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## **CHAPTER 1: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR (CT)**

### **Article 1: Application of this Chapter**

This chapter applies to all CT Events and CT Surfers and Support Staff unless specifically referred to otherwise.

### **Article 2: Prize Money**

- 2.01 Any Prize money allocations must follow the approved breakdowns in Appendix A to this Rulebook as decided by the WSL Commissioner's Office.
- 2.02 WSL will facilitate all prize money payments direct to the Surfer's bank account, unless otherwise agreed.

### **Article 3: Scheduling**

- 3.01 CT Events are limited to 13 per year with a limited number of Events in any one country as decided by the WSL Commissioner's Office. For this purpose Tahiti, Reunion and Hawaii are classified as countries.
- 3.02 Dates for Events once finalised by WSL, may not be changed except by the WSL.
- 3.03 Ratification of the following year's WSL Schedule will be finalized and published before the end of the current Surfing Season by WSL.
- 3.04 On completion of the CT Surfing Season, there will be a minimum one-month break before the next CT Event.
- 3.05 The minimum Event Window for any combined men's/women's CT Event is to be 10 days.
- 3.06 The minimum Event Window for any men's only CT Event is to be 9 days.
- 3.07 The minimum Event Window for any women's only CT Event is to be 6 days.

### **Article 4: Trials**

CT trials' Events formats, dates and details must be finalized prior to the start of the CT Event Window and will be at the approval of WSL Commissioner's Office.

### **Article 5: Event related Activities**

Should any Event sponsor like to run extra events and/or surf related activities inside the Event Window like expression sessions, celebrity heats etc they must have WSL Commissioner's Office approval. Applications must be lodged at least 60 days prior to the Event Window.

### **Article 6: CT Rankings Points**

- 6.01 Point breakdowns for all CT Events are as shown in Appendix B. Such points are gathered throughout the Surfing Season and will contribute to the Surfers' ranking and seeding benefits in accordance with this Rulebook.
- 6.02 If using a different format approved by WSL, a female Surfer who finishes 19<sup>th</sup> will receive the same points as a Surfer who finishes 17<sup>th</sup>.

- 6.03 If using a different format approved by WSL, a male Surfer who finishes 37<sup>th</sup> will receive the same points as a Surfer who finishes 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.04 In the event of a tie for any World Title at the end of the Surfing Season, the tied Surfer will have a "surf-off" during the final Event which will have the format determined by the Tour Manager.
- 6.05 For ties of rankings for qualifying positions on the CT, refer to Article 11.03 and 12.03.
- 6.06 Subject to Article 6.05, all ties on year-end CT rankings will appear as tied in that position for ranking purposes. For seeding purposes, the tie will be broken by considering each Surfers prior year original seeding position.
- 6.07 CT Ranking points will be provided to the the following Surfers at CT Events:
  - (a) Top 34 (Men) and top 17 (Women)
  - (b) Season Replacements (even if competeing as an Event Wildcard or Event Replacement)
- 6.08 Event Wildcards and Event Replacements will receive CT Ranking points at CT Events.

**Article 7: Formats**

- 7.01 Men's CT Events shall consist of 36 Surfers and the following format will be used:
  - (a) Round 1 is 12 heats of three Surfers with 1<sup>st</sup> place progressing to Round 3 and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place progressing to Round 2.
  - (b) Round 2 is 12 heats of two Surfers with the winner advancing to Round 3.
  - (c) Round 3 is 12 heats of two Surfers with the winner progressing to Round 4.
  - (d) Round 4 is 4 heats of 3 with 1<sup>st</sup> progressing to the Quarter Finals and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> being placed in Round 5.
  - (e) Round 5 onwards will be 2-Surfer heat rounds with 2<sup>nd</sup> place being eliminated until a winner is decided.
- 7.02 The format described in Article 7.01 is the standard format for Men's CT Events.
- 7.03 Women's CT Events shall consist of 18 Surfers. These 18 will compete as per the following format.
  - (a) Round 1 is 6 heats of three Surfers, with 1st advancing to Round Three, with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Round Two.
  - (b) Round 2 is 6 heats of two Surfers with 1st advancing to Round Three.
  - (c) Round 3 is 6 heats of two Surfers with 1st advancing to Quarter Finals and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> being placed into Round 4.
  - (d) Round 4 onwards are 2-Surfer heats until a winner is decided.
- 7.04 The format described in Article 7.03 is the WSL standard format for Women's CT Events.
- 7.05 WSL Commissioner's Office will consult with the Surfer Representatives in deciding whether to use the Overlapping system where two 2-Surfer heats are sent into the water to compete simultaneously pursuant to the WSL Event Planner.
- 7.06 CT heats will not be moved out of the original running order regardless of the Surfer's circumstances.  
*EXCEPTION:* This exception applies when a group of Surfer's



surfboards have not arrived due to limited travel time between Events. The Surfing Director, Surfer Representative and WSL Tour Manager will decide on a case by case basis whether this exception applies to a Surfer.

7.07 Where travel time is limited to three or less days and more than ten male Surfers or four female Surfers have not received their surfboards due to airline problems, only those heats where all Surfers have their boards can be run on the first day of the Event Window. Those without surfboards have until the next day before they must compete if the Event is running.

7.08 Overlapping Heat Format

When Overlapping Heats are being conducted at an Event:

- (a) Two surfer priority rules and penalties will apply to each individual heat. Priority will be displayed and announced separately for each heat.
- (b) The Surfers in the heat that started first have unconditional priority over the Surfers in the other heat, no matter where they are in relation to the Line-up.
- (c) if there is deliberate unsportsmanlike interference by any Surfer with either of the Surfers in the other heat, the Judges can call an interference penalty against the violating Surfer even if the Surfer has unconditional priority. The penalty will be the loss of half of their lowest scoring Ride.
- (d) A heat cannot be restarted.

**Article 8: Seed Point Allocation**

8.01 Base Seed Points for CT Surfers, Season Wildcards and Season Replacements at the start of each Surfing Season will be determined by WSL prior to the first CT Event and then:

- (a) Men will have 16.67% of that initial amount deducted from each of the first 6 CT Events of the Surfing Season (Base Seed Points will be zero from the 7th Event onwards).
- (b) Women will have 20% of that initial amount deducted from each of the first 5 CT Events of the Surfing Season (Base Seed Points will be zero from the 6th Event onwards).

8.02 Current Seed Points will be the Base Seed Points plus the current Rankings Points earned in the CT Events in that Surfing Season.

8.03 Season Wildcards received for non-injury reasons and Season Replacements will receive Base Seed Points lower than the last seeded CT Surfer as determined by the WSL Commissioner's Office.

8.04 A Surfer who has received a men's Season Wildcard due to injury will be seeded in accordance with the following when returning from injury:

- (a) If ranked in the top 10 on the CT Rankings before the injury, the Surfer will be seeded 13;
- (b) If ranked in the top 20 on the CT Rankings before the injury, the Surfer will be seeded 25;
- (c) If ranked in the top 34 on the CT Rankings before the injury, the Surfer will be seeded 34.

8.05 A Surfer who has received a women's Season Wildcard will be seeded in accordance with the following when returning from injury:

- (a) If ranked in the top 5 on the CT Rankings before the injury,

- the Surfer will be seeded 7;
  - (b) If ranked in the top 10 on the CT Rankings before the injury, the Surfer will be seeded 13;
  - (c) If ranked in the top 17 on the CT Rankings before the injury, the Surfer will be seeded 17.
- 8.06 Reseeding may be performed within the Event Window but only prior to the first heat of each round being started.

**Article 9: Replacements**

- 9.01 Subject to Article 9.04, if a Surfer that has qualified for the CT decides to relinquish their seeded position in a CT Event as a result of retirement [Refer to Article 25] or injury, they will be replaced in the following order ("**Replacement**"):
- (a) The four (4) WSL replacements for Men and Women who will be selected by the WSL Commissioner's Office and can be used to fill a maximum of two (2) available seed spots ("**Season Replacement**");
  - (b) The WSL Commissioner's Office will select any other Surfers to fill available seed spots ("**Event Replacement**").
- 9.02 A Season Replacement has 48 hours (or reasonable time depending on the Event) after the initial contact attempt by WSL to accept or reject the replacement offer. If a Surfer withdraws within the Event Window and none of the WSL replacements are on-site the replacement Surfer will be selected by WSL. For seeding and points, Event Replacements will be treated as Event Wildcards would be.
- 9.03 A Replacement of a Retired Surfer after the first CT Event will not count as the first replacement under Article 9.01(a).
- 9.04 Replacement Surfers will not receive a spot in the final CT Event of the Surfing Season unless they have a mathematical chance to qualify for the following Surfing Season's CT with points earned in that CT Event. The Commissioner's Office will determine allocation of any available spots should this Article apply.
- 9.05 If any injured or pregnant Surfer checks-in to receive points and minimum prize money their spot in the heat can be taken by a Replacement without reseeding of the other heats in that First Round. The Replacement's normal seeding will apply for later rounds. Further, this Replacement will pay no entry fee and will receive the prize money difference between the amount received by the Surfer they have replaced and the result they have attained.
- 9.06 Wildcards and Replacements in WSL Events must sign the relevant WSL Surfer Agreement and will always be subject to approval by the Commissioner's Office.

**Article 10: WSL World Title Race**

The Surfer's results from each of the CT Events throughout the Surfing Season will be counted towards their standing on the WSL World Title Race except for Event Wildcards and Event Replacements. Each Surfer begins from zero World Title Race points at the start of each Surfing Season.

**Article 11: Qualification for following Men's CT Season**

11.01 The following scales show the number of Events to be used to determine the Men's CT Race at the end of each Surfing Season:

- (a) 12 or more Events total then 3 throwaways.
  - (b) 9-11 Events total then 2 throwaways.
  - (c) Less than 9 Events then 1 throwaway
- EXCEPTIONS* may be applicable with WSL approval in extreme circumstances.
- 11.02 Subject to Article 11.03, the Surfers below will qualify for the following year's Men's CT Season:
- (a) top 22 from the current CT rankings at the end of the current Surfing Season; and
  - (b) the top 10 from the QS Ranking at the end of the current Surfing Season who are not already qualified as per (a).
  - (c) 2 Season Wildcards. [Refer to Article 14.01]
- 11.03 In the case of a tie relating to Surfers ranked 22 in the year-end CT Rankings, the following applies:
- (a) Should there be an available Season Wildcard position, a tied Surfer can be provided that position and will be seeded as per their CT Ranking, not as an WSL Wildcard would be.
  - (b) If one or both of the tied Surfers qualify via the QS Ranking, both Surfers will requalify filling spots 22 and 23 in the following year's CT. In this case, only 9 Surfers will qualify via the QS Rankings at the end of the current Surfing Season who are not already in the top 23 as mentioned above.
  - (c) If neither of the Surfers qualify via the QS Rankings, the following applies in the order below:
    - (I) the results from their best counting Events in that Surfing Season will be considered, counting back to their best counting Event to attempt to break the tie. If one Surfer betters the other as this is applied, the tie is broken and that Surfer will take the 22 spot. If the tie is not broken (II) will apply;
    - (II) the Surfer with the higher ranking on the QS Ranking will fill the 22 spot and the lower ranked Surfer will not requalify.

**Article 12: Qualification for following Women's CT Season**

- 12.01 The following scales show the number of Women's Events to be used to determine the Women's World Title Race at the end of each Surfing Season:
- (a) 12 or more Events total then 3 throwaways.
  - (b) 9-11 Events total then 2 throwaways.
  - (c) Less than 9 Events then 1 throwaway
- EXCEPTIONS* may be applicable with WSL approval in extreme circumstances.
- 12.02 Subject to Article 12.03, the Surfers below will qualify for the following year's Women's CT Season:
- (a) top 10 from the current CT rankings at the end of the current Surfing Season; and
  - (b) the top 6 from the QS Ranking at the end of the current Surfing Season who are not already qualified as per (a).
  - (c) 1 Season Wildcard. [Refer to Article 14.01]
- 12.03 In the case of a tie relating to Surfers ranked 10 in the year-end Women's CT Rankings, the following applies:
- (a) Should there be an available WSL Wildcard position, a tied

Surfer can be provided that position but will be seeded as per their CT Ranking, not as an WSL Wildcard would be.

- (b) If only one of the tied Surfers qualified via the Women's QS Ranking, both Surfers will requalify filling spots 10 and 11 in the following year's Women's CT. In this case, the remaining 5 will be from the top ranked Surfers in the Women's QS rankings at the end of the current Surfing Season who are not already in the top 11 as mentioned above.
- (c) If neither of the Surfers qualify via the QS Rankings, the following applies in the order below:
  - (I) The results from their best counting Events in that Surfing Season will be considered, counting back to their best counting Event to attempt to break the tie. If one Surfer betters the other as this is applied, the tie is broken and that Surfer will take the 10 spot. If tie is not broken, (II) will apply;
  - (II) The Surfer with the higher ranking on the Women's QS Ranking will fill the 11<sup>th</sup> spot and the lower ranked Surfer will not re-qualify.

**Article 13: CT Surfers Rules**

- 13.01 All CT seeded Surfers must sign the WSL Surfers Agreement prior to surfing in the first CT Event of the year or by a date designated by WSL. If they do not sign this agreement they will not be allowed to compete.
- 13.02 All those that qualify for the CT are required to compete in all of the CT Events in accordance with the WSL Surfers Agreement, unless a valid exemption is provided by WSL in accordance with the WSL Surfers Agreement or this Rulebook [Refer to Article 17].
- 13.03 During each Surfing Season, Men's CT Surfers must compete in at least 2 QS 10000 events, one of which must be licensed by the WSL Regional Office that controls the country of which the Surfer permanently resides for tax purposes. If there are no QS 10000 Events licensed by that WSL Regional Office, then a QS 6000 from that Region or a QS 10000 from another Region must be competed in as a substitute. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in discipline imposed in accordance with Article 180.
- 13.04 During each Surfing Season, Women's CT Surfers must compete in at least one QS 10000 event that is licensed by the WSL Regional Office that controls the country of which the Surfer permanently resides for tax purposes, and if none, a QS 6000. If there are no QS 10000 or QS 6000 Events licensed by that WSL Regional Office, then a QS 10000 or QS 6000 from another Region must be competed in as a substitute. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in discipline imposed in accordance with Article 177.
- 13.05 WSL will hold a surfers orientation meeting prior to the first CT Event of each Surfing Season. This meeting is compulsory for all Surfers who are requested to appear.

**Article 14: Wildcards**

- 14.01 Subject to Article 14.03, for each Surfing Season at CT Events:
  - (a) 2 (Men) / 1 (Women) wildcard/s are to be selected by the WSL Commissioner's Office for the Surfing Season (**Season**

- Wildcards**). Season Wildcards will receive CT points for the entire Surfing Season; and
- (b) 2 (Men) / 1 (Women) wildcard/s will be selected by the WSL Commissioner's Office for each Event (**Event Wildcard**). Event Wildcards will receive CT points.
- 14.02 Previous year's non re-qualifying CT Surfers or Retired Surfers who are provided a Wildcard for an Event will be seeded ahead of the other Event Wildcards for that Event.
- 14.03 All wildcards to compete in WSL Events must sign the relevant WSL Surfers Agreement and will always be subject to approval by the Commissioner's Office..

**Article 15: Defending Champions**

- 15.01 Defending champions of a CT Event (or an Event that has upgraded from a lower WSL rating) in the immediate Surfing Season following the same Event that they won will be considered for an Event Wildcard. If not received, they must be placed into the trials (if trials are run).  
*EXCEPTION:* If the Event was cancelled due to Force Majeure, this Rule will apply to the next year's event only, if it runs. If the event does not run for 2 consecutive years, for any reason, this Rule will not apply.
- 15.02 Defending champions referred to in Article 15.01 must advise the WSL Commissioner's Office at least 60 days in advance prior to the Event Start Date should they wish to take advantage of the benefits offered by this Article.

**Article 16: Amateur Surfers**

Amateurs may surf in WSL licensed CT Events provided it is allowed under local amateur rules but must pay the relevant entry fee for the Event. The amateur Surfer can collect prize money won in an Event but it is up to them to make sure that this prize money is dealt with in the correct manner so that their amateur status is kept should they wish to keep it. Amateurs can refuse the prize money and if so WSL will retain it and the amateur will be refunded their entry fee, if any fee was paid, in lieu of their prize money.

**Article 17: Non-Attendance in Events**

- 17.01 CT Surfers must attend all CT Events which they qualify for. Failure to do so will result in a disciplinary action described in Article 177, except as described in this Article 17. Replacements for these no-shows will be decided in accordance with Article 9.01.
- 17.02 Non-attendance for extenuating circumstances including injury and pregnancy may be considered by the WSL Commissioner's Office. A doctor's certificate must be sent notifying WSL as soon as possible of the injury or pregnancy. The WSL Medical Coordinator has the right to follow up and investigate all of these cases.
- 17.03 If a Surfer has provided an acceptable medical certificate, they will still receive the minimum CT points but no prize money for Event they could not compete in.
- 17.04 If a seeded Surfer advises the Tour Manager that they are not going to attend their first round heat but will be present for their second round heat, their spot will be kept. If the Surfer does not check in at the paddle out time for their second round heat, a Replacement will

be provided their spot in accordance with Article 9.01. If the Surfer fails to arrive on time for their second round heat, they will be subject to discipline as if they did not show (but did provide warning in accordance with Article 180).

- 17.05 If a seeded Surfer fails to advise the Tour Manager they are not attending the first round heat and does not compete in their first round heat, then a Replacement will take their spot after the first heat is completed and the Replacement will be reseeded for their second round heat onwards. Re-seeding for heats will only occur from round three onwards. If the Surfer fails to arrive on time for their second round heat, they will be subject to discipline as if they did not show (but did not provide warning in accordance with Article 186).
- 17.06 When a Surfer does not show for any heat from round three onwards, the Surfer(s) must surf the heat alone in case the opponent turns up late. Only if the Tour Manager or the Surfing Director is informed and confident that the Surfer will not be competing in their scheduled heat that the daily schedule can be adjusted to reduce the event's running time.
- 17.07 For the purpose of this Article 17, the Tour Manager will determine whether the Surfer provided adequate notice in relation to their whereabouts. Any appeals of the decision can be forwarded in writing to the Discipline Director in accordance with Article 182.

#### **Article 18: CT Event Postponement and Cancellation**

##### **If Competition has commenced:**

- 18.01: **Extension of Event Window to Finish Event**  
The remaining Surfers will be consulted by WSL at an arranged meeting in the decision to extend the finish of Event dates. If a Surfer does not attend the meeting, their vote (should a vote be called for any reason) will go back to WSL. The decision will be made by WSL in their discretion with the best interests of the sport the priority in that decision.
- 18.02: **Cancellation of Event (Force Majeure and "lack of surf")**  
The following will apply where an Event is cancelled by WSL for reasons of Force Majeure:
- (a) Prize Money will be paid to Surfers in the position they would receive if eliminated in next possible opportunity in the Event. The balance of Prize Money will be split evenly.
  - (b) If a round is not completed, each Surfer will receive the points earned from previous round, or last placed points if cancelled during round 1.
  - (c) If round is completed, they get the points they earned from that round.

##### **If Competition has NOT commenced:**

- 18.03: **Postponement of Event Window/Dates for any reason**  
The Surfers checked-in to compete will be consulted by WSL at an arranged meeting for a decision to postpone Event dates or Event. If a Surfer does not attend the meeting, their vote (should a vote be

called for any reason) will go back to WSL. The decision will be made by WSL in their discretion with the best interests of the sport the priority in that decision.

- 18.04 **Cancellation for Force Majeure (excluding "Lack of Surf")**  
The following will apply where an Event is cancelled by WSL for reasons of Force Majeure:
- (a) Minimum Prize Money will be paid to the entered Surfers.
  - (b) No points will be earned by any Surfer.
- 18.05 **Cancellation for Lack of Surf**  
The following will apply where an Event is cancelled by WSL for reasons of lack of surf:
- (a) The Prize Money applicable will be split between the Surfers.
  - (b) No points will be earned by any Surfer.

**Article 19: Failure to Compete**

19.01 If a Surfer is seeded into the CT or any CT Event during the Term, they agree (subject to the exceptions specified below):

- (a) to enter and compete in all CT Events in which they seeded or for which they qualify; and
- (b) that if the Surfer is unable to attend an Event during the Term due to medical reasons, they will provide WSL with an appropriate medical certificate or otherwise submit to an examination by a WSL appointed doctor at the WSL's cost and expense (the Surfer will be permitted to have my own doctor present at this examination). The Surfer acknowledges that, if WSL accepts (which acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld) a medical reason for a Surfer's non-participation, they may be eligible for last place points in the relevant Event.

PROVIDED THAT the Surfer will not be deemed to have breached this Agreement if they are unable to participate in a CT Event because:

- (c) the Surfer has retired from professional surfing by written notice to WSL; or
  - (d) there is an illness or death in the Surfer's family or any other similar family circumstance which is beyond the Surfer's reasonable control and which has been notified in writing to WSL where practicable; or
  - (e) a Force Majeure Event (as defined below) prevents my attendance.
- 19.02 Surfer shall provide written notice to WSL (as promptly as is practicable) of any inability to participate and shall subsequently specify the reasons in detail if requested to do so by WSL.

**Article 20: Pregnancy**

From when a Surfer is pregnant and until their return to competition after the birth of the child, the pregnant Surfer must provide written notice of her intention to either compete or not compete in each CT event. This notice is to be provided 21 days prior to the Event Start Date to WSL via the WSL Women's Tour Manager. If the Surfer confirms they will compete and then decide not to closer to the Event, they will forego prize money for the Event but be granted minimum rankings points. In any circumstance, WSL strongly encourages that the pregnant Surfer strictly comply with any medical advice

they have received and may be requested to disclose such medical advice to the WSL at any time. Details of the pregnancy and any medical advice disclosed will be held in absolute confidence by WSL.

*NOTE:* This Article has been implemented to illustrate WSL's intention to further the purpose of achieving substantive gender equity in WSL Events.

**Article 21: CT Fees**

CT Event Wildcards and Event Replacements must pay US\$2,000 entry fee (maximum US\$2,000 per year) per Event to WSL plus an additional US\$100 for personal accident insurance for those Surfers without the WSL approved coverage. This will be deducted from their prize money if it is not paid prior to the Event Start Date.

**Article 22: Non-WSL Events**

This Article will apply to all Surfers who are seeded to compete in a CT Event.

