

Surfing GB as a prospective Governing Body for Surfing in the UK

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Legal Status

- SurfingGB is a limited company with just one director registered at companies' house
- Surfing currently has no recognised National Governing Body (NGB) in England
- There is an NGB for surfing in Wales, the Welsh Surfing Federation (WSF) Recognised by the Welsh Sports Council
- There is an NGB for Surfing in Scotland (SSF) Recognised by Sport Scotland

Financial Facts

- Surfing GB is currently in debt (approx. £6,000 when last reported)
- Revenue streams are drying up (members and sponsors not renewing)
- Insurance cover for members secured only by overdraft facility
- New grants from Sport England unlikely until existing grant aided project completed
- No contest Income
- Online Financial Management system and accounts not accurate or up to date.

Insurance

- Membership database not accurate
- Grey areas in cover need urgent resolution

Accreditation

- No Inspections being carried out
- Confusion surrounding Coaching qualifications

Property and Infrastructure

- Offices not being used at Fistril
- Some equipment and property remaining in offices

Events

- SGB has not managed to run any contests in 2011

International teams

- SGB has no plan for training and managing GB teams for Panama 2012