

# News Release



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## **GOVERNOR'S CUP SERIES KICKS OFF WITH SURFING EVENT**

**DANA POINT, CA**– Some of the best young surfers in the nation will be competing next week at the first annual Governor's Cup at San Onofre, according to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Scholastic Surfing Association, co-presenters of the event.

The Governor's Cup at San Onofre, which is being held at the Lower Trestles break at San Onofre State Beach, is the first in a series of Governor's Cup events, premier athletic competitions to be held in California state parks. The surfing competition has been chosen as the pilot program for the athletic series and is being held in conjunction with NSSA's annual national championships.

"We are delighted to form this new relationship with the National Scholastic Surfing Association and raise the top award to the level of a prestigious Governor's Cup," said State Parks Director Rusty Areias.

Janice Aragon, NSSA Executive Director, said, "The NSSA is honored to be selected as the first athletic organization to present the prestigious Governor's Cup at our National Championships.

"This inaugural event is all the more meaningful because the NSSA National Championships will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary at Lower Trestles, one of the premier surf breaks in the world," she said.

California State Parks offers world-class venues for the Governor's Cup series, which will be expanded to include other sports, such as volleyball, running, and mountain biking.

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“Nearly 300 miles of California’s 1,200-mile coastline are within the state park system and within that 300 miles there is some of the best surfing anywhere in the world,” Areias said.

The NSSA is a nonprofit, amateur surfing organization established in 1978 to promote the merits of high academic achievement among young surfers. Competitors are required to be full time students and maintain a 2.0 grade point average. The NSAA also provides funds to student members for post-high school education, and administers a “Surfer/Scholar Program”, which recognizes any member who maintains a 3.5 grade point average for a school year.

The “Governor's Cup” competition will begin on Thursday in association with the National Open Men's and Women's divisions. The NSSA’s National Championships are being held throughout the week. The three-foot tall “Governor’s Trophy” will be awarded to the champions of the National Open Men’s and Open Women’s divisions following the completion of the competition on June 30th.

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