

NSSIA Annual Instructor Certification and Surf School Accreditation Information and Benefits

The National Surf Schools and Instructors Association is an IRS non-profit organization dedicated to fostering surf etiquette, water safety, and quality instruction programs for surfers through professional instructor development, education, accreditation and research. Each year certified surf instructors, coaches, and surf schools are required to re-new their commitment to the NSSIA's mission and goals, as well as verify their continued involvement with the industry. This letter highlights some of the many benefits of continued support to the NSSIA.

The Professional Benefit of Training Excellence

NSSIA surfing instructors and coaches are all trained to the highest surf instructional standard in the world. These standards were developed and are backed by a group of the worlds most experienced, recognized, and successful surf instructors. Those instructors and coaches who meet these standards are qualified in the most important areas of surfing instruction. Additionally, they represent the professionalism excellence of the surf instruction and coaching industry.

1. **Teaching Skills:** NSSIA certified instructors understand the principles of learning and teaching students in all age groups.
2. **Surf Instruction Skills:** NSSIA certified instructors know the most proven and successful ways to instruct students at all levels on the beach and in the water.
3. **Coaching Skills:** NSSIA certified coaches have the benefit of learning the most advanced and proven surf-coaching skills, group dynamics approaches, sports management, and judging techniques. They also understand the ins and outs of contests, plus proper equipment design and usage in a competitive atmosphere. These skills enable them to perform successfully as coaches in the professional or academic world of surfing.
4. **Safety Skills:** NSSIA certified instructors and coaches understand how to minimize the risk of injury to students, create contingency plans, and respond to emergencies when they occur.
5. **Environmental Skills:** NSSIA instructors understand the environmental concerns our oceans and beaches face and implement instruction methods to help keep our surfing environment beautiful.
6. **Business Skills:** NSSIA certified instructors and coaches are provided with the best information and advise available on how to successfully manage a surf school, run a surf camp or event, deal with professional staff, and operate in a legal and safe manner.
7. **Surfing Skills:** NSSIA instructors not only know how to surf, but also how to improve their skills and teach these skills to others.
8. **Sport History:** NSSIA instructors know the history of their sport as well as the history of surf schools and surf coaching. They can offer students insight on where surfing came from and how we got where we are at today.

What do you need to do to keep your NSSIA membership up to date?

Each year on your certification anniversary, we will email or post to you a renewal declaration. Although there is no requirement for re-examination, within 30 days you will need to:

Sign a declaration provided by NSSIA to affirm that:

1. You have delivered at least 20 hours of surfing lessons during the past year (or coaching activities for certified coaches).
2. You have participated in at least 50 hours of surfing practice.
3. You support the NSSIA principals, mission, and code of ethics.
4. You agree to abide by the NSSIA policies for safe surf instruction
5. You will not hold NSSIA liable for any activities you undertake as a certified professional instructor of coach.
6. Pay your annual renewal fee of \$25

Surf School Accreditation

Requirements for annual renewal are similar to instructors and coaches. Each year on your accreditation anniversary, we will email or post to you a renewal declaration. Within 30 days you will need to respond with:

1. A copy of your current business license.
2. A copy of your current certificate of insurance. Not that NSSIA accredited surf schools are eligible to purchase the NSSIA insurance coverage policy.
3. A listing of the NSSIA certified instructors on your staff.
4. A declaration that your school supports the NSSIA principals, mission, and code of ethics.
5. A declaration that your instructors agree to abide by the NSSIA policies for safe surf instruction.
6. A declaration that you will not hold NSSIA liable for any activities you undertake as an accredited surf school.
7. Pay your annual renewal fee of \$75

NSSIA Qualification Issued

With your successful completion of the NSSIA instructor's course, you received:

1. A letter stating your successful attainment of the Surf Instructor Certification Level you qualified for.
2. An official signed NSSIA Instructor's Certificate, suitable for framing. Certificates are valid for one year and must be renewed.
3. The most recent version of our training manual: *Teaching Surf Instructors to Teach*.
4. Initial listing on the NSSIA web site.

On receipt of the instructor renewal declaration and annual dues you will receive:

1. An official signed NSSIA Instructor's Certificate, suitable for framing. Certificates are valid for one year and must be renewed.
2. The most recent version of our training manual: *Teaching Surf Instructors to Teach*.
3. Renewed listing on the NSSIA web site.

4. Regular updates on what our instructors are doing and other activities and legal issues impacting instructors and surf schools in the US, PR, CR, and Canada.

On receipt of your surf school business information, signed declaration, and annual renewal fee you will receive:

1. An official signed NSSIA Accredited Surf School Certificate, suitable for framing. Certificates are valid for one year and must be renewed.
2. Renewed listing on the NSSIA web site.