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# **CHAPTER 1: ISA ADMINISTRATION AND RULES**

## **SECTION 1: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. ISA WORLD JUNIOR SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP (WJSC), ISA WORLD SURFING GAMES (WSG), ISA WORLD MASTERS SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP (WMSC), and OTHER ISA SANCTIONED EVENTS**

#### 1. Frequency and Eligibility

The WJSC / WSG / WMSC will be held every year, during which the Aloha Cup will run as an exhibition if time schedules permit. These events are for surfers who are members of affiliated National Governing Bodies (NGBs), in good standing with the ISA.

#### 2. Event Divisions and Team Sizes

The WJSC will include the following medal events and team sizes:

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|---------------------------|---|
| a. Boy's Junior Division  | 4 |
| b. Boy's Cadet Division   | 4 |
| c. Girl's Junior Division | 4 |
| d. ISA Aloha Cup          | 5 |

The WSG will include the following medal events and team sizes:

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|----------------------------|---|
| a. Men's Open Division     | 4 |
| b. Women's Open Division   | 2 |
| c. Longboard Open Division | 2 |
| d. ISA Aloha Cup           | 5 |

The WMSC will include the following medal events and team sizes:

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|----------------------------|---|
| a. Master's Division       | 2 |
| b. Grandmaster's Division  | 2 |
| c. Kahuna's Division       | 2 |
| d. Grand Kahuna's Division | 1 |
| e. Women's Masters         | 1 |
| f. ISA Aloha Cup           | 5 |

The Aloha Cup will include the following team composition:

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| a. Open Men's Division   | 4 |
| b. Open Women's Division | 1 |

#### 3. Medal Presentations

All finalists in individual divisions of the above events will receive a gold / silver / bronze / copper medal according to final placing. In addition a team medal will be presented to each official team member of the top four [4] teams, gold / silver / bronze / copper medal according to final placing.

The ISA Aloha Cup Exhibition final team members will receive individual medals plus one trophy signifying team final placing.

Participation medals will be provided for all judges and senior officials at the event [subject to prior agreement with the ISA].

*\* Specific reference to presentation items can be found in the ISA event contract, which is entered into by the organization hosting the specific event.*

#### 4. International Competition Age Divisions\*

Applies to all ISA Disciplines

Open Men:	Male of any age.
Open Women:	Female of any age
Junior:	Boy or Girl Under 18
Cadet:	Boy or Girl Under 16
Senior:	Male or Female 28 years and older
Master:	Male or Female 35 years and older
Master Women:	Female 35 years and older
Grandmaster:	Male or Female 40 years and older
Kahuna:	Male or Female 45 years and older
Grand Kahuna:	Male or Female 50 years and older

*\* Ages are taken from January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of participation.*

*Example: A Master surfer must be 35 years and older ON JANUARY 1ST IN THE YEAR OF COMPETITION.*

An Under 18 competitor may not turn 19 between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they are competing in this Division and an Under 16 surfer may not turn 17 between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they are competing in this Division. Proof of the age of Under 18 and Under 16 competitors must be submitted with team lists (a copy of passport or birth documentation is required).

Passports will be checked by the ISA prior to the start of all ISA Events.

In the WJSC, Surfers may compete in the U18 or the U16 Division, or in both the U18 and U16 Division.

In the WSG, surfers may surf in more than one discipline. It is therefore the responsibility of nations when submitting lists in terms of Section 2 (2) hereof, to correctly identify surfers in their teams and the division/s in which they are to compete. It is to be noted that no special consideration will be afforded surfers competing in the Open and other Divisions, although in the case of back-to-back heats, time may be given for a competitor to return to the beach to change singlets if the contest format allows.

An Open Surfer is a surfer of any age. The amendment of team sizes is the prerogative of the Executive Committee and these may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Committee provided that such a meeting takes place during the year preceding that in which the WSG are to be held, (or at any earlier meeting).

In the WMSC, as for other ISA events, an eligible surfer may compete in up to two divisions if his / her team selects him/her to do so. Team managers must identify those surfers involved in this situation to the contest officials. The event organizers have no obligation to provide any special consideration for these surfers as this is a team decision. In back to back heats, time may be given to change contest vests if the contest format allows. Where there is only one age division posted in an ISA World Masters Championships [ie not designated male or female], this will be regarded as an open division, and any eligible male or female may compete in this division.

## 5. Representation

A competitor may only represent a country if he/she holds a passport or national identification card issued by the national government of that country. A national identification card must clearly show nationality or citizenship of the country. A competitor who is a national of more than one country at the same time may represent any of them, as he/she may elect.  
(amended September 2010)

Once a competitor has represented one country in any ISA event, he/she generally may not surf for another country at future ISA sanctioned International Events. If an athlete is allowed to represent a second nation based on the conditions set forth in *the By-Laws to rule* outlined below, he/she may not change back to representing his/her original country.

## By-Laws to rule

- a. Special exemptions may be considered by the ISA Executive Committee provided the petitioning NGB submit a formal request to the ISA Executive Committee at least three (3) months prior to the start of any ISA sanctioned event. Requests for exemption will only be considered if the formal request is received via the ISA Headquarters, with certified copies of all relevant documentation included. Required documentation shall include, but not be limited to passport copies, letter from petitioning NGB, release letter from current NGB, letters from/to National Sports Organizations or Home Affairs Offices, etc.
  - b. A competitor who has represented one country in an ISA sanctioned event and who changes or who has changed nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in ISA sanctioned events to represent their new country provided at least 18 months has passed since the competitor last represented their former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the Executive Committee of the ISA, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.
  - c. If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, if a country merges with another country, or if a new NGB is recognized by the ISA a competitor may continue to
    - \* Represent the country to which they belong or belonged. However, they may, if they prefer, elect to represent their new country or compete in ISA sanctioned events if selected by their new NGB if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.
  - d. Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in ISA sanctioned events, either by representing another country than theirs or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the ISA Executive Committee may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, including the duration of any waiting period.
6. Hosting of World Junior Surfing Championships, World Surfing Games, World Masters Surfing Championships, and Other ISA Sanctioned Events

Applications to host the annual WJSC, annual WSG, annual WMSC or any ISA sanctioned event must be submitted in writing on the official letterhead of the applicant to the ISA Executive Committee. Such applications must be signed by the authorized individual and received in time to be included in the agenda of the ISA Annual General Meeting which takes place during the WSG. In the event of more than one application being received, the Executive Committee may either defer a decision to an Executive Committee meeting, or if it is expedient to do so, make a decision right away. If no applications are submitted in time for the AGM held during the WSG, the Executive Committee has the authority to allocate the rights to hold the event to an appropriate later bidder.

Where the official language of the host nation (or a team) is not English, a translator may be included in the team and he/she will be afforded the same privileges as a competitor by the host nation.

## B. SPECIAL EVENTS

ISA special events and sanctioned events follow WJSC / WSG / WMSC administration, as mentioned above, in addition to individual event specifications. Please refer to Chapter 1. Section 2.C. for contest rules for these special events.

1. ISA Aloha Cup
2. ISA World Tandem Surfing Championships
3. ISA World Kneeboard Surfing Titles
4. ISA World Bodyboard Championship (WBBC)
5. ISA World Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) Surfing Championship (WSUPSC)

## **SECTION 2: CONTEST ADMINISTRATION AND RULES**

### **A. CONTEST ADMINISTRATION**

#### **1. ISA Event Registration Policy: Fee Structure**

- a. The registration fee shall be decided by the ISA Executive Committee and is applicable to all participating members of the team excluding judges. The registration fee is to be paid to the ISA by each Member Nation as and when directed by the ISA Executive Committee. A surfer competing in more than one division is required to pay the registration fee for each division entered. Late submission of registration fees may attract a penalty to be decided upon by the ISA Executive Committee.
- b. The current ISA fee structure is as follows:
  - i. Teams will pay USD \$175.00 per registrant if fees are received by the ISA Office up to ten (10) days prior to registration close.
  - ii. Teams will pay USD \$200 per registrant if fees are received within the final two (2) days prior to registration close.
  - iii. Teams will pay USD \$225 per registrant if fees are received on the FINAL day of registration at the event site.
  - iv. Pre-Paid Teams will pay an additional USD \$25 per registrant even if registration fees are paid in advance if proper documentation is not submitted to the ISA prior to the FINAL day of registration. Documentation includes but is not limited to passports (originals and copies), indemnity forms, codes of conduct and TUEs.

#### **2. ISA Event Registration Policy: Guaranteed Participation Placement & Team Lists**

The ISA will notify teams in advance of the total number of competitors allowed in each division with periodic updates including contest availability based on the number of registrations received at that time.

- a. Teams that submit payment, seeded competitor lists and required documentation up to 10 days prior to registration close will be guaranteed starting heat places.
- b. Teams who do not submit payment, seeded competitor lists and required documentation prior to the start of registration will NOT be guaranteed starting heat places. Placements are not guaranteed until ALL documentation has been received, partial registration does not guarantee your spot (for example, payment received but teams have not submitted competitor lists or required paperwork). Contest participation is based on a first come, first serve basis.

Any team who does NOT provide payment and/or seeded competitor lists and all required documentation prior to close of registration will NOT be guaranteed a place in the event.

- c. Alterations to teams will be permitted up to the time of the competitors meeting held prior to the WJSC / WSG / WMSC or other ISA events. Those surfers who have been nominated to compete at this point are the final starters for the WJSC / WSG / WMSC or other ISA events and any no-show competitor for the first round will forfeit their right to compete. When Double Elimination format is being used, surfers who are no shows in first qualifying may compete in first round of repechage. A reserve may only be substituted at the beginning of the contest if there is medically documented illness or injury, in which case a direct substitution will be made (I.e. No reseeding). Once a substitution has been made the original surfer cannot re-enter the competition. After a surfer has surfed in the contest a reserve may not be substituted for him/her.

- d. Reserves may surf in the ISA Aloha Cup Exhibition (refer to Chapter 1, Section 2.C. ISA Aloha Cup for contest rules), as long as the reserve competitor pays an Entry Fee. The top eight (8) to sixteen (16) teams from the results of the previous World Team Championships (not the previous Aloha Cup result) will compete in the ISA Aloha Cup Exhibition.
- e. Once the initial draw has been made no redraws will be made to account for no-show competitors.

### 3. Seedings

In the WJSC / WSG / WMSC the seeding order in each division will be based on the complete sequence of the surfers of each participating NGB, as submitted to the Contest Director, following the rankings of each member Nation at the previous WJSC / WSG / WMSC.

Where a nation did not compete in the previous WJSC / WSG / WMSC, the surfers of this nation will be seeded at the end of the team list, in the order that the official team entry was received.

The first round seeding will follow the seeding order as specified in paragraph 1. The contest first seed will be the first seed of the first rated team; the contest second seed will be the second seed of the first rated team, and so on.

Within the competition, participants who progress through the heats will be seeded into each successive heat according to the position that they obtained in the previous heat.

The event should be designed to accommodate a minimum 50% progression rate.

In the event of there being only two surfers in a heat that was seeded for three or four surfers, the heat will not be surfed and the surfers will be given positions based on their points scored in the previous round or according to their seedings in the case of a first round heat.

### 4. Format

The contest will consist of a format decided by the ISA Executive Committee. The competition and the Finals may be held at different venues or at the same venue. The Finals will be run on a four-surfer heat system.

Where, for any reason it is not possible to hold or complete the Finals, the ISA Contest Director may determine division winners from the accumulated places of the contest. If required by the Host Nation, the last competition day will be set-aside for the Finals.

### 5. Team Points

In the case of the WJSC / WSG / WMSC, each surfer will accumulate team points according to the place he/she finishes in the contest. The base points (1000) will be multiplied by the number of surfers competing in the respective divisions. The total points will be distributed amongst the available places.

Base points allocation will be as per the table attached in Chapter 1, Section 3.

The winning team at the WJSC / WSG / WMSC will be that team with the highest sum of points (ISA Aloha Cup Exhibition event excluded).

In the WSG, the winning Team will be named World Champions and will be awarded the Basil Lomberg Memorial Trophy.

In the WJSC, the official team size will remain a total of 12, four (4) Under 18 Boys, four (4) Under 16 Boys and four (4) Under 18 Girls, but only the top three (3) athletes per nation in each division will count towards the ISA Team results. The winning Team will be named Junior World Champions and will be award the ISA World Junior Championship Trophy.

Nations may still enter a maximum of 4 surfers per division and each entrant must still pay an Entry Fee, however only the top three (3) results will contribute to the team's overall final placement. All four competitors per division are eligible for individual medals.

In the WMSC, the winning Team will be that team with the highest sum of points (as per the WSG points allocation). The winning Team will be named the Master World Champions and will be awarded the Eduardo Arena Trophy.

## 6. Contest Officials

- a. ISA Technical Director  
To be appointed by the Technical Committee of the ISA to manage the beach presentation and other aspects of the event. TD reports to the ISA Executive Director. The TD is the highest event official. The TD works closely with the Contest Director to manage the event delivery on a daily basis. The Contest Director and all other event officials, report to the Technical Director.
- b. Contest Director and Head Judge[s]  
To be selected by the ISA Technical Committee based on Professional, International and National criteria. [refer item 11]
- c. International, Team and Appointed Judges  
All Judges to be appointed by the ISA after application is submitted to the ISA by NGB. Judge applications and CVs are due within 90 days of contest start or NGB will lose judge nomination privilege. A Selection Panel within the Technical Committee recommends the Judging Panel based on Professional, International and National criteria. The Executive Committee of the ISA will ratify the final decision of the panel with the recommendation of the ISA Technical Committee. [refer item 11]
- d. An ISA Code of Conduct Declaration is to be completed and signed by each participating official in the event.

## 7. Official ISA Event Protocol

The below section specifically pertains to all officially recognized participating persons in ISA sanctioned and/or conducted events.

Official Participating persons shall be considered Team Members and include, but not be limited to:

- a. All Athletes participating in the event, whether surfing or serving as a team alternate
- b. Team Manager and supporting persons, whether staff or volunteer
- c. Team Coach(es) and supporting persons, whether staff or volunteer
- d. Persons providing services to Team Members and their assistants, such as physiotherapists, masseuse, medical persons, chaperones
- e. Team Media specialists accompanying teams to provide services

An integral part of the Host Nation's responsibilities, which are audited by the ISA, is to provide various services to the ISA and its member national teams during these events. These services are set out in the official hosting agreement and include, but are not limited to, discounted and special accommodation and meals; transport to event venues from official accommodation; facilities for teams on the beach; provision of opening and closing ceremonies which provide team participation in various ways; communication access during the event and provision of various meetings and special event activities.