- 22.01 Surfer will not, without the prior written approval of WSL or save as permitted in this Agreement, enter, compete in, promote or in any way support (or contractually commit to doing any of the foregoing):
- (a) During the Term, any surfing tour or event that is not sanctioned by WSL ("**Non-WSL Sanctioned Event**").
  - (b) Both during the Term and for one (1) year following the date Surfer will no longer eligible to compete in a CT Event (except as a wild card), a Competitive Tour or a Competitive Tour Event (each as defined below).
- 22.02 Surfer understands that during the Term "**Any WSL Surfer**" who surfs, promotes, or otherwise competes or participates in any Non-WSL Sanctioned Event, or who has not otherwise been granted a waiver by WSL in accordance with paragraph 2.2, or who participates in any display of surfing related to such an event (including the promotion thereof), may, at the reasonable discretion of the WSL depending on the seriousness of the breach and subject to the provisions of this Article 22:
- (a) lose their seeding and rating points for the next calendar year; and/or
  - (b) not be eligible to compete in the current Term.
- 22.03 Surfer further understands that in the event they breach the provisions of Article 22.01(b), Surfer acknowledges that they will be subject to a fine in an amount to be determined by the Commissioner, but in no event exceeding Fifty Thousand United States Dollars (USD\$50,000) in respect of each Competitive Tour or Competitive Tour Event in which they enter, compete in or support in any way in violation of Article 22.01(b) (up to a maximum aggregate amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand United States Dollars (USD\$250,000)).
- 22.04 Surfer understands that they may apply to the WSL in writing should they wish to enter, compete in, promote or in any way support a Non-WSL Sanctioned Event at least fourteen (14) days before such an event or support is to take place ("**Pre-emptive Waiver**"). The WSL will consider all relevant circumstances relating to the application submitted and will provide a written response to the Surfer within five (5) business days of such application being made. Decisions whether or not to grant a Pre-emptive Waiver are



made solely by the WSL, however the WSL may not unreasonably withhold its consent to the application for a Pre-emptive Waiver under this paragraph.

22.05 Provided that a request under Article 22.04 does not relate to an event forming part of a Competitive Tour or a Competitive Tour Event, it shall not be reasonable for the WSL to refuse an application for a Pre-emptive Waiver where the event concerned is:

(a) an Exempt Event (as defined above) whose dates do not conflict with the CT; or

(b) any other event (e.g. including, without limitation, an event organised by my local surf club) whose dates do not conflict with the event window of a CT Event or seven (7) days before and after that event window and which does not in any substantive and material way compete with the CT, Big Wave Tour or the Events of either tour. For the purposes of this sub article (b) where the dates of an event conflict with the event window of a WSL Event other than a CT Event this shall not, of itself, render such event competitive but may be a relevant factor in such consideration.

**Article 23: Enclosed Official Areas**

23.01 Events must ensure that all Surfers, officials and enclosed areas or offices inside the Event compound are kept smoke free.

23.02 Alcohol can only be consumed in the designated VIP area complying with local liquor licensing laws.

**Article 24: Security Passes / Accessible Areas**

24.01 All CT seeded Surfers will be identified for security reasons by profile digital photos provided by WSL. This or the Surfers WSL Identification Card is the only form of identification that is required for them to enter any of the areas set-aside for Surfers only. In other areas that they are invited to enter they may be required to have the appropriate pass as supplied by the Event. Support Staff, Wildcards and Replacements can be requested to wear or carry some form of pass as supplied by WSL.

24.02 Each Surfer shall be provided guest passes for a member of their Support Staff provided the individual has signed the Support Staff Code of Conduct and as approved by WSL. This pass is for their use and no duplicates need to be provided if they are lost etc unless the Event wishes to do so. Surfers may also request 2 or more passes for family members at check-in, which will be provided at the discretion of WSL.

24.03 WSL official cardholders must be given entry with access to all areas at all Events. WSL will distribute these passes appropriately.

24.04 CT Surfers are to be allowed access to Press and VIP hospitality areas. It is suggested that a combined hospitality area be made available with separate, secure work and preparation areas also for press and Surfers in accordance with the CT Event Planner.

**Article 25: Surfer Retirement**

25.01 Upon request, WSL will provide any Surfer who has competed on the CT with the form of notice that is to be provided to become a Retired Surfer before the Surfing Season starts who will then be

replaced by the Surfer next in line from the respective Ranking (CT or QS) that the Retired Surfer qualified through [Refer to Article 9.01].

25.02 Once the first CT Event has started in a Surfing Season, any Surfer who becomes a Retired Surfer will be replaced by a Season Replacement.

25.03 A Retired Surfer may be entitled to benefits implemented by WSL from time to time and these will be provided in accordance with the WSL policy that governs the creation of the particular retirement benefit.

*NOTE:* Retirement or acceptance of a Surfer's retirement does not waive any obligation of the Surfer under the relevant WSL Surfers Agreement or entry terms they have agreed to.

**Article 26: WSL Limitation of Liability**

WSL will not be held liable for any reliance (including financial or other commitments made to third parties) a Surfer places on notifications (written, verbal or otherwise) from a representative of WSL in relation to their qualification to or relegation from the CT.

## **CHAPTER 2: QUALIFICATION SERIES (“QS”)**

The following Chapter applies to all Events and Surfers that compete in WSL QS Events and should the subject of an Article not be addressed in the respective Chapter of another WSL Tour, the Articles here will address that subject to the fullest extent possible in the discretion of the WSL Commissioner.

### **Article 27: License Fees**

- 27.01 Licence fees are set at 10% of the prize money total for the relevant Event’s rating.
- 27.02 Any Women’s QS Event held in conjunction with at least an equivalent rated men’s QS 6000 does not pay a license fee.
- 27.03 By September 30 of the year prior, all Events are to confirm their Event dates and rating.
- 27.04 For all Events, 50% of the license fee is to be paid to the Licensing WSL Regional Office 180 days prior to the Event .The balance is to be paid 90 days prior to the Event Start Date.  
*EXCEPTION:* New Events need to have paid 100% of their License Fee for the Event to be listed on the WSL Schedule.
- 27.05 If the License Fee is not paid before either of the deadlines in Article 27.04 above, the Event is immediately removed from the WSL Schedule and the Event dates become available. Double the entire License Fee then becomes payable in full to the Regional Office upon the Event requesting full licensing.  
*EXCEPTIONS* to this Rule will be based on individual approaches to WSL.

### **Article 28: Upgrading/Downgrading an Event**

- 28.01 If any Event decides to upgrade its rating status, it must provide at least 45 days notice. The WSL Commissioner’s Office will give final approval for all upgrades.
- 28.02 If any Event decides to downgrade its rating status, it must provide at least 90 days notice to the Regional Office. Failure to do so will result in a fine equal to the license fee for the lower rated Event.

### **Article 29: Cancellation of an Event**

If any Event is cancelled the license fee already paid is non-refundable. A penalty of 10% on the original prize money will be imposed by WSL, which must be paid no later than 90 days from the Event Start Date before the Event will be re-instated in a future year’s WSL Schedule.

### **Article 30: Change of Event Details**

If an Event (that is not conducted by WSL directly) wishes to change their Event date/location within 60 days of the scheduled Event Start Date, the Event must pay 50% of the full amount of Prizemoney owed for the Event to WSL in full. This payment will be non-refundable and will be used to pay the Prizemoney for Event when it runs. If the Event does not run in that Surfing Season, the 50% of the Prizemoney is, if not paid, remains payable and then forfeited. Payment is required within 7 days of the confirmation from WSL that the Event location/dates have been changed. The Event licensee will be responsible for any costs incurred by a Surfer, the WSL, WSL Regional Office or another Event which will include non-refundable payments for

accommodation, travel costs and other reasonable costs as a result of these changes being approved.

**Article 31: Prize Money Taxation**

- 31.01 Where tax is deducted, the Event licensee must provide each Surfer with a document detailing the deductions along with the applicable forms for refunds. The Regional Office is to be advised as soon as this requirement becomes known to the Event licensee, and must receive a receipt (copy) from the local taxation department stating the names and amounts paid.
- 31.02 Should the Event licensee not comply with Article 31.01 within 3 months from the end of the Event, an explanation is to be provided immediately to WSL and the Event licensee must comply with the relevant tax laws. The compliance must be evidenced to WSL and any other request by WSL relating to compensating a Surfer for the breach of this Article by the Event licensee must be complied with.
- 31.03 Tax deductions are not to be added to the prize money to maintain the minimum award.

**Article 32: Prize Money**

- 32.01 For new Events, a cash sum equivalent to the prizemoney purse for an Event of that rating must be paid to the Regional Office at least 90 days prior to the Event Start Date in addition to the Licence Fee. Failure to send this amount will result in the Event being cancelled and forfeiture of the License Fee. If an Event is cancelled within the 90 days, then the cash sum and license fee are forfeit and used to offset expenses incurred by Surfers and the Licensing WSL Regional Office.
- 32.02 For QS Events, Prize Money Minimum Breakdowns are as per Appendix C.
- 32.03 QS Event prize money for foreign Surfers must be by bank transfer or US dollars cash. Locals may be paid by cheque or local currency cash but these must be calculated at the US\$ buying rate as of payment date.
- 32.04 Variations to prize money breakdowns must be approved by WSL.
- 32.05 All onsite prize money is payable by completion of the day the Surfer is eliminated from the Event if paying by any means other than bank transfer. If paying by bank transfer the Event has 7 days from the end of the Event Window to complete payments for all Surfers who have provided banking details. Prize money for any Surfer who has not provided their bank details by one month after the Event finish date is forfeit to the Licensing Regional Office.
- 32.06 All prize money payments will be paid directly to the Surfer by the Event. Should an Event fail to pay a Surfer within 7 days of the Event Finish Date or from the date the correct bank details are provided to the Event or WSL Regional Office (should WSL agree to pay any Surfers), whichever is the earlier, the Event will incur a \$100 fine per Surfer per day until the Surfer is paid in full. This fine will only be enforceable by WSL against the Event and will not be payable to the Surfer.

**Article 33: Scheduling**

- 33.01 WSL will use its best endeavours to allow current Events the right to

establish dates for the Event. However, future tour growth and other conflicts may dictate rescheduling of an Event and WSL will always have the absolute discretion in designating dates for an Event.

- 33.02 Only Events that have complied with Article 27.04 and any other requirements of WSL will be placed on the WSL Schedule in WSL's absolute discretion.
- 33.03 QS Event Scheduling:
- (a) QS 6000 Events can be run at any time during the year and can be held at the same time as scheduled QS Events or CT Events.
  - (b) QS 10000 Events cannot be run prior to January 15 of the tour year.
  - (c) No QS 10000 Events can have the same dates within their Event Window as another CT or QS 10000 Event.
  - (d) *EXCEPTIONS* in relation to (a) – (c) can be provided by WSL Commissioner's Office under special circumstances.
- 33.04 There will be a maximum of 13 QS 10000 Events in each Surfing Season.
- 33.05 All WSL Event dates can be found on the WSL Schedule but is subject to change at the sole discretion of WSL at all times. Should costs be incurred by a Surfer for a change to the WSL Schedule within ninety (90) days of the Event Start Date, the Commissioner will consider an application for reimbursement of costs and a claim may have to be made by the Surfer against an Event licensee.

**Article 34: Formats**

- 34.01 The following format will be applied to all Men's QS 10000 Events (except Men's QS 10000 in Hawaii – see Article 44.02):

<b>FORMAT A</b>			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Seed Placements
Round of 96	24 heats of 4	30 min	90 Seeds + 6 Wildcards
Round of 48	12 heats of 4	30 min	
Round of 24	8 heats of 3	30 min	
Round of 16	8 heats of 2	30 min	
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	30 min	
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	30 min	
Final	1 heat of 2	Recommended 35 mins but Head Judge can make call on time.	
Totals	<b>59 heats</b>	<b>29 hrs 35 mins</b>	

- 34.02 The following formats will apply for all Men's QS Events:
- (a) Men's QS 6000

<b>FORMAT B</b>			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Seed

			Placements
Round of 144	24 heats of 4	25 minutes	62 Seeds + 2 Wildcards
Round of 96	24 heats of 4	25 minutes	44 Seeds + 4 Wildcards
Round of 48	12 heats of 4	25 minutes	
Round of 24	8 heats of 3	25 minutes	
Round of 16	8 heats of 2	25 minutes	
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 minutes	
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 minutes	
Final	1 heat of 2	Recommended 35 mins but Head Judge can make call on time.	
Totals	<b>83 heats</b>	<b>34 hrs 45 min</b>	

For Combined Events, Round of 144 can have heat times of 20 mins reducing the total time by 2 hours at the discretion of the Surfing Director, the Tour Manager and the Head Judge.

(b) Men's QS 1000, 1500, 3000

<b>FORMAT C</b>	Heat Numbers	Heat Time (min)	Seed Placements
Round of 160	16 heats of 4	20 min	64 Seeds
Round of 144	16 heats of 4	20 min	32 Seeds
Round of 128	16 heats of 4	20 min	32 Seeds
Round of 96	16 heats of 4	20 min	30 Seeds + 2 Wildcards
Round of 64	16 heats of 4	20 min	28 Seeds + 4 Wildcards
Round of 32	8 heats of 4	20 min	
Round of 16	8 heats of 2	20 mins	
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	20 min	
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 min	
Final	1 heat of 2	30 min	
Total	<b>87 heats</b>	<b>34 hrs 40 mins</b>	

If time permits, Heat Times for Format C should be increased to 25 minutes.

34.03 The following format will be applied to all Women's QS Events:

(a) QS 6000 and QS 10000 Events

<b>FORMAT D</b>			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Seed Placements

Round of 60	6 heats of 4	20 minutes	24 Seeds
Round of 48	12 heats of 4	25 mins	33 Seeds + 3 Wildcards
Round of 24	6 heats of 4	25 mins	
Round of 12	4 heats of 3	25 mins	
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 mins	
Semi-Finals	2 heats of 2	25 mins	
		Recommended 35 mins but Head Judge can make call on time.	
Final	1 heat of 2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>35 heats</b>	<b>15 Hrs 15 mins</b>	

For Combined Events using Format D, Round of 48 will have heat times of 20 mins reducing the total time by 1 hour.

(b) QS 1000 – 3000 Events will use Format C.

34.04 All QS 1000-6000 men and women's Events have the option to run the final eight (8) Surfers (Quarter Finals) onward as 4-Surfer heats, provided approval has been given by the WSL Commissioner's Office.

34.05 QS Event heats will not be altered from the original running order regardless of the Surfers' circumstances.

*EXCEPTION:* This exception applies when a group of Surfer's boards have not arrived due to limited travel time between Events. The Surfing Director, Surfer Representative and WSL Tour Representative will decide on a case by case basis whether this exception applies to a Surfer.

34.06 For Men's QS Events:

(a) **QS 1000, 1500 & 3000 Events** must allow for a minimum of 96 Surfers using Format C and allow for minimum of 3 days running time.

(b) **QS 6000 Events** must allow for a minimum of 144 Surfers using Format B and allow for minimum of 5 days running time.

(c) **QS 10000 Events** must allow for 96 Surfers using Format A and allow for minimum of 6 days running time (7 days where possible).

*EXCEPTION:* Where local restrictions apply, Format B may be used with minimum 30 minute heat times, as approved by WSL. The 96 Surfer minimum will apply.

34.07 For Women's QS Events:

(a) **QS 1000 - 3000 Events** must allow for minimum of 48 Surfers and use Format C.

(b) **QS 6000 - 10000 Events** must allow for a minimum of 60 Surfers using Format D and allow for a minimum of 3 days running time.

**Article 35: Trials & Other events at QS Events**

35.01 If an Event is permitted by WSL to run trials, a maximum of 4 positions are kept open in the main Event rated QS6000 or less for those triallists and a maximum of 2 positions are kept open in a QS10000 Event. The breakdown of these trialists must be at least

- 50% off the QS Rankings (with the ratio of current to prior year's QS Rankings applicable to this 50% to be determined by the Commissioner's Office) and 50% for the Licensing WSL Regional Office to select if excess entry numbers deem applicable. In addition, positions must be made available to the Event's WSL Region for up to the top six (6) junior Surfers (but at least the top Junior Surfer) from the Region. QS Ranking points will be provided to the Surfers competing in trials conducted pursuant to this Article.
- 35.02 If an Event is permitted by WSL to run a regional Surfer only trials then a maximum of 1 position is kept open and selection is up to the Licensing WSL Regional Office. QS Ranking points will not be provided to the Surfers competing in trials conducted pursuant to this Article.
- 35.03 Trials qualifications must be run prior to the licensed Event dates. *EXCEPTIONS* may be granted by making an official request to WSL to run any aspect of the Trials event within the Event Window.
- 35.04 Any QS 10000 events holding other categories or trials to decide qualifiers for a 96 Event format must hold these prior to the allocated minimum days required for the relevant Event. Only Women's heats and Junior and/or Longboard finals can be held during the last 7 days of competition. *EXCEPTION:* Written application to WSL can be made for an exception to this Rule if constraints are imposed by local authorities.
- 35.05 The WSL Rulebook must be followed in trial heats. *EXCEPTION:* Exceptions will apply only after WSL approval.
- 35.06 In the trials a full WSL qualified judging panel, if available, is to be used as in the main Event. Where these Judges are unavailable due to other Event commitments or in transit to the Event, their replacements must be WSL recognised Judges. All Judges are to receive full benefits as per WSL requirements.
- 35.07 Trialists are those Surfers whose current seeding status fall outside of the seeded Surfers allowed for the proposed size of the QS Event in Article 34.06 (a) through (c).
- 35.08 If a Surfer misses their heat during Trials (without an acceptable excuse [Refer to Articles such as 49 and 51]), a replacement Surfer can only be an alternate for the remainder of the Trials and not for the associated main Event.
- 35.09 Any Surfer who is eliminated from a trials will retain their original position on the Alternate list.
- 35.10 Should any Event sponsor wish to run extra events and/or surf related activities inside the Event Window like expression sessions, celebrity heats etc they must have WSL Commissioner's Office approval. Applications must be lodged at least 60 days prior to the Event Window.

**Article 36: Rankings Points**

- 36.01 QS Points will be allocated as per the point schedules shown in Appendix B.
- 36.02 For all ties on year-end QS Rankings, they will be broken by referring to the Surfers results from their best counting Events from the QS Rankings [Refer to Article 37] and considering each other Event if still tied until the final single counting Event is considered. If Surfers are still tied, the final rankings will show them as equal but



- 36.03 for seeding purposes the prior year rankings will decide the tiebreak.  
Regional Rankings  
Regional Rankings will be calculated during the current Surfing Season based on the QS1000 point breakdown in Appendix B. At the end of each Surfing Season, the Regional Ranking will be calculated depending on the QS Events that are determined by the Commissioner's Office to apply within each Region. The Surfer who obtains the most Regional Ranking points will be Regional Champion for the following Surfing Season. Where there are less than three (3) QS Events (that count towards the Regional Ranking) in a Region, the Surfer will be guaranteed entry (provided they enter the relevant Event in accordance with this Rulebook) into all QS1000 to QS6000 Events for the following Surfing Season. Where there are more than four (4) QS Events (that count towards the Regional Ranking) in a Region, the Surfer will be guaranteed entry (provided they enter the relevant Event in accordance with this Rulebook) into all QS1000 to QS6000 Events for the following Surfing Season and all QS10000 Events up and until the Mid-Season Date of the following Surfing Season.

**Article 37: Events Counting Towards Qualification**

- 37.01 Men:  
(a) Subject to (b) below, the best 5 of the total number of all QS Events (maximum of four Events per COUNTRY in QS 10000 Events can be counted) will be used to determine the QS Ranking for each Surfer in the men's Events.  
(b) If there are nine or more QS 10000 Events, then the number of counting results will be set by the Commissioner's Office.
- 37.02 Women: The number of QS counting towards the final QS rankings depends on the number of QS 6000 and QS 10000 Events held as outlined below:  
(a) If there are up to five QS 10000 Events total in the Surfing Season then the lowest of those results will not count;  
(b) If there are six to eight QS 10000 Events then only the best 5 of all QS Event results will count.  
(c) If there are nine or more QS 10000 Events, then the number of counting results will be set by the Commissioner's Office.

**Article 38: Injury Ranking Compensation**

- 38.01 In order to receive consideration for a QS Event injury or pregnancy, WSL must receive an application, acceptable medical certification and have evidence that the Surfer missed more than 50% of the combined number of QS 10000 for women and men.
- 38.02 To be considered for an exemption the Surfer must have a QS ranking in the top 150 for men at the time of their injury and top 50 for women at the end of the previous or current Surfing Season. If granted an exemption the Surfers' final ranking will be their QS Ranking plus 22 for men and plus 10 for women.
- 38.03 A Surfer may also apply for mid-year injury ranking compensation where they have been injured in that year and have medical certification that they have not been able to compete until after the Mid-Season Date and until such time the successful applicant either better their previous year's ranking or they compete in the

minimum number of Events counting towards their year-end QS Ranking [Refer to Article 37]. If successful in this situation, the Surfer will receive their seeding from the beginning of the year and not their ranking as calculated in Article 38.02 above.

38.04 The WSL Commissioner's Office may grant other exemptions where extreme circumstances have resulted in the time limit being exceeded.

38.05 The WSL Medical Coordinator shall have absolute discretion when assessing a Surfer's health and the validity of a medical certificate.

**Article 39: Qualification Series Fees**

39.01 International Events

(a) Anyone who intends to compete in any WSL Event outside of their country must pay the international Surfers fee and insurance premium as secured by WSL for that year. Please note European Surfers are covered by their own insurance in EEC countries only.

(b) Surfers can only enter Events outside of their Region if they are 18 years of age or older.

*EXCEPTION:* Where an application is made to the WSL to consider personal and educational facets of the Surfer, a waiver may be provided. Surfers who are 13 years or younger will not be provided a waiver to compete in WSL Events outside of their Region.

(c) All non-CT QS 10000 Event Membership Fees will be as per WSL online entry system.

(d) All non-CT women's QS Membership Fees will be as per WSL online entry system.

(e) The fees above must be paid via the on line entry automated system by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the tour year to receive ranking points and seeding benefits, or if competing in an Event prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>, fees must be paid prior to the Event.

(f) No additional fee is required for a Surfer to enter in any regional series if the Surfer has paid the relevant membership fees in full.

(g) All Surfers with a prior years ranking who fail to sign up as a Surfer Member by January 31st will lose all seeding rights and be seeded on a first come first served basis no matter what ranking they had the previous year.

39.02 Regional Events

(a) In all WSL Regions a regional Surfer fee is applicable for those wishing to compete in their own Region only. These fees are set by the applicable Regional Offices.

(b) In QS 1000-6000 Events regional Surfers can pay a regional Surfer fee set by the Regional Office as described in Article 39.02(a). They will be allocated prior year's seeding rights.

(c) Entry into Men's QS 10000 Events requires payment of international Surfer fees applicable to International Events.

*EXCEPTION:* When Surfers who have paid regional Surfer fees only are permitted enter into QS 10000 Events (ie: at Events that are not full). These Surfers will be allocated rankings points and previous year seeding rights for any Events competed in.

