

# Big Field for Makaha Surfing

A field of 263 select surfers from throughout the world will compete in the newly streamlined 16th annual Makaha International Surfing Championships, starting Saturday and lasting through Dec. 31 (excluding Christmas day).

The final entry list has been trimmed this year from the vast fields of past competitions at Makaha, the sponsoring Waikiki Surf Club revealed yesterday.

Officials said in past years many entrants found Makaha conditions too difficult and scratched at the call of their heat.

All of the entries this year are of recognized championship caliber, the meet sponsors said.

Surfers will display their skills on the waves for both judges who will select the world champions, and the cameras of the American Broadcasting Company's "Wide World of Sports."

Spectators driving to Makaha will have ample parking off the highway in the large area opposite the surfing zone.

The large, big-name field of men and women includes top-flight visitors such as Keith Paull, current Australian champion, and Peter Drouyn, former Aussie titlist; Rodney Sumpter of Ireland and Felipe Pomar of Peru.

Defending champion Fred Hemmings and Paul Strauch will carry the colors of the Outrigger Canoe Club, as will Joey Cabell, Aka and Butch Hemmings.

Former International Surfing Championship winners George Downing, Buffalo Keaulana and Rabbit Kekai will represent the host Waikiki Surf Club.

Also with Waikiki will be

Nappy Napoleon, Leroy Ah Choy, Andy Miller and Richard Henning, to name a few.

Four have entered from the Lord Blears family — Lord Blears in Seniors; son James in championship; daughter Laura in the women's division, and son Clinton in the junior men.

Former champion Jamaa Kekai, now stationed with the military in Alaska, may receive permission from his commanding officer to compete at Makaha, meet officials have learned.

Among other well known surfers entered are Mike Doyle, Windansea Surf Club, Calif.; Jeff Hakman of Maui; Rusty Miller, Windansea; Randy Rarick, surfing unattached; Butch Van Artsdalen and Dewey Weber of California.

Joyce Hoffman from California and Sharron Weber, the trim Honolulu competitor, are among the fine field of women's surfers scheduled to test the waves.

Competitions will be in senior men, junior and women's divisions, plus the tandem event.

Teams entered — Laguna Surf Club, Armed Forces Surf; Diamond Head Surf; Makaha Surfing Association, Freedom Riders, Ewa Beach Surf Club; Maui Son's, Kauai Surfing Association, Surf Riders Association, Kui O Hawaii, Outrigger Canoe Club, Windansea, Manly Pacific Surf Club (Australia), Greg Noll's Surfcenter.

Meet officials have announced city and county agencies are cooperating to help safeguard both automobiles and pedestrians in the Makaha area. Drivers are asked to refrain from parking alongside the highway in areas designated no parking for the period of the surfing contest.