For persons accompanying teams to avail themselves of these special services and opportunities of involvement in official activities, they have to be identified as an Official Participating person and are required to pay the official "ISA Registration Fee" in order to receive event benefits.

- a. Official Event Wristbands. These are issued to the team manager at the time registration fees are paid. Teams are to receive one (1) band per registration fee paid. These are "non transferable", accountable items and must remain on EACH team member's wrist for the duration of the event. They are a critical security device and will identify team members from the public at all times in all locations. Wristbands will also indicate to event security the status and rights of the wearer to enter various parts of the event facilities and functions. Wristbands are the responsibility of the Team Manager and must not be exchanged or temporarily distributed to other persons. If Wristbands are in poor condition and need to be exchanged for new ones, the old one must be given to an ISA Employee at the ISA office at time of exchange in order for a new Wristband to be issued. A Wristband replacement, without the original returned, is required to be purchased from the ISA, unless special circumstances to be decided upon by the ISA Executive Committee exist.
- b. Official Protocol for Participating Persons.
  - i. Only paid Team Members can wear Official Team Uniform during any official event activity.
  - ii. Only paid Team Members can participate in the Opening Ceremony / Parade of Nations / Official ISA Meetings.
  - iii. Only paid Team Members can use free or paid services provided by Organizers, including but not limited to ground transportation, special hotel team rates, etc.
  - iv. Only paid Team Members are to be allocated official Wristbands and have the right to enter "designated areas" at the event site and other associated activities.

NOTE: Payment of registration fees for this event, official participating status, identification and security are linked together in these ISA international events. Infringing the intention and effectiveness of these protocols is regarded as demanding a severe disciplinary action. Teams found to be fraudulently attempting to avoid payment of registration fee, will receive the penalty of paying double in registration fees (having to pay \$400 USD instead of the \$200).

Associated Persons may include, but not limited to:

- a. Supporter Groups, family of team members, friends, etc.
- b. On a case by case basis, official dispensation may be given by the ISA Executive Committee to other associated persons to participate in official event activities, provided application is made in writing to the ISA Contest Director and sufficiently in advance of the activity, so the ISA may properly assess the situation and plan for the change. This decision is entirely at the discretion of the ISA Contest Director.
- c. Associated persons are not to be issued with any items of "official team uniform" or accessories to indicate the appearance of a current official team member. ISA recommends any promotional items and clothing provided to supporter's groups by national member teams, be clearly labeled as such.

## 8. Meetings:

The ISA Contest Director, together with the ISA Contest Head Judge, will hold Judge and Team Manager Meetings prior to the commencement of the WJSC, WSG, WMSC and other ISA events. Attendance at these is compulsory for ALL relevant participating persons. Suitable prior notice of



these meetings must be given by the ISA Contest Director in consultation with the ISA Head Judge and Host Contest Coordinator.

The purpose of such meetings is to register all teams and participating team members, inform officials of the arrangements for the competition, clarify operational questions from teams, and manage the judging process and other event requirements.

9. Leash / Legrope Policy

As a risk management precaution, and subject to the ISA Technical Director's approval, the ISA has a mandatory leash / legrope policy at events, due to the potential risk to other participants. All contestants are to use a leash / legrope while competing or practicing within the confines of the contest site and / or any area under the jurisdiction of the contest administration. Leashes / legropes are to be of any types that are commercially available.

Free surfing with or without a leash is at the rider's discretion however the ISA recommends the use of a leash if there is a possible danger to third parties.

10. Mechanical Communication Device Policy During Competition

The ISA prohibits any mechanical / electronic communication device, (including megaphones) that links a competitor in the action of competing with another party during ISA competitive events.

11. Judging Panel – ISA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- a. Head Judges: Top ranking professional judges will be hired by Event Organizers and ratified by ISA Executive Committee as Head Judges after receiving recommendation from the ISA Technical Committee. Selection and the number of Head Judges is determined solely by the ISA Executive Committee. Head Judges will be paid a salary as outlined by the ISA Executive Committee. Event Organizer will provide salary, airfare, accommodations, transportation, and meals. (*amended July 2010*)
- b. *All remaining Judges will be selected by the ISA Technical Committee (TC) using the comprehensive ISA Judges database to appoint the most appropriate International, Team and Appointed Judges. The TC's selection will be based on a Judge's ISA event experience, accreditation level, professional surfing judging experience and internal ISA rating. Nations may supply names and CV of Judges they consider appropriate for ISA level Judging duties. ISA TC will review. Upon the decision of the ISA TC, each Judge will be notified of their appointment directly, and their respective NGB will be copied on the correspondence. The Executive Committee of the ISA will make the final decision on the list after receiving recommendation from the ISA Technical Committee. No additional judges can be added to or dismissed from the ISA selected panel by the ISA Head Judge unless specific agreement is received from the ISA Contest Director after consultation with the ISA Technical Committee [or representative present]. All Judges MUST have fundamental understanding of the English language.*
- c. *Selection of Judges for Single Podium Events (WMSC / WSUPSC / WBBC) is based on the following criteria: (amended January 2011)*
  - i. *International Judges: Selection of three (3) paid, judging positions based on team ranking 1 – 3 from prior respective event. International Judges will be paid a salary as outlined by the ISA Executive Committee. Event Organizer will provide salary, airfare, accommodations, transportation, and meals. The ISA requires that all air travel for International Judges be booked and purchased by the ISA, Event Host or an Appointed Third Party. NGBs will not be reimbursed for air travel purchased for these Judges. (amended January 2011)*
  - ii. *Team Judges: Selection of two (2) non-paid judging positions based on team ranking 5 – 6 from prior respective event. Event Organizer will provide accommodation, ground transportation and food only. Event Organizer does not*

*pay Team Judges airfare. This airfare is the responsibility of the NGB the judge represents. (amended January 2011)*

- iii. Appointed Judges: Selection of two (2) appointed additional paid judges to the panel, bringing the total number of judges to 9 (plus Head Judges). Appointed Judges will be paid a salary as outlined by the ISA Executive Committee. Event Organizer will provide salary, airfare, accommodations, transportation, and meals. The ISA requires that all air travel for Appointed Judges be booked and purchased by the ISA, Event Host or an Appointed Third Party. ISA Appointed Judges will be regarded as having “no national affiliation” and will be appointed based on their demonstrated international judging experience. (amended January 2011)*
- d. *Selection of Judges for Two Podium Events (WJSC / WSG) is based on the following criteria: (amended January 2011)*
  - i. International Judges: Selection of six (6) paid, judging positions based on team ranking 1 – 6 from prior respective event. International Judges will be paid a salary as outlined by the ISA Executive Committee. Event Organizer will provide salary, airfare, accommodations, transportation, and meals. The ISA requires that all air travel for International Judges be booked and purchased by the ISA, Event Host or an Appointed Third Party. NGBs will not be reimbursed for air travel purchased for these Judges. (amended January 2011)*
  - ii. Team Judges: Selection of four (4) non-paid judging positions based on team ranking 7 – 10 from prior respective event. Event Organizer will provide accommodation, ground transportation and food only. Event Organizer does not pay Team Judges airfare. This airfare is the responsibility of the NGB the judge represents. (amended January 2011)*
  - iii. Appointed Judges: Selection of four (4) appointed additional paid judges to the panel, bringing the total number of judges to 17 (plus Head Judges). Appointed Judges will be paid a salary as outlined by the ISA Executive Committee. Event Organizer will provide salary, airfare, accommodations, transportation, and meals. The ISA requires that all air travel for Appointed Judges be booked and purchased by the ISA, Event Host or an Appointed Third Party. ISA Appointed Judges will be regarded as having “no national affiliation” and will be appointed based on their demonstrated international judging experience. (amended January 2011)*
- e. Where practicable not more than one judge from any given country is to be on any judging panel at the same time. This does not include the Head Judge of each podium or the ISA appointed judges. The Head Judge will manage this situation.
- f. Where two podiums operate during the event, the judging panel must be rotated between podiums and also its makeup must periodically be varied, but still balanced with experience. No panels or locations are to be constant during ISA events. This is the responsibility of the Head Judge and Contest Director.
- g. The podium / event Head Judge[s] responsibility is to manage the judging panel selected by the ISA and maximize its performance. To this end recommendations can be made over performance matters involving judges, but the final decision on the makeup of the panel at any particular time stands with the ISA Technical Committee, Contest Director and the event Technical Director. The Head Judge will individually mentor judges in areas of identified weaknesses, will work with the panel to set heat standard waves at the beginning of heats, will describe waves if required in terms of general groupings [poor, fair, good, excellent], will complete missed waves, will manage the general conduct of the judging process on their podium. All actions in this area by the head Judge will be monitored by the ISA Contest Director.

- h. Contest Director and Head Judges are responsible for selecting the appropriate judging panel for finals events.
- i. Video and Replay: A video service with replay will be provided for ISA major events. This service will include a cameraman with experience and software able to nominate, find and replay any wave at any time. An LCD or Plasma Screen will be available in a position that all the judges and HJ can see for reference as required. This set up will operated in BOTH podiums. *(amended July 2010)*
- j. Daily Judges Meetings post contest: Every day, after the last heat, the HJ will conduct a small meeting replaying and commenting on the waves and situations that occurred during the day. Open discussion of the daily judging performance at this time will highlight comparisons, standards, criteria and process to be followed for the next day's heats. Attendance at such meetings is mandatory for all Head Judges, Judges, Technical Director and Contest Director. These meetings will be recorded and the tape provided to the ISA Director General, for safekeeping. *(amended July 2010)*

## **B. CONTEST RULES**

### **1. Rules of Competition**

The rules of competition as set out in the rulebook must be applied by each NGB. This is particularly relevant to those nations that are hosting the WJSC / WSG / WMSC and other ISA sanctioned events.

Amendments to these rules are the prerogative of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will advise all member nations once any amendments have been made and approved by the Executive Committee.

These amendments, once approved, will be applied to the WJSC / WSG / WMSC and other ISA contests as long as they are circulated to member nations 45 days prior to the start of the specific event.

Any proposals for changes to the Rule Book must be submitted in writing, with reasons for requesting the change, to the Executive Committee at least 90 days before an Annual General Meeting.

\*Stand-Up Paddle Surf events will be conducted under the ISA rulebook and all contest rules, except those referring to "criteria" will be applied, as they are in any other sanctioned surfing event.

### **2. Timing and Wave Counts**

- a. Recommended heat times and wave counts: Heats and Finals will be best 2 waves from a minimum of up to 10 waves or a maximum of up to 15 waves ridden by each surfer and be nominated by the Contest Director after consultation with the Head Judge. Heats and Finals will be a minimum of 20 minutes and a maximum of up to 30 minutes and be nominated by the Contest Director after consultation with the Head Judge.
- b. Variations to heat times may be made in cases where there may be insufficient time to finish an Event. ISA Technical Director, ISA Contest Director and ISA Head Judge will decide this at the relevant time.
- c. The Contest Director will consult with the Head Judge for a recommendation on heat times and wave counts. Any alteration during an event must be made known to Team Managers before surfers enter the water.
- d. Official timing of all heats will be done by the Commentator, or in the absence of a Commentator, by the Head Judge.
- e. A five minute visual and PA warning will be given when 5 minutes remain in a heat.

- f. Siren or horn blasts must be used to start and finish heats. One blast to start and two blasts to finish. The Head Judge will indicate when a heat is to commence.
- g. A large disc system at least 1 meter square must also be used. Green to start and yellow for the last 5 minutes.
- h. The commentator must give a five second countdown at the beginning and end of each heat, and when he reaches zero the heat must start or end immediately.
- i. The first of the two sirens must blow immediately when the commentator reaches zero. The official end of the heat is when the siren is first audible to the Head Judge, who will indicate to the judges that no more rides are to be scored for that heat. The siren takes precedence over the disc.
- j. The colored disc must be in the neutral position with no color showing when the commentator reaches zero in the countdown. The disc must remain in the neutral position between heats.
- k. In the event of siren failure the colored disc will be the indicator for heat timing.
- l. During and at the end of any heat the surfer must be clearly in possession of the wave on the wave face, making a movement to stand, his hands having left the rails (rail grabs excluded) for the wave to be scored.
- m. If the Contest Director wishes to use the minimum time delay between heats (of 10 seconds) he must provide a marshalling area in the water outside of the lineup.
- n. In the case of a water start the maximum time between heats shall be 5 minutes, unless unforeseen circumstances arise.
- o. Under no circumstances will there be any time extensions once a heat has entered the water. If a heat is interrupted for any reason it will be stopped by the Head Judge and will be resumed at the time it was stopped, and will run for its original period.
  - i. The only exception will be if the Head Judge, in consultation with other qualified officials, feels that the entire heat should be rerun because no surfer had a clear advantage at the time of cancellation, or if altered conditions make it impossible for judges to keep to the same scale.
  - ii. Also, if the halfway mark of any heat is reached and no one has caught a wave then the heat may be cancelled and re-run. The Head Judge must decide on this at the time.
  - iii. If the Beach Marshall tells Surfers in a heat the wrong heat time then the following shall occur:
    - 1. If actual heat time is shorter then a restart at a later time for the remaining time period as told by the Beach Marshall will occur with all Surfers starting from the line-up.
    - 2. If actual heat time is longer than told by the Beach Marshall the heat will run through to the end of the actual set time by the judging panel.
- 3. It is a competitor's responsibility to monitor the number of waves he has ridden. An attempt will be made to inform a competitor who has caught the maximum number of waves. Surfers must monitor their wave count. Protests will NOT be accepted. If more than the maximum number of waves is ridden, within the time limit, the surfer shall be penalized for each extra wave caught. In addition the surfer who remains in the water after catching the wave maximum will be penalized with a fine or interference if:

- a. He/she rides an extra wave that clearly deprives another competitor of an available ride
  - b. He/she interferes with any other competitor by paddling, positioning or blocking causing loss of scoring potential.
  - c. This penalty might be a fine OR disqualification (OR both) for unsportsmanlike conduct. In this case, the surfers' team points will be scrapped.
4. All heats are started from either a marshalling area in the line-up, or from the beach, under the Contest Director's direction. The marshalling area in the line-up must be clear of the take-off area, and the Contest Director must demarcate the marshalling area by means of a buoy or other suitable method.
  5. Where water starts are being used, competitors will be permitted to paddle out within a time limit set by the contest Director in consultation with the Head Judge, and will congregate in the marshalling area, well clear of competitors in the heat in progress. Surfers may only paddle towards the line-up ONLY when the previous heat has ended. Any surfer entering the take-off area during the preceding heat may be penalized. In extreme conditions the Contest Director may allow extra paddle time.