(d) Any Surfers that make it into any QS Event prize money round must pay the difference between the regional or one-off and

international Surfer fee as described in Article 39.01. This difference in fee, if not paid upfront, will be subtracted from the prizemoney earned.

- 39.03 Any Surfer who competes without paying their Surfer fee or insurance where applicable will not receive points for that Event and lose all previous seeding rights.
- 39.04 CT Surfers pay the applicable entry fee into all WSL QS Events but will not pay any QS Surfer fees.
- 39.05 Life Members or former CT World Champions do not pay any QS Surfer fees but must pay applicable entry and insurance fees.
- 39.06 There is no difference between amateur and professionals when entering WSL Events.
- 39.07 Amateurs may receive points, prize money and seeding status as if professional Surfers. Their names will appear on the WSL Rankings and they will not be denoted as an amateur. Any local rules or laws that are relevant to the status of an amateur will apply in this situation.
- 39.08 Amateurs who turn professional during the year will not lose previously gained points.

**Article 40: Entry Fees**

- 40.01 Men's 1000-6000: US\$200 maximum, plus tax if applicable.
- 40.02 Men's QS 10000: US\$325 maximum, plus tax if applicable.
- 40.03 Women's QS: US\$100 maximum, plus tax if applicable.
- 40.04 Trials Events: US\$150 maximum, plus tax if applicable. The difference in fees in Articles 40.01 to 40.04 will apply for triallists advancing to the main Event.
- 40.05 Currency exchange rate for entry fees is set at same rate as prize money payment if less than published amounts where WSL has approved such variations.

**Article 41: Entry Procedure**

- 41.01 All entries for all Events must be done online unless there are extenuating circumstances that does not allow for the Surfer to do so, in which case the Surfer should contact WSL immediately.
- 41.02 All online entries and payments must be made by 5pm USA Pacific Coast time on the Event Closing Date to maintain seeding rights.
- 41.03 If an Entry Fee payment is declined, the Surfer will be sent an email notification and given 7 days to rectify the problem. After 7 days if no payment is received, the Surfer will be removed from the entry and seed list for the Event. If the Surfer subsequently re-enters the event they are placed at the bottom of the seed list as any other new entries would be at the time of successful entry to the Event.
- 41.04 Where a Surfer enters multiple Events whose Event Windows overlap, the Surfer will be entered into the higher rated Event. If the Events have the same rating, the Surfer will be contacted as soon as possible and the Surfer will have 7 days to respond with a choice of Event to enter. Should they not respond within 7 days, only the entry for the Event that they entered first as indicated by the online entry system will be confirmed.
- 41.05 Entry payments received after the closing date prior to the Event Start Date will be treated on first come first served basis until the

- Event is full.
- 41.06 Event organisers cannot accept any entries and must refer the Surfers to the online entry system.
- 41.07 Beach entries must be made with the WSL Regional Representative at the Event Site and placed on the alternate list [Refer to Article 48].
- 41.08 No CT seed can put in an entry for seeding in a QS Event being held during any CT Event dates.  
*EXCEPTION:* Applies if the Surfer has been eliminated early enough from a CT Event, they may place a beach entry in a QS Event if available.

**Article 42: Entry Confirmations**

- 42.01 At the closing date of an Event, the accepted Surfers will be informed and their credit cards charged automatically via the online Entry system. Unaccepted entries due to Events being full will not be charged and will be kept on an alternate list.
- 42.02 Surfers who are placed on the alternate list and who are moved into the Event for any reason will have their credit card charged at that time. If the Surfer wishes to be removed from the alternate list, the Surfer must notify WSL prior to the Event Start Date. Once a Surfer has been entered into the Event and they are charged the Entry Fee, refunds are not available once the amount has been charged.
- 42.03 Once entry has been confirmed, every Surfer must attend any required pre-Event safety briefing or to collect credentials for the Event.

**Article 43: Entry Cancellation, Refunds and Medical Certificates**

- 43.01 Subject to Article 43.02, Entry Fees will be forfeited from the relevant Event's closing date.
- 43.02 If an injury notification is delivered in writing to the relevant WSL Regional Office prior to 7 days before the relevant Event Start Date and a medical certificate can be produced that complies with Article 43.04, the Surfer will receive a refund less a \$50 administration fee.
- 43.03 All cancellations of Event entries must be in writing by email to [cancellations@worldsurfleague.com](mailto:cancellations@worldsurfleague.com) detailing the name of the event, the reason for cancellation and your details.
- 43.04 If a cancellation is made by a CT Surfer in any QS 10000 event or Women's QS 10000 Events, the WSL Commissioner's office has the right to replace them with another CT Surfer if available even though that Surfer may not have entered the event by the closing date.
- 43.05 Medical certificates must be dated and produced no later than 48 hours after the respective cancellation or injury notification referred to in Article 43.02.  
*EXCEPTION:* Where the Surfer cannot see their choice of a medical professional in which case the WSL Tour Manager will make the decision on whether the evidence provided is adequate.

**Article 44: Selection of Entries**

- 44.01 Selection of Entries for QS Events will be allocated using the following selection procedure (provided the Surfer has entered the Event properly):

- (a) CT Surfers, previous year non-qualifying CT Surfers, WJC seeds [Refer to Article 82], and then the defending champion.
  - (b) Wildcards will be as follows:
    - (i) For QS 10000 Men's Events, the 6 wildcards comprise of 2 nominated by Event licensee and 2 nominated by WSL Licensing Regional Office and 2 nominated by WSL Commissioner's Office.
    - (ii) For QS 10000 Women's Events, the 4 wildcards comprise of 2 nominated by Event licensee and 1 nominated by WSL Licensing Regional Office and 1 nominated by WSL Commissioner's Office.
    - (iii) For all Men's QS 6000 Events and below, the 6 wildcards comprise of 2 nominated by Event licensee and 4 nominated by WSL Licensing Regional Office in consultation with the WSL Commissioner's Office.
    - (iv) For all Women's QS 6000 Events and below, the 3 wildcards comprise of 2 nominated by Event licensee and 1 nominated by WSL Licensing Regional Office in consultation with the WSL Commissioner's Office.
  - (c) QS Surfers based on the prior year final QS Rankings for Events whose entries close before the Mid-Season Date (August 3 for Men and June 22 for Women in 2015). For Events whose entries close after this date, the current year's WSL QS Rankings will be used except for the next 10 for men/next 5 for women on the prior year's final QS Rankings (who have not qualified to the current year's CT) will all be guaranteed entry into any QS Event of the current year provided the Surfer has competed in all QS10000 Events of the Surfing Season.  
*EXCEPTION:* Commissioner's Office can determine any exceptions to this Rule.
  - (d) A maximum of one CT World Champion from the past 15 years. An WSL World Champion from the Licensing Region will have priority and then the most recent CT World Champion.
  - (e) Alternates whose entries are received before the Event Closing Date are placed in order of QS Rankings as of the Event Closing Date, and if the Surfer has no QS Ranking, they will be prioritised by their date of entry.
  - (f) Alternates whose entries are received after the Event Closing Date are prioritised by their date of entry. These entries will be placed on the bottom of the alternate list in order and the Surfer loses all seeding rights.
- 44.02 For Hawaiian QS Events and due to local restrictions, Event details cannot be confirmed until such time that the correct permits are secured and the number of days are confirmed. Therefore, the following will apply:
- (a) Events that are scheduled to run for three (3) days will use the 96 or 112-person format.
  - (b) Entry selection for a QS 10000 Event will be as in Article 44.01;
  - (c) Entry selection for QS Events using the 96-man format will be as follows:
    - (i) 16 local Hawaiian Surfers; and
    - (ii) Order from Article 44.01 will apply.
  - (d) A four (4) day Event will use the 128 format.

- (e) Events that use formats greater than a 96-man format will use the selection requirement as determined by WSL.
- 44.03 Four (4) spots will be held in the Round of 96 in all QS 6000 Events for male Surfers who may lose in overlapping CT early to attend. The Surfer must notify the relevant WSL Tour Manager for the QS Event in writing before the relevant CT Event Start Date. Should there be more than one (1) request in accordance with this Rule, the Surfers will be ordered in order of their CT seeding.
- 44.04 Where applicable, Surfers with full membership will have priority regarding entry to Events over Surfers with a regional membership, who will have priority over surfers with a one-off membership.

**Article 45: QS Surfer Seed Points**

QS Surfer Seed Points are based on a combination of the prior year's final QS Ranking points and the current QS Ranking points earned until the Mid-Season Date as determined by WSL. From the Mid-Season Date onwards, the current QS Ranking points will be the QS Surfer Seed Points.

**Article 46: QS Seed Order**

- 46.01 Selected Entries for an Event are seeded in the following order:
  - (a) CT Surfers based on current CT Seed points;
  - (b) Remaining Surfers based on QS Seed Points;
  - (c) WJC Seeds without QS Seed Points;
  - (d) Former CT World Champions; and
  - (e) Any Surfer without QS Seed Points selected by date of entry.
- 46.02 In QS 10000 Events in Hawaii, seeding for Surfers will be as follows:
  - (a) For the round of 64, the top 22 of the CT Rankings at the time, who can be replaced by 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> on the CT Rankings if not all of the top 22 CT Surfers enter the Event;
  - (b) Top 6 QS ranked surfers;
  - (c) Four (4) Wildcards;
  - (d) All remaining CT Surfers who have entered the Event will be seeded into the round of 96 and the balance provided to QS Rankings. The two (2) WSL Wildcards can be moved to earlier rounds than the round of 64 if deemed appropriate in the WSL Commissioner's discretion.

**Article 47: Defending Champions at Events**

- 47.01 Defending champions of an Event in the immediate Surfing Season following the same Event that they won will be considered for an Event Wildcard. If not received, they must be placed into the trials (if trials are run).  
*EXCEPTION:* If the Event was cancelled due to Force Majeure, this Rule will apply to the next year's event only, if it runs. If the event does not run for 2 consecutive years, for any reason, this Rule will not apply.
- 47.02 Defending champions referred to in Article 47.01 must enter the relevant event in accordance with Article 41 should they wish to take advantage of the benefits offered by this Article.

**Article 48: Replacements**

- 48.01 Seeded Surfers, who have not yet competed and intend not to

compete are to be replaced firstly by the highest seeded Surfer in the previous round, who has not yet competed, then by Replacements if available. If none available, the heat will be surfed with those present.

- 48.02 In the case of no shows in all heats, reseeding will not occur and the following replacement policy is to be used.
- (a) If available, a Replacement will be substituted for any no-show in all heats of any round where there are seeded positions allocated at the 5 minute mark of the heat prior, or if no heat immediately prior 5 minutes before the Surfer's heat starts.
  - (b) A previously advancing Surfer cannot be replaced.
- 48.03 Any Surfer once eliminated from the main Event cannot re-enter the Event for any reason. This does not include anyone who competed in a trials.
- 48.04 Once the event draw has been confirmed, replacements will be based on the current QS Event's Seed Order.

**Article 49: Failure to Compete**

- 49.01 After the start of the Event, if a seeded Surfer does not show by the end of their first heat, their points and prize money (if applicable) are forfeit. Prize money is to be paid to the WSL Regional Office.
- 49.02 All no-shows alternates who fail to check in when called will be placed at the bottom of the alternate list once they finally check in.
- 49.03 Where Surfers have been delayed due to circumstances out of their control, the WSL Tour Manager may place them at the top of the alternate list in their seed order if more than one Surfer is involved.
- 49.04 Entry fees are not refundable if a Surfer misses their heat.
- 49.05 If any Surfer decides not to surf for any reason other than serious injury which would require acceptable medical certification [refer to Article 43] or has a legitimate concern for their safety (and has stated the same in writing) then that Surfer will not receive any points or prize money for that Event.
- 49.06 If a Surfer is injured and intends to check in for their heat but not surf, they may receive points for that place and can be replaced by the next eligible Surfer.

**Article 50: Pregnancy**

From when a Surfer is pregnant and until their return to Surfer after the birth of the child, the pregnant Surfer must provide written notice of her intention to either compete or not compete in each QS Event. This notice is to be provided 30 days prior to the Event Start Date to WSL via the WSL Women's Tour Manager. If the Surfer confirms they will compete and then decide not to closer to the Event, they will forego prize money for the Event but be granted rankings points equivalent to the Surfer's seeding. In any circumstance, WSL strongly encourages that the pregnant Surfer strictly comply with any medical advice they have received and may be requested to disclose such medical advice to the WSL at any time. Details of the pregnancy and any medical advice disclosed will be held in absolute confidence by WSL.

*NOTE:* This Article has been implemented to illustrate WSL's intention to further the purpose of achieving substantive equality in WSL Events.

**Article 51: Non-Attendance in Events Entered**

- 51.01 Where a confirmation and payment is received and the Surfer does not show up and has an inadequate excuse (as determined by the WSL Tour Manager), the Surfer will incur applicable fines which may include the loss of seeding rights for a future Event they compete in as determined by the WSL Discipline Director.
- 51.02 In the case of multiple no-shows, the loss of seeding rights shall be increased by one Event for each no-show.
- 51.03 Consideration may be provided if a Surfer was physically unable, due to an accident or compassionate reasons due to family trauma, to get to a computer or telephone and notify WSL of their non-attendance. Other Surfers cannot inform the Event on someone's behalf. In these circumstances, the Surfer is to notify the WSL Tour Manager as soon as is practicable.

**Article 52: Media Obligations by Surfers**

- 52.01 If requested to attend, the press conference for the Event is compulsory for all Surfers.
- 52.02 All finalists must attend the on-site presentation immediately after the final of the Event is held.

**Article 53: General Rules for WSL Events**

- 53.01 Any Event offering appearance incentives must contact WSL for approval.
- 53.02 All WSL Events must use the official WSL computer scoring system as prescribed by the WSL. Should the WSL computer scoring system not be used (when approved by WSL), the results and scores must be provided to WSL in the format requested by WSL.
- 53.03 All WSL QS 10000 Events must have available and use the WSL video replay system.
- 53.04 Events must ensure that at every QS 10000 Events there is a dedicated Surfing Director.
- 53.05 The Surfing Director of each Event must be approved by WSL. The WSL Commissioner's Office must be notified of the Surfing Director for QS 10000 Events.
- 53.06 Enclosed Officials Areas
  - (a) No alcohol is to be consumed in the Surfers' area or outside of the designated VIP bar area during the running of heats.
  - (b) Events must ensure that the Event Site must kept smoke free.
- 53.07 In all QS 10000 Events, eliminated Surfers from the main Event are to be provided with security passes and allowed to access to the Surfers' area for the duration of the Event.
- 53.08 Modifications to Article or this Rulebook can happen at any time with the review and approval of the authority of the WSL Commissioner.



### **CHAPTER 3: SPECIALTY EVENT RULES**

#### **Article 54: Applicable Rules**

International or Regional Events must conform to all rules in the WSL Rulebook unless WSL provides specific waivers to the WSL Rulebook.

#### **Article 55: Licensing**

- 55.01 A specific licence agreement with WSL is required to conduct "Specialty" Events.
- 55.02 License Fees for a Specialty Event will be confirmed in the respective specialty Event license agreement provided by WSL.
- 55.03 WSL will have absolute discretion to license any Specialty Event in any Surfing Season.
- 55.04 Prospective events must negotiate with the WSL Commissioners Office for an appropriate Event Window, prize money, potential appearance of CT Surfers, and any other factors considered relevant by WSL.

#### **Article 56: Specialty Event Scheduling**

Specialty Events cannot run during the Event Window of an CT Event unless approved by the WSL.

#### **Article 57: Surfer Appearance**

Event licensees will need to obtain permission from each individual surfer they wish to compete in the Event once WSL has granted them a licence to conduct the same.

## **CHAPTER 4: LONGBOARD RULES**

### **Article 58: Licensing**

For a Long board Event to receive licensing from WSL:

- 58.01 The Event must be approved by WSL as an International or Regional Event in accordance with this Rulebook and provide all relevant information as requested by WSL; and
- 58.02 The Event must have minimum prize money and a licence fee will be payable as set by WSL..

### **Article 59: Prize Money**

- 59.01 Regional Events on the Longboard Qualification Series (LQS) prizemoney minimums will be set by the WSL Regional Office in consultation with the WSL Commissioner's Office.
- 59.02 Men's and Women's WSL World Longboard Tour (WLT) Events will have US\$50,000 minimum prize money.

### **Article 60: Scheduling**

- 60.01 WLT Events may run a maximum of 10 days.
- 60.02 LQS Events will have the number of days set by the WSL Regional Office.

### **Article 61: Rankings Points**

The following Men's and Women's Rankings Points for Longboard Events will be allocated pursuant to Appendix B:

- LQS 1000 = points of QS 3000
- LQS 1500 = points of QS 6000

### **Article 62: Qualification for the Following Year's WLT**

- 62.01 The below will qualify for the following year Men's WLT:
  - (a) the top 18 from the current year's WLT final rankings;
  - (b) 2 from each of the 7 WSL Regional Offices as approved by the WSL Commissioner's Office; and
  - (c) 4 wildcards as selected by the WSL.
- 62.02 The below will qualify the following women's WLT:
  - (a) the top 16 from the previous year's WLT final rankings;
  - (b) 1 from each of the 7 WSL Regional Offices as approved by the WSL Commissioner's Office; and
  - (c) 1 wildcards as selected by the WSL.
- 62.03 All of a Surfer's WLT results will count towards a Surfers final ranking at the end of each Surfing Season.
- 62.04 In the case where a tie exists in the year-end WLT rankings, the Surfer with the best average heat score from the final WLT Event of the year will take the highest spot on the relevant WLT available to those tied Surfers.

### **Article 63: Event Formats**

- 63.01 For LQS Events formats will be dependent on number of entries and approved by WSL.
- 63.02 Men's WLT Events will follow the Men's CT event format.
- 63.03 Women's WLT Events will follow the 24-person event format.

### **Article 64: Entry Rules**

The Entry rules described in Articles 41-43 will apply to all LQS Events.

**Article 65: Surfers Fee and Insurance**

Any Surfer who intends to compete in any WSL Event outside of their country must pay the international Surfers fee and insurance premium as secured by WSL for that year. Please note European Surfers are covered by their own insurance in EEC countries only.

**Article 66: Seeding**

- 66.01 WLT seeding will be per their WLT ranking from prior years. Any remaining unranked Surfers will be seeded randomly.  
LQS Events are open with 16 seeds in the final 32 round consisting of the Top 14 from the prior years regional LQS Rankings and 2 Event selected wild cards. All other rounds will have 32 Surfers with 16 seeds per round based on last years' rankings.
- 66.02 Positions are to be reserved for Internationals as follows from each Region: In a 32 format - 1, 48 format - 2, 96 format - 3 and up to a minimum of 6 for 128 format Events and above. All Surfers that have entered under this Article and are from other regions will be placed into the first round.
- 66.03 All unused WLT seeds go to the next in line from the previous years WLT final rankings.

**Article 67: LQS Ranking**

The LQS Rankings of a Region can only be of current Surfers registered with that Region.

**Article 68: Board Requirements**

- 68.01 Length is minimum 9 feet measured from the nose to tail on the deck of the surfboard. Width dimensions to total minimum 47 inches aggregate. This 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.
- 68.02 Traditional long board Malibu shape to be used with use of multiple fins allowed.

**Article 69: Judging Criteria for Longboard**

The Surfer must perform controlled manoeuvres in the critical section of the wave utilizing the entire board and wave using traditional longboard surfing. The Surfer who performs this to the highest degree of difficulty with the most style, flow and grace will receive the highest score for a Ride.

Further to that above, the following are key elements for Judges to consider:

- Nose riding and rail surfing
- Critical section of wave
- Variety
- Speed and power
- Commitment
- Control
- Foot work

*NOTE:* It's important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

*NOTE:* The following scale may be used to describe a Ride that is scored:

0–1.9 = Poor; 2.0–3.9 = Fair; 4.0–5.9 = Average;

6.0–7.9 = Good; 8.0–10.0 = Excellent.

**Article 70: Injury Ranking Compensation**

Any application for Injury Compensation should be made in writing to the Commissioner's Office. The Commissioner's Office will determine the correct action to be taken.

**Article 71: Missing Heats / Non-Attendance / Failure to Compete**

For WLT Events, refer to Chapter 1. For LQS Events, refer to Chapter 2.

**Article 72: Media Obligations**

For all WLT or LQS Events, the winner must perform up to 60 minutes of various media obligations on behalf of WSL. Any other Surfers of a WLT or LQS Event will cooperate and participate in reasonable media associated based requests by WSL.

## CHAPTER 5: JUNIOR TOUR RULES

### Article 73: Licensing

An WSL Event license agreement must be executed for every WSL Junior Event.

### Article 74: Age

In order for a Surfer to compete in a Junior Event they must be maximum 19 years old as of December 31st of the prior year to the tour. (i.e. they cannot turn 21 during the tour year).

### Article 75: Surfers Fee and Insurance

Any Surfer who intends to compete in any WSL Event outside of their country must pay the international Surfers fee and insurance premium as secured by WSL for that year. Please note European Surfers are covered by their own insurance in EEC countries only.

### Article 76: Entry Rules

The Entry rules described in Articles 41-43 will apply to all JQS Events.

## WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

### Article 77: World Junior Championship Prizemoney breakdown

World Junior Championship Event			
Men - \$100,000		Women - \$40,000	
Place	\$\$	Place	\$\$
1 <sup>st</sup>	25,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	14,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2,400
5 <sup>th</sup>	2,250	5 <sup>th</sup>	1,500
9 <sup>th</sup>	1550	9 <sup>th</sup>	1,200
17 <sup>th</sup>	1200	13 <sup>th</sup>	900
33 <sup>rd</sup>	900		

### Article 78: World Junior Ranking

The results for the one-off World Junior Championship Event will determine the World Junior Rankings for that Surfing Season.

### Article 79: Scheduling

- 79.01 Any WJC Event will not fall on the same dates as any QS 6000-rated Event or above.
- 79.02 All Events (including WJC Events) are subject to the approval of the Commissioner's Office.

### Article 80: World Junior Championship following year's Qualification

Rankings described in this Article will be as they stand 30 days prior to the WJC Event Start Date.

- 80.01 The below will qualify for the following year men's WJC:
- (a) 6 from each of the 7 WSL Regional Offices made up of:
    - (i) 2 highest ranked QS Surfer; and
    - (ii) 4 highest ranked JQS Surfer.

- (b) 6 wildcards as selected by the WSL.
- 80.02 The below will qualify the following women's WJC:
- (a) 2 from each of the 7 WSL Regional Offices (at least one from the JQS in that Region); and
  - (b) 4 wildcards as selected by the WSL.

**Article 81: WJC Seed Order**

- Surfers will be seeded into World Junior Championship (WJC) as follows:
- (a) Any current CT Surfer who qualify for the WJC based on their current CT seeding;
  - (b) Top four (4) from the previous year's World Junior Championship ranking;
  - (d) The latest QS Ranking;
  - (e) Each of the seven (7) WSL Region champions; and
  - (f) Surfers from the QS Ranking will fill the remaining seed places in the Event.

