

Key Points for Member Communication

The following are key points to help clubs effectively update members about the new Surfing NSW membership and its benefits. These messages aim to provide clarity and highlight the value this initiative brings to clubs, surfers and grassroots surfing.

Surfing NSW is introducing a mandatory membership fee for all affiliated club surfers. This change brings surfing in line with other sports across NSW and ensures sustainable support for grassroots surfing, personal accident insurance, helps fund club operational support, in-region judging, coaching and talent development, access to sanctioned events (formerly \$55) and new club member benefits.

Membership Fee Details:

- **\$29 for all members**
- **\$19 for under-12s** (If you are turning 12 in 2025 then you are not eligible to be in the under 12 division)
- Social or non-competitive members excluded

This small fee will be included in your club registration, so no extra steps are required. Here's what it covers and why it matters:

You're Covered: Personal Accident Insurance

Every member is protected while competing or training—just like participants in other sports. If an accident happens, you'll have coverage as part of Surfing Australia's national policy for surfing.

Support for Your Club and Sport Pathways

Membership fees help Surfing NSW:

- Develop coaching, judging and talent development in all regions across the State.
- Provide dedicated SNSW staff to support club volunteers with operational resources.
- Enhance governance, child safeguarding and foster women's participation in grassroots surfing.

Member Benefits

In 2025, members will gain access to exclusive benefits and discounts across the Surfing NSW network. While the membership fee has been reduced to \$29, SNSW is reworking the e-store voucher program to ensure it aligns with the new structure, with updates and details to be shared in January. Surfing NSW will continue to work with its corporate partners to establish unique and valuable offers tailored specifically for club surfers.

Complimentary Access to Sanctioned Events

Your membership fee now includes participation in:

- Regional events
- Inter-club competitions
- State events

This eliminates the \$55 annual competition cost that previously applied to competitive members.

Building the Future of Surfing Together

This new membership model helps Surfing NSW:

- Provide clearer insights into surfing participation.
- Better service clubs to meet Government expectations for Gold Medal pathways.
- Increase funding and attract new partners to support surfing for years to come.

Why This Matters

This collective effort ensures grassroots surfing remains strong. It protects the sport's foundation, provides essential club support, and ensures pathways and events are available for the next generation—regardless of where they surf or the type of board they ride.

Thank you for your continued support in sharing these important updates with your members. For more club details, please contact SNSW: boardriders@surfingnsw.com.au or visit surfingnsw.com.au/membership.