If a surfer enters the water and paddles out before the designated paddle out time, the surfer will be subject to a listed fine. In addition, if the surfer reaches the takeoff position before the other competitors, this surfer is banned from taking a wave until after the first wave of the heat has been caught by any other competitor. If the surfer paddles out before the designated time and proceeds to ride the first heat wave(s), before any other surfer in the heat, then this wave(s) will be scored as zero(s).

6. The Contest Director is the only person who can give an exact schedule of events. There will be no protest against incorrect information received from any other employee at the contest. If however the Contest Director gives incorrect information and a surfer subsequently misses a heat then a re-surf of that heat may take place.
7. The Contest Director must have an official notice board where the daily schedule and contest conditions are posted for all the competitors to see. This schedule must be posted by midday, at the latest, of each day and once posted it cannot be extended.
8. While the contest is in progress any unauthorized surfer in the competition area may be penalized. This ruling also applies to clearing the water before the start of the day's events.
9. If a surfer in the heat rides a wave out of the competition area, the judges may score that ride. If the judges do not score the wave, or score only score part of it, the surfer does not have the right of protest.
10. Any surfer standing up and riding during the preceding heat may be penalized. Waves caught during the dead time between heats will not be scored. No penalty or fine is applicable during "dead time"
11. Any surfer standing up after his heat and riding during the next heat may be fined, disqualified (or both) depending on the severity of the interference.
12. Anyone who is guilty of unsporting conduct or bringing an ISA event or the ISA itself into disrepute may be liable to a fine or disqualification at the discretion of the Executive Committee, after an emergency meeting on the recommendation of the Contest Director.
13. Heats will be made up of a maximum of 4 surfers except in the first round and recharge rounds of any contest where heats of five (5) may be surfed if circumstances so dictate. A minimum of 50% of the surfers in a round will advance to the following round.

14. The composition of the heats will be decided by the Contest Director after entries have closed. Composition of heats will be based on the seedings of entries, but if no seedings are available then known ratings or a random draw may be used. (If a random draw is used, it is recommended that a repechage round is held after the first round).
15. The judges score sheets and the tabulator sheet may be scrutinized by competitors in the presence of their manager or coach after the conclusion of their heat and once the heat result has been published by the Contest Director.
16. Competitors must wear the competition singlet/vest provided by the sponsors from time of issue until returned to the beach marshal at the completion of the heat, and if appropriate, during the awards presentation or a penalty may be imposed.
17. Competitors are responsible for ensuring they wear the correct colored contest singlet for all heats. A surfer in an incorrect color singlet/contest vest shall have no right to protest if the judges were unable to distinguish his/her rides from the other surfers in the heat.
18. There must be a minimum of 18 inches (0,5m) of wave height before surf can be deemed contestable. A special allowance may be made on the final scheduled day of an event, if the surf is rideable. This will be determined by the Contest Director and Head Judge.
19. In extreme conditions water caddies may be allowed to assist surfers at the discretion of the Contest Director in consultation with the Head Judge. Water caddies may only enter the water in a defined marshalling area determined by the Contest Director and the Head Judge. Surfers may only use equipment carried by their own caddy once the heat has started. If the caddy rides a wave the surfer he/she is caddying for may be penalized. If the caddy interferes with any of the other surfers in any way, interference will be imposed on the surfer for whom he/she is caddying.
20. Unless the event is of such nature that motorized craft may be used to assist surfers to reach the backline and this has been approved by the Executive Committee and Contest Director prior to the start of an event, any use of outside craft (jet ski, rubber-duck, water patrol board, photographer's boards, etc) will be deemed an interference if a surfer, after using one of them, re-enters the competition zone and rides a wave or interferes with any other competitor in any way. The only exception to this will be if the water patrol feels that the surfer is in a life-threatening situation, and in this case the surfer may be removed from the danger zone and placed in a safe area, no closer to the line-up, from which the surfer may continue the heat.

## 21. Protests

At times errors of a special nature may occur with respect to the running of the contest. This includes but is not limited to: heat timing, interference, adding errors, etc. Any competitor, manager or team coach has the right to protest the result of a heat due to any of the above. Protests must be in writing and must be submitted to the Contest Director by the Team Manager or Team Coach within 15 minutes of the heat results being posted.

The merits of each protest will be considered by the Contest Director after consultation with the Head Judge. Qualified observers (off-duty judges, spotter, and senior officials) may be asked for their advice. The Contest Director will rule on the incident and inform the surfer's manager of the decision in writing.

NOTE: No protest will be considered against a judging (scoring) decision that is irrevocable no matter what proof is submitted. No judges are to be approached over a call or results or a penalty may be imposed on the individual concerned.

## 22. Water Photographers

Water photographers will only be allowed into the contest area after checking in with the Contest Director and signing a waiver. Only two photographers will be allowed in the line-up at a time and the minimum lens allowed is 135mm. They may not use hard boards for floatation and must wear helmets if available. The Contest Director and Head Judge may remove the photographers from the water if they deem fit.

Only sanctioned water photographers will be allowed in the water at ISA events. This access is to be approved and controlled by the Head Judge and the Contest Director.

### 23. General

- a. Under no circumstances may an event sponsor force contestants to wear any particular brand of trunks or wetsuits as a condition of their entry into any ISA sanctioned event.
- b. All beach marshals must be English speaking.
- c. All functions, meetings, etc. are to be held near the contest site and at a reasonable time.
- d. All official meetings are compulsory for the appropriate persons.

### 24. Announcements

- a. During the heat the announcer should not announce the computer scores or heat situations between paddling for a ride and locking in scores into the system.
- b. All announcements of interference must be conveyed to the announcer by the Head Judge or Contest Director before they can be announced publicly.
- c. In all heats and finals computer scores must be given throughout the whole heat.
- d. If the commentator gives a score and it is wrong due to judges putting in the incorrect scores, the commentator giving the wrong score, or for any other reason, then the surfers will have no form of protest.
- e. The announcer may not make any announcement or call on any wave conditions (i.e. approaching outside sets, etc) that may benefit one contestant over another.
- f. If any surfer requires information from the water during a heat they must use hand signals as described below:
  - i. Time remaining is one hand touching another above the head
  - ii. Wave count is one arm outwards horizontal to the water.
  - iii. Scores, last scores, total, needed to win, etc is both arms out horizontal to the water.
  - iv. If contestants hear and understand the above they must acknowledge by waving one arm.
- g. All results/scores provided by Announcers/Officials at the end of each heat are "provisional/unofficial" until all transcription of the scores from judges' hard copy to computer input have been checked to identify possible typing input errors. If computer input errors are detected and corrected and this process causes a change in the "unofficial" result of the heat, there is no form of protest by affected competitors. Competitors are advised to stay on site to witness the posting of the "official" result of the heat.

### 25. Competitors Facilities

- a. All events must have a well-secured sizeable competitor's area that is clearly designated as a "Non-smoking" area.
- b. The area will be available for competitors and team officials only.

- c. It is recommended that the event supply a training area for competing surfers one hour before, during and after the day of competition for competitors only.
- d. Where applicable, parking passes should be made available to Team Management.
- e. Written information on accommodation and transport services relevant to the tournament should be provided.
- f. Adequate supplies of drinking water must be available at the contest site.
- g. Where possible, a masseur/chiropractor should be made available each day of the event.
- h. A secured surfer's storage and preparation area should be provided. Only competitors are permitted in this area. No guests, media, etc.

## 26. Specific Board Sizes

- a. BODYBOARDS Board Requirements:
  - i. Will be flexible and shall include some portion of soft exterior skin.
  - ii. Shall not exceed 5 feet in length.
  - iii. The use of fins is optional.
- b. LONGBOARDS Board Requirements:
  - i. Length is a minimum of 9 feet from the tip of the board in a straight line along its length. Width dimensions to be a minimum aggregate of 47 inches. That is the total of the widest point, plus the width 12 inches up from the tail and the width 12 inches back from the nose. *(amended July 2010)*

## 27. Double Elimination

In a double elimination contest, if the original schedule is not possible to complete, the rules are as follows:

- a. If an interruption is not definite but makes it impossible to follow the original schedule, even if the heat times are reduced to the minimum as stipulated in the Rules, the repecharges will run until all competitors in this situation are in the same round. After that the winners will be brought back to the principal bracket, which will continue without repecharges.
- b. If it is impossible to continue with the competition, the points still to be decided will be divided among the competitors who are still in the competition. The surfers who are in the repechage will be allocated half points.

Postponement of the competition beyond its original schedule will only be possible with the approval of the organizers, sponsors, and a 75% majority of the teams, which still have at least one athlete competing.



27. TEAM POINTS ALLOCATION (WSG & WJSC)

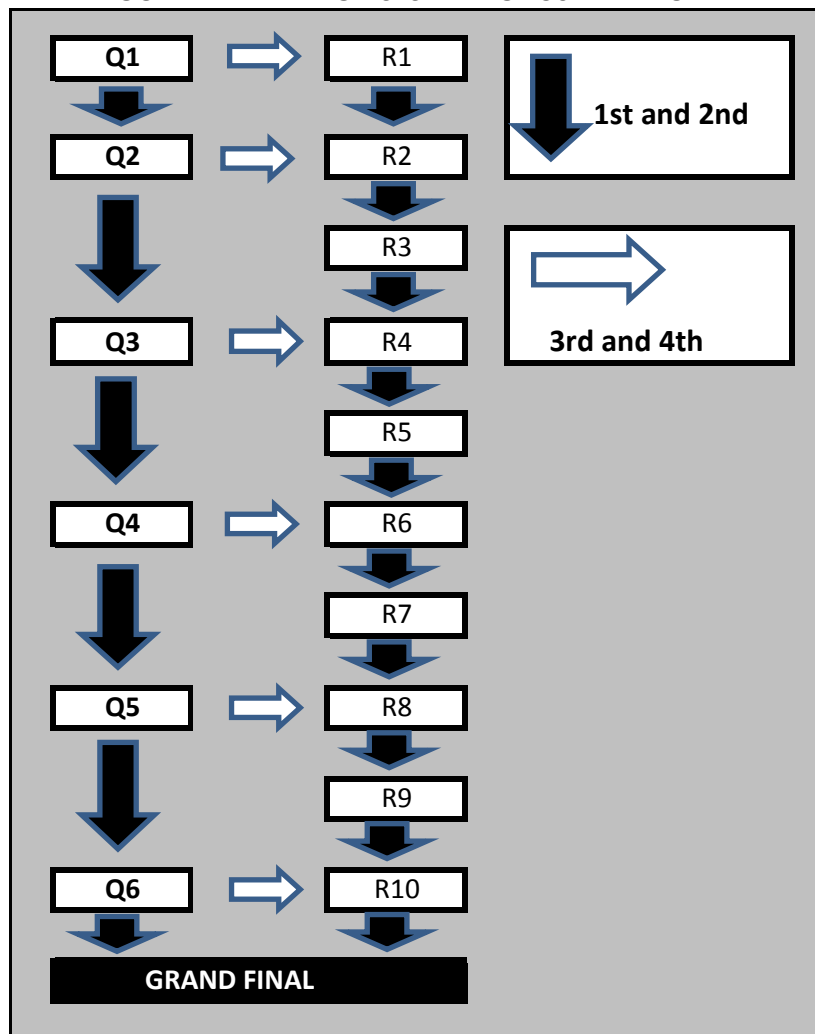
<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	1000	46	255
2	860	47	250
3	730	48	245
4	670	49	240
5	610	50	235
6	583	51	230
7	555	52	225
8	528	53	220
9	500	54	215
10	488	55	210
11	475	56	205
12	462	57	200
13	450	58	195
14	438	59	190
15	425	60	185
16	413	61	180
17	400	62	175
18	395	63	170
19	390	64	165
20	385	65	160
21	380	66	158
22	375	67	156
23	370	68	154
24	365	69	152
25	360	70	150
26	355	71	148
27	350	72	146
28	345	73	144
29	340	74	142
30	335	75	140
31	330	76	138
32	325	77	136
33	320	78	134
34	315	79	132
35	310	80	130
36	305	81	128
37	300	82	126
38	295	83	124
39	290	84	122
40	285	85	120
41	280	86	118
42	275	87	116
43	270	88	114
44	265	89	112
45	260	90	110

*\* Points are multiplied by the number of competitors in each division.  
(i.e. Winner of Open Men – 1000 points x 4 = 4000 points.)*

28. Contest Formats (Recommended for ISA International Events. Subject to the ISA Contest Director's discretion)

**a. Double Elimination Process**

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION SYSTEM FOR 96 AND 128**



**C. SPECIAL EVENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

1. ISA Aloha Cup

The Aloha Cup format is also used in the team exhibition event in the WSG / WJSC / WMSC, known as the ISA Team Cup Exhibition event (refer to Chapter 1. Section 2.A), which follows these same guidelines.

- a. A match will consist of registered teams, with five (5) surfers per team.
  - i. Four (4) men and one (1) woman in each round. Surfers may be substituted in subsequent rounds.
  - ii. The top 7 teams from the results of the previous World Team Championship plus the Host Country will compete in the ISA Aloha Cup, if the host country is not in to the top 8 from the results of the previous World Team Championship. If the event is decided to include more teams then these will be taken from the last ISA team ratings in order.