**Article 82: Qualification into QS Events for the following year**

Subject to QS seeding:

- 82.01 (a) The top 4 Surfers in the Men's WJC will be seeded into all QS Events.
- (b) Surfers ranked in the top 5-8 in the Men's WJC will be seeded into the first round of all QS Events entered and replace any of the Top 4 Surfers in QS 10000 Events that are already seeded due to their CT or QS seeding. These Surfers are decided in order from their average heat scores from the WJC Event.
- (c) The above will only apply until the Mid-Season Date when current QS Rankings will decide each Surfer's seeding except for the prior year's World Junior champion, who is guaranteed to be seeded in each QS Event for the Surfing Season.
- 82.02 (a) The top 4 Surfers in the Women's WJC will be seeded into the round of 60 for QS 10000 Events and first seeded round of any other QS Events.
- (b) The top 2 Surfers in the Women's WJC will be seeded into all QS Events.
- (c) Surfers ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> in the women's WJC will be seeded into the first round of all QS Events entered and replace any of the Top 2 Surfers in QS 10000 Events that are already seeded due to their CT or QS seeding. These Surfers are decided in order from their average heat scores from the WJC Event.
- 82.03 If there a reference to a surfer's result from these events for seeding purposes required in the future from these events, and the surfer has an equal result to another surfer in this event (e.g. equal 3rd), their result will be broken by referring to their average heat score from that Event.

**JUNIOR QUALIFICATION SERIES (JQS)**

**Article 83: JQS Events Prize Money and Points**

Regional Events on the Junior Qualification Series prizemoney minimums will be set by the WSL Regional Office in consultation with the WSL Commissioner's Office.

**Article 84: JQS Rankings Points**

The following Men's and Women's Rankings Points for Junior Qualification Series Events will be allocated pursuant to Appendix B:

JQS 1000 = points of QS 3000

JQS 1500 = points of QS 6000

**Article 85: Selection of Entries**

Selection of Entries for QS Events will be allocated using the following selection procedure:

- (a) 2 wildcards, 1 to WSL and 1 to the Event licensee;
- (b) Top 4 from WJC results of the previous year who will first fill their respective allocations described in (c) (if they enter in accordance with this Rulebook);
- (c) Positions reserved for international Surfers as follows from each Region: In a 32 format or smaller - 1, 48 format - 2, 96 format - 3 up to a minimum of 6 for 128 format Events and above. Surfers will be selected in their JQS Ranking order.
- (d) All remaining entries will be provided to WSL Regional Surfers in order of their JQS Ranking in the previous year.
- (e) Any vacancies will be filled by order of time of entry.

**Article 86: JQS Seed Order**

Seeding for the JQS Events will be in the following order:

- (a) Top 4 Surfers from the previous WJC if they enter in accordance with this Rulebook (any format under a 32-surfer format will be top 2 Surfers);
- (b) Regional Surfers from the prior year's JQS Rankings;
- (c) Regional Surfers without a JQS Ranking by their entry order;
- (d) International Surfers using WJC results firstly and their JQS Ranking if needed.

**Article 87: JQS Ranking**

The JQS Rankings of a Region can only be of current Surfers registered with that Region.

## **CHAPTER 6: MASTERS TOUR RULES**

### **Article 88: Age**

In order for a Surfer to compete they must be within the applicable age groups allowing them to be seeded in accordance with Article 90 below as of the Event Start Date.

### **Article 89: Prize Money**

One-off Men's or Women's World Championship must have minimum prize money as set by WSL Commissioner's Office.

### **Article 90: Selection of Invitees**

90.01 Selection of Invitees for Masters World Championship for will be allocated using the following selection procedure:

(a) For the 40-49 year division:

(i) 23 Surfers for the men and 11 for the women as selected from the IPS/WSL rankings and pre-1976 selected Event results selected with the absolute discretion of WSL; and

(ii) 1 WSL wildcard.

(b) For the 50+ year division:

(i) 15 Surfers for the men and 7 for the women as selected from the IPS/WSL rankings and pre-1976 selected Event results selected with the absolute discretion of WSL; and

(ii) 1 WSL wildcard.

90.02 A defending champion (Event must have been run in the prior 2 years), must be provided a spot in the Event in the same category..

### **Article 91: Seed Order**

Seeding for the Masters Events will be in the following order:

(a) Invites based on Masters seed points; and

(b) WSL Wildcards.

### **Article 92: Format**

The format will be a round robin (number of rounds to be decided due to site of Event) with the two age-divisions' top 8 for men and 4 for women competing after the round robin in a final's format until a 2-Surfer final is decided and the winners are declared champion of their respective division.

### **Article 93: Scheduling**

A Masters Event can be held at any time during the year but dates will be at the absolute discretion of WSL as CT Events may be given priority for particular dates during the year.

### **Article 94: Invitation of Surfers**

Surfers accepting an invitation from WSL to enter a Masters Event must complete all necessary forms and formalities as requested by WSL before competing.

### **Article 95: Events Counting towards Qualification**

All of a Surfer's Masters tour results will be counted towards a Surfers' ranking at the end of each Surfing Season.



## **CHAPTER 7: BIG WAVE TOUR (BWT)**

### **Article 96: Application of this Chapter**

This Chapter applies to all BWT Events and BWT Surfers (even if they compete in any other WSL Tour) and Support Staff unless specifically referred to otherwise. Rules within Chapters 8 – 11 may apply provided there is no conflict with the Articles within this Chapter, and the BWT Commissioner deems the relevant rule to apply in the case of conflict. Chapters 12 and 13 do apply to BWT Surfers.

### **Article 97: Prize Money**

- 97.01 Any Prize Money allocations per BWT Event will be determined prior to the Event start by the BWT Commissioner but will be in proportion to the breakdown in Appendix D.
- 97.02 WSL will facilitate all Prize Money payments direct to the Surfer's bank account, unless otherwise agreed.

### **Article 98: Scheduling**

- 98.01 The number of BWT Events per BWT Season decided by the BWT Commissioner's Office.
- 98.02 The BWT Season will run from 15 April to 28 February of the following year.
- 98.03 The WSL Schedule will be updated as soon as practicable relating to the status of BWT Events.

### **Article 99: BWT Event Trials**

BWT Event trials' formats, dates and details will be finalized during the lead in to a BWT Event running and will be at the approval of BWT Commissioner's Office in whatever format is deemed best for the particular event.

### **Article 100: WSL BWT Rankings Points**

- 100.01 Point breakdowns for all BWT Events are as shown in Appendix D. Such points are gathered throughout the BWT Season and will contribute to the Surfers' ranking and seeding benefits throughout the BWT Season.
- 100.02 In the event of a tie for the BWT world title at the end of the BWT Season, the tied Surfers will have a "surf-off" during the final Event or other such nominated time, with a format or other method to be determined by the BWT Commissioner.
- 100.03 All ties on year-end BWT rankings will appear as tied in that position for ranking purposes. For seeding purposes, the tie will be broken by considering each Surfers prior year original seeding position, and if there is none, by results of the most recent BWT Event, and if tied then, the next most recent and so on until the tie is broken.
- 100.04 BWT Wildcards, BWT Event Wildcards and BWT Replacements will receive BWT Ranking points at BWT Events.

### **Article 101: Formats**

- 101.01 BWT Events shall consist of 24 Surfers (top 10 BWT Surfers, eight (8) BWT Wildcards and six (6) BWT Event Wildcards) and the following format will be used:
  - (a) Round 1 is four (4) heats of six (6) Surfers with 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place

- progressing to Semi Finals. Places 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> are eliminated from the Event.
- (b) Semi Finals is two (2) heats of six (6) Surfers 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place progressing to the Final. Places 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> are eliminated from the Event.
  - (c) The Final is one (1) heat of six (6) Surfers.
- 101.02 The format described in Article 7.01 is the standard format for BWT Events. Any other format adopted for a BWT Event will be subject to approval by the Commissioner's Office.
- 101.03 Round 1 heats will not be moved out of the original running order regardless of the Surfer's circumstances.  
*EXCEPTION:* This exception applies when a group of Surfer's surfboards have not arrived due to limited travel time between Events. The Surfing Director, Surfer Representative and BWT Commissioner will decide on a case-by-case basis whether this exception applies.

**Article 102: Seed Allocation**

- 102.01 Base BWT Seed for BWT Surfers, BWT Wildcards, BWT Event Wildcards and all BWT Replacements will be determined by WSL prior to the first BWT Event at the start of each BWT Season.
- 102.02 A current BWT Seed will be the Surfer's Base BWT Seed plus the current Rankings Points earned in the BWT Events in that BWT Season.
- 102.03 A Surfer who has been selected to compete in a BWT Event as a BWT Wildcard are seeded in accordance with their ranking from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> for the relevant BWT Event.
- 102.04 A Surfer who has been selected to compete in a BWT Event as a BWT Event Wildcard will be seeded in accordance with their ranking from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> for the relevant BWT Event.
- 102.05 BWT Replacements will be seeded into the lowest seed placement (i.e. 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>) dedicated to their category (i.e. BWT, Wildcard, or Event Wildcard).

**Article 103: Replacement Lists**

- 103.01 There are three (3) replacement lists applicable to each BWT Event. The BWT Commissioner will advise the selected Surfers of what replacement list they are on and what position they hold on that list ("**BWT Replacement**"):
  - (a) BWT Replacement List;
  - (b) BWT Wildcard Replacement List; and
  - (c) BWT Event Replacement List.
- 103.02 If a Surfer that has qualified for a BWT Event decides to relinquish their seeded position in a BWT Event as a result of retirement [Refer to Article 25] or injury, they will be replaced in accordance with the following:
  - (a) BWT Surfers who have qualified as the top 10 to compete in each BWT Event of the BWT Season will be replaced by the Surfer in the highest position on the BWT Replacement List;
  - (b) BWT Wildcards will be replaced by the Surfer in the highest position on the BWT Wildcard Replacement List; and
  - (c) BWT Event Wildcards will be replaced by the Surfer in the highest position on the BWT Event Replacement List.

- 103.03 A BWT Replacement has 24 hours (or reasonable time depending on the Event) after the initial contact attempt by WSL to accept or reject the replacement offer and confirm they can attend to the satisfaction of the BWT Commissioner. If a Surfer withdraws within the Event Window and none of the BWT Replacements from their list are on-site BWT Replacements will be selected from other lists in Article 9.01.
- 103.04 A Surfer cannot check-in and not surf to collect prizemoney or BWT Ranking points.
- 103.05 Notwithstanding the above, a BWT Surfer who has a mathematical chance of winning the BWT world title will be offered the first position on the BWT Replacement List for any applicable BWT Event.
- 103.06 BWT Replacements in BWT Events must sign the relevant WSL Surfers Agreements, the relevant WSL Waiver, Release and Indemnity and the Medical Consent forms before competing in any BWT Event.

**Article 104: BWT Title Race**

The Surfer's results from each of the BWT Events throughout the BWT Season will be counted towards their standing on the BWT Title Race. Each Surfer begins from zero BWT Title Race points at the start of each BWT Season.

**Article 105: Qualification for next BWT Season**

- 105.01 The top 10 Surfers from the BWT rankings at the end of the current BWT Season will qualify for the next BWT Season.
- 105.02 In the case of a tie relating to Surfers ranked 10 in the year-end BWT Rankings, the BWT Wildcard position for each BWT Event will be provided to a tied Surfer and that Surfer will be seeded as per their ranking of 10<sup>th</sup> rather than being seeded in accordance with that BWT Wildcard position.

**Article 106: BWT Event Announcement**

The BWT Commissioner will announce a BWT Event as being "Green" 72 Hours out from a BWT Event start and will notify all relevant Surfers prior to that announcement.

**Article 107: BWT Rules**

- 107.01 All BWT Surfers must sign the WSL Surfers Agreement, the relevant WSL Waiver, Release and Indemnity and the Medical Consent forms prior to surfing in the first BWT Event of the year or by a date designated by WSL. If they do not sign these forms they cannot compete in a BWT Event.
- 107.02 All those that qualify for the BWT are required to compete in all of the BWT Events during the current BWT in accordance with the BWT Surfers Agreement, unless a valid exemption is provided by WSL in accordance with this Rulebook [Refer to Article 17] or the BWT Surfers Agreement.
- 107.03 WSL will hold a surfers orientation meeting prior to the first BWT Event of each BWT Season. This meeting together with any other called prior to a BWT Event (relating to logistics and safety) is

- compulsory for all Surfers who are requested to appear and who are competing in the relevant BWT Event (if applicable).
- 107.04 WSL will hold an awards night at the end of every BWT Season and the top 24 ranked BWT Surfers must attend unless a reason for non-attendance is accepted by WSL in their absolute discretion.

**Article 108: BWT Wildcards and BWT Event Wildcards**

- 108.01 For each BWT Event:
- (a) Eight (8) wildcards are selected by the BWT Commissioner for each BWT Season (**BWT Wildcards**). BWT Wildcards will receive BWT Ranking points for the BWT Events they compete in; and
  - (b) Six (6) local Surfers will be selected by the BWT Event Representative and approved by the BWT Commissioner (**BWT Event Wildcards**). BWT Event Wildcards will receive BWT Ranking points.
- 108.02 BWT Wildcards and BWT Event Wildcards must sign the relevant WSL Surfers Agreements, the relevant WSL Waiver, Release and Indemnity and the Medical Consent forms before competing in any BWT Event.

**Article 109: Amateur Surfers**

Amateurs may surf in WSL licensed BWT Events provided it is allowed under local amateur Rules but must pay the relevant entry fee for the Event. The amateur Surfer can collect prize money won in an Event but it is up to them to make sure that this prize money is dealt with in the correct manner so that their amateur status is kept should they wish to keep it. Amateurs can refuse the prize money and if so WSL will retain it and the amateur will be refunded their entry fee, if any fee was paid, in lieu of their prize money.

**Article 110: Non-Attendance in BWT Events**

- 110.01 BWT Surfers must attend all BWT Events, which they qualify for. Failure to do so may result in a disciplinary action described in Article 177, except as described in this Article 110. Replacements for these no-shows will be decided in accordance with Article 9.
- 110.02 The BWT Commissioner will consider extenuating circumstances including injury and an exception to Article 110.01.
- 110.03 A doctor's certificate must be sent notifying WSL as soon as possible of any injury should Article 110.02 apply. The WSL Medical Coordinator has the right to follow up and investigate all of these cases.
- 110.04 Even if a Surfer has provided an acceptable medical certificate, they will still not receive any BWT Ranking points and no prize money for Events they could not compete in.

**Article 111: BWT Event Postponement and Cancellation if Competition has commenced**

- The following will apply where WSL cancels an Event for reasons of Force Majeure or lack of competitive surf:
- (a) If a round is not completed, each Surfer will receive the points earned from previous round, or last placed points if cancelled during round 1.
  - (b) If round is completed, they get the points they earned from

that round.

**Article 112: Failure to Compete**

If an Event has been called "ON" and a Surfer has a legitimate concern for their safety, they must state in writing to WSL via BWT Commissioner their reasons for not competing to avoid discipline (if acceptable to WSL) and retain the right to Ranking points from that Event at the discretion of the BWT Commissioner.

**Article 113: BWT Surfer Insurance**

If a Surfer has not paid any applicable premium that applies to BWT Surfers insurance coverage, the premium will be deducted from any prizemoney earned.

**Article 114: Security Passes / Accessible Areas**

114.01 All BWT Surfers will be identified for security reasons by profile digital photos provided by WSL. This or the Surfers WSL Identification Card is the only form of identification that is required for them to enter any of the areas set-aside for Surfers only. In other areas that they are invited to enter they may be required to have the appropriate pass as supplied by WSL. Support Staff, BWT Wildcards, BWT Event Wildcards and Replacements may be requested to wear or carry some form of pass as supplied by WSL but should carry identification with them.

114.02 Each Surfer shall be provided guest passes for a member of their Support Staff provided the individual has signed the Support Staff Code of Conduct and as approved by WSL. This pass is for their use and no duplicates need to be provided if they are lost etc unless WSL wishes to do so. Surfers may also request 2 or more passes for family members at check-in, which will be provided at the discretion of WSL.

**Article 115: Surfer Retirement**

Article 25 will apply to how a BWT Surfer may advise their Retirement.

**Article 116: WSL Limitation of Liability**

WSL will not be held liable for any reliance (including financial or other commitments made to third parties) a Surfer places on notifications (written, verbal or otherwise) from a representative of WSL in relation to their qualification to or relegation from competing in a BWT Event, a BWT Replacement List or their position as either a BWT Wildcard or BWT Event Wildcard for a particular Event.

**Article 117: Judging Criteria**

Surfers must perform to the WSL judging key elements to maximize their scoring potential. Judges analyze the following major elements when scoring a Ride in a BWT Event:

- Commitment
- Degree of Difficulty
- Intensity and size of the wave for the Ride
- Control
- Manoeuvres

*NOTE:* It's important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

*NOTE:* The following scale may be used to describe a Ride that is scored:

0–1.9 = Poor; 2.0–3.9 = Fair; 4.0–5.9 = Average;

6.0–7.9 = Good; 8.0–10.0 = Excellent

**Article 118: BWT Wave Tabulation**

Heat tabulation for all BWT Events:

- (a) the high and low Judges' scores are eliminated for each wave.
- (b) the remaining Judges scores totaled then averaged score out of 10, to 2 decimal places.
- (c) At the end of the heat a Surfer's best score is doubled and added to the Surfer's second best score with the total being the Surfer's final heat score.

**Article 119: Ties**

Where heat scores are tied, the tie will be split by:

- (a) counting each Surfer's best counting wave score
- (b) In the event that the tie cannot be broken in this manner, the tie will be broken by the Surfer's ranking prior to the Event starting.

**Article 120: Specific Heat Rules for BWT**

120.01 Provided no more than two (2) Rides have taken place in a heat, the Head Judge may decide to extend a heat by 15 minutes to ensure the Surfers have the best opportunity to Ride waves during the heat.

120.02 In relation to Heat start, finish and communication of the same to Surfers, the Head Judge will determine what is fair for competition and effective in the circumstances (e.g. whether a horn is needed on a boat) for and during each BWT Event.

**Article 121: Interference Rules for BWT**

121.01 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 that Ride a majority of Judges determine that a Surfer has hindered the scoring potential of the Surfer deemed to have right of way for the wave.

121.02 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. These include excessive hassling, leash pulling or breaking down a section.

121.03 When interference is called on a Surfer in a BWT Event, the Surfer's second best wave score will be counted as a zero.

**Article 122: BWT Competition Area**

122.01 At all BWT Events, there will be a buoy in the Competition Area where spare Surfboards may be attached prior to the Event or when the Head Judge or BWT Commissioner permits.

122.02 Where a PWC picks up a Surfer (requested, for safety or otherwise), the Surfer will be dropped to a safe point in the Competition Area (as determined by Head Judge) and which provides no clear benefit to that Surfer when considering where they were picked up by the PWC.

## CHAPTER 8: COMPETITION RULES

### Article 123: Application of Competition Rules

The Articles in this Chapter are applicable to all Events unless specifically stated otherwise in this Chapter or a Rule directly conflicts with this Rulebook, in which case, the conflicting Rule in its respective Chapter will apply. For an explanation of any jargon, terms or phrases, refer to the Dictionary in Appendix E.

### Article 124: The "Call"

- 124.01 For CT Events and non-CT Events where the Commissioner of the relevant Tour is attending in their official capacity:
- (a) In relation to competition proceeding, the waves must be considered contestable in size and shape. The WSL Commissioner (or designated representative) will make the final decision (i.e. "The Call") in consultation with the Surfing Director, Head Judge and CT Surfer Representative(s).
  - (b) If conditions are deemed contestable for both Men and Women in accordance with Article 124(a) and both Men's and Women's Surfer Representative cannot agree as to whether the Men or Women will compete first, the WSL Commissioner (or designated representative) will make the final decision in consultation with the Surfing Director and Head Judge.
- 124.02 Where Article 124.01 does not apply:
- (a) In relation to competition proceeding, the waves must be considered contestable in size and shape in the opinion of the majority of the WSL Surfer Representative, WSL Head Judge and Surfing Director. This decision is to take place in a private area with only the three parties mentioned above involved. The Surfers Representative is to be determined by the remaining Surfers in the Event provided their heat is not the first heat to continue after the call. For a combined Event, the Surfing Director, Men's and Women's Surfer Representatives and Head Judge will meet to make the call.
  - (b) If conditions are deemed contestable for both Men and Women in accordance with Article 124.02(a) and both Men's and Women's Surfer Representative cannot agree as to whether the Men or Women will compete first, the Surfing Director will make the final decision in consultation with the Head Judge.

### Article 125: Heat Times

- 125.01 For heat times of all WSL Events, please refer to Article 34.06 and 34.07.
- 125.02 Variations to heat times in CT, QS Events may be allowed in cases where there may be insufficient time to finish an Event. WSL Commissioner's Office representative, Surfing Director and WSL Head Judge will decide this at the relevant time.
- 125.03 WSL timing devices and methods must be used at all WSL Events. The WSL Head Judge will officiate timing of all heats.
- 125.04 Under no circumstance will there be any time extensions once a heat has started. If a heat is interrupted for any reason it will be stopped by the WSL Head Judge and will be resumed with all Surfers in as near as possible the same position at the time it was



stopped and will run for the remainder of the originally set period. If in a priority situation whoever had priority when the heat was stopped retains priority.

*EXCEPTION* : If the WSL Head Judge at their absolute discretion determines no Surfer had a definite advantage at the time of cancellation or altered conditions make it impossible for the Judges to keep the same scale, the entire heat may be re-run.

- 125.05 If the 10 minute 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 will have absolute discretion in terms of restarting a heat taking into account all circumstances.
- 125.06 If the Beach Marshall tells Surfers in a heat the wrong heat time then the following shall occur:
- (a) 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.
  - (b) 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 Head Judge.
- 125.07 For non-CT Events, the Surfing Director is the only person who can give the exact schedule of Events, however information provided on the Event's official notice board by them or by the Beach Marshall will be considered official. If any other employee of the Event or WSL is asked, and wrong information is received, subsequently missing a heat or some other problem, then the Surfer has no form of protest. If the Surfing Director gives wrong information and a Surfer subsequently misses a heat, then a re-surf must occur. The Surfing Director may also at their discretion hold a Surfer's heat at an unscheduled time if they determine the Surfer has a legitimate excuse to warrant such an action. For CT Events, the role of the Surfing Director above will be the responsibility of the WSL Commissioner's Office.
- 125.08 The Event licensee must provide an official notice board where the daily schedule is posted for all the Surfers to view at any time.

