



UKPSA Pro Surf Tour Introduces Gender Equality for 2019

The UKPSA has always supported Women's surfing, offering much needed competitive experience and a pathway to the world stage. For the last 3 years we have provided equal prize money for the first event on the tour, the Surfaced Pro, and all junior events. However, we recognise that we need to go further to better represent our fan base of which at least 40% is female. In light of that, starting with the 2019 season, we will be offering equal prize for the Men's and Women's Open categories.

Professional surfer and current UKPSA leader Jo Dennison said, "This is incredible news. It's a complete tribute to the female surfers that have pushed so hard, it is creating a pathway for a career in surfing and supports female athletes. I hope it sets the standard for other sports in the UK."

The move to offer equal prize money for women and girls across all divisions represents our commitment to women's surfing. With participation levels and abilities increasing in Women's surfing, the sport has reached a milestone where it needs equality in how the surfers are rewarded. We can applaud the fact that surfing is leading gender equality in sports across the globe.

About the UKPSA Pro Surf Tour

The UK Pro Tour is the only series of pro surf events held in the UK. Events are held in some of the best surf locations from the world class waves of Scotland to the hustle and bustle of the south west coast. The Tour's aim is to encourage the development of surfing talent in the UK from the grass roots groms through to World Tour contenders. This is achieved by competing in a wide variety of locations for a substantial financial reward.

Established in 1998 the UK Pro Surf Tour has gone from strength to strength, initially only comprising the men's and women's open divisions, it now encompasses a further eight junior divisions.

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