- iii. Time will determine how many teams compete in the event and the Contest Director will make the decision on number of teams.
  - iv. Substitutes may be used in each separate round
  - v. A reserve from the National Team, not surfing in any individual division, may compete in the Aloha Cup, as long as the reserve competitor pays an Entry Fee.
- b. Four surfers will compete in each heat, each representing a separate team.
  - c. Each surfer must commence from behind a designated start line / area near the shoreline.
  - d. *The team order of surfing cannot be changed once submitted at check in time. A surfer may only surf once. (amended January 2011)*
  - e. *Each surfer can catch a maximum of three (3) waves. When a surfer has three [3] rides scored they return to the shore, make contact with the designated beach marker, releasing the next surfer to catch their waves. Surfers can only enter the water once to take their rides. (amended January 2011)*
  - f. Team surfer must make physical contact with the beach marker to release the next team surfer.
  - g. Heat length will be forty to sixty (40- 60) minutes. (This may be altered at the discretion of the Contest Director).
  - h. The official in charge designates the start line and beach marker.
  - i. Match final results will be calculated by the scoring computer.
  - j. As per ISA Interference Rules (refer to Chapter 1, Section 2.D).
  - k. In the event of an interference, the Head Judge may award a replacement wave within the heat time period to the surfer who has had their scoring potential hindered. The surfer will be notified of the option of the replacement wave by public address announcement.
  - l. Surfers may release their board at the water's edge when returning to the beach marker / finish line.
  - m. All team members are required to stay within the team box wearing contest vest for the duration of each heat in which that team is surfing, unless under extreme conditions as decided by the Contest Director. Team boxes should be enlarged to accommodate all team members.
  - n. Penalties for team / team members:
    - i. Surfer competes out of turn
      - 5-point penalty
    - ii. Surfer leaves the box before the siren or during the heat
      - 5-point penalty
    - iii. Surfer tags outside of the box
      - 5-point penalty
    - iv. Surfer tagging does not make contact with next surfer (or designated marker)
      - 5-point penalty
    - v. Surfer competes out of nominated order
      - 5-point penalty

- vi. Team surfer surfs in his place and then substitutes for another team member (surfs twice)
  - TEAM DISQUALIFICATION
- vii. Surfer catches more than official wave limit
  - 5-point penalty for each extra wave
- viii. Interference
  - 5-point penalty
- ix. Non completion (i.e. of required number of scoring waves) within time
  - 5-point penalty
- x. Surfer removes his official contest vest during event
  - 5-point penalty

## 2. ISA World Tandem Surfing Championships

- a. The female partner must weigh at least half the weight of the lifter (there is a mandatory weigh in before the competition).
- b. The final score will be computed regarding 3 criteria:
  - i. Highest scoring (most technical) LIFT performed (10 Pts)  
The "LIFT" score will be computed with respect to the best lift performed during the ride. For a lift to be considered valid it must be executed, stable, and the partner must land on the board. Stable meaning that the lift must be controlled throughout its execution.
  - ii. Lifts SEQUENCE and artistic level (10 Pts)  
The "SEQUENCE" score will be computed with respect to the number of lifts performed during the sequence and their technical level of difficulty. Extra points may be awarded for artistic performance. In the event of a sequence, a lift will be taken into account only when the next lift is executed and stable. Stable meaning that the lift must be controlled throughout its execution. For the last lift of a sequence to be valid, it will have to be appropriately landed on the board.
  - iii. Wave SURFING (10 Pts)  
The "SURFING" score will follow traditional surf scoring rules, with emphasis on commitment and extreme maneuvers. Extreme surfing while performing a lift will prevail over non-lift surfing.
- c. In order to foster diversity and innovation, identical lifts cannot be taken into account twice as best lifts (score A). Would a lift be executed several times, it would only be taken into account in the best wave, and be discarded in the others
- d. Give way rule stays the same as in traditional surfing. In the event of an interference, the penalized couple will have their second best score halved.
- e. Every session will be judged by 3 judges and 1 chief judge. Each couple may ride a maximum of 10 waves, and only the 2 highest scoring waves will be taken into account for the final score. The final score will be given out of 20 points.  
  
$$\underline{(10\text{pts LIFT} + 10\text{pts SEQUENCE} + 10\text{pts SURFING}) \times 2 \text{ (for the 2 best waves)}} = \text{final score}$$
- f. When a lift is stable but incomplete in its execution with respect to its theoretical description, it will be attributed half its completed score if the landing is valid.

## 3. Stand-Up Paddle (SUP) Surfing

- a. Stand-Up Paddle (SUP) Surfing Event Rules:

- i. Introduction: SUP surfing is unique and can be done many ways but for competition it is important to set criteria's that set it apart from just long boarding. Only a single blade paddle is to be used in SUP. The paddle is a tool and a big part of the sport therefore it is not just used to help catch a wave, but is necessary as a tool [aid] for riding the waves [similar to a Ski pole when skiing]. Too many times we see great longboarders just catching the wave using the paddle, then ripping into their maneuvers without using the paddle any further in any practical [beneficial to performance] way. Often it is just "held".
- ii. Judging Criteria: A surfer must demonstrate board handling skills in the transition phase [description below] and the surfing phase [description below] of their performance, for it to be considered complete.  
A surfer must perform radical controlled maneuvers, using the paddle as a key tool, in the critical sections of a wave with speed, power and flow to maximize scoring potential. Innovative / progressive surfing as well as variety of repertoire [maneuvers], wave negotiation and use of the paddle to increase the intensity of the maneuvers, will all be taken into account when awarding points for SUP surfing.

The SUP surfer who executes these criteria with the maximum degree of difficulty and commitment on the waves will be rewarded with the higher scores. For StandUp Paddle Surfing [SUP] a wave is deemed to be begun, when in the opinion of the judges, the rider is no longer solely under paddle power but rather has harnessed and begun to be carried along by the power of the wave.

- iii. SUP Scoring Considerations:
  - 1. The judging scale will be 10 points with normal ISA contest rules applying.
  - 2. The aggregate of the best rides will decide the final score for each surfer and interferences adjudicated according to the ISA Surfing Rulebook.
  - 3. Good SUP transition time [end of one wave to paddle-in to next one] should be spent standing and paddling with good technique and stable wave negotiation. Kneeling, lying or sitting whilst paddling, unless necessary for safety is regarded as bad SUP form. Note the critical element: **To the best of a rider's ability he / she are expected to stand up on the board at all times throughout the heat, unless the situation of safety dictates otherwise.**
  - 4. Entry into the wave should be by paddling in the standing position to enable the maximum score.
  - 5. Surfing - average scores for all maneuvers will be allocated unless the paddle is used as a pivot or tool in maneuvers, then power, radical moves, critical sections and degree of difficulty are the deciding factors.
- b. Competitors will start from the beach unless instructed otherwise by the Contest Director.
- c. "Using the paddle": The paddle is correctly used in SUP surfing to do three main things: it is used in turns as a brace, a pivot, and a force multiplier. A surfer will be scored higher when he uses the paddle in some or all of these three ways to achieve sharper or more powerful turns. Tricks such as twirling or otherwise using the paddle in a non-functional manner will earn little or no extra score for the surfer.
- d. Traditional long board surfing compared to progressive SUP surfing techniques: Because the paddle allows large SUP boards to be turned with high rates of speed and power, stand-up paddle surfing is deemed to be, at the competition level, a performance-centered branch of surfing, much like conventional shortboarding. Footwork, nose riding and style points will be scored, but this will be done in their relationship to the criteria of degree of difficulty and critical nature of wave positioning.
- e. Officials Responsibility: As SUP is a new discipline of surfing in terms of competition, it is the responsibility of every Contest Director and Judge to promote the above ideas and

criteria, to ensure all competitors develop a standard approach and understanding of what is expected from an elite performer in SUP.

f. Stand-UP Paddle (SUP) Racing Regulations

i. Race schedule (Organizer's responsibility):

A race briefing for competitors is mandatory prior to each race. Within this briefing, course layout / description, event rules, safety issues and competitor questions will be covered.

ii. Race Age / Group Categories: These are flexible according to the event.

iii. Race Craft & Specifications: (amended January 2011)

1. 12'6" Class Board - Maximum length - maximum length 12'6" measured along deck. Fixed Fin(s), no rudder
2. 14' Class Board - Maximum length - maximum length 14' measured along deck. Fixed Fin(s), no rudder
3. Open Class Board. Minimum length - Over 14 feet Design specifications - unlimited

iv. SUP Racing Disciplines: (amended January 2011)

1. 2-7 km Technical Race Open. Equipment specification sets two class limits to length only: 12'6" or 14'.
2. 10-25 km Marathon Race Open. Equipment specification sets two class limits to length only: 14' or Open Class.

v. General Race Rules (All classes):

1. Single blade paddle to be used. The paddler is intended to be standing at all times whilst paddling. To manage this a "(5) five-stroke rule" may be applied to allow continuity. Meaning that if you fall due to conditions you can take (5) strokes on your knees before standing up. This rule is in effect so a paddler does not achieve an advantage by not standing up. Each competitor must complete the course in a standing position on their board. (amended January 2011)
2. It is allowable for an athlete to kneel on the board for control in and out of the surf zone. (amended January 2011)
3. Competitors must follow the designated set course, to be manned by water marshals and rescue staff.
4. The nose of the craft is the designated point for crossing the finish line when determining relative placing in a water finish. Races that are finished on the beach may require competitors to run through a finish chute or across a designated finish line. Typically distance races (open class) can have water finishes. Equipment may be left at the waterline by competitors who then run to the finish. (amended January 2011)
5. The finish and start lines must be designated by two buoys/markers and legal competitors must have not crossed the start line when the starter begins the race. Races can be started from either the water or the sand/land. (amended January 2011)
6. No extraneous aids are allowed. This includes, but is not limited to swim fins, engines, wind catching devices [i.e.: sails, baggy clothing, etc] and personal support teams. No twin hulls allowed (i.e.: catamarans).
7. Wetsuits and hats (sun protection) are permissible.
8. Competitors may be required to have an official mark / race vest and / or race number on their arm, which must remain on the individual

throughout the event. No competitor shall be recorded as a finisher unless carrying the official mark / wearing the official vest and number on their arm.

9. Organizers reserve the right to accept, reject and cancel entries.
  10. *Specific racing interference: unsportsmanlike conduct is not allowable. Specifically, blocking [whereby a leading paddler changes his line intentionally to block the path of an overtaking paddler] (amended January 2011)*
  11. Protests must be made in writing and given to the Race Director within fifteen minutes of the announcement of the provisional results. All decisions of the Contest Director will be final.
  12. Race officials shall have the ultimate and final authority to remove a competitor from the race if the competitor is judged to be physically incapable of continuing the race without the risk of injury.
  13. Each entrant must sign the indemnity declaration on the Entry Form before the event. If under 18, the parent or guardian must sign.
  14. The organizers reserve the right to reject or cancel any entry.
  15. *Specific Official roles for racing management staff: (amended January 2011)*
    - i) *Beachmaster - the head racing official, manages starts & finishes*
    - ii) *Race Marshalls - assist Beachmaster, marshalling athletes, starts & finishes*
    - iii) *Course Marshall - responsible for all aspects of the course & safety*
    - iv) *Board Marshall - responsible for all certifications & board measurements*
    - v) *Timing & Results officials - responsible for recording placings and timing of events*
- g. Race Types: Four types of events are common in SUP. (amended July 2010)
- i. Surfing performance events will be run according to ISA rules.
  - ii. Point to point racing – short and marathon. Ocean and inland waters or a combination of both.
  - iii. Combination events – Usually held on one day with a surfing event in the morning and then a paddle [usually around 2KM] in the early afternoon. Places in each discipline are allocated points and winners are declared in both individual disciplines and overall. These combination events may require riders to use the same board in both disciplines. If so, boards are initialed by the Contest / Race Director.
  - iv. Team events (based on the Aloha Cup relay concept for surf and paddle)
- h. SUP Relay
- i. Equipment specification is “Under 12’6”.”
  - ii. Team relay over a specified (400 meter leg) short sprint course. Beach Start from team box by competitor, running to water and collecting equipment, paddling out and back around marker buoy, leaving equipment and running up beach to box for changeover to next competitor. Final competitor to sprint to prearranged finish line within 50 meters of the team boxes. Team members 2 open, 1 woman, 1 junior. (amended July 2010)

In surfing performance events there are no restrictions on equipment. All rules to conduct the event are ISA sanctioned and listed in the official ISA Rulebook.

Risk management is a location by location issue for organizers. Racing rules are basic [above] and currently there are no set rules covering tactical /interference issues. Protests will be handled by the Contest / Racing Director based on actual interference and impeding progress, fairness and sportsmanship criteria.

i. Community Based Activities

- i. Surfing clubs of all disciplines from time to time may have the need to conduct mass surfboard “fun” paddle races [or participation activities] that could be used as club and charity fundraiser projects. General rules to control such activities can be drawn from the SUP Racing Rules, Chapter 1, Section 2.C.3 of this rulebook.

## D. INTERFERENCE

1. Basic Rules

- a. The surfer deemed to have the inside position for a wave has unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that ride. Interference will be called if during a ride a majority of judges feel that a fellow competitor has hindered the scoring potential of that surfer deemed to have right of way on the wave.
- b. Anyone who stands up in front of a surfer with right of way has the chance to ride or kick out of the wave without being called interference, unless they hinder the scoring potential of the surfer with right of way by any means. This includes excessive hassling, leash pulling or breaking down a wave section.

2. Right of Way

Wave possession or right of way will vary slightly under the following categories as determined by the nature of the contest venue. It is the responsibility of the judge to determine which surfer has the inside position based on whether the wave is a superior right or left but never on which surfer is first to their feet. (Exception): If at the initial point of take-off neither the right nor left can be deemed superior, then the right of way will go to the first surfer who makes a definite turn in their chosen direction (by making an obvious right or left turn).

a. Point Break

When there is only one available direction on any given wave, the surfer on the inside shall have unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that wave.

b. One Peak Break (Reef or Beach)

If there is a single well defined peak with both a left and a right available, at the initial point of take-off and neither the right nor left can be deemed superior then the right of way will go to the first surfer who makes a definite turn in their chosen direction (by making an obvious right or left turn). A second surfer may go in the opposite direction on the same wave without incurring a penalty, providing they do not interfere with the first surfer who has established right of way (i.e. they may not cross the path of the first surfer in order to gain the opposite side of the peak unless they do so without hindering, in the majority of judges opinion, the inside surfer).

c. Multiple Peak Situation

With multiple random peaks. In these conditions, wave possession may vary slightly according to the nature of an individual wave:

- i. With two Peaks, there will be cases where one swell will have two separate, defined peaks far apart that eventually meet at some point. Although two surfers may each have inside position on those respective peaks, the surfer who is first to their feet shall be deemed to have wave



possession and the second surfer must give way by cutting back or kicking out before hindering the right of way surfer.