#### **Article 126: Heat Start & Finish**

- 126.01 All Surfers must remain in any designated marshalling area prior to the heat start if informed to do so. The Marshalling Area will be determined by the Head Judge.
- 126.02 Siren or horn blasts must be used to start and finish heats with one blast to start two blasts to finish.
- 126.03 A 5-minute visual warning as in Article 126.04 below and PA warning is to be given prior to the finish of the heat.
- 126.04 For the Timing Disc System, a large disc system, at least 750mm square, must also be used with a green side to indicate the heat has started (visual warning) and a yellow or orange (orange for those Events wishing to use yellow as a vest colour) to indicate to the Surfers there is less than last five minutes left in the heat.
- 126.05 The commentator must give a 5-second countdown at the end of each heat and when the countdown reaches zero the siren must sound and the heat must end immediately as per Article 126.03 above. The official end of the heat is at the start of the first siren.
- 126.06 The disc must be in the neutral position with no colour showing once

- the commentator reaches zero in the countdown.
- 126.07 At the end of the heat, Surfers must return to the beach in a prone position. A surfer can be penalised at the Head Judges discretion if the Surfer rides a wave during the next heat. In addition any Surfer who remains in the Competition Area during the next heat and does not make every effort to return to the beach can also be penalised in accordance with this Rulebook.
- 126.08 At the end of and during the heat the Surfer must be clearly in possession of the wave on the wave face, making a movement to stand, their hands having left the rails (rail grabs excluded) for the wave to be scored. No waves are to be scored by the judging panel if a Surfer's hands have left the rails by the time the siren first starts at the beginning of the heat or if, by the time the first of the two sirens starts for the end of the heat, the Surfer's hands haven't left the rails.
- 126.09 A Surfer must not Ride a wave in the Competition Area prior to the start of their heat or the Ride will not be scored and a fine per wave may be imposed. If in a priority situation, their opponent(s) will automatically gain priority, unless on official hold.
- 126.10 Time delay between heats once a heat has paddled out, must be no more than 2 minutes unless due to some unforeseen circumstance or if the overlapping heat format is being used.
- 126.11 At five minutes before the start of competition Surfers will be warned that they must leave the Competition Area. At the two-minute warning anyone still in the Competition Area who is not making a concerted effort to paddle in will be fined in accordance with Article 180.
- 126.12 For Finals in Events, it will be recommended that the heat be started once a set has reached the Competition Area.

**Article 127: Heat Interruptions**

- 127.01 In the Event of any heat having to be stopped by extreme danger potential as decided by the WSL Head Judge, the WSL Commissioner (or their designated representative) at the CT Events or the Surfing Director at non-CT Events, the following procedures are to be adopted:
- (a) Head Judge to stop heat and start continuous horn blasts and moving of timing disc to off position.
  - (b) If available, communicate with jet skis to remove Surfers from the Competition Area to safety in accordance with the WSL PWC Policy and Chapter 10 of this Rulebook.
  - (c) When it is determined by the same people or person who stopped the heat that conditions are again safe, the heat will restart with the time left from when the heat was stopped unless the Head Judge deems that conditions have changed or that fair competition between the Surfers would be compromised. In these situations, the heat will restart for the full time period.
- 127.02 If a Surfer feels they are in danger due to shark or similar creature attack and they leave the water the Head Judge must stop the heat and use the procedure in Article 127.01 to warn fellow heat Surfers even if the Head Judge cannot see the danger.
- 127.03 Where an incident occurs that deems a heat may be re-surfed in accordance with an Article of this Rulebook, the heat will be called

as "under review." The relevant Surfers will be notified immediately and should a re-surf be declared, the results earned in the heat that caused the re-surf will be substituted by the re-surf heat results for official purposes.

- 127.04 Where unforeseen circumstances occur relating to a heat, the WSL Commissioner's Office (CT Events) or WSL Tour Representative (non-CT Events) will consult with the WSL Head Judge and Surfing Director to determine a resolution which may include a re-surf of the heat.

**Article 128: Wave Counts**

- 128.01 In all non-priority heats, the maximum number of waves that can a Surfer can Ride will be 15. In heats using priority, there is no maximum number of waves a Surfer can Ride.
- 128.02 An attempt will be made to inform the Surfer at the completion of their maximum number of rides. If more than the maximum number of waves is ridden within this time limit, the Surfer shall be penalized for every extra Ride in accordance with Article 180.

**Article 129: Wave Tabulation**

Heat tabulation for all WSL Events:

- (a) the high and low Judges' scores are eliminated for each wave.
- (b) the remaining Judges scores totaled then averaged score out of 10, to 2 decimal places.
- (c) At the end of the heat a Surfer's two best counting Rides are totalled for their heat score.

**Article 130: Ties**

- 130.01 Where heat scores are tied, the tie will be split by:
- (a) counting each Surfer's best counting wave score
  - (b) In the event that the tie cannot be broken in this manner, the tabulator would then count the best 3/4/5/6 waves etc... up until the tie is broken.
- 130.02 Only unbreakable ties will be re-surfed unless, if in the opinion of the Head Judge, all Surfers or the remaining Surfers in the heat deliberately did not catch a wave. Advancing procedure to the next round will go as per higher seeding.

**Article 131: Protests**

The process for lodging a protest with the WSL Head Judge is as follows.

- (a) Fill out a protest sheet available from the Beach Marshal.
- (b) Return the completed sheet to the Beach Marshal.
- (c) The Beach Marshal will pass on the protest to the WSL Head Judge who will talk to the Surfer at the end of the day for 30 minutes maximum, following the Judge's discussion of the protest.

**Article 132: Announcements**

- 132.01 Beach commentators must understand the basic rules and criteria and can never announce approaching sets.
- 132.02 The Head Judge has the right to override sound blackouts while television crews etc are doing interviews and can tell the beach

commentators to make timing and situation calls during their interviews. It is imperative that Events provide interview areas in low sound locations or for beach interviews the TV crews do them away from speakers. Communication with the Surfers in the water and compliance with this Rulebook always has priority.

- 132.03 During a heat the beach commentator should not announce the Surfers' scores or standard of Ride until all the Judges' scores are entered into the system.
- 132.04 Scores and heat situation must be announced throughout the entire heat.
- 132.05 If the beach commentator gives a score and it is wrong due to either Judges entering an incorrect score or the commentator giving the wrong score, the Surfers will have no form of protest.
- 132.06 If any Surfer requires information from the water during a heat they must use hand signals as described below:
  - (a) Scores or heat situation (Last score, heat score, score needed to win, etc) is one arm straight directly above the Surfer's head.
  - (b) Time remaining is one hand touching another above the head.
  - (c) Priority is both arms above the head.

**Article 133: Surfer Caddy Rules**

- 133.01 A Surfer must register their Caddy with the Beach Marshall prior to receiving their competition jersey and such Caddy must not be subject to any current discipline or order of WSL [Refer to Article 177 for consequences].
- 133.02 A Surfer's Caddy (one per Surfer maximum) may enter the water once a board is lost or broken unless in surf conditions where water Caddys are being allowed.
- 133.03 Water Caddys may enter the water in a defined marshalling area if the WSL Head Judge deems fit.
- 133.04 If the Caddy rides a wave the Surfer who they are caddying for will be fined per wave and if they interfere with the other Surfers in any way, in the opinion of the judging panel, interference will also be levied on the Surfer for whom they are caddying.
- 133.05 All Caddies are subject to the Rulebook just as the Surfer they represent is, which may be enforced on the Surfer if the Cady fails to comply.
- 133.06 Surfers may only use replacement surfboards carried by their own Caddy once their heat has started.
- 133.07 Any use of any equipment other than a surfboard, (e.g. inflatable boats, water patrols' boards or jet skis, photographers' craft or previous or current heat Surfers' or other Caddies surfboards) will be deemed an interference if the Surfer, after using one of them, re-enters the Competition Area and Rides an extra wave, or interferes with any other Surfer by paddling or positioning.  
*EXCEPTION* to this Rule is if the water patrol determines that a Surfer is in a life-threatening situation. In this case the water patrol may remove the Surfer from the impact zone and place the Surfer in a safe place, no closer to the line up, from where the Surfer may continue their heat.
- 133.08 Cadies that have passed on their board to the Surfer they are caddying for can obtain use of the PWC, if being used and available, to transport them to lost surfboard or the beach. If they

- are taken to the lost surfboard they can transport back to the marshalling area, however if they are transported to the beach they must paddle back to the defined marshalling area for Caddies.
- 133.09 If a Surfer has elected to have no Caddy then they must return to the beach or boat holding their extra surfboards to make the changeover.
- 133.10 Surfers must make their own way back to the line up under their own power, without assistance in any way other than as permitted by a PWC within this Rulebook.
- 133.11 The Head Judge may set parameters at the beginning of an Event for all Caddies to adhere to strictly in relation to the behaviour and this Rulebook.

**Article 134: Electronic Coaching**

Surfers are prohibited from receiving electronic communication in the Competition Area from any source outside of WSL Tour Representative.

**Article 135: Equipment Approval**

Surfers may be denied the ability to use certain equipment while competing in Events (i.e. no SUPs, paddles or surfskis). At all times, the WSL Tour Manager will have discretion at Events relating to this Article and may declare a Surfer ineligible to be scored or their scores/results forfeited if the instructions relating to equipment being used are not followed by a Surfer. At all times, fair competition and the best interests of the sport will be the priority.

**Article 136: Failure to Compete**

In non-CT Events where Surfers refuse to compete, even though the majority of the Head Judge, Surfing Director and Surfer Representative has agreed competition will continue, a penalty will be issued to all Surfers that fail to compete in accordance with Chapter 12. If no Surfers compete then the highest seed will advance. The heat is to run as scheduled with or without the Surfers in the water.

**Article 137: Competition Attire**

- 137.01 Under no circumstances can a Surfer be forced to wear any attire while competing or in award ceremonies other than the competition jersey.
- 137.02 Surfers will wear the competition jersey provided by WSL until returned to the Beach Marshall at the completion of the heat, and if appropriate, during post-heat interviews or during the awards presentation.
- 137.03 The covering of the competition jersey by national flags, towels, etc is not allowed.
- 137.04 Surfers can not bring surfboards onto any awards presentation stage.

**Article 138: Additional Event Obligations**

- 138.01 Event licensees must adhere to the obligations as set out in the relevant WSL Event license agreement and Event Planner.
- 138.02 All functions, meetings, etc. are to be held near the Event Site and at a reasonable time.

- 138.03 All Events must supply trophies for at least all finalists in each Event.
- 138.04 All Beach Marshals must be English speaking.
- 138.05 Scoreboards  
If electronic scoreboards are used, the guidelines set by the WSL Commissioner's Office must be adhered to.
- 138.06 Event Areas
- (a) All Event site areas are to be Non Smoking.
  - (b) No alcohol to be consumed in the Surfers' Area or outside of the designated VIP bar area during competition.
  - (c) All Events must have well-secured sizeable Surfers' Area with storage and an area to prepare for heats, that has a view of the Competition Area. Sufficient free drinking water must be provided for the maximum capacity of the Surfer's Area. Food must be available in or around the Event site.
  - (d) The Surfer's area will be available for Surfers and one member of their Support Staff.
  - (e) Surfers are held responsible for Support Staff behaviour.
  - (f) Events must make every reasonable effort to clear the Competition Area one hour before competition starts for use by Surfers only.
  - (g) Parking passes should be made available to all CT Surfers at CT Events and at least the Top 16 male seeds and Top 8 female seeds at all non-CT Events. Any passes not taken up by the Top 16 or Top 8 as above will be made available to the next highest ranked Surfer
  - (h) All WSL Events must provide adequate accommodation as decided by the WSL (one person per room in accommodation near the Event site) for the WSL selected staff for the duration of the Event. The WSL Tour Manager is to be directly involved in the selection and approval of accommodation for WSL travelling staff. If, after consultation with the contest, accommodation is not in compliance with WSL ruling in the judgment of the WSL Tour Manager, WSL staff will attempt to find adequate accommodation in accordance with the relevant WSL Event Planner, which will be charged to the Event. Accommodation details including, hotel name, address, phone numbers, etc. must be provided to the relevant WSL Regional Office at least one month prior to the Event start.
  - (i) WSL will fine Event licensees if obligations under this Rulebook are not fully complied with. Any fines imposed must be paid upon WSL demand and prior to any further licence being provided to the Event licensee. Any future Event will not be placed on any future schedule of Events until any outstanding fine is paid full.

#### **Article 139: Water Photographers**

Guidelines for water photographers are as follows:

- (a) Only WSL authorised water photographers are permitted in the water at WSL Events. Authority and access for water photographers at CT Events will be provided by the WSL. Authority and access for water photographers at non-CT Events will be provided by the Surfing Director.

- (b) A maximum of two photographers are permitted in the line-up during any heat at WSL Events.
- (c) Water photographers movement within the Competition Area will be controlled by the WSL Head Judge, who has the ability to order their removal at their absolute discretion.
- (d) For still cameras only 135mm or longer lenses allowed.
- (e) Video and motion picture must use the equivalent focal length lenses to 50mm or longer in 35mm format.

**Article 140: Double Banks**

For double banks to be used during an Event, the WSL Tour Manager, WSL Head Judge and a Surfer Representative must agree that it is required to finish the Event in time and:

- (a) a "no competition zone" of at least 100 meters between the two banks must exist; and
- (b) a minimum 3 Judge panel (with all Judges scores counting towards the final average) to be used.

**Article 141: Time Extensions To non-CT Events**

- 141.01 Extensions to any non-CT Event will only be allowed if approved by WSL and the majority of Surfers still in the competition agree. The Event must be responsible for paying all the Surfers' reasonable costs as a result of extending the time period. Surfer(s) unable to remain will receive points and prize money equivalent to the round they have reached.
- 141.02 If a non-CT Event changes and/or cancels its dates within 60 days of the original scheduled dates, then the event will be responsible to cover all costs incurred which are unavoidable. This includes costs for the Surfers, officials and WSL staff re-scheduling or cancellation of each of their flights and accommodation.

**Article 142: Non-CT Event Cancellation Due to Force Majeure or Lack of Competitive Surf relating to Points and Prizemoney**

Without effecting any Force Majeure clause in a relevant WSL event licence agreement, if an Event is cancelled due to Force Majeure or lack of competitive surf, the following is applicable:

- 142.01 If the Event has not started:
  - (a) All Surfers that have paid an entry fee and are not guaranteed prize money will have their entry fee refunded.
  - (b) Seeded Surfers who have paid an entry fee and are guaranteed prize money shall receive the minimum prize money, but their entry fee is non-refundable.
- 142.02 If the Event has started but the first prize money heat has not started, all Surfers will receive the points applicable to their result at that time and:
  - (a) Surfers who have competed and lost receive no refund.
  - (b) Surfers who are still competing but not guaranteed prize money are refunded their entry fee.
  - (c) Seeded Surfers who have paid an entry fee and are guaranteed prize money shall receive the minimum prize money, but their entry fee is non-refundable.
- 142.03 If a prize money round is not completed:
  - (a) Advancing Surfers shall receive points applicable to the last non-

- advancing place in the uncompleted round. Prize money, however, shall be applicable to the following round.
- (b) Non-advancing Surfers who have already lost shall receive points and prize money applicable to that round.
  - (c) Non-advancing Surfers who have not competed shall receive points for the last non-advancing place in the uncompleted round and the prize money from that round.
  - (d) The balance of the prize money is shared between all those Surfers still in the Event.
- 142.04 If the Event is cancelled after a prize money round is completed, all Surfers still in the Event receive points for the minimum placing in that round they advanced to and share equally the remaining prize money.

**Article 143: Death or Disablement of a Surfer at an Event**

Should death (not in competition) or disablement occur to any Surfer at an Event, WSL will hold a meeting consulting all remaining Surfers in the Event and a decision will be made by the Commissioner's Office (or their representative) on whether the Event will continue or be cancelled.

Should a Surfer die while competing during a heat, the Event will be cancelled and the same is considered a Force Majeure Event.

If the Event is cancelled, Article 142.02-142.04 will apply as applicable.



## CHAPTER 9: INTERFERENCE & PRIORITY RULES

### Article 144: Application of Interference and Priority Rules

- 144.01 The Articles in this Chapter are applicable to all WSL Events unless specifically stated otherwise in another Chapter. For definition of capitalised terms, refer to Appendix E.
- 144.02 An interference can only be called if a majority of the judging panel mark an interference on their judging sheet.
- 144.03 The Head Judge will be able to call an interference if a majority decision could not be reached (taking into account Judges who did not see it cannot vote on the call).
- 144.04 Where unforeseen circumstances may occur with respect to competition (which includes but is not limited to priority and timing), a resolution, which may include a re-surf, will be determined by;
  - (a) At CT events: The WSL Head Judge and/or Commissioner's Office who will consult with the Surfing Director or other relevant people at their discretion.
  - (b) At Non CT events: The WSL Head Judge who will consult with the WSL Tour Representative, Surfing Director, or other relevant people at their discretion.

### Non-Priority

Articles 145 (Article 145: The Right of Way Criteria in Non-Priority) through to Article 120 (Article 150: Overlapping Heat Format) will apply to non-priority situations, including during priority heats.

### Article 145: The Right of Way Criteria in Non-Priority

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

### Article 146: Interference Rules for Non-Priority

- 146.01 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 that Ride a majority of Judges determine that a Surfer has hindered the scoring potential of the Surfer deemed to have right of way for the wave.
- 146.02 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. These include excessive hassling, leash pulling or breaking down a section.
- 146.03 A Surfer who remains in the water after their maximum number of waves will be penalized for interference if:
  - (a) A Surfer Rides any extra waves that obviously deprive another Surfer of a Ride.
  - (b) A Surfer interferes with any other Surfer by paddling, positioning or some other reason.

### Article 147: Right of Way in Non-Priority Situations

- 147.01 Wave possession or right of way in these situations will vary slightly under the following categories as determined by the nature of the contest venue. Basically it is the responsibility of each 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:* see Article 147.04(a). 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.

**147.02 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.

**147.03 Reef or Beach Break – One Peak Situation**

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 or 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, in the majority of Judges opinion, they do so without hindering the inside Surfer).

**147.04 Reef or Beach Break – Multiple Peak Situations**

With multiple random peaks wave possession may vary slightly according to the nature of an individual wave.

- (a) 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.
- (b) If two Surfers stand at the same time on two separate peaks that Eventually meet, then:
  - (i) If they both give way by cutting back or kicking out, so that neither is hindered, there will be no penalty.
  - (ii) If they collide or hinder one another, a Surfer will be penalized by the Judges if either or both indicate aggression at the point of hindrance.
  - (iii) If neither Surfer gives way by exiting the Ride and both share responsibility for the confrontation, then a double interference will be called. Both Surfer will score a zero for that wave, and each of their second scoring waves are halved.

**Article 148: "Snaking"**

148.01 The Surfer who is farthest 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.

148.02 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.

- 148.03 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 were behind the first when the penalty was called.

**Article 149: Paddling Interference**

- 149.01 A Surfer paddling for the same wave should not excessively hinder another Surfer who has inside position.
- 149.02 Paddling interference may be called if:
- (a) The violating Surfer makes contact with or forces the inside Surfer to change their line while paddling to catch the wave causing possible loss of scoring potential.
  - (b) The violating Surfer obviously causes a section to break down in front of the inside Surfer which would not normally have done so causing loss of scoring potential.
- 149.03 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 interference based on whether it is determined to be accidental or not.

**Article 150: Overlapping Heat Format**

When Overlapping Heats are being conducted at an Event:

- (a) Two surfer priority rules and penalties will apply to each individual heat. Priority will be displayed and announced separately for each heat.
- (b) The Surfers in the heat that started first have unconditional priority over the Surfers in the other heat, no matter where they are in relation to the Line-up.
- (c) if there is deliberate unsportsmanlike interference by any Surfer with either of the Surfers in the other heat, the Judges can call an interference penalty against the violating Surfer even if the Surfer has unconditional priority. The penalty will be the loss of half of their lowest scoring Ride.
- (d) A heat cannot be restarted.

**Priority Situations**

Articles 151 (Right of way using the Priority System) and Article 152 (Priority Rules) will apply to priority situations.

**Article 151: Right of way using the Priority System**

- 151.01 For heats where priority applies, the priority system will determine which Surfer has priority to a wave at that time. The Surfer with priority has the unconditional right of way and can paddle for and Ride any wave they select. The Surfer's opponent/s can paddle for and Ride the same wave in any direction and be scored providing they do not;
- (a) Hinder the scoring potential of the Ride for the Surfer with priority.
  - (b) Cross in front of or bottom turn around the Surfer with priority, regardless if the Surfer is up and Riding a wave or in the process of catching a wave.
- 151.02 If a Surfer without priority does not comply with Article 151.01, a

- priority interference penalty will be called against them.
- 151.03 If a Surfer incurs an interference penalty they will lose priority. The Priority Judge will determine the new priority position of the Surfers in the heat.

