027	Army Navy Academy
Saturday	February 6, 2027	South Ponto, Carlsbad
Saturday	February 20, 2027	Army Navy Academy

State Championships
High School State Champs – TBD

Judging Criteria
Surfers must perform to the WSL judging key elements to maximize their scoring potential. Judges analyze the following major elements when scoring waves.

Shortboard and Bodyboard

- Commitment and degree of difficulty in critical section of the wave.
- Innovative and progressive maneuvers.
- Combination of major maneuvers.
- Variety of maneuvers.
- Speed, power, and flow.

Longboard

The surfer must perform controlled maneuvers in the critical section of the wave utilizing the entire board and wave using traditional longboard surfing. The surfer who performs this to the highest degree of difficulty with the most style, flow and grace will receive the highest score for a ride. Further, the following are key elements for judges to consider:

- Nose riding and rail surfing
- Critical section of the wave
- Variety of maneuvers
- Speed and Power/Commitment
- Control / Footwork

Practice: The team will practice afterschool on Thursdays at Grandview Beach at 3:45 p.m., Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. at Ponto Beach, and optional early morning practice on Tuesdays due to late start at the school. ***Please note***: Based on surf conditions, the coaching staff may make changes to the practice locations at any time. Keep your phone with you to be notified of location changes.

Contests: Surfers who wish to compete in contests MUST attend and participate in practices. Failure to attend and participate in practice will result in forfeiting the ability to compete in contests.

Code of Conduct

- Surfers are representing San Marcos High School and San Marcos Unified School District at all team activities (practices, competitions, fund-raisers, etc.). Students must adhere to the policies of San Marcos High School and the San Marcos Unified School District, and shall conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit and respect to San Marcos High School and the team.
- The use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs at any time while representing San Marcos High School Surf Team may result in dismissal from the team. This includes practice, competitions, fundraising activities and any club-sponsored event.
- Teamwork, cooperation, and dedication are essential to the success of the team. This requires all team members to show respect to each the coaches, and other adults, and to each other. Disrespect to the coaches, adults, and team members will not be tolerated. Continued disrespect may result in suspension and or dismissal from the team.
- Surfers are expected to participate in any fundraising and community service activities.
- Surfers, parents, and coaches are required to abide by the SSS's Unsportsmanlike Conduct rule which states "Any display of poor sportsmanship by either a competitor, coach, or parent, shall be cause for automatic dismissal from the contest."
- Surfers, parents, and family members must remove all their own trash from the beach after practices and contests.
- Surfers are expected to follow the rules of surf etiquette when in the water and respect local surfers. Failure to follow surf etiquette may result in being asked to leave the water for the rest of a practice or contest.

Communication: The coaches communicate with students primarily through texts via the Remind101 app and Instagram. Be sure to provide us with your phone number, and follow on Instagram (@smhssurfing).

Sponsorships: The team is always looking for sponsors. If you know of someone or a business who would be interested in being a sponsor for the 2026-27 surf season, please contact us by emailing us at smhssurfing@gmail.com.

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