- ii. If two surfers stand at the same time on two separate peaks that eventually meet, then:
  1. If they both give way by cutting back or kicking out, so that neither is hindered, there will be no penalty.
  2. If they cross paths and collide or hinder one another, the judges will penalize the surfer who has been the aggressor at the point of contact.
  3. If neither surfer gives way, by cutting back or kicking out and both share responsibility for the confrontation, then a double interference will be called.

### 3. The Right of Way Criteria

The choice of right of way criteria for each of the above possible situations is the responsibility of the Head Judge or the available Senior Judge in that order.

### 4. Snaking

- a. The surfer who is furthest inside at the initial point of take-off and has established wave possession is entitled to that wave for the duration of their ride, even though another surfer may subsequently take off behind them. The judges will not penalize the surfer because they have right of way, even though they are in front.
- b. If the second surfer has not hindered the original surfer with right of way, then the judges may choose not to penalize them and will score both surfers' rides.
- c. A surfer may not take off on the opposite side of a broken wave peak to gain possession of the opposite wave face, when a surfer has already established possession on the inside of the peak. An interference will be called if the majority of the judges feel that the surfer surfing/riding from behind the broken peak has hindered the scoring potential of the surfer who has established possession of the inside of the broken peak.
- d. If in the opinion of the judges, the second surfer has interfered with (snaked) the original surfer with right of way, by causing them to pull out or lose the wave, then interference may be called on the second surfer, even though they are behind the first when the penalty was called.

### 5. Paddling Interference

In four person heats, another surfer who has inside position should not be excessively hindered by another surfer paddling for the same wave. Paddling interference may be called if:

- a. The offending surfer makes contact with or forces the inside surfer to change their line while paddling to catch the wave causing loss of scoring potential.
- b. The offending surfer obviously causes a section to break down in front of the inside surfer which would not normally have done so and thereby causing loss of scoring potential.
- c. When a surfer is put in a position while paddling out that they cannot get out of the way and a collision happens due to this, it is up to a majority of the judges to call an interference based on whether it is felt to be accidental or not.
- d. *Unsporting Paddling Tactics must be penalized.*  
(amended January 2011)

*A heat placing is decided as a result of waves ridden. Tactics directed at reducing waves ridden are negatives to the performance in the heat. Positioning at the correct point of takeoff for a wave is an integral part of surfing skill and each competitor must be allowed to reach this chosen point unhindered. Similarly, priority is available to a surfer so he/she is not hindered in actually catching the selected wave, not as a tactic to prevent opponents catching the wave.*

*If the majority of judges mark a paddling tactical interference on a surfer, the HJ will issue an oral warning by announcement to the surfer concerned, however an initial penalty will not be immediately applied. If a second tactical paddling interference is marked, or the tactical paddling continues to a second interference situation, then the offending surfer will be asked to leave the water under the two interferences rule. The offending surfer will be charged with two interferences.*

*Unsporting paddling tactics can be, but will not be restricted to:*

- i. blocking the direct pathway of an opponent to the takeoff position by paddling across his/her line, other than by taking and holding the natural inside paddling position.*
- ii. taking inside position and right of way with respect to a particular opponent, then intentionally aborting takeoff [twice for initial penalty and then each time thereafter].*
- iii. blocking/hindering a direct /natural pathway of an opponent into the lineup from the beach paddle out position.*

## 6. Interference Penalty

- a. Riding Interference If a majority of judges call a riding interference, that wave will count in the surfers' score as a zero, and then the lowest scoring wave will count in the final tally as a 50% score for the offending surfer, (surfer will achieve half the wave score). Three of the five judges must call interference to be considered a majority. Interference will be shown on each judge's scoreboard, as a triangle placed around the score with an arrow drawn to the rider's score who was interfered on. In the case of a second interference from the same surfer, his better wave will be 50% and the surfer must leave the water immediately.
- b. Paddling Interference If a majority of judges call a paddling interference, then that surfer will lose 50% of the score for the lowest of his/her scoring waves (i.e. surfer will achieve half the wave score). If a surfer has less than the required minimum scoring rides and receives an interference then they will be scored on 50% of the wave, i.e. if they have caught only one wave and the best two count then only 50% of the wave will be scored. Three of the five judges must call interference to be considered a majority. Interference will be shown on each judge's scoreboard as a triangle placed above their score if they ride a wave but cause interference while paddling for that wave ridden, or between scores if caused by paddling but not riding, with an arrow drawn to the rider's score who was interfered on.
- c. Additional wave interference Any surfer who has caught their wave maximum, and remains in the contest area, and in any way prevents a competitor still competing from catching a wave, or hinders the scoring potential of a competitor riding a wave may be fined or disqualified or both depending on the severity of the interference, (team points will be lost).
- d. A Head Judge or Contest Director may be included, and in this case, an interference would be determined on three of six judging sheets.
- e. Any interfering surfer must be penalized and an interference decision once made is irrevocable, with the judges not entering into any discussion over the interference call. All discussions must be directly with the Head Judge.
- f. The surfer, who is interfered with, will be allowed an additional wave, beyond their original wave maximum, set within the prescribed time limit. Exception to this is a

double interference where neither surfer gets an extra wave. An extra wave or heat delay as decided by the Head Judge at the time will also apply to interference from water photographers, water security personnel or other outside interferences.

- g. Where any surfer incurs two or more interference penalties they must immediately leave the competition area. Failure to do so may result in a fine and/or disqualification. In the case of a disqualification, team points will be affected.
- h. An interference call will be announced only once approval has been received from the Head Judge or Contest Director.
- i. The Contest Director will also notify Team Officials of the interference over the PA at the end of the heat.

## **E. DUTIES OF THE CONTEST DIRECTOR**

***In the case of the WJSC / WSG / WMSC there are some specific responsibilities***

1. To work with the Head Judge in all aspects of the running of the WJSC / WSG / WMSC (see duties of Head Judge and Contest Administration Rules items 5 - 10).
2. To apply the Rules of Competition as laid out in Sections 2 & 3.
3. To seed the surfers competing in the event in accordance with these Rules.
4. To apply the Contest Format, as determined by the Executive Committee.
5. To maintain a daily updated team points total and to distribute same to all team managers, ISA officials and media by 20h00 at the end of each day of competition.
6. To convene officials and judges and managers meetings when necessary.
7. To apply the penalties as laid out in the ISA Disciplinary Code (Section 11) and to impose the appropriate penalties as indicated in this code.

## **SECTION 3: JUDGING ADMINISTRATION AND SCORING**

### **A. JUDGING CRITERIA**

1. Criteria to be used in judging: "The surfer must perform radical controlled manoeuvres in the critical sections of a wave with speed, power and flow. Innovative/Progressive surfing as well as the Combination and Variety of Repertoire (of MAJOR manoeuvres) will also be taken into consideration when rewarding points for a surfers performance. The sufer who performs to the criteria above, exhibiting the maximum Degree of Difficulty and Commitment on the waves shall maximize his/her scoring potential." (*amended July 2010*)
2. Judging panels for each heat will consist of five judges who will rotate from a larger judging panel. A panel of seven judges is the minimum necessary to conduct an event on a full-time basis. The judging panel roster should not require any judge to judge for more than 3 heats without a break. Each judging panel will officiate under the control and discretion of a Head Judge whose duties are more fully described in Section 6.
3. Judges must check in with the Head Judge at least 15 minutes prior to the heat starting times. This allows time to get a realistic view of the waves, and the surfing standard.
4. The number of the Judge and heat number must be clearly entered on the judging sheet.
5. If a score is not clear or is incorrect and is authorized be changed, it must be lined through and the correct score inserted in the next block. All alterations must be initialized by the Judge concerned.

6. Judges must not tally the sheet and must hand in the sheet promptly at the end of the heat.
7. Each judge must give 100% effort. Maximum concentration is essential to ensure personal bias is eliminated and that top efficiency is reached.
8. Judges must score every wave ridden by every competitor.
9. Wave scoring will be done from 0.1 to ten (10) broken into one-tenth increments.
10. Judges are responsible for ruling on interference situations as described in Section 4.
11. Judges should be visually separated and it is the responsibility of the Head Judge to ensure that judges do not discuss wave scores or interference calls.
12. Judges may not change their scores or interference calls either on the computer terminal or on manual sheets. In the event that a mistake has been made, the judge must inform the Head Judge who will authorize the amendment. The Judge must initial any changes/alterations. In the case of the computer judging system only the HJ can change a score in the system.
13. If a judge misses a wave or part of a wave he must place an "M" in the block on the sheet, and inform the Head Judge, who will give a score based on a comparison of previous rides and other judge's sheets. The score must be initialed by the Head judge.
14. The judges used in the finals will be those who have shown the highest degree of consistency over the contest.
15. Judges who have finished their duty roster are to remain on hand in the contest area until their last heat has been tallied and until protests can no longer be lodged.
16. Judges must wait for the completion of the tabulators work before checking the completed Tally Sheets.
17. No judge may pass comment on a surfer's chances in any event, to the public, media, or contestants, or that judge may be dismissed from the panel and other action may be taken by the Head Judge in consultation with the Contest Director.
18. Judging statistics will be compiled daily. (Detailed in Section 7). Any judge who proves to be inconsistent will be dropped from the judging panel and assigned to other contest duties (i.e.: spotter). This can take place at any time and be enforced by the Contest Director on the recommendation of the Head Judge.
19. At times, errors of a special nature occur with respect to judging. This includes timing and judges scores. At his discretion the Contest Director may consult with those qualified observers (defined as head judge, judges, off-duty judges, spotters, or other officials) who may have witnessed the incident in question, and who will rule on these special circumstances case by case.
20. Stand Up Paddle Surf: SUP performance uses the normal judging criteria of the ISA rulebook. Judges however will reward as higher level manoeuvres, those that are done with the obvious use of the paddle to give greater degrees of leverage and thus the creation of increasingly radical moves.
21. Judging Tower/Area: The Contest Director and Head Judge will be responsible for the application of this rule.
  - a. The Judges, spotter, announcer and Head Judge must have unrestricted view of the full width of the wave being surfed by the competitor at all times.
  - b. Side on view or a view that does not give the judges an accurate or appropriate perspective of the wave is not acceptable.

- c. If a fixed structure (podium) is in place, this podium (or podiums) must be erected in consultation with the Contest Director and Head Judge.
- d. If a contest is moved the judges must be positioned at the vantage point that allows them best viewing of the wave being surfed – even if this requires temporary structures to be positioned on the beach.
- e. The judges must be provided with a suitable weatherproof protective shelter and reasonably sound proofed from outside noise such as PA sound systems and back ground noise.
- f. If possible, judges must be visually separated from each other.

## B. EVALUATION OF JUDGES

### 1. Method (Manual)

This only applies to contests where there is no computer system supplied. The ISA computer system generates statistical analysis of judging performance based on average scores and not on placing given by a judge. With either manual or computer averages, the complete judging analysis sheet is based on the manual or computer averages, as well as, the Head Judges evaluation of the individual judge. Half of the evaluation is based on the averages achieved on their error rate and the other half is based on the complete Head Judge evaluation out of 100 points. Both Averages and evaluations are added together then halved. The resulting average is out of 100% and is a true analysis of the judges' ability.

- a. The level of accuracy of judge is measured by comparing the placing given by a judge in a particular heat against the actual placing in the heat.
- b. The evaluation is made on all the competitors in the heat from first place to last place.
- c. A perfect score is a zero and is awarded to a judge who has correctly placed all the competitors in the heat.
- d. One point is added to a Judge's score for each place error he has made. In other words, if the judge's placing is subtracted from the actual placing – or vice versa as the case may be – the difference is the Judge's degree of error.
- e. The judge's score is then entered in the appropriate column on the Tabulation Sheet and then recorded on the Judge's Record Sheet. A Judge's accuracy is then calculated by dividing his score by the number of heats that he has judged. This result gives the average number of place errors per heat judged. In making this evaluation, the number of heats judged by each judge should not vary by more than 10%.
- f. Judging Record Sheet:
  - i) Maximum possible errors (MPE)
  - ii) 3 man heat = 4 possible errors
  - iii) 4 man heat = 8 possible errors
- g. Judging statistics must be compiled daily. Any judge who proves to be inconsistent will be dropped from the judging panel and designated other duties (i.e. Beach marshal, spotter). This can take place at any time and will be enforced by the Contest Director on the recommendation of the Head Judge.

### 2. Record keeping (judging record and analysis sheet)

- a. The judging analysis sheet is compiled from the statistics on the judging record sheet. By using the maximum possible errors (MPE) within the calculations the statistics are weighted with the heat sizes judged which in theory allows greater opportunity of error.

b. Formula for evaluating judging performance

$$\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Errors}}{\text{Heats}}$$

$$\% \text{ Errors} = \frac{\text{Errors} * 100\%}{\text{MP}}$$

c. Judge's Performance Assessment Sheet

## C. DUTIES OF THE HEAD JUDGE

In the case of the WSG / WJSC / WMSC and other ISA Events:

1. To set up a meeting of the Judges on the day before the event begins.  
This should be done in consultation with the Contest Director and Host Country. Such meeting will be for the purpose of instruction, standardization of procedures and methods as well as the setting up a series of Judging Trials during which the Judges' ability will be tested and evaluated. The Head Judge is empowered to convene a meeting of all Judges at any time of the contest. The purpose of these meetings will be to update Judges on any changes, and to point out any recurring errors so as to improve performance. It is normal to hold a meeting at the day's start for the judging panel on each respective podium, and then conclude the day with a review meeting immediately after the final heat. These meetings are chaired by the podium head judge and are aimed specifically at performance and critical onsite coping processes for the judges.
2. Judges whose ability is found to be sub-standard in the opinion of the Head Judge and Contest Director will be removed from the Judging panel and will not be permitted to judge during the event.
3. The Head Judge will organize the remaining Judges into Judging Panels so that Judges will only judge a maximum of three consecutive heats.
4. The Head Judge will frequently scrutinize the Judges' sheets and will identify those Judges who do not maintain an acceptable judging standard including of the evaluation of interference's. He will report these Judges to the Contest Director and a decision will be taken whether to drop the Judge or not.
5. While heats are in progress the Head Judge will scrutinize Judges' score sheets to ensure the maintenance of uniform standards between one heat and the next and the use by the Judges of the full range of scoring options. In addition, although the Head Judge will ensure that the interference rule is fairly and consistently applied, the Head Judge will not interfere with any judges' independent decision in this regard. If the need should arise to inform a Judge that his standards are not compatible with the other of Judges, such action would only be taken by the Head Judge between the end of one heat and the commencement of the next heat or at the end of the day.
6. The Head Judge may not give guidelines on what points or scores judges should allocate to waves ridden by any surfer and may not influence any judge on the panel to alter a score or change a decision. There will be instances during a heat where a judge or judges will not see all or any of a surfers ride. In this case an M must be inserted and the Head judge will nominate an average score for that ride based on previous scoring rides and correct scores from other judges. The Head Judge's role is not to influence the scoring by judges, but rather to coach, mentor, supervise, control and coordinate. The Head Judge is there to ensure the smooth running of each heat.
7. The Head Judge will be responsible for maintaining a wave count record for each heat and ensuring that colors are adequately identified for the judges.
8. The wave count may be done by the spotter.