**Article 152: Priority Rules**

**General Priority**

- 152.01 Prior to any waves being ridden, all non-priority rules apply.
- 152.02 The Priority Judge will make any call on Priority using a coloured display system corresponding to the Surfer's competition jersey colours in the water to indicate priority and may consult the judging panel for close calls.
- 152.03 Subject to 152.04, wave priority is lost as soon as a Surfer Rides a wave paddles for or attempts to catch and misses the wave.
- 152.04 For 3-surfer or 4-surfer heats, if the Surfer makes a committed paddle to catch the same wave as a Surfer with higher priority, they then risk losing their priority at the discretion of the Priority Judge.
- 152.05 Under priority allocation it is the Surfers' responsibility to continually check the priority system for verification.
- 152.06 If a Surfer inside has second or third priority and their opponent paddles for, but misses a wave, the inside Surfer automatically assumes the higher priority. Therefore, if they also paddle for, but miss the wave, then they have also lost priority. That is, both Surfers have then lost priority even though only one wave has passed and there was not sufficient time to change the priority.
- 152.07 The Priority Surfer will lose priority if in the opinion of the Head Judge or Priority Judge they:
- (a) Paddle in front of the non-Priority Surfer to deliberately impede them from catching a wave.
  - (b) Position themselves in the take off zone to prevent another Surfer from catching a wave.
  - (c) Use their priority by either paddling for or taking off on a wave to block their opponent when the Surfer with priority appears to have had no intention to score. In this situation priority can be awarded regardless of which Surfer reaches the take-off zone first after the Ride.
- 152.08 If Surfer with superior priority paddles outside the Primary Take-off Zone and sits on inside position, they will have their Priority suspended until he re-enters the Primary Take-off Zone. If the Surfer does not re enter the Primary Take-off Zone, they will no longer be the Priority Surfer. The Priority Judge will determine the Surfer's new priority position in the heat. All attempts will be made to verbally announce the Priority Surfer as they start to leave the Primary Take-off Zone by a verbal warning via the PA system. Events to provide a microphone for the PA to the Priority Judge for this purpose that is able to override the beach announcers, to relay Priority decisions like this although Surfers should not rely on the same and rather always rely on the Priority Disc for the Event.
- 152.09 Priority interference may be called individually by the Head Judge only if the majority of the judging panel do not see the incident.
- 152.10 In all cases where a dispute results from a malfunction of the priority system, the WSL Commissioner's Office (CT Events)/WSL Tour Representative (non-CT Events) will consult with the WSL Head

- Judge and Surfing Director to determine a resolution which may include a re-surf.
- 152.11 Allocation is based on who the Priority Judge believes has reached the primary take off zone first. In cases where Surfers appear to reach the line-up at the same time, priority will go to the Surfer who did not have the last priority.
- 152.12 Once a heat has ended all priority ceases. If a surfer is riding on a wave as the heat ends they can't be interfered with by any surfer (even if that Surfer had higher priority before the heat ended). If an interference occurs the violating Surfer will receive a priority situation interference.
- 152.13 When there is PWC assistance the allocation of Priority when two riders are being transported at the same time will be decided by the Priority Judge after taking into account both pick-ups and drop-offs. PWCs cannot overtake each other at anytime when returning a Surfer to the line-up.
- 152.14 If the Head Judge or Priority Judge determines that priority is affected by either the PWC pilots capacity or mechanical problems in a certain situation, priority will be allocated as the Head Judge or Priority Judge deems fit.
- 152.15 If PWC assistance is used by any Surfer with priority they automatically lose that priority.
- 152.16 2-Surfer Heat Priority**
- (a) At the start of a heat once the first wave has been ridden, the second Surfer gets automatic priority for any other wave they choose, unless the Surfer Rides the wave before the heat starts or if the Surfer is not in the Competition Area before the heat start.
  - (b) A Surfer cannot lose second priority by paddling for, and missing a wave but if the Surfer catches the wave and their hands leave the rails, as they attempt to stand, they lose second priority.
  - (c) Allocation is based on who the Priority Judge believes has reached the Primary Take off Zone first. In cases where Surfers appear to reach the line-up at the same time, priority will go to the Surfer who did not have the last priority.
- 152.17 3-Surfer Heat Priority**
- 3-Surfer Heat priority works in the following manner:
- (a) The first Surfer to Ride a wave then receives third priority (First Surfer).
  - (b) The remaining two surfers in the heat have priority over the First Surfer and may paddle for waves without losing this priority until one of them catches a wave (Second Surfer).
  - (c) Once the Second Surfer catches a wave, the initial heat priority order is established:
    - (i) The Surfer yet to catch a wave receives first priority; and
    - (ii) the remaining Surfers will receive priority in the order they return to the take-off area.
    - (iii) The Surfer with first priority has priority over both surfers. The Surfer with second priority only has priority over the Surfer with third priority.

- (e) If a Surfer is not in the Competition Area when the heat starts and arrives late, the Surfer will be allocated the appropriate priority position as determined by the Priority Judge at the time when the Surfer reaches the Primary Take Off Zone.

#### **152.18 4-Surfer Heat Priority**

4-Surfer Heat priority works in the following manner:

- (a) The first Surfer to Ride a wave then receives fourth priority (First Surfer).
- (b) The remaining three surfers in the heat have priority over the First Surfer and may paddle for waves without losing this priority until the next Surfer catches a wave (Second Surfer).
- (c) The remaining two surfers in the heat have priority over the First and Second Surfer and may paddle for waves without losing this priority until the next Surfer catches a wave (Third Surfer).
- (d) Once the Third Surfer catches a wave, the initial heat priority order is established:
  - (i) The Surfer yet to catch a wave receives first priority; and
  - (ii) the remaining Surfers will receive priority in the order they return to the take-off area.
  - (iii) The Surfer with first priority has priority over all other Surfers. The Surfer with second priority only has priority over the Surfers with third and fourth priority. The Surfer with third priority only has priority over the Surfer with fourth priority.
- (e) If a Surfer is not in the Competition Area when the heat starts and arrives late, the Surfer will be allocated the appropriate priority position as determined by the Priority Judge at the time when the Surfer reaches the Primary Take Off Zone.

#### **Article 153: Interference Penalty**

- 153.01 For priority situations when an interference is called on a Surfer, then the Surfer's heat score will be calculated using only their best scoring wave.
- 153.02 In non-priority situations when an interference is called on a Surfer, the Surfer's second best scoring wave will be halved.
- 153.03 When an interference is called on a Surfer while paddling to catch a wave or while riding a wave, the Ride will be scored zero.
- 153.04 Interference will be denoted by a triangle on the Judges sheet.
- 153.05 Any interfering Surfer must be penalized and once an interference decision is made, it is irrevocable. The Judges and/or WSL Tour Manager will not enter into any discussion over the interference call. All discussion must be directly with the WSL Head Judge, if he wishes to discuss the situation.
- 153.06 The Surfer who is interfered with will be allowed an additional wave beyond their wave maximum, within the prescribed time limit.  
*EXCEPTION* : where a double interference is called, neither Surfer gets an extra wave. An extra wave or heat delay as decided by the WSL Head Judge at the time will also apply to interference from water photographers, water security personnel or other outside interference. Refer to Article 125.04.
- 153.07 Where any Surfer incurs two interferences they must immediately

leave the Competition Area (Failure to do so will result in a penalty in accordance with Chapter 12 of this Rulebook.) and:

- (a) If both interferences are in a non-priority situation, both scoring Rides will be halved.
- (b) If one interference is in a non-priority situation and the other in a priority situation, one scoring ride will be halved and the other scored a zero.
- (c) If both interferences are in a priority situation the Surfer will be disqualified from the heat.

153.08 If neither Surfer in an interference situation has established priority over the other Surfer involved, the penalty will be a non-priority interference (see Article 153.02) regardless of other Surfers in the heat (not involved in the interference situation) hold priority or not, Surfer's second best scoring wave will be halved. This rule will be applied to one-on-one, 3-Surfer and 4-Surfer heats.

## CHAPTER 10: PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (PWC) GUIDELINES

### **DISCLAIMER:**

To the full extent permitted by the applicable law, in no way does WSL assume liability for injury, death, loss or damage to property of any kind caused (in full or in part) by the use in an Event or by an Event licensee of PWC's or implementation of these general guidelines.

### **Article 154: Use of PWC**

All WSL Events have the option to allow the use of PWC assistance during an Event under the approved guidelines as decided by the WSL Commissioner's Office from time to time, including those in this Chapter.

### **Article 155: Guidelines for Personal Water Craft Use**

- 155.01 Events insurance must cover PWC's in case of accidents involving pilots, Surfers and general public.
- 155.02 PWC's will be allowed under the following conditions.
  - (a) Extreme surf conditions;
  - (b) Long paddle back to line-up;
  - (c) Safety reasons; and
  - (d) When the wake will not cause adverse damage to the waves.
- 155.03 Decision on the use of PWC's will be made by the WSL Head Judge, Surfer Representative and WSL Commissioner's office (CT)/ Surfing Director (all other events) . The majority of these three to decide.
- 155.04 The Direction they are to use to get back to the line-up will be determined at the Event by the WSL Head Judge and pilot's team leader with the route causing the least wake in the line up.
- 155.05 The Line-up drop off point will be preferably wide or outside of the takeoff zone with a buoy to mark the position. Maximum paddle time 30 seconds to take-off point.
- 155.06 The inside pick-up point is to be decided by the Head Judge on the day depending on surf conditions. Basically near the end of the wave or set zone within the Competition Area, the PWC's will sit in deep water and move in as the Surfer exits a wave. If a Surfer fails to make the inside pick-up point, the PWC can't move up the line-up to get them. They must wait for the Surfer to paddle to the inside pick-up position unless a Surfer's safety is at risk. If a pilot acts contrary to this Rule, they must be ordered against it by the WSL Head Judge and the PWC Coordinator and if required, disciplined in accordance with this Rulebook.

### **Article 156: Qualified Pilots**

WSL will supply the Events with a list of qualified PWC pilots in accordance with the WSL PWC Policy. There will be two lists of names.

- 156.01 The first list will comprise of a select group from which one must be selected and used as the Team Leader and decision maker. Contact WSL for this list.
- 156.02 The second list will comprise of all other authorized pilots from which the remainder of the pilots to be used must be chosen. CPR skills, tow in/out experience will be a must and any valid certificates must be shown prior to working at an Event
- 156.03 Events will be disciplined via this Rulebook and the license



- agreement if this is not followed.
- 156.04 Should WSL not have an active PWC Policy at any time, the obligation to provide qualified PWC pilots will fall on the Event licensee/organiser and nothing herein removes or substitutes any obligation within with the relevant Event licence agreement.

**Article 157: Priority**

The allocation of Priority when two riders are being transported at same time will be decided by the Priority Judge after taking into account both pick-ups and drop-offs. PWCs cannot overtake each other at anytime when returning a Surfer to the line-up

**Article 158: Head Judge Authority with respect to Personal Water Craft**

- 158.01 The WSL Head Judge may place a heat on hold due to unforeseen circumstances. If a Surfer is injured by a PWC during the course of a heat the heat can be put on hold while the Surfer receives medical attention. Once the medical attention is completed the heat will be restarted with the remaining available time in the heat.
- 158.02 If the Head Judge determines that priority is affected by either the PWC pilots capacity or mechanical problems, priority will be allocated as the Head Judge deems fit.
- 158.03 The Head Judge will determine at the start of each day of competition if PWC assistance is permitted to transport the Surfers from where they have lost their surfboard to the marshalling area or the beach as directed (while safety concerns for any Surfer remain paramount).

**Article 159: General**

- 159.01 Where only one PWC is available, use of them will be suspended until such time both are back in use or until the Head Judge, consults with the WSL Tour Manager, Surfer Representative and Surfing Director have decided that it is suitable to allow the one PWC to operate.
- 159.02 Two-way radio communication between all PWC pilots and Head Judge must be available at all times.
- 159.03 Caddys that have passed on their board to the Surfer they are caddying for can obtain use of the Surfers PWC, if being used and available, to transport them to the lost surfboard or the beach. If they are taken to the lost surfboard they can be transported back to the marshalling area, however if they are transported to the beach they must paddle back to the defined marshalling area for Cadys.
- 159.04 If PWC assistance is used by any Surfer with priority they automatically lose that priority.

## CHAPTER 11: JUDGING

### Article 160: Selection of Judges

No person who has a vested interest in a result of a heat or Event may Judge at an WSL Event. Only the WSL Judges Committee will have the authority to make appointments and substitutions for an Event. A Surfer's request for standing down of a Judge based on a claim they have a vested interest will be heard and handled by the WSL Commissioner's Office. A person with vested interests is defined as a shareholder or Board of Director of a business enterprise, which sponsors or employs a Surfer competing in that Event, had commercial dealings with a Surfer or a relative of a Surfer or employee's of any relevant industry associated with surfing. No current WSL Surfer may judge at an Event.

### Article 161: Judging Panel Composition

The following compositions of judging panels must be available for the respective Event:

- 161.01 **Men's CT stand alone and combined CT Events:** 3 International Head Judges , 5 International Judges and 1 International Priority Judge.
- 161.02 **CT Events during Overlapping Heats:** 3 International Head Judges, 7 WSL International Judges and 1 International Priority Judge.
- 161.03 **Women's CT stand-alone Events:** 1 International Head Judge and 7 International Judges.
- 161.04 **QS 10000 Events:** 1 International Head Judge, 7 Judge panel consisting of 4 International Judges and 3 Regional Judges.
- 161.06 **QS 6000 MEN Events:** 1 International Head Judge, 7 Judge panel consisting of 3 International Judges and 4 Regional Judges.
- 161.07 **QS 3000 MEN Events:** 1 Regional Head Judge and 7 Regional Judges.
- 161.08 **QS 1000 & 1500 MEN Events:** 1 Regional Head Judge and 6 Regional Judges.
- 161.09 **QS 10000 WOMEN Events:** 1 International Head Judge, 6 Judge panel consisting of 3 International Judges and 3 Regional Judges.
- 161.10 **QS 1000 - 3000 WOMEN Events:** 1 Regional Head Judge and 5 Regional Judges.
- 161.11 **QS 6000 - 10000 WOMEN Events:** 1 International Head Judge, 7 Judge panel consisting of 4 International Judges and 4 Regional Judges and a Priority Judge.
- 161.12 **MEN and WOMEN COMBINED QS Events:** 1 International Head Judge, 7 or 6 International Judges depending on the rating of the Event.
- 161.13 The WSL Head Judge is to be responsible for assuring that a minimum of 5 International Judges sit on the panel for every heat of all CT Events. These 5 taken from a pool of 7 international Judges and 1 WSL Head Judge supplied to the Event by WSL.
- 161.14 Other non-rated Judges can only be used in exceptional cases and only after WSL Judges Committee approval.
- 161.15 In QS 10000 Events where the WSL Head Judge is not in attendance the replacement Head Judge will be decided by the WSL Judges Committee.
- 161.16 At QS 10000 Events, the number of Judges from any one Regional

- area is limited to a maximum of 3.
- 161.17 At CT Events, the number of Judges from any one Regional area is limited to 3
- 161.18 For all Regional Junior Events must have a minimum of a 6 Judge panel.
- 161.19 **BWT:** 1 International Head Judge, 2 International Judges and 2 local Judges.

**Article 162: Split Panels**

In exceptional circumstances where the chances of finishing an Event are in jeopardy, a split panel of 3 Judges may be used. If it is known ahead of time that split panels will be used (e.g. due to excess entry numbers) WSL approval must be obtained and a minimum of a 4-Judge panel is permitted.

**Article 163: Wave-Scoring Scale**

Rides are scored from 0.1 to 10.0 (ten), broken into one-tenth increments (e.g. 7.3).

**Article 164: Judging Criteria (not relevant to Chapter 4 – Longboard)**

Surfers must perform to the WSL judging key elements to maximize their scoring potential. Judges analyze the following major elements when scoring a Ride:

- Commitment and degree of difficulty
- Innovative and progressive manoeuvres
- Combination of major manoeuvres
- Variety of manoeuvres
- Speed, power and flow

*NOTE:* It's important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

*NOTE:* The following scale may be used to describe a Ride that is scored:

0–1.9 = Poor; 2.0–3.9 = Fair; 4.0–5.9 = Average;  
6.0–7.9 = Good; 8.0–10.0 = Excellent

**Article 165: General Judging Rules**

- 165.01 Judges should be visually separated. It is the responsibility of the Head Judge to see that the Judges do not discuss scores or interference calls.
- 165.02 Judges may not change their scores or interference calls either on the computer terminal or on the manual judging sheets. In the Event that a mistake has been made the Judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.
- 165.03 If a Judge misses a Ride, or part of a Ride, they should place an "M" in the square of the manual Judges sheet, The Head Judge will provide the missed score based on the other Judge's scores for the missed Ride but including consideration for that Judge's position when scoring previous Rides.
- 165.04 Where unforeseen circumstances occur with respect to competition (which includes but is not limited to priority and timing), a resolution, which may include a re-surf, will be determined by;
- (a) At CT events: The WSL Head Judge and/or Commissioner's Office who will consult with the Surfing Director or other

relevant people at their discretion.

- (b) At Non CT events: The WSL Head Judge who will consult with the WSL Tour Representative, Surfing Director or other relevant people at their discretion.

- 165.05 A judging, scoring or heat result decision once made may only be changed if, in the opinion of the judging panel, there is enough evidence to consider a re-evaluation. A re-surf or a score change may be considered by that judging panel at the time. The Head Judge has the authority to call a re-surf without the involvement of Surfer's in the heat, if it is deemed appropriate. The WSL Head Judge is to decide who should be involved in a re-surf if applicable and when the re-surf may occur. The Head Judge can delay the start of the next heat or round whilst a decision is made.
- 165.06 A decision once made by the WSL judging panel can only be protested via the WSL Head Judge or the Commissioner's Office. No other Judges are to be approached relating to any calls and/or decisions (including any approach by Surfer Support Staff). [See process for Protests described in Article 131]
- 165.07 No Judge of an WSL Event may pass comment, on a Surfer's chances in any Event, to the public, media, or other Surfer. If a Judge does make comment violating this Article, their contract with WSL will be immediately reviewed notwithstanding any other rights WSL may have, contractual or otherwise.
- 165.08 The WSL Head Judge to be entitled to respond to Surfer's comments in TV interviews.

**Article 166: Judging Fees/Overtime**

- 166.01 Minimum payment for Judges and Computer Operator in all Events will be as described in the WSL Event Planner.
- 166.02 A days' judging is considered 8 hours from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the first heat of each day the Event is on unless on hold. If on hold the day begins at the original start time not actual start time. Judges will only work for a maximum of 10 hours per day unless extra hours are needed due to special circumstances and then only if agreeable with the Judges. For these extra hours over the normal 8-hour day overtime rates are applicable.
- 166.03 All monies to be paid in US\$ except overtime pay, which may be paid in local currency cash at current US\$ conversion rates.
- 166.04 Individuals may be required to be used to judge WSL Events when they are not a Judge in exceptional circumstances and the must may be paid at the rate prescribed by WSL in the relevant Event license agreement unless permitted by WSL.

**Article 167: Judging for Extra Curricular Events**

All extra curricular events held during the Event Window that are surf-related and take on any form of competition are to be judged by WSL Judges who are working at the Event (if each of the Judges agreed to do so). Pay rates for extra curricular events are listed in the Event and Judging Planner.

**Article 168: WSL Computer Scoring System**

- 168.01 The computer scoring system prescribed by WSL is compulsory at all WSL Events.
- 168.02 Computer Scoring Operator hours, rates and conditions are as

described by WSL in the relevant Event license agreement or Event Planner.

## CHAPTER 12: WSL CONDUCT POLICY

### Article 169: Introduction

This Policy applies to all Surfers, Support Staff, and officials who are involved with or who participate in WSL events. All Surfers, Support Staff, and officials shall observe the Articles of the WSL Rulebook at all times and conduct themselves in a professional manner that will not reflect unfavorably on the sport of surfing, WSL, or its members, officers, Representatives, Events, or sponsors. Specific conduct which is either required or prohibited and the associated disciplinary sanctions are set forth in Articles 170 through 177. (The requirements of WSL's Anti-Doping Policy and the sanctions for violating that Policy are addressed separately in that Anti-Doping Policy. The Anti-Doping Policy shall have the same effect as an WSL Rule.)

### Article 170: Sportsmanlike Conduct

All individuals bound by this Policy must act at all times with Sportsmanlike Conduct. Sportsmanlike Conduct is defined as, but not limited to: respect for WSL Tour and Event sponsors, Judges, opponents, WSL management members, WSL Representatives, spectators, member of the media or any other person within the designated Event site; respect for facilities, privileges and operation procedures at Events; the use of courtesy and good manners at Events; acting responsibly and maturely at Events; refraining from any visible gesture which is commonly understood to be derogatory, profane, and/or highly offensive, or would indicate a sexually explicit act; and refraining from intentional and purposeful display and or exposure of nudity; and refraining from the use of:

- (a) profane or abusive language at Event venues (in any language);
- (b) illegal (e.g. under age) or immoderate use of alcohol at WSL Event venues; and
- (c) the use of illegal drugs.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of violations of Sportsmanlike Conduct but merely a general guideline. Any person bound by this Policy and found to violate this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.  
The monetary fine amounts for an offense of this Article ranges from \$1,000 USD to \$50,000 USD per offense.
- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion.  
Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the WSL.
- (iii) The use of illegal drugs which also violate the WSL Anti-Doping Policy shall also be subject to sanctions under that Policy.

### Article 171: Damage to Surfing's Image

Individuals bound by this Policy shall not engage in any conduct which could cause damage to the image of the sport of surfing. For purposes of this Article, "damage to the image of the sport of surfing" is defined as any act, regardless of time or place, which casts the sport of surfing or WSL in a negative light. Without restricting the application of this Article, "damage to the sport of surfing" will include any comments or broadcast from social media accounts that the Surfer is

responsible for. Any Surfer found in violation of this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

(i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.

The monetary fine amounts for an offense of this Article ranges from \$1,000 USD to \$50,000 USD per offense.

(ii) Suspension and Expulsion.

Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the WSL.

**Article 172: Gambling, Inappropriate Financial Interest or Relationship, and Bribery**

No individual bound by this Policy shall:

- 172.01 participate in any form of wagering, offering of odds or any other form of gambling in connection with professional surfing;
- 172.02 associate or have any dealings with persons whose activities, including gambling, might reflect adversely on the integrity of the sport of surfing;
- 172.03 solicit or accept any bribe, gift, payment or reward or anything of value for the purpose of influencing a Surfer's participation in an Event. Any such offense must be reported to the Commissioner immediately.
- 172.04 Due to the incredibly serious nature of those offenses, and the tremendous negative repercussions to the sport of surfing, any Surfer found in violation of this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

(i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.

First Offense: \$5,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the current Event or the next Event if the Surfer is already out of the current or next Competitive Event.

Second Offense: \$10000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the current or next WSL Competitive Event.

Third Offense: \$15,000 USD and automatic disqualification from Remainder of the current or next WSL Competitive Event.

(ii) Suspension and Expulsion.

Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour.

**Article 173: Best Efforts**

All Surfers shall compete in accordance with their "Best Effort(s)" in all Events. For the purposes of this Article, "Best Efforts" shall be defined as a Surfer's utmost attempt to compete to the best of his ability during all Competitive Events. Any Surfer who overtly and intentionally fails to exercise his or her best effort in competition shall be found in violation of this section. Any Surfer found in violation of this Article shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

(i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.

Any Offense: A minimum of \$1,000 USD

(ii) Suspension and Expulsion

Any Surfer who is found to have (3) offenses of this Article in one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour.

**Article 174: Verbal Assault**

No individual subject to this Policy shall directly or indirectly verbally assault an WSL official, Surfer, Event sponsor, WSL management member, any WSL Representative, , or member of the media. During Events, this Article also includes spectators, or any other person within the designated Event area. For the purposes of this Article, verbal assault is defined as any oral statement about one or more of the aforementioned persons that: threatens harm; instills fear; implies dishonesty; is derogatory; consists of profanity; or is otherwise highly offensive. Any individual involved in an incident of verbal assault will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

(i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.

First Offense: \$1,000 USD

Second Offense: \$2,500 USD and possible disqualification or removal from the Event if it is the second concurrent offense at the same Event.

Third Offense: \$3,000 USD and possible removal or disqualification from the Event if it is the third offense in one season.

(ii) Suspension and Expulsion.

Any Surfer who is found to have (3) offenses of this Article in one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour.

