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2018 AccesSurf's Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships Final Standings

Waikiki, Hawai'i – Aug. 26, 2018 – [AccesSurf](#) hosted its 11th annual Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships (HASC) from Aug. 20-22 in partnership with [Duke's OceanFest](#), Waikiki's premier ocean sports festival honoring surf legend Duke Kahanamoku. Over 80 surfers with disabilities from 15 nations competed. AccesSurf is a local nonprofit that empowers people with disabilities by providing adaptive water sports programs including the Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships.

HASC hosted thirteen divisions over the three day competition: stand, sit, kneel, prone, assisted, and visually impaired. Additional highlighted divisions to included Wounded Warrior and deaf heats. Final results below. Some divisions unable to compete due to Hurricane Lane.

In addition to the competition, AccesSurf hosted the 2nd annual Surfing with the Stars benefit event to raise funds for the organization. Celebrities Bob Hurley, Kirk Hammett, Benji Weatherley, Joel Centeio, Guy Hagi, Kala Alexander, and Hilton Alves. General public contest winners Pamela Su, Spike Kane, Kimberly Soares, Alan Yoisard, and April Hisatake received a chance to have a one-on-one surf session with the stars.

2018 Hawai'i Adaptive Surfing Championships Results

Men's Sit division results

- 1st Felipe Lima, Brazil
- 2nd Chris Oberle, USA
- 3rd Jeff Munson, USA
- 4th Elias Valencia, Chile

Women's Sit division results

- 1st Meira Va'a Duarte, Hawaii
- 2nd Alana Nichols, USA
- 3rd Victoria Feige, Canada
- 4th Diane Whitcomb, Hawaii

Men's Stand Division results

- 1st Pegleg Bennett, Great Britain
- 2nd David Conner, Hawaii
- 3rd Sean Reyngoudt, Switzerland
- 4th Thomas Ikkala, Hawaii

Women's Stand Division results

- 1st Dani Burt, USA
- 2nd Charlotte Banfield, Great Britain
- 3rd Faith Lennox, Hawaii
- 4th Darian Haynes, Hawaii

Kneel Division results

- 1st Mark 'Mono' Stewart, Australia
- 2nd Alcino Pirate, Brazil
- 3rd Lylwelyn 'Sponge' Williams, Wales
- 4th Victoria Feige, Canada

Prone Division results

- 1st Bruno Hansen, Denmark
- 2nd Ann Yoshida, Hawaii
- 3rd Spike Kane, Great Britain
- 4th Paulo Renato Bottaro Loreto, Brazil

Men's Assisted Division results

- 1st Davi Teixeira de Aguiar, Brazil
- 2nd Brook Johnson, USA
- 3rd Izumo Hattori, Japan
- 4th Hunter Pochop, USA

Women's Assisted Division results

- 1st Quin Waitley, USA
- 2nd Ava Heller, Hawaii
- 3rd Robyn Harvey, Australia
- 4th Heather Markham, USA

Deaf Division results

- 1st Pierre-Olivier Coutant, France
- 2nd Josh Beal, HAW
- 3rd Paul McDonnell HAW

Wounded Warrior A results

- 1st Tommy Counihan, Hawaii
- 2nd Dana Cummings, USA
- 3rd Buster Kawasaki, Hawaii
- 4th Mark Thorton, USA

Wounded Warrior B results

- 1st Anthony Lynch, HAW
- 2nd Michelle Tippens, Hawaii
- 3rd Jeffery Taylor, USA
- 4th Mickey Scott, Hawaii

Visually Impaired results

- 1st Matt Formston, Australia
- 2nd Joshua Loya, USA
- 3rd Scott Leason, USA
- 4th Barbie Pacheco, USA

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About AccesSurf

Established in 2006, AccesSurf empowers individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities through accessible water programs. In following the spirit of Duke Kahanamoku, AccesSurf continues to be a pioneer in the advancement of adaptive watersports, ocean recreation, and therapeutic instruction for participants throughout the state of Hawai'i and worldwide. To become a participant, volunteer or learn more visit www.accessurf.org. Follow on social media: Facebook [@accessurf](https://www.facebook.com/accessurf) and Instagram [@accessurf_hawaii](https://www.instagram.com/accessurf_hawaii).

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