9. It is the Head Judges' responsibility to attempt to notify any surfer who has been interfered with, that he/she has an extra wave. Notification will be made on the public address (PA) system. The onus is on the surfer to monitor his/her own wave count.
10. Judges will all receive certificates of participation but will not be ranked (i.e. first to fourth) nor will they receive Trophies

## **D. DUTIES OF THE TABULATOR**

1. On receipt of the completed Judges' sheet at the end of a heat, the Tabulators will immediately check to see if:
  - a. All the Judges' sheets have been handed in and completed legibly on paper.
  - b. That the correct number of waves has been scored on each sheet for each surfer.
  - c. That any/all interference calls have been recorded.
2. In the event that an interference call is recorded by the majority of Judges, the Tabulator will notify the Contest Director of this fact in terms of the protest rule. No tabulation of the results of the heat will take place until approval is given by the Contest Director.
3. If the ride has been missed an attempt will be made to identify the missing ride by referring to other Judges sheets, under the direction of the Head Judge.
4. If the ride is identified to the satisfaction of the Head Judge then a score is given to the ride:
  - a. Averaging the scores awarded by other Judges for the ride.
  - b. Taking this average score and adjusting it, if necessary to bring it into line with the Scoring Spread that the errant Judges used.
5. When the Head Judge is satisfied that the best attempt has been made to establish correct value of the missed ride, this value will be written on the Judging Sheet and signed by the Head Judge.
6. Where interference is ruled and the surfer's appeal is not upheld, then the interference is tabulated by applying the provisions of the applicable Rule.
7. On completion of these formalities, the Judges' sheets may be totaled. The TWO best scoring waves will be circled and the total entered in the total column. The heat places are then calculated and entered on the Judges' sheet. The surfer with the highest score will receive 1<sup>st</sup> place, the second highest score 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and so on. If a Judge ties two or more surfers, the places awarded to each of the tied surfers will be the average of the affected placing points added together (e.g. If 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> are tied:  $3+4+5=12$ . Divided by 3 placed giving and average placing of 4).
8. When no further calculations are required on the Judges' sheets the results are transcribed onto a Tally Sheet, which is completed in the following way:
  - a. The Competitor's names are entered on tally sheet.
  - b. The Judges' numbers are entered across the page at the top of each column.
  - c. Positions are copied down beneath each Judge.
  - d. The highest and lowest positions are crossed off for each surfer.
  - e. The positions that remain are added and entered into the total in the total points column, then;
  - f. Complete the competitors' heat places.
9. If at this point a tie situation occurs, the Tabulator will proceed to break the tie as indicated in the Tie Break Rule.
  - a. In a four-person heat, ties must be broken by a general judging consensus using the plus/minus system on the judging master sheet; i.e., the two tied surfers five places are compared and marked "+" for the highest and "-" for the lowest.
    - i. Most "+" marks wins.
    - ii. In the case of a three-way tie, the plus/minus system is used to find the top two surfers, then used again to split these surfers.

- iii. If the tie cannot be broken by using the above system the next process is to go back to the BEST WAVE; i.e., drop the lowest wave score on the tied judges sheets only and recalculate.
- b. Count backs on tied judging sheets go to the best wave, then 3 waves, then best four waves and so on until the tie is broken.
- c. Only completely unbreakable ties will be re surfed. Only the tied surfers will be involved in the re surf and the heat will be no longer than 15 minutes.

**NOTE:** Section 3.D is applicable if an officially endorsed contest computer system is not used. If the computer system is used and breaks down, the Head Judge may choose to switch to the manual tabulations described here (Section 3.D). This will be adopted at the point designated by the Head Judge and Contest Director.

10. The procedure for calculation of the final surfer wave scores using the contest computer system is as follows:

- a. The judge with the higher score and the judge with the lower score for each wave will be deleted. The average of the other three judge's scores (in a 5 judge panel) will be the "wave score average".
- b. The sum of the wave score average for the two best scoring waves of each surfer will decide the heat places.
- c. In the case of a Tie for a place(s): In the case of ties in the sum of the best two waves the tie will be broken as follows (applied only to the surfers directly involved in the tie):
  - i. Consider just "the wave score average" for the ONE best wave. If the tie persists,
  - ii. Consider the "total of the wave score averages" for the THREE best waves. If the tie persists,
  - iii. Consider the "total of the wave score averages" for the FOUR best waves, and continue this procedure until the tie is broken.

**NOTE :** In the case of ties and interferences where the computer has corrected down to TWO decimal points in numbers with more than TWO decimals (i.e. : 3,335 = 3,34 , or 3,666666666 = 3,67) and this arrangement results in potentially different places to that using extended decimal calculations, the computer correction to two decimal places will be taken as the official score.

## E. JUDGING HINTS

The standard of the judging panel is based solely on the individuals' qualifications. Politics, country of origin and personal likes or dislikes should become irrelevant if the Judge does his/her job properly.

### 1. Before Judging

Judges must make sure to take part in the pre-event meeting to establish the criteria and rules that will be used. Judges must be at the Judges' tower punctually. This means 30 minutes before the first heat, so that conditions can be checked. All judges must be available at all times, be prepared for all conditions and if necessary bring sweaters, towels, pants and a coat in case of rain. The judges must know the rules and be able to implement them in any situation. Judges should study the Judging criteria and make sure they understand and can interpret the criteria accurately.

### 2. Judging

- a. The zero to ten point scoring system used by the ISA is broken up into the following categories:

0.1- 1.9	Poor
2.0 - 3.9	Fair
4.0 - 5.9	Average
6.0 - 7.9	Good
8.0 - 10	Excellent



- b. Judges should refer to this to establish accurate scores for the first wave exchanges.
- c. Wave scoring is broken into one tenth increments i.e.: 0.1 – 10 (ten)
- d. Judges should try to remember all scoring waves so as to avoid judging higher as the heat continues.
- e. The last wave exchanges should be judged based on the same criteria as the first wave exchanges .The first wave scored, sets the scale for the heat and should remain in the judge's mind as the benchmark for that level of performance and wave comparisons.
- f. Individual wave scores are what the judge should concentrate on and the final outcome of the heat should be based on scoring waves.
- g. As no surfer rides any wave in the same way, judges should try hard to differentiate between all scoring waves.
- h. Judges should not deliberate but should put a score down after the ride is completed.
- i. During the heat, wave counts should be called as frequently as possible while the contestants are NOT riding. Repeat wave counts regularly.
- j. Judges must avoid being influenced by the spectators, commentators or by friendships and other outside influences and should have the confidence to stand by their decisions.
- k. During the heat, opinions should not be shared with other judges.

### 3. Judging in Bad Conditions

Many events are held in marginal conditions. All events can suffer from poor conditions or surf, so judges must be able to adjust. In poor surf they should concentrate on surfers who are utilizing the power on the wave. Judges should observe how each maneuver is being linked directly to another (rail to rail turns through the flat sections should be distinguished from hopping all the way to the next section). Establish if the surfer is generating/creating enough speed out of turns.

**NOTE:** In poor conditions there are normally fewer waves. Low scores may be counted in the final tabulation.

### 4. Judging Heavy Heats

- a. Difficult heats should be accepted by a judge as a challenge. This means judging methodically, being extremely critical, watching details and mentally picturing the whole wave. In every contest there will always be some heats that are more difficult than others either because they are the first heat of the day, due to deteriorating conditions or a close heat. This is when the top Judges come to the forefront. The following factors should be considered when analyzing each wave in such heats:
  - i. Where was the first maneuver executed?
  - ii. How well was it executed?
  - iii. How well were the maneuvers connected together?
  - iv. Did the surfer execute rail-to-rail turns through the flat sections or hop through the flat sections or through to the next section?
  - v. How did the outside maneuvers compare to the inside maneuvers?
  - vi. How deep was the surfer at the initial point of take-off?
  - vii. How did the surfer utilize/flow on the wave?
  - viii. Did the surfer make sections and were the maneuvers functional?

- ix. Was the maneuver completed with control?
  - b. A comparison between the first scoring wave and the last scoring wave in a heat is extremely important. Inexperienced judges tend to over score last waves as they forget or ignore what has taken place during a heat and this can affect the result. This is an area where less experienced judges can learn from more experienced judges.
5. General
- a. 100% Concentration is the key. It is not good enough to put each score down correctly but judges should also assist the Head Judge with wave and interference calls. In such heats, the ability to score the wave instinctively and to allocate the score automatically at the end of the ride is of utmost importance.
  - b. When several competitors are riding at the same time, it is important to watch everyone. However, it is essential that focus be on more critical areas such as the take-off point, the first maneuvers and other outside maneuvers. This is where the surfer's greatest scoring potential will occur. The beginning of a wave is far more important therefore when at least two surfers are riding concentration should be allocated according to each surfer's scoring potential. The surfer's scoring potential at the end of the wave is obviously much lower. It is important to put scores down as quickly as possible and recall the rides in order. Place the best score down first and then worst score and deliberate on the middle scores.
  - c. Continuous wave counts should be called and if unsure about a score only the Head Judge should be asked for assistance NOT a fellow panel judge

## **SECTION 4: ISA DISCIPLINE**

Several areas for disciplinary action have been decided on, and other areas not as yet defined will be adjudicated by the Executive as special cases arise.

### 1. Surfer Misbehavior

The ISA Executive Committee does not wish to become the overall watch dog of competitions, but it has been agreed that, "a surfer who causes willful destruction or damage to property, or damage to the image of surfing at an ISA event will be subject to disciplinary action and a possible immediate fine or other appropriate penalties imposed by the Contest Director after consultation with the Head Judge and Contest Director."

Fines imposed will be between \$25 - \$1000 with possible disqualification and/or suspension. Fines will be doubled each time another fine is imposed on that individual.

### 2. Drug Testing

- a. Any surfer found to have taken or used any banned substances as outlined by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency), including Cannaboids, or to have participated in other related doping practices prohibited by WADA will face the appropriate sanction as laid down by WADA. And the competitor will lose his/her points, any points contributed to the team and any medals won.
- b. The ISA has signed an agreement with WADA AND WADA guidelines will be applied for all ISA sanctioned events.

- c. Any coach, trainer, medical practitioner, sports scientist or psychologist who aids, abets, counsels or is knowingly involved in an athlete's breach of doping regulations will face sanction.
- d. A sample taken by WADA appointed agency shall be analyzed by a laboratory accredited by WADA in accordance with WADA Regulations.

**NOTE:** All NGBs should conduct anti-doping tests as per ISA and WADA rules in their National Championships. The ISA expects that in the near future all NGBs will be conducting these anti-doping tests. All results should be reported to the ISA as a prerequisite to participation in all future ISA events.

3. Judging Discipline

Judges, once selected, must remain on the panel for the duration of the event. If a judge forfeits his/her position on the panel, he/she will be suspended for a period determined by the ISA Judging Director, and may incur other penalties.

4. ISA Penalties

Penalties for infractions, other than those associated with the use of banned substances, will be determined on the spot by the Contest Director based on the attached scale. The competitor has the right to appeal the decision at a meeting of the Executive Board.

All fines will be billed to the NGB and are considered the NGB'S sole responsibility. These fines must be paid by the end of the day on which the fine was imposed or the surfer in question will lose the points that would accrue to the team score.

Any disqualified surfer, by definition, is not recognized by the event. Therefore any points accumulated by the surfer to the time of disqualification are forfeit by the team he/she represents.

<u>5. Infringements</u>	<u>Penalties</u>
Assaulting (judge, official, event staff, other competitors, media, public)	\$1000 and suspension
Derogatory or rude gestures or comments to judges, team officials, event staff, media, and public	\$50
Destruction or abuse of judging sheets or heat sheets	\$25
Abuse of contest equipment or event property	\$125 plus costs
Abuse of own equipment during event or in contest area	\$125
Damage to property in event locality	\$500 plus costs and suspension
Damage to the sport of surfing due to misbehavior	\$25 to \$1000 and suspension
Unsporting conduct	Fine of \$100 to \$1000, Disqualification or both
Replacement of Team Registration Wristband without the return of the old band	Cost of Entry Fee = \$200

Illegal obtainment of Team Registration Wristband      Cost of Double Entry Fee = \$400

<u>Technical Infringements</u>	<u>Penalties</u>
Catching a wave in excess of wave count	\$25 per wave
Knowingly wearing contest vest incorrectly	\$125
Failure to have National Flag sticker on equipment	\$50 per surfboard used in event or media output
Failure to have ISA sticker on equipment	\$50 per surfboard used in event or media output
Failure to wear vest until the return to beach marsh area after heats	\$50
Surfing in contest area during heats	Fine of \$25 to \$1000, disqualification or both
Surfing during prior (i.e. entering water early without permission), or following heats	\$25 per wave, disqualification or both depending on severity
Surfers caddie rides a wave	\$25 per wave

The penalties attached to the infringements are the maximum applicable. The Contest Director in consultation with the Head Judge and other officials may decide to impose a suspended penalty (“yellow card”) based on the severity of the infringement. This would be a first warning. Subsequent infringements would attract the maximum penalty.