**Article 175: Physical Assault and Mutual Combat**

No individual subject to this Policy shall physically assault any official, Event staff (including volunteer), Surfer, member of the media, spectator or any other person within the designated Event area. For the purposes of this Article, physical assault is defined as any battery or assault including any attempt to commit a battery and/or assault. All forms of shoving, fighting, mutual combat or the like are considered violations of this Article. All persons should be aware that physical violence has no place in professional surfing and will not be tolerated. An act deemed by the Discipline Director to be an act entirely in self defence will not amount to a violation of this Article. If it is immediately clear to the Tour Manager, the Head Judge, or Event Director which individual or individuals were the initial aggressor of the incident, then that individual shall be disqualified from the remainder of that Competitive Event or, if the Surfer has already been disqualified via loss, then the Surfer shall be suspended from the next Competitive Event. Any individual involved in an incident of physical assault (which includes throwing a punch regardless of whether it connects) will be also be subject to the following disciplinary action:

(i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.

First Offense: \$5,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event. Disqualification may be waived



in a “mutual combat” type situation.  
 Second Offense: \$10,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event.  
 Third Offense: \$15,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event.

- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion.  
 Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour upon the first offense. Fighting has no place in an WSL Tour and will not be dealt with lightly. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour.

**Article 176: Discrimination, Sexual Harassment or Abuse**

WSL has zero tolerance for any form of discrimination, sexual harassment or abuse in the sport of surfing. Any individual subject to this Policy who engages in discrimination, sexual harassment or abuse in any way associated with the sport of surfing shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.  
 The monetary fine amounts for an offense of this Article ranges from \$1,000 USD to \$50,000 USD per offense.
- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion.  
 Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an WSL Tour upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the WSL.

**Article 177: Other Miscellaneous Violations and Penalties**

The following table is a general guideline for miscellaneous violations which may not be covered in the other sections of Chapter 12. However, some violations described below may also be considered violations of the Article 170 Sportsmanlike Conduct, Article 171 Damage to Surfing’s Image and in such circumstances, the violation penalty shall be the greater of the two possible penalties. Suggested Guideline Penalties followed by \* indicate Violations for which Suspension and/or Expulsion are possible Penalties given either the severity or the repetitiveness of the Violation.

	Description of Violation	Fine/Disciplinary Action (in USD)
1	Catch more than maximum number of waves	\$500 per wave
2	Surfer’s Cady rides a wave	\$500 per wave
3	Any finalist or semi-finalist who fails to attend an Event awards presentation if requested	\$1,000
4	Surfing during next or previous heat	\$500 per wave

5	Not leaving the Competition Area by the 2-minute warning before competition starts	\$500
6	Failing to attend a press conference if requested (including post-heat)	\$2,000
7	Failing to compete/check-in for the first round of CT Events	\$5,000
8	Failing to attend compulsory Surfers meetings (CT seed only)	\$1,000
9	Failing to attend CT Surfers' Orientation Meeting.	\$5,000 No discretion and no excuses. This is an "administrative" fine and automatically applies to any Surfer who is not in attendance at the CT Surfers' Orientation Meeting.
10	Surfer stays in Competition Area after 2 interference calls against them	\$1,000
11	Failure to comply with obligation to compete in required QS 10000 Events [Refer to Article 13.03 and 13.04]	\$50,000 per Event
12	Equipment abuse (person's own equipment) in Event and Event Site	First violation \$1,000; Second violation \$1,500; Third violation \$2,000*
13	Failing to attend non-CT Events entered without a valid medical certificate as per Article 43.  Providing notice to WSL Regional Office within 7 days or during the Event will mean a 20% reduction in the applicable fine (prior to Article 179 applying)	PRIZE MONEY ROUND SEED First violation \$1,000; Second violation \$1,500; Third violation \$2,000*
		NON PRIZE MONEY ROUND SEED First violation \$500; Second violation \$1,000; Third violation \$1,500*
14	Knowingly wearing competition jersey incorrectly or removing it prior to returning to the Beach Marshall	\$1,000
15	Free surfing in Competition Area during heats	\$5,000
16	Ripping up or defaming printed results sheets	\$2,000

17	Entering judging area to complain/protest without permission of the Head Judge	First violation: \$2,000; Second violation \$3,000; Third violation \$5,000
18	Failure to attend the CT Events entered with warning but no doctor's certificate (men and women seeds only)	First violation: M - \$12,500; W- \$5,000 Second violation: M - \$25,000; W - \$10,000 Third violation: Automatic suspension for 3 Events or remainder of the tour year if less and no entry into QS 10000 Events during this time
19	Failure to attend the CT Events entered without warning or a doctor's certificate (men and women seeds only)	First violation; M - \$25,000; W- \$10,000 Second violation: M - \$50,000; W - \$20,000 Third violation: Automatic suspension for 3 Events or remainder of the tour year if less and no entry into QS 10000 Events during this time
20	World Champion failing to attend all remaining Events of the current Surfing Season after clinching the world title unless absence is permitted otherwise	\$50,000 per Event missed
21	Fraudulent activity (including providing misleading information to WSL or an Event in person, in writing or in any form)	First violation: \$5,000; Second violation: \$10,000 and suspension; Third violation: \$20,000 + automatic suspension for 3 Events or remainder of the tour year if less and no entry into QS 10000 Events during this time.
22	Failing to comply with directions of WSL staff to comply with the CT or BWT Surfers Agreement.	Monetary amount to reflect the actual damage/loss caused to WSL from the violation and an additional amount which may reflect an amount to deter future violation.
22A	Failing to comply with paragraph 4.1(k) of the CT Surfers Agreement.	Minimum of \$50,000 and an additional amount which may reflect an amount to deter future violation.

23	Public comments (including social media) made by the Surfer about a sanction imposed under the Rulebook without the consent of the Discipline Director	Double the original sanction imposed
24	Disclosure of any kind (including social media) about another Surfer being tested under the WSL Anti-Doping Policy	Minimum of \$10,000 and suspension from following World Title Event to maximum of any fine amount and expulsion from Tour
25	After being notified by WSL, a Surfer permits a person to assist them in a way that is not deemed to be in the spirit of fair competition (not covered by Article 170) or actively accepts assistance (including as a caddy or coach) from a person subject to current discipline/order by WSL.	First violation: Minimum \$500 and maximum of \$10,000. Subsequent violation (including a violation in the same heat/Event): (i) A further monetary fine; (ii) Disqualification from a heat or an event as determined by the Head Judge and the Tour Manager if he/she is available and depending on the seriousness of the situation.
26	Using profanity on broadcast of Event or media interview at Event	\$10,000 monetary penalty to be considered by the Commissioner and the Discipline Director.

**Article 178: Disqualification during an Event**

Any Surfer who violates Articles 170 through 176 may be subject to disqualification during an Event in addition to other disciplinary action as provided in those Articles.

**Article 179: Monetary Fines**

- 179.01 All monetary fines, whether prescribed within this Chapter or elsewhere within this Rulebook, are payable BEFORE competing in (or attending) the subsequent WSL Event from date of issue, otherwise the monetary fine amount will be deducted from the Surfer's prize money at the subsequent Event(s). In the event that the aggregate fine amount is in excess of the minimum prize money possible at the subsequent Event, then the violating Surfer must deliver cash payment of the difference between the two described amounts to the WSL Regional Office hosting the subsequent Event prior to the Event Start Date.
- 179.02 If payment of the fine (and surcharge) is not delivered by the Event Start Date then the Surfer will be disqualified from the Event. Whether paid directly by the Surfer or the WSL Region, all fine monies are to be forwarded to WSL and be used toward the ongoing administration of the WSL Rulebook.
- 179.03 The following proportions will apply to all monetary penalties issued in accordance with this Chapter:
  - (a) CT Men's and Women's Events – 100% of the respective penalty;
  - (b) QS 6000 and above Events – 75% of the respective penalty;
  - (c) Events rated below QS 6000 – 50% of the respective penalty;
  - (d) World Longboard Tour and World Junior Championship Events – 75% of the respective penalty;

- (e) Masters Events – 50% of the respective penalty;
- (f) JQS Events – 25% of the respective penalty;
- (g) LQS Events – 25% of the respective penalty; and
- (h) For non-CT Women's Events of (b) – (g) above, a further 25% reduction will be applied to the resulting monetary penalty.

**Article 180: Review of Violations and Imposition of Discipline**

- 180.01 In the event of a violation of the WSL Rulebook, the Discipline Director may impose sanctions in the form of a warning, fine, probation, suspension, expulsion, other appropriate ordered activities or a mixture of them after consultation with a committee of qualified individuals (which may include the Commissioner) selected by WSL at any time ("**Discipline Committee**").
- 180.02 Where a serious violation of the WSL Rulebook has occurred at an Event, a decision by the Discipline Committee cannot be made as they cannot be contacted, and immediate disqualification from the Event is reasonable in accordance with the WSL Rulebook, the WSL Tour Manager in consultation with the Head Judge and other WSL representatives (after going to best efforts to receive a statement from the Surfer stating their defence and considering the same) may disqualify a Surfer from the Event. The Discipline Director will rule to modify, ratify or set aside the disqualification of the Surfer at the earliest convenience in accordance with this Article and the WSL Rulebook. WSL will not be liable for damages for loss as a result of the implementation of this Article.
- 180.03 Before any sanction is imposed by the Discipline Committee, the individual subject to discipline shall be Notified of the rule violation and sanction by the Discipline Director and shall be given the opportunity to provide an explanation for the violation or any applicable mitigating circumstances, to the Discipline Director within ten days of such Notification.
- 180.04 Following the expiration of the ten-day period, the Discipline Committee shall promptly Notify the individual of any sanction imposed.

**Article 181: Appeals of Disciplinary Decisions made by the WSL Discipline Director**

- 181.01 A disciplined individual wishing to appeal a Disciplinary Decision by the Discipline Committee must file a Notice of appeal with the Discipline Director within ten days of Notification of the discipline imposed. The Notice of appeal shall set forth all reasons why the discipline imposed should be reversed or reduced and any other relief sought.
- 181.02 Within five days of the Discipline Director's receipt of the notice of appeal, WSL shall provide the appealing party a list of three independent arbitrators. The appealing party shall, within five days of WSL's transmittal of the list, select an arbitrator from that list to hear the case and Notify WSL of that selection. If no arbitrator has been selected by the appealing party, then WSL shall select an arbitrator from the list to hear the case.
- 181.03 Within five days of the arbitrator selection, WSL shall file its response to the appealing party's notice of appeal.
- 181.04 The procedural rules for the appeal shall be established by the arbitrator, recognizing that speedy resolution of the matter is critical and that normal judicial rules do not apply.
- 181.05 The arbitrator may set such hearing or schedule such scheduling or

- status conferences as he/she deems appropriate.
- 181.06 A hearing shall take place, either in person or by videoconference, as directed by the arbitrator, within 45 days of the arbitrator's appointment.
  - 181.07 At the hearing, the appealing individual shall have the right to be represented by counsel and to call witnesses and submit documents and other relevant evidence. WSL shall have the same right. The appealing party may also engage the services of an interpreter at his/her own expense. The arbitrator shall rule on the admissibility of evidence, including whether to allow evidence in the form of affidavits. Both the appealing party and a representative of WSL shall be present at the hearing so that they may be examined by the other party.
  - 181.08 Unless decided otherwise in the decision of the arbitrator, each party shall be responsible for its own costs and attorney fees incurred in the appeal, and the fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be split equally between the parties.
  - 181.09 The arbitrator shall render a written decision within ten days of the date of the hearing.
  - 181.10 The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal or any form of judicial review.

## CHAPTER 13: INVESTIGATION AND APPEALS UNDER THE WSL ANTI-DOPING POLICY

### Article 152: Results Management

182.01 Upon receipt of an Adverse Analytical Finding, the Discipline Director shall conduct a review to determine whether:

- (a) an applicable TUE has been granted or will be granted as provided in the Anti-Doping Policy, or
- (b) there is any apparent departure from the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA") International Standard for Testing and Investigations or International Standard for Laboratories that caused the Adverse Analytical Finding.

If that review does not reveal an applicable therapeutic use exemption ("TUE") or entitlement to a TUE, or departure that caused the Adverse Analytical Finding, the Discipline Director, after consultation with the Commissioner, shall give Notice to the Surfer or Support Staff of:

- (c) the Adverse Analytical Finding;
- (d) the anti-doping rule violated; and
- (e) the Surfer or Support Staff's right to promptly request the analysis of the B Sample or, failing such request, that the B Sample analysis may be deemed waived;
- (f) the scheduled date, time and place for the B Sample analysis if the Surfer or Support Staff or WSL chooses to request an analysis of the B Sample;
- (g) the opportunity for the Surfer, Support Staff and/or his/her representative to attend the B Sample opening and analysis within the time period specified in the WADA International Standard for Laboratories if such analysis is requested; and
- (h) the Surfer or Support Staff's right to request copies of the A and B Sample laboratory documentation package as required by WADA.

The Surfer or Support Staff shall also be offered the opportunity to accept a provisional suspension pending the resolution of the matter. If the analysis of the B sample confirms the A sample adverse analytical finding, or if the analysis of the B sample is waived by the Surfer or Support Staff, then the individual subject to discipline shall be Notified of the rule violation and potential sanction and shall be given the opportunity to provide an explanation for the violation or any applicable mitigating circumstances, to the Discipline Director within ten days of such Notification. Following the expiration of the ten-day period, the Discipline Director, after further consultation with the Commissioner, shall promptly Notify the individual of the sanction imposed and the right to appeal that decision.

182.02 Upon receipt of an Atypical Finding, the Discipline Director shall conduct the review described above as well as any further investigation necessary to determine whether the Atypical Finding should be asserted as an Adverse Analytical Finding. Until such time as the investigation results in the assertion of an Adverse Analytical Finding, no Notice to the Surfer or Support Staff is required. If the investigation results in the assertion of an Adverse Analytical Finding, the Surfer or Support Staff shall be given Notice as provided above.

182.03 The Discipline Director shall conduct an investigation into any other possible anti-doping rule violation that comes to the attention of the WSL. At such time as the Discipline Director, after consultation with the Commissioner, is satisfied that violation of the Anti-Doping Policy has

occurred, the Discipline Director shall give the Surfer or Support Staff Notice of the anti-doping rule violated and the basis of the violation.

**Article 183: Provisional Suspension**

At any time after providing Notice to a Surfer or Support Staff of an asserted violation of the Anti-Doping Policy, the Discipline Director, after consultation with the Commissioner, may elect to provisionally suspend that Surfer or Support Staff. In the event that a provisional suspension is imposed, the Surfer or Support Staff shall be offered the opportunity for an expedited hearing to occur within 20 days of the imposition of the provisional suspension.

**Article 184: First Right of Appeal to an Independent Arbitrator**

Any person who has been subject to discipline by a decision of the Discipline Director under the Anti-Doping Policy may appeal that decision by filing a Notice of appeal with the Discipline Director within ten days after Notification of the Discipline Director's decision under Article 182. The appeal shall be heard by a single arbitrator, and shall follow the process set forth in Article 181. Independent arbitrator decisions are final and binding, subject to the second appeal right described in Article 185.

**Article 185: Second Right to Appeal to CAS**

Any party to the proceeding before the independent arbitrator may appeal the independent arbitrator's decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") within the time period allowed by CAS following Notification of the independent arbitrator's decision. The administration of the appeal shall follow the procedures established by CAS. CAS decisions are final and binding, except for any review required by law applicable to the annulment or enforcement of arbitral awards.



## APPENDIX A

### MEN AND WOMEN'S CT PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS

MEN 36 Format - US\$525,000

	<b>Prize Money</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>US\$</b>
1st	\$100,000
2nd	\$40,000
3rd	\$20,000
5th	\$15,000
9th	\$12,750
13th	\$10,500
25th	\$9,000

WOMEN 18 Format - \$262,500

	<b>Prize Money</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>US\$</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$60,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$25,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$16,250
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$12,250
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$10,500
13 <sup>th</sup>	\$9,000

## APPENDIX B

### RANKING POINTS

	WCT	WCT	QS10,000	QS10,000	QS6,000	QS3,000	QS1,500	QS1,000
Position	Men	Women	Hawaii					
1	10000	10000	10000	10000	6000	3000	1500	1000
2	8000	8000	8000	8000	4500	2250	1125	750
3	6500	6500	6700	6500	3550	1680	840	560
4			6300	6300	3100	1580	788	525
5	5200	5200	5300	5200	2650	1260	630	420
6			5200	4825	2512	1220	611	407
7			5100	4450	2375	1180	593	395
8			4450	4025	1963	1040	522	348
9	4000	3300	3800	3700	1550	900	450	300
10			3750	3522	1488	885	443	295
11			3700	3325	1425	870	435	290
12			3650	3138	1363	855	428	285
13	1750	1750	3600	2950	1300	840	420	280
14			3275	2762	1238	780	390	260
15			2950	2575	1175	720	360	240
16			2675	2388	1113	660	330	220
17			2300	2200	1050	600	300	200
18			2275	2062	1007	594	299	199
19			2250	1925	963	589	296	197
20			2225	1788	919	584	291	194
21			2200	1650	875	578	290	193
22			2175	1512	832	573	288	192
23			2150	1375	788	568	284	189
24			2125	1238	744	560	279	186
25	500		2100	1100	700	555	280	185
26			1975	1092	696	531	266	177
27			1850	1083	691	506	254	169
28			1725	1075	687	481	240	160
29			1600	1067	683	458	230	153
30			1475	1058	679	437	216	144
31			1350	1050	675	409	204	136
32			1225	1042	671	385	192	128
33			1100	1033	667	360	180	120
34			1094	1025	663	357	179	119
35			1088	1017	659	355	177	118
36			1082	1008	654	353	177	118
37			1075	1000	650	350	176	117
38			1068	967	629	347	174	116
39			1062	933	609	345	173	115
40			1056	900	588	343	171	114
41			1050	867	567	340	170	113
42			1044	833	546	339	170	113
43			1038	800	525	338	170	113

44			1032	767	504	336	168	112
45			1025	733	484	335	168	112
46			1018	700	463	334	168	112
47			1012	667	442	332	167	111
48			1006	633	421	331	167	111
49			1000	600	400	330	165	110
50			975	598	399	320	161	107
51			950	595	398	310	156	104
52			925	593	397	300	150	100
53			900	591	395	290	146	97
54			875	589	394	285	144	96
55			850	587	393	280	141	94
56			825	585	392	275	138	92
57			800	583	390	270	135	90
58			775	581	388	265	132	88
59			750	579	387	260	129	86
60			725	577	386	255	128	85
61			700	575	385	250	125	83
62			675	573	384	240	120	80
63			650	561	383	230	116	77
64			625	569	382	220	111	74
65			600	567	381	210	105	70
66			594	565	379	208	104	69
67			588	563	378	206	104	69
68			581	561	376	205	102	68
69			575	558	375	203	102	68
70			567	556	374	201	101	67
71			563	554	373	199	99	66
72			558	552	372	197	99	66
73			550	550	370	195	98	65
74			542	542	342	193	96	64
75			538	538	338	191	96	64
76			533	533	333	190	95	63
77			525	525	325	188	95	63
78			517	517	317	186	93	62
79			513	513	313	184	92	61
80			508	508	308	182	92	61
81			500	500	300	180	90	60
82			481	481	289	173	87	58
83			462	462	278	165	83	55
84			444	444	266	158	80	53
85			425	425	255	150	75	50
86			406	406	244	143	72	48
87			388	388	233	135	68	45
88			369	369	221	128	65	43
89			350	350	210	120	60	40
90			344	344	199	113	57	38
91			338	338	188	105	53	35
92			331	331	177	98	50	33
93			325	325	165	90	45	30
94			294	294	153	83	42	28

95			262	262	142	75	38	25
96			231	231	133	68	35	23
97			200	200	120	60	30	20
98			199	199	119	59	29	19
99			197	197	117	58	29	19
100			196	196	116	57	29	19
101			195	195	115	56	29	19
102			193	193	113	55	27	18
103			192	192	112	54	27	18
104			191	191	111	54	27	18
105			190	190	109	53	27	18
106			188	188	108	52	26	17
107			187	187	107	51	26	17
108			186	186	106	50	26	17
109			185	185	105	49	24	16
110			184	184	104	48	24	16
111			183	183	103	47	24	16
112			182	182	102	46	24	16
113			180	180	101	45	23	15
114			179	179	99	44	22	14
115			178	178	98	43	22	14
116			177	177	97	42	21	14
117			175	175	96	41	21	14
118			174	174	94	40	20	13
119			173	173	93	39	20	13
120			171	171	92	38	19	13
121			170	170	90	37	19	13
122			169	169	89	36	18	12
123			168	168	88	35	18	12
124			167	167	87	34	17	12
125			166	166	86	33	17	11
126			165	165	85	32	16	11
127			164	164	84	31	16	11
128			163	163	83	30	15	10
129			162	162	82	29	15	10
130			161	161	81	28	15	10
131			160	160	80	27	14	9
132			159	159	79	26	14	9
133			158	158	78	25	14	9
134			157	157	77	24	12	8
135			156	156	76	23	12	8
136			155	155	75	22	12	8
137			154	154	74	21	10	7
138			153	153	73	20	10	7
139			152	152	72	19	10	7
140			151	151	71	18	9	6
141			150	150	70	17	9	6
142			149	149	69	16	9	6
143			148	148	68	15	8	5
144			147	147	67	14	8	5
145			146	146	66	13	7	4

146			145	145	65	13	7	4
147			144	144	64	12	7	4
148			143	143	63	12	7	4
149			142	142	62	11	6	3
150			141	141	61	11	6	3
151			140	140	60	11	6	3
152			139	139	59	11	6	3
153			138	138	58	10	6	3
154			137	137	57	10	6	3
155			136	136	56	10	6	3
156			135	135	55	10	5	3
157			134	134	54	9	5	2
158			133	133	53	9	5	2
159			132	132	52	9	5	2
160			131	131	51	9	5	2
161			130	130	50	8	4	2
162			129	129	49	8	4	2
163			128	128	48	7	4	2
164			127	127	47	7	4	2
165			126	126	46	6	3	1
166			125	125	45	6	3	1
167			124	124	44	5	3	1
168			123	123	43	5	3	1
169			122	122	42	4	2	1
170			121	121	41	4	2	1
171			120	120	40	3	2	1
172			119	119	39	3	2	1
173			118	118	38	3	2	1
174			117	117	37	3	2	1
175			116	116	36	3	2	1
176			115	115	35	3	1	1
177			114	114	34	3	1	1
178			113	113	33	3	1	1
179			112	112	32	3	1	1
180			111	111	31	3	1	1
181			110	110	30	3	1	1
182			109	109	29	3	2	1
183			108	108	28	2	1	1
184			107	107	27	1	1	1
185			106	106	26	1	1	1
186			105	105	25	1	1	1
187			104	104	24	1	1	1
188			103	103	23	1	1	1
189			102	102	22	1	1	1
190			101	101	21	1	1	1
191			100	100	20	1	1	1
192			99	99	19	1	1	1
193			98	98	18	1	1	1
194			97	97	17	1	1	1
195			96	96	16	1	1	1
196			95	95	15	1	1	1

