

# THE WSF/ MEMBERSHIP OF THE ISA & SURFER REPRESENTATION

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

To all competing WSF Member Surfers,

## **RE: THE WSF/ MEMBERSHIP OF THE ISA & SURFER REPRESENTATION**

Following a recent request for clarification of the situation regarding Welsh surfers and their representation in a British Team, we contacted the ISA President and requested clarification of the matter.

Following receipt of a letter on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 from the ISA's Director General and having looked at the ISA Rule Book, we wish to confirm that we believe:

1.0 Any surfer who has represented GB or any other country **prior** to the WSF becoming recognised by the ISA on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013 is eligible and may surf for Wales, i.e. subject to meeting the requirements WSF selection criteria.

There are specific rules regarding a 'one time' transfer which have to be followed:

2.0 Any surfer that represents **another** country '**post**' the WSF being recognised by the ISA on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013 they may not surf for Wales at an ISA organised event.

3.0 Any surfer has a '**one time**' opportunity to decide which country they wish to represent in ISA organised events post the ISA/WSF recognition date of the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

We also wish to confirm, that the above ruling, **does not prevent** a Welsh surfer who competes for the British team at an ISA organised event, from entering the European Surfing Federation's European Surfing Championships, (Junior or Senior Championships), or any of the tours organised by them, as a Welsh Team competitor. ( i.e. subject to meeting the requirements WSF selection criteria).

We hope that any Welsh Competing surfer decides whichever he/she feels is best for their goals and aims as a surfer, however, we also sincerely hope, that he/she, will decide to join the WSF on our exciting journey into the future of surfing for Wales.

Due to the compressed timescale and to enable the WSF to develop robust selection protocols and procedures for sending teams to any of the ISA World Surfing Championships, we have made the decision not to send any teams, or allow any individual members to compete in ISA organised events during 2013.

We wish to ensure that the WSF is fully prepared and organised to meet all the necessary criteria for surfing at a World level; to protect and maintain the standards and the view of the WSF as the most recent member of the ISA.

We do not want to follow the precedence created by other nations of allowing individual surfer/s to represent Wales without carrying out proper care and due diligence.

We hope the above is clear and assists our competing surfers in making an informed decision about the direction they feel is right for them.

If you have any further queries or require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

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