Other infringements not specified above may attract a warning, a fine, disqualification and/or suspension.

In the case of disqualification, the team points allocated by the surfer will be ZERO.

## **CHAPTER 2: CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SURFING ASSOCIATION**

### 1. Mission Statement

The International Surfing Association, hereinafter called the ISA, is the World Governing Authority for Surfing, Bodyboarding and Surfing. The ISA is dedicated to the development of these sports worldwide. The ISA’s mission is to provide guidance and advice to its members around the world.

### 2. Definitions

#### a. Surfing is defined as follows:

- i. Any sport in which the primary force that moves the participant’s surfing equipment, is a wave either of natural or artificial source.
- ii. An activity on the waves on any type of equipment used for surfing.
- iii. An activity in calm waters on any type of equipment used for surfing.

- b. Members are defined as the National Governing Bodies, hereinafter called NGB, for surfing and bodyboarding, representing a country, nation or territory, as recognized by the ISA. A country, nation or territory can only be represented by one NGB. In addition

members are also any international surfing or wave riding organization, as recognized by the ISA.

#### 1. Objects

The objects of the Association shall be:

- a. To establish and maintain an international association to promote the interests of surfing in all its forms throughout all countries of the world, to which all recognized National Governing bodies, concerned with the sport of surf riding, surfing or its related activities may gain affiliation;
- b. To encourage the formation of NGBs in individual countries, nations or territories not yet members of the ISA, thus increasing membership worldwide;
- c. To promote and coordinate the activities of NGBs within their own jurisdiction;
- d. To establish laws, rules, criteria and standards for judging at, and for conducting international surfing contests. These measures shall inter alia apply to the sport, to those participating in it, and to the dimensions, design, size and type of surfboard or equipment when used in international competition;
- e. To promote uniformity of laws for the control and regulation of surfing and surfriding throughout the world, by encouraging NGBs to adopt the ISA's established laws, rules and standards;
- f. To coordinate the international activities of NGBs by providing a forum for arranging international contests;
- g. To organize and/or authorize a member and/or third party to host the World Surfing Championships, World Surfing Games and any other international events as decided by the ISA;
- h. To work for the conservation and improvement of coastal environments and the protecting of surfing resources worldwide;
- i. To promote the values of good sportsmanship, particularly amongst the younger generation of surfers and Bodyboarders of the world;
- j. To promote the educational, scientific, literary and charitable aspects of the sport, improving cultural and sporting contacts between the surfing nations of the world;
- k. To work towards the inclusion of surfing in the Olympic Games and other Continental and regional multi-sports events;
- l. To purchase, acquire, sell, deal in, build, construct or reconstruct, take on lease or in exchange or otherwise acquire or dispose of any movable, immovable, corporeal or incorporeal property anywhere in the world;
- m. To enter into any contract, association or negotiation for the purpose of giving effect to any of the aforementioned objects.

#### 4. Jurisdiction

- a. The laws and/or rules and/or regulations of the ISA shall be binding on all NGBs that are members of the ISA. Every NGB shall, however, be autonomous, having exclusive control of its membership, funds and property, and shall be managed by its own committees and office bearers in such manner as it may deem fit.

- b. The ISA shall have the right to take such disciplinary action against any NGB or person, as it might deem necessary for the purpose of enforcing the laws and/or rules and/or regulations of the ISA.

#### 5. Membership, Affiliation and Fees

- a. The voting members of the ISA consist of recognized NGBs which have been accepted by the ISA and whose name appears in the ISA's register of members. In addition, voting members are any international surfing organizations as recognized by the ISA.
- b. An organization applying for affiliation to the ISA, for NGB status, shall on request forward a copy of its charter or constitution and shall provide such further information as the ISA may require from time to time.
- c. Any application for affiliation to the ISA shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee, which when approved, shall be voted on at the next Biennial General Meeting of the General Assembly.
- d. The Executive Committee of the ISA shall from time to time determine the amount payable by NGBs as annual affiliation fees to the ISA.
- e. Those debtors of the ISA, whose names appear on the ISA official receivables lists, be liable to such disciplinary action as the EC deems, including financial penalty, suspension from membership and / or participation in ISA sanctioned events.
- f. A substantially lower Annual Membership Fee shall be made available to non-voting, non-competing countries as decided by time to time by the Executive Committee.

#### 6. Management

- a. The ISA will be governed and managed by an Executive Committee comprising of:
  - i. A President
  - ii. Four (4) Vice-presidents
  - iii. A Director General
  - iv. A Contest Director
  - v. A Technical Director
- b. The ISA's offices are at the address of the Executive Director.
- c. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be elected by majority vote at Biennial General Meetings, to serve four (4) year terms, or until the Biennial General Meeting held on the fourth year from their election. For the election process, the EC is divided into two groups, Group 1 for President and two Vice-presidents, Group 2 for two Vice-presidents. At each Biennial Meeting of the General Assembly an election for the appropriate group shall be held. Group 1 elections will be held in years 2010, 2014, and so on. Group 2 elections will be held in years 2008, 2012, and so on.
- d. Not more than two representatives from any one member body shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee at the Biennial Meeting of the General Assembly. (It is noted that the NGB for Hawaii is a completely separate and independent NGB from that representing the United States of America.)
- e. Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Executive Committee between elections, such vacancy shall be filled by resolution of the Executive Committee.
- f. The Executive Committee shall meet twice a year. The Executive Director of the ISA shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Executive Committee.

- g. The conduct of the affairs of the Executive Committee shall be the responsibility of the President, who, in consultation with the members of such Committee, shall define the responsibilities of each member, and shall in addition take such action as is necessary to ensure the efficient functioning of the Committee.
- h. The Executive Committee shall have the power to do or cause to be done all such things as may be necessary for the proper implementation of the objects of the ISA, and in particular:
  - i. It may appoint individuals to hold honorary positions such as patron or benefactor;
  - ii. It may appoint any employees, including a medical consultant, and prescribe the conditions under which their appointment shall be made and terminated;
  - iii. It may appoint subcommittees to examine specific issues and to make recommendations;
  - iv. It shall lay down the conduct related to ISA Sanctioned events;
  - v. It shall recommend to the General Assembly the financial and organizational responsibilities of the organizing entity of ISA sanctioned events.

#### 7. General Assembly

- a. Each NGB will appoint one Delegate with full powers of representation to the General Assembly. If the Delegate is other than the Head of the NGB, such appointment should be in writing. The Head of any NGB may give a proxy to any representative attending the meeting, such proxy to be given in writing.
- b. Each NGB should have only one vote. In the event of a tied vote on any issue, the President shall have a casting vote.
- c. The Meetings of the General Assembly shall be convened at the instance of the President of the ISA and notice thereof shall be sent to all persons who are members of the General Assembly, at least 30 days before such meeting.
- d. The quorum for the holding of meetings of the General Assembly shall be ten Delegates of NGBs.
- e. The President of the ISA or any person nominated by him in writing, provided such a person is a member of the Executive Committee, shall preside over any meeting of the General Assembly.
- f. Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to attend and propose motions, but not to vote.

#### 8. Annual General Meetings

- a. Annual General Meetings of the General Assembly should be held once a year, to review the report of the Executive Committee, including the ISA's Financial Statements, consider current issues and vote as required.
- b. These meetings will also consider and vote on Rule Book regulations.
- c. Notice convening the AGM of the General Assembly, shall be issued by the President or Executive Director, at least 30 days before such meeting.

#### 9. Biennial General Meetings

- a. The Biennial General Meeting of the Association shall be held no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of December in each alternate year.

- b. Notice convening the Biennial General Meeting of the General Assembly, shall be issued by the President or Executive Director, at least 30 days before such meeting.
- c. The following items of business shall be considered at every Biennial General Meeting of the Association:
  - i. The President's report;
  - ii. The Executive Director's report, including the presentation of the Financial Statements of the ISA.
  - iii. The election of persons to serve on the Executive Committee of the ISA;
  - iv. Details of ISA sanctioned events.
  - v. Approval of new members.
  - vi. Constitution amendments, if any, provided that the requirements of Section 13 have been complied with.
  - vii. Any other item of business which has been requested in writing by a member of the General Assembly or the Executive Committee, provided it has been placed on the agenda of the meeting of the ISA not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.



#### 10. Special General Meeting

- a. A Special General Meeting of the General Assembly shall be convened by the President, or when requested to do so, in writing by at least ten (10) NGBs.
- b. Notice convening any special general meeting of the ISA shall be given in the manner already provided.

#### 11. Records and Information

- a. Proper books of account will be maintained by the ISA and annual Financial Statements will be prepared and distributed to the members. These financial statements will be approved each year at the General Assembly meetings.
- b. All books, documents and records of the ISA shall be made available for inspection by members of the Executive Committee or any person nominated by the Executive Committee at such reasonable times and places as the Executive Committee may specify in writing.
- c. All recognized NGBs shall forward to the ISA the full name and registered address of their association, the list of the office bearers and the name and address of the person to whom correspondence should be addressed. NGBs must update this information periodically.
- d. The affairs of the ISA shall be conducted in accordance with the law of the land of the offices of the ISA.

#### 12. Motion to Rescind

Any motion to rescind a resolution passed at a previous general meeting of the Association or at any Executive Council Meeting must be signed by at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee or five affiliated national surfing organizations.

#### 13. Modification of the Constitution

The Constitution may only be changed at the Biennial General Meeting of the Association, by proposals from the Executive Committee, or by proposals made by half of the members of the ISA, such proposed amendment to be approved by a majority of attending members.

#### 14. Dissolution

- a. The dissolution of the ISA may only be carried out at a Special General Meeting of the ISA. Any vote to dissolve the ISA shall require a two-thirds majority of members present at such Special General Meeting.
- b. When a motion of dissolution is passed, the members present at such Special General Meeting shall designate two delegates to liquidate the accounts of the ISA. One such delegate shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the ISA. The members present shall in addition decide on the disposal of the assets of the Association, in any manner that they deem fit.

## **CHAPTER 3: ISA MEMBER COMMITMENT**

1. All ISA rules should be encapsulated within ISA member National Governing Body rules, including but not limited to:
  - a. Contest rules.

- b. Code of conduct rule.
- c. Annual reporting to ISA to meet ISA Olympic recognition requirement (stats etc).
- d. NGB or ISA insurance should be held for EVERY ACTIVITY.
- e. "Open membership" eligibility – any surfer can be a member of the NGB and thus ISA (including pro surfers).
- f. Members should embrace all ISA disciplines in their operational activities.
- g. Members are expected to support and promote ISA projects including but not limited to the Individual Scholarship Program, Surfschool Register, Coaching and Judging Programs and ISA insurances.

## **CHAPTER 4: ISA DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

### 1. Court of Arbitration for Sport

Any dispute, any controversy or claim arising under, out of, or relating to the ISA constitution, bylaws or agreements or any subsequent amendments of or in relation to the ISA constitution, bylaws or agreements including but not limited to, its formation, validity and binding effect, interpretation, performance, breach or termination, as well as non-contractual claims, shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Arbitration Rules. The language to be used in the arbitration shall be English.

Where a settlement of the dispute is not reached within 90 days of the commencement of the arbitration, or if, before the expiration of the said period either party fails to participate in the arbitration, the dispute shall, upon the filing of a request of Arbitration by either party, be referred to and finally settled by CAS arbitration pursuant to the Code of Sports related Arbitration. When the circumstances so require, the arbitrator may, at his own discretion or at the request of a party, seek an extension of the time limit from the CAS President.

- a. A member, National Governing Body (NGB) in violation of the ISA By-Law, Constitution or agreement and / or its policies will be penalized according to the gravity of the violation. An NGB loses all rights during the period of suspension, i.e., the right to submit resolutions, to take part in meetings and to enter competitors in ISA competitions, and competitions organized by member National Federations, unless otherwise decided by the Board of directors.
- b. An NGB in violation of the constitution and / or policies which continues to do so after having been previously warned or suspended may be expelled from ISA.
- c. Disputes between ISA and one or several of its members which are not settled by a decision of ISA, may be submitted for arbitration by either of the parties to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), to the exclusion of any other domestic tribunal. Any decision taken by the said court shall be without appeal or recourse to ordinary courts, and is binding on the parties concerned.
- d. The Board of directors shall have the following powers:
  - e. to suspend NGBs or to modify its membership to provisional status until the next meeting of Congress
  - f. to suspend NGBs from International events; until the next meeting of Congress
  - g. to caution or censure an NGB;
  - h. to reinstate an NGB which was previously suspended

- i. before the Board of directors may use its power of suspension, the NGB must have been sent notice in writing of the alleged infringement, at least one month before the next Board of directors meeting, at which the NGB will be afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard.
- j. the Congress shall have the following powers:
  - 1. to suspend an NGB from membership for a fixed period, or until a specified set of circumstances cease to exist;
  - 2. to suspend an NGB from any one or more types of International events for a fixed period or until a specified set of circumstances cease to exist;
  - 3. to caution or censure an NGB;
  - 4. to reinstate an NGB which has been suspended before the end of the period or before the set of circumstances specified have ceased to exist.
- k. Unresolved disputes between an NGB and the Board of directors or Congress howsoever arising, shall be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for final and binding determination, to the exclusion of any other domestic tribunal.
- l. Each NGB shall incorporate in its constitution a provision that all disputes between that NGB and an athlete and ISA must be submitted to final arbitration before the Court of arbitration for Sport (CAS). In the case of a dispute between an NGB and an athlete, this dispute must be submitted to an arbitration panel constituted by the NGB. In the case of a dispute between an athlete and ISA, this dispute must be submitted directly to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

## **CHAPTER 5: WORLD TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPS**

<b>1964</b>	Manly, Australia	Open Women	Bernard "Midget" Farelly Phyllis O'Donnel	Australia Australia
<b>1965</b>	Lima, Peru	Open Women	Felipe Pomar Joyce Hoffman	Peru USA
<b>1966</b>	San Diego, USA	Open Women	Nat Young Joyce Hoffman	Australia USA
<b>1968</b>	Rincon, Puerto Rico	Open Women	Fred Hemmings Margo Godfrey	Hawaii USA
<b>1970</b>	Bells Beach, Australia	Open Women	Rolf Arness Sharon Webber	USA Hawaii
<b>1972</b>	San Diego, USA	Open Women	Jim Blear Sharon Webber	Hawaii Hawaii
<b>1976</b>	Professional Tour	Open	Peter Townend	Australia
<b>1977</b>	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Shaun Tomson Margo Oberg	South Africa Hawaii
<b>1978</b>	East London, S. Africa  Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Team Open Women	Anthony Brodowicz  Wayne Bartholomew Lynne Boyer	South Africa South Africa Australia Hawaii
<b>1979</b>	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Mark Richards Lynne Boyer	Australia Hawaii

1980	Biarritz, France	Open Women Junior Team	Marck Scott Alisa Schwarzstein Tom Curren	Australia USA USA USA
	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Mark Richards Margo Oberg	Australia Hawaii
1981	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Mark Richards Margo Oberg	Australia Hawaii
1982	Gold Coast, Australia	Open Women Junior Kneeboard Team	Tom Curren Jenny Gill Bryce Ellis Michael Novakov	USA Australia Australia Australia Australia
	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Mark Richards Debbie Beacham	Australia USA
1983	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Tom Carroll Kim Mearig	Australia USA
1984	Huntington, USA	Open Women Junior Kneeboard Team	Scott Farnsworth Janice Aragon Damien Hardman Michael Novakov	USA Australia Australia Australia USA
	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Tom Carroll Freida Zamba	Australia USA
1985	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Tom Curren Freida Zamba	USA USA
1986	Newquay, England	Open Women Junior Kneeboard Team	Mark Sainsbury Connie Nixon Vetea David Michael Novakov	Australia Australia Tahiti Australia USA
	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Tom Curren Freida Zamba	USA USA
1987	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Damien Hardman Wendy Botha	Australia South Africa
1988	Aguadilla, Puerto Rico	Open Women Junior Kneeboard Longboard Bodyboard Team	Fabio Gouveia Pauline Menczer Chris Brown Simon Farrer Andrew McKinnon Chris Cunningham	Brazil Australia USA Australia Australia USA Australia
	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Barton Lynch Freida Zamba	Australia USA
1989	Professional Tour Professional Tour	Open Women	Martin Potter Wendy Botha	Australia South Africa
1990	Chiba, Japan	Open Women Junior Kneeboard Longboard Bodyboard Team	Heifara Tahutini Kathy Newman Shane Bevan Simon Farrer Wayne Deane John Buda	Tahiti Australia Australia Australia Australia Hawaii Australia
	Professional Tour Professional Tour International Pro-Am	Open Women Open	Tom Curren Pam Burrige David Malherbe	USA Australia South Africa

<b>1991</b>	Professional Tour	Open	Damien Hardman	Australia
	Professional Tour	Women	Wendy Botha	South Africa
	International Pro-Am	Open	Justin Strong	South Africa
<b>1992</b>	Lacanau, France	Open	Grant Frost	Australia
		Women	Lyn Mackenzie	Australia
		Junior	Chad Edser	Australia
		Kneeboard	Clinton "Gigs" Celliers	South Africa
		Longboard	Teva Noble	Tahiti
		Bodyboard	Nicolas Capdeville	France
		Team		Australia
		Open	Kelly Slater	USA
		Women	Wendy Botha	South Africa
	Professional Tour			
<b>1993</b>	Professional Tour	Open	Derek Ho	Hawaii
	Professional Tour	Women	Pauline Menczer	Australia
<b>1994</b>	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Open	Sasha Stocker	Australia
		Women	Alessandra Vieira	Brazil
		Junior	Kalani Robb	Hawaii
		Kneeboard	Clinton "Gigs" Celliers	South Africa
		Longboard	Michel Dumont	Tahiti
		Bodyboard	Jefferson Anute	Brazil
		Team		Australia
		Open	Kelly Slater	USA
		Women	Lisa Andersen	USA
	Professional Tour			
<b>1995</b>	Professional Tour	Open	Kelly Slater	USA
	Professional Tour	Women	Lisa Andersen	USA
<b>1996</b>	Huntington Beach, USA	Open	Taylor Knox	USA
		Junior	Ben Bourgeois	USA
		Women	Neridah Falconer	Australia
		Longboard	Geoff Moysa	USA
		Kneeboard	Clinton "Gigs" Celliers	South Africa
		Bodyboard	Guilherme Tamega	Brazil
		W. Bodyboard	Daniela Freitas	Brazil
		Team		USA
		Open	Kelly Slater	USA
	Women	Lisa Andersen	USA	
Professional Tour				
<b>1997</b>	Professional Tour	Open	Kelly Slater	USA
	Professional Tour	Women	Lisa Andersen	USA
	Professional Tour	Masters	Terry Richardson	Australia
<b>1998</b>	Carcavelos, Portugal	Open	Michael Campbel	Australia
		Junior	Dean Morrison	Australia
		Women	Alcione Silva	Brazil
		Bodyboard	Goncalo Faria	Portugal
		W. Bodyboard	Dora Gomes	Portugal
		Longboard	Alexandre Salazar	Brazil
		Kneeboard	Clinton "Gigs" Celliers	South Africa
		Team		Australia
		Open	Kelly Slater	USA
	Women	Layne Beachley	Australia	
Professional Tour	Professional Tour	Masters	Joey Buran	USA
Pro Junior			Andy Irons	Hawaii
<b>1999</b>	Professional Tour	Open	Mark Occhilupo	Australia
	Professional Tour	Women	Layne Beachley	Australia
	Professional Tour	Masters	Cheyne Horan	Australia
	Pro Junior		Joel Parkinson	Australia
<b>2000</b>	Pernambuco, Brazil	Open	Fabio Silva	Brazil
		Junior	Joel Centeio	Hawaii
		Women	Tita Tavares	Brazil
		Longboard	Marcelo Freitas	Brazil
		Kneeboard	Sergio Peixe	Brazil

		Bodyboard W. Bodyboard Team	Guilherme Tamega Karla Costa	Brazil Brazil Brazil
	Professional Tour	Open	Sunny Garcia	Hawaii
	Professional Tour	Women	Layne Beachley	Australia
	Professional Tour	Masters	Gary Elkerton	Australia
	Pro Junior		Pedro Henrique	Brazil
<b>2001</b>	Professional Tour	Open	C.J. Hobgood	USA
	Professional Tour	Women	Layne Beachley	Australia
	Professional Tour	Masters	Gary Elkerton	Australia
	Pro Junior		Joel Parkinson	Australia
<b>2002</b>	Durban, South Africa	Open	Travis Logie	South Africa
		Junior	Warwick Wright	South Africa
		Women	Chelsea Georgeson	Australia
		Bodyboard	Nicolas Capdeville	France
		W. Bodyboard	Neimara Carvalho	Brazil
		Longboard	Marcelo Freitas	Brazil
		Kneeboard	Kyle Bryant	Australia
		Team		South Africa
	Professional Tour	Open	Andy Irons	Hawaii
	Professional Tour	Women	Layne Beachley	Australia
	Professional Tour	Masters	Gary Elkerton	Australia
<b>2003</b>	Durban, South Africa	Under 18 Boys	Benn Dunn	Australia
		Under 16 Boys	Jordan Smith	South Africa
		Under 18 Girls	Jessie Miley Dyer	Australia
		Junior Team		Brazil
	Professional Tour	Open	Andy Irons	Hawaii
	Professional Tour	Women	Layne Beachley	Australia
	Professional Tour	Masters	Gary Elkerton	Australia
	Pro Junior		Adriano de Souza	Brazil
<b>2004</b>	Salinas, Ecuador	Open	Hira Teriinatoofa	Tahiti
		Women	Sofia Mulanovich	Peru
		Bodyboard	Andrew Lester	Australia
		W. Bodyboard	Kira Llewellyn	Australia
		Longboard	Marcelo Freitas	Brazil
		Team		Australia
		Kneeboard	Baden Smith	Australia
	Papara, Tahiti	Under 18 Boys	James Wood	Australia
	Papenoo, Tahiti	Under 16 Boys	Matt Wilkinson	Australia
		Under 18 Girls	Stephanie Gilmore	Australia
		Junior Team		Australia
	Professional Tour	Open	Andy Irons	Hawaii
	Professional Tour	Women	Sofia Mulanovich	Peru
	Pro Junior		Pablo Paulino	Brazil
<b>2005</b>	Huntington Beach, CA	Under 18 Boys	Jeferson Silva	Brazil
		Under 16 Boys	Tonino Benson	Hawaii
		Under 18 Girls	Stephanie Gilmore	Australia
		Aloha Cup		France
		Junior Team		Hawaii
	Professional Tour	Open	Kelly Slater	USA
	Professional Tour	Women	Chelsea Georgeson	Australia
	Pro Junior	Boys	Kekoa Bacalso	Hawaii
	Pro Junior	Girls	Jessi Miley-Dyer	Australia
<b>2006</b>	Maresias, Brazil	Under 18 Boys	Julian Wilson	Australia
		Under 16 Boys	Owen Wright	Australia
		Under 18 Girls	Pauline Ado	France
		Aloha Cup		South Africa
		Junior Team		Australia
	Waikiki, Hawaii	Tandem	Brian Keaulana/Kathy Terada	Hawaii
	Huntington Beach, CA, USA	Open	Jordy Smith	South Africa
		Women	Julia Christian	USA
		Bodyboard	Manuel Centeno	Portugal

		W. Bodyboard Longboard Aloha Cup Team	Kira Llewellyn Matthew Moir	Australia South Africa Australia Australia
	Professional Tour Professional Tour Pro Junior Pro Junior	Open Women Boys Girls	Kelly Slater Layne Beachley Jordy Smith Nicola Atherton	USA Australia South Africa Australia
<b>2007</b>	Santa Cruz, CA, USA Rincon, Puerto Rico	Kneeboard Masters Grand Masters Kahunas Team	Gavin Coleman Juan Ashton Magoo de la Rosa Chris Knutsen	Australia Puerto Rico Peru South Africa South Africa
	Costa de Caparica, Portugal	Under 18 Boys Under 16 Boys Under 18 Girls Aloha Cup Team	Jadson Andrew Garrett Parkes Sally Fitzgibbons	Brazil Australia Australia Hawaii Australia
	Waikiki, Hawaii Professional Tour Professional Tour Pro Junior Pro Junior	Tandem Open Women Boys Girls	Kalani Vierra/Blanche Yoshida Mick Fanning Stephanie Gilmore Pablo Paulino Sally Fitzgibbons	Hawaii Australia Australia Brazil Australia
<b>2008</b>	Punta Rocas, Peru	Masters Women Masters Grand Masters Kahunas Grand Kahunas Team	Juan Ashton Heather Clark Rob Page Marc Wright Chris Knutsen	Puerto Rico South Africa Australia South Africa South Africa South Africa
	Seignosse, France	Under 18 Boys Under 16 Boys Under 18 Girls Aloha Cup Team	Alejo Muniz Tamaroa McComb Laura Enever	Brazil Tahiti Australia New Zealand Australia
	Waikiki, Hawaii Costa de Caparica, Portugal	Tandem Open Women Bodyboard W. Bodyboard Longboard Aloha Cup Team	Chuck Inman/Tiffany Rabacal CJ Hobgood Sally Fitzgibbons Marcus Lima Natasha Sagardia Matthew Moir	Hawaii USA Australia Brazil Puerto Rico South Africa France Australia
<b>2009</b>	Salinas, Ecuador	Under 18 Boys Under 16 Boys Under 18 Girls Aloha Cup Team	Dean Bowen Keanu Asing Tyler Wright	Australia Hawaii Australia Brazil Australia
	Waikiki, Hawaii Playa Hermosa, Costa Rica	Tandem Open Women Longboard Aloha Cup Team	Kalani Vierra/Ala Vierra Jeremy Flores Courtney Conlogue Antoine Delpero	Hawaii France USA France Australia USA
<b>2010</b>	Santa Catalina, Panama	Masters Women Masters Grand Masters Kahunas Grand Kahunas Team	Andrew Banks Heather Clark Juan Ashton Rod Baldwin Chris Knutsen	South Africa South Africa Puerto Rico Australia South Africa Australia
	Piha, New Zealand	Under 18 Boys Under 16 Boys Under 18 Girls Aloha Cup Team	Gabriel Medina Matt Banting Tyler Wright	Brazil Australia Australia Australia Australia

	Lacanau, France Punta Hermosa, Peru	Tandem Open Women Longboard Team	Clement Cetran/Dehlia Birou Hira Teriinatoofa Chelsea Hedges Rodrigo Sphyer	France Tahiti Australia Brazil Peru
<b>2011</b>	San Diego, CA, USA	Tandem	Clement Cetran/Dehlia Birou	France

## **CHAPTER 6: ISA MEMBER NATIONS**

Argentina	Great Britain	Panama**
Aruba**	Greece*	Papua New Guinea
Australia	Guam	Peru
Austria	Guatemala	Philippines**
Bahamas	Hawaii	Portugal
Barbados	Holland**	Puerto Rico
Brazil	Hungary*	Senegal
Bulgaria**	Indonesia*	Singapore*
Canada	Ireland	Slovenia
Cape Verde Islands	Israel	Somalia
Chile* *	Italy	South Africa
China*	Ivory Coast*	Spain
Colombia	Jamaica	Sweden
Costa Rica	Japan	Switzerland
Dominican Republic	Korea*	Tahiti
Dubai (UAE)*	Malaysia*	Thailand*
Ecuador	Maldives	Trinidad & Tobago*
El Salvador	Mexico	United States of America
Fiji**	Morocco	Uruguay
France	Namibia	Vanuatu*
Germany	New Zealand	Venezuela
Ghana*	Nicaragua*	

### **Recognized Surfing Organizations:**

Pan-American Surf Association, PASA\*  
Christian Surfers International, CSI\*  
Association of Surfing Professionals, ASP

*\*Provisional Member may be ratified at ISA BGM 2012*

*\*\*Applying Member may be ratified at ISA BGM 2012*

## **CHAPTER 7: ISA LIFE MEMBERS & MEMBER EMERITUS**

### **ISA Life Members**

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Reginald Prytherch, United Kingdom  
Rod Brooks, Australia  
Tim Millward, South Africa

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