197			94	94	14	1	1	1
198			93	93	13	1	1	1
199			92	92	12	1	1	1
200			91	91	11	1	1	1

**APPENDIX C**

**EVENT PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS**

**1000 EVENTS**

<b>\$1,500 PM – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$1,500	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$750	\$750
2nd	\$350	\$350
3rd	\$100	\$200
5th	\$50	\$200
	Total=	\$1,500

<b>\$1,500 PM – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$1,500	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$750	\$750
2nd	\$350	\$350
3rd	\$110	\$110
4th	\$90	\$90
5th	\$55	\$110
7th	\$45	\$90
	Total=	\$1,500

<b>\$2,000 PM – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$2,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$900	\$900
2nd	\$400	\$400
3rd	\$150	\$300
5th	\$100	\$400
	Total=	\$2,000

<b>\$2,000 PM – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$2,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$900	\$900
2nd	\$400	\$400
3rd	\$160	\$160
4th	\$140	\$140
5th	\$110	\$220
7th	\$90	\$180
	Total=	\$2,000

<b>\$2,500 PM – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$2,500	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$1,000	\$1,000
2nd	\$400	\$400
3rd	\$250	\$500
5th	\$150	\$600
	Total=	\$2,500

<b>\$2,500 PM – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$2,500	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$1,000	\$1,000
2nd	\$400	\$400
3rd	\$300	\$300
4th	\$200	\$200
5th	\$175	\$350
7th	\$125	\$250
	Total=	\$2,500

<b>\$5,000 PM – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$5,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$2,000	\$2,000
2nd	\$900	\$900
3rd	\$550	\$1,100
5th	\$250	\$1,000
	Total=	\$5,000

<b>\$5,000 PM – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$5,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$2,000	\$2,000
2nd	\$900	\$900
3rd	\$600	\$600
4th	\$500	\$500
5th	\$300	\$600
7th	\$200	\$400
	Total=	\$5,000

<b>\$7,500 PM – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$7,500	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$2,000	\$2,000
2nd	\$1,000	\$1,000
3rd	\$700	\$1,400
5th	\$375	\$1,500
9th	\$225	\$900
13th	\$175	\$700
	Total=	\$7,500

<b>\$7,500 PM – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$7,500	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$2,000	\$2,000
2nd	\$1,000	\$1,000
3rd	\$800	\$800
4th	\$600	\$600
5th	\$450	\$900
7th	\$300	\$600
9th	\$225	\$900
13th	\$175	\$700
	Total=	\$7,500

<b>\$10,000 PM – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$10,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$2,500	\$2,500
2nd	\$1,500	\$1,500
3rd	\$1,000	\$2,000
5th	\$500	\$2,000
9th	\$300	\$1,200
13th	\$200	\$800
	Total=	\$10,000

<b>\$10,000 PM – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$10,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$2,500	\$2,500
2nd	\$1,500	\$1,500
3rd	\$1,100	\$1,100
4th	\$900	\$900
5th	\$600	\$1,200
7th	\$400	\$800
9th	\$300	\$1,200
13th	\$200	\$800
	Total=	\$10,000

<b>\$15,000 PM – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$15,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$6,000	\$6,000
2nd	\$3,000	\$3,000
3rd	\$1,000	\$2,000
5th	\$500	\$2,000
9th	\$300	\$1,200
13th	\$200	\$800
	Total=	\$15,000

<b>\$15,000 PM – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$15,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$6,000	\$6,000
2nd	\$3,000	\$3,000
3rd	\$1,100	\$1,100
4th	\$900	\$900
5th	\$600	\$1,200
7th	\$400	\$800
9th	\$300	\$1,200
13th	\$200	\$800
	Total=	\$15,000

## 1500 EVENTS

<b>16-24 Format – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$50,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$13,500	\$13,500
2nd	\$7,500	\$7,500
3rd	\$5,000	\$10,000
5th	\$2,500	\$10,000
9th	\$1,250	\$5,000
13th	\$1,000	\$4,000
	Total=	\$50,000

<b>16-24 Format – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$50,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$13,500	\$13,500
2nd	\$7,500	\$7,500
3rd	\$5,500	\$5,500
4th	\$4,500	\$4,500
5th	\$2,750	\$5,500
7th	\$2,250	\$4,500
9th	\$1,250	\$5,000
13th	\$1,000	\$4,000
	Total=	\$50,000



<b>32 Format – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$50,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$12,000	\$12,000
2nd	\$6,000	\$6,000
3rd	\$4,000	\$8,000
5th	\$2,000	\$8,000
9th	\$1,500	\$6,000
13th	\$1,000	\$4,000
17th	\$750	\$6,000
	Total=	\$50,000

<b>32 Format – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$50,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$12,000	\$12,000
2nd	\$6,000	\$6,000
3rd	\$4,500	\$4,500
4th	\$3,500	\$3,500
5th	\$2,250	\$4,500
7th	\$1,750	\$3,500
9th	\$1,500	\$6,000
13th	\$1,000	\$4,000
17th	\$750	\$6,000
	Total=	\$50,000

<b>48 Format – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$50,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$12,000	\$12,000
2nd	\$6,000	\$6,000
3rd	\$3,000	\$6,000
5th	\$1,750	\$7,000
9th	\$1,250	\$5,000
13th	\$900	\$3,600
17th	\$700	\$5,600
25th	\$600	\$4,800
	Total=	\$50,000

<b>48 Format – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$50,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$12,000	\$12,000
2nd	\$6,000	\$6,000
3rd	\$3,250	\$3,250
4th	\$2,750	\$2,750
5th	\$2,000	\$4,000
7th	\$1,500	\$3,000
9th	\$1,250	\$5,000
13th	\$900	\$3,600
17th	\$700	\$5,600
25th	\$600	\$4,800
	Total=	\$50,000

<b>64+ Format – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$50,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$8,000	\$8,000
2nd	\$4,000	\$4,000
3rd	\$2,300	\$4,600
5th	\$1,250	\$5,000
9th	\$900	\$3,600
13th	\$800	\$3,200
17th	\$700	\$5,600
25th	\$600	\$4,800
33rd	\$400	\$6,400
49th	\$300	\$4,800
	Total=	\$50,000

<b>64+ Format – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$50,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$8,000	\$8,000
2nd	\$4,000	\$4,000
3rd	\$2,400	\$2,400
4th	\$2,200	\$2,200
5th	\$1,300	\$2,600
7th	\$1,200	\$2,400
9th	\$900	\$3,600
13th	\$800	\$3,200
17th	\$700	\$5,600
25th	\$600	\$4,800
33rd	\$400	\$6,400
49th	\$300	\$4,800
	Total=	\$50,000

### 3000 EVENTS

<b>16-24 Format – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$100,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$25,000	\$25,000
2nd	\$15,000	\$15,000
3rd	\$10,000	\$20,000
5th	\$5,000	\$20,000
9th	\$3,000	\$12,000
13th	\$2,000	\$8,000
	Total=	\$100,000

<b>16-24 Format – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$100,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$25,000	\$25,000
2nd	\$15,000	\$15,000
3rd	\$11,000	\$11,000
4th	\$9,000	\$9,000
5th	\$5,500	\$11,000
7th	\$4,500	\$9,000
9th	\$3,000	\$12,000
13th	\$2,000	\$8,000
	Total=	\$100,000

<b>32 Format – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$100,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$20,000	\$20,000
2nd	\$15,000	\$15,000
3rd	\$10,000	\$20,000
5th	\$5,000	\$20,000
9th	\$2,500	\$10,000
13th	\$1,750	\$7,000
17th	\$1,000	\$8,000
	Total=	\$100,000

<b>32 Format – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$100,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$20,000	\$20,000
2nd	\$15,000	\$15,000
3rd	\$11,000	\$11,000
4th	\$9,000	\$9,000
5th	\$5,500	\$11,000
7th	\$4,500	\$9,000
9th	\$2,500	\$10,000
13th	\$1,750	\$7,000
17th	\$1,000	\$8,000
	Total=	\$100,000

<b>48 Format – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$100,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$20,000	\$20,000
2nd	\$13,000	\$13,000
3rd	\$7,500	\$15,000
5th	\$4,000	\$16,000
9th	\$2,500	\$10,000
13th	\$2,000	\$8,000
17th	\$1,250	\$10,000
25th	\$1,000	\$8,000
	Total=	\$100,000

<b>48 Format – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$100,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$20,000	\$20,000
2nd	\$13,000	\$13,000
3rd	\$8,000	\$8,000
4th	\$7,000	\$7,000
5th	\$4,500	\$9,000
7th	\$3,500	\$7,000
9th	\$2,500	\$10,000
13th	\$2,000	\$8,000
17th	\$1,250	\$10,000
25th	\$1,000	\$8,000
	Total=	\$100,000

<b>64+ Format – 2 Surfer heats</b>		
\$100,000	Prize	2 Surfer
1st	\$16,000	\$16,000
2nd	\$10,000	\$10,000
3rd	\$4,500	\$9,000
5th	\$2,500	\$10,000
9th	\$1,750	\$7,000
13th	\$1,500	\$6,000
17th	\$1,250	\$10,000
25th	\$1,000	\$8,000
33rd	\$800	\$12,800
49th	\$700	\$11,200
	Total=	\$100,000

<b>64+ Format – 4 Surfer heats</b>		
\$100,000	Prize	4 Surfer
1st	\$16,000	\$16,000
2nd	\$10,000	\$10,000
3rd	\$4,750	\$4,750
4th	\$4,250	\$4,250
5th	\$2,600	\$5,200
7th	\$2,400	\$4,800
9th	\$1,750	\$7,000
13th	\$1,500	\$6,000
17th	\$1,250	\$10,000
25th	\$1,000	\$8,000
33rd	\$800	\$12,800
49th	\$700	\$11,200

Total=	\$100,000
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### 6000 EVENTS

Men - 96-144 Format		
\$150,000	Prize	MxM
1st	\$25,000	\$25,000
2nd	\$12,000	\$12,000
3rd	\$5,500	\$11,000
5th	\$3,000	\$12,000
9th	\$2,500	\$20,000
17th	\$2,000	\$16,000
25th	\$1,300	\$15,600
37th	\$1,200	\$14,400
49th	\$550	\$13,200
73rd	\$450	\$10,800
	Total=	\$150,000

Women		
\$40,000	Prize	MxM
1st	\$8,000	\$8,000
2nd	\$4,000	\$4,000
3rd	\$1,900	\$3,800
5th	\$1,150	\$4,600
9th	\$850	\$6,800
17th	\$700	\$5,600
25th	\$450	\$5,400
37th	\$150	\$1,800
	Total=	\$40,000

### 10000 EVENTS

Men's - 96 Format		
\$250,000	Prize	MxM
1st	\$40,000	\$40,000
2nd	\$20,000	\$20,000
3rd	\$11,000	\$22,000
5th	\$7,000	\$28,000
9th	\$4,300	\$34,400
17th	\$2,700	\$21,600
25th	\$1,900	\$22,800
37th	\$1,600	\$19,200
49th	\$1,000	\$24,000
73rd	\$750	\$18,000
	Total=	\$250,000

Women's		
\$80,000	Prize	MxM
1st	\$16,000	\$16,000
2nd	\$8,000	\$8,000
3rd	\$4,000	\$8,000
5th	\$2,000	\$8,000
9th	\$1,700	\$13,600
17th	\$1,500	\$12,000
25th	\$900	\$10,800
37th	\$300	\$3,600
	Total=	\$80,000

**APPENDIX D**

**BWT Point and Prize Money Breakdown**

	<b>25-35ft Faces</b>	<b>35-45ft Faces</b>	<b>45+ft Faces</b>	<b>Prizing</b>	<b>Prizing</b>	<b>Prizing</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>125%</b>	<b>156.25%</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$75000</b>	<b>\$100000</b>
1	10000	12,500	15,625	\$12,500	\$18750	\$25000
2	8333	10,416	13,020	\$8,000	\$12000	\$16000
3	6944	8,680	10,850	\$5,000	\$7500	\$10000
4	5787	7,234	9,042	\$3,500	\$5250	\$7000
5	4823	6,029	7,536	\$1,500	\$2250	\$3000
6	4019	5,024	6,280	\$1,500	\$2250	\$3000
7	3070	3,838	4,797	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
7	3070	3,838	4,797	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
9	2132	2,665	3,331	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
9	2132	2,665	3,331	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
11	1481	1,851	2,314	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
11	1481	1,851	2,314	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
13	871	1,089	1,361	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
13	871	1,089	1,361	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
13	871	1,089	1,361	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
13	871	1,089	1,361	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
17	420	525	656	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
17	420	525	656	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
17	420	525	656	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
17	420	525	656	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
21	203	254	317	\$1,000	\$1500	\$2000
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## APPENDIX E

### DICTIONARY

- \$** means dollars in the United States currency. All amounts described will be excluding applicable taxes
- Alternates** are Surfers that are substituted into the Event when an opportunity arises such as a confirmed Surfer no-show.
- Amateur** means a Surfer that competes under an Amateur organization or identifies themselves as an amateur Surfer therefore submitting to the fact there will be specific provisions made for the payment of any prize money earned.
- ADP Investigator** means an individual who is appointed by the Discipline Director to perform the duties prescribed in this Rulebook.
- Archived CT Results** means archived results from CT and WSL Women's CT events or other Events where possible.
- Base Seed Points** means the points that Surfers receive at the beginning of each year as calculated in the relevant part of this Rulebook.
- Beach Entry** means a Surfer that wishes to enter an Event at the Event site prior to the start of any heats.
- Best Counting Waves** means the highest scoring waves for each Surfer based on the best 2 or 3 waves decided on the day by the Head Judge.
- BWT** means the WSL Big Wave World Tour
- BWT Commissioner** is the individual nominated by the WSL Commissioner's Office from time to time to act with the authority of the BWT Commissioner as described herein or elsewhere.
- BWT Season** means from the first BWT Event during the southern hemisphere season from April 15 and until the final event of the northern hemisphere season the following year with the latest date a BWT Event may run (unless extended by the BWT Commissioner in his discretion) being 28 February of the next year.
- Caddy** (also referred to as *Caddies*) is a nominated person by the Surfer to provide any extra equipment directly to a Surfer during competition and who must act in accordance with the WSL Rules and abide by directions from WSL at all times, or the Surfer will be responsible and may be subject to discipline under this Rulebook for the Caddy's actions.
- Call Interference** is where the majority of Judges have deemed that one Surfer has interfered with the other due to an effect on another Surfer's scoring potential.
- Channels** refer to the grooves on the bottom of a surfboard that affect the resistance or direction of the board as it moves through the water.
- Commissioner's Office** will mean the department of WSL provided the authority to govern the rules and integrity of WSL Events and tours.
- Competition Area** means the area of the surf that has been officially designated by Head Judge and may be indicated by buoys, flags or banners as the area where Surfers may catch waves that can be scored as a Ride.
- Competitive Tour** means any pro surfing tour, championship or series, which purports to crown a world champion, a world series champion or a world tour champion.
- Competitive Tour Event** means any event, which forms part of a Competitive Tour.
- CT Rankings** means Surfer rankings exclusively from CT Events or Women's CT Events.
- CT Seeds** are Surfers that have been seeded in an Event and are currently on the

CT.

*Event Site* means the site described in the relevant license agreement about where the Event is to be held. The Event Site includes but is not limited to the Competition Area in the surf, all the structures and infrastructure surrounding the adjacent areas to the Competition Area and any other area or structure that can be reasonably assumed to be associated with conducting or managing the Event.

*Critical Sections* are the most radical or heaviest part of the wave the Surfer is doing their manoeuvres in.

*Disciplinary Action* means sanctions, verbal warnings, written warnings, probation, suspension or expulsion from an Event, monetary penalties (fines), non-monetary penalties or a combination of the foregoing and will be in accordance with Chapter 12 of this Rulebook.

*Discipline Director* refers to the person or persons appointed by the WSL Commissioner to investigate rule violations and has authority to impose discipline as provided in Chapters 12 and 13.

*Discipline Violations* means a breach of any kind of the Rules in this Rulebook, whether or not the breach is intended, conspired, or participated in by others.

*Double Interference* occurs where the Judges decide a double interference applies and the two (2) Surfers share responsibility for the collision or other interference with each other.

*Entry Fees* are monies that are required to be paid in full prior to a Surfer being able to enter into an WSL Event.

*Event* means any Event licensed by WSL or an WSL Regional Office. This includes an Event in any of the WSL Tours or a Specialty Event or trials that are conducted to determine any number of surfers that will compete in the main event.

*Event Planner* are the documents and guidelines that are issued annually to the Events as a guide as to what is expected from their particular Event.

*Event Site* means the site described in the relevant license agreement about where the Event is to be held. The Event Site includes but is not limited to the Competition Area in the surf, all the structures and infrastructure surrounding the adjacent areas to the Competition Area and any other area or structure that can be reasonably assumed to be associated with conducting or managing the Event.

*Event Start Date* refers to the first day of the Event Window.

*Event Window* means the time allocated for an Event to start and complete all heats and finals according to this Rulebook and the specific Event License agreement.

*Exempt Event* means an event, which is solely or substantially in aid of charity as determined by WSL.

*Force Majeure Event* means any event affecting performance of an obligation herein arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, including without limitation the following events to the extent that they are beyond a party's reasonable control: flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, subsidence, structural damage, epidemic or other natural physical disaster or event, war, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, terrorist action, threatened terrorist action, civil commotion (or reasonable threat of any of the foregoing), failure or shortage of power supplies, breakdown in machinery, flight delays or cancellation, motor accidents, labor strike, lock-outs or other labor disruptions (in each case by persons other than a Surfer, or any other person with who a Surfer is affiliated). As Force Majeure Event applies to an Event, it will include the inability of

WSL/Event Licensee to conduct an Event for commercial or budget reasons, in the absolute discretion of WSL.

*Inside Position* means a position in the Line-up that, anticipating incoming waves, would result in a Surfer being closest to the peak of a breaking wave.

*Interference* is where a Surfer hinders another Surfer's ability to maximise their scoring potential while riding a wave.

*International Surfers* are Surfers that are registered at a Regional Office that is not the Regional Office running the Event.

*Judge* means an individual who has been approved by WSL as someone qualified to sit on a judging panel at an WSL Event.

*Judge's Sheet* is the paper-based sheet where Judges record their score and anything else that needs to be recorded.

*Kick out* is a move a Surfer may use to end a Ride and/or exit off the back of a wave.

*Last Seeded Round* means the highest round (i.e. furthest from the start of the Event) where a Surfer's seeding in an Event determines their placing in the round.

*License Fee* means the fee required in the relevant license agreement to be paid to WSL for the right to conduct an Event.

*Licensing WSL Regional Office* means the WSL Regional Office that has licensed the relevant Event in their Region and is licensed to act on behalf of WSL in the designated Region.

*Life Members* must have satisfied the requirements for Life membership for WSL. This is only provided by WSL.

*Line-up* means the place designated within the Competition Area by the Head Judge where the Surfers begin their Ride.

*LQS* means Longboard Qualification Series conducted by the WSL Regional Offices.

*Malibu* means a surfboard that is longer than 9 feet, and shaped with a rounded nose.

*Manual Judging Sheets* means paper-based sheets that are used by WSL Judges to score and record points scored by Surfers in an Event.

*Medical Coordinator* is the individual nominated and authorised as the WSL Medical Coordinator from time to time.

*Mid-Season Date* means August 3 for Men and June 22 for Women in 2015. For subsequent years, as notified by the Commissioner's Office.

*Modern Manoeuvres* is an action during the Ride of a heat that displays a contemporary level of skill for the level of competition that the Surfer is competing in.

*Non-paddle take-off* means to catch a wave from the breaking point of a wave where no paddling is required before the Surfer begins to Ride the wave.

*Official Area* means any part of the Event Site that is not available to the general public.

*Person* means a natural person, an organization or other entity that is bound to and must comply with this Rulebook, including, but not limited to, Surfers and Support Staff. The context will determine whether legal entity, natural person or both will apply to a situation.

*Photographers* mean any photographer that has been authorised within procedures of the WSL or Event media accreditation process.

*Plus/Minus System* means a system used if an Event does not use the computer scoring system where each Judge nominates the position of each of the Surfers in relation to each other from 1 to 4 . If there are 5 Judges, for example, the Surfer's aggregate positions are placed against each other and a winner is declared.

*Previous Seeding Rights* are rights that a Surfer may have earned in an Event in the previous year or an Event of the current year.

*Primary Take-Off Zone* means the area of the line-up that could be considered the

primary area for catching waves within the Competition Area.

*Priority Allocation* means the Priority Judge determining who the Priority Surfer is (and other priority positions) during a heat of an Event.

*Priority Disc* is a double-sided disc positioned at the Judges Area clearly visible from any point in the Competition Area. The purpose of this disc is to indicate which Surfer has Priority to the next available wave.

*Priority Surfer* is the Surfer with unconditional right of way to any wave over the other Surfers (or the Surfers with lower priority than them).

*Prize Money* means the money received by a Surfer for making it into a certain round of an Event. Payment and the amounts are proportional to the status of each Event.

*Prize Money Round* is the round of an Event where Surfers receive Prize Money from that point onwards.

*Prone Position* means to be lying on the surfboard on their stomach.

*Protest* means making a formal Report regarding an incident or decision pursuant to this Rulebook.

QS means the WSL qualification series of Events, which results are considered when determining QS Points for a particular Surfer..

*QS Points* means points as described in Appendix B and are earned by competing in QS Events.

*QS Ranking* means the ranking provided to a Surfer from accumulated QS Points at a particular time.

*QS Seeding Points* are based on a combination of the prior year's final QS Ranking points and the current QS Ranking points earned until the Mid-Season Date as determined by WSL. From the Mid-Season Date onwards, the current QS Ranking points will be the QS Seeding Points for the Surfer.

*Qualified Observers* means people that are known within the surfing community to have a particular knowledge or skill that may assist an WSL Representative at rare times but only when directly authorized by the WSL Rulebook.

*Region* is the designated domain of the world that a particular Regional Office has control of in relation to WSL operations as decided by WSL from time to time.

*Regional Office Selections* relate to entry selections that are in the control of the Licensing Region for an Event as directed in the Rulebook.

*Regional Payment Rates* means the payment normally provided to a Judge that judges in an WSL Event run by the respective Regional Office.

*Regional Rankings* is the ranking calculated in accordance with Article 36.03.

*Replacement List* means the Surfers who are positioned on a list to replace a Surfer placed in the draw from their respective category (e.g. Event Wildcards).

*Retired Surfer* means a Surfer who competed the previous year on the CT and provided WSL with written notice of retirement prior to the start of the calendar year in which they wish to be retire or a Surfer who has died.

*Ride* is when a Surfer's hands leave the rails of their surfboard and lasts until the Surfer falls off their board or exits the wave.

*Right of Way* is the right a Surfer has to exploit the wave they are riding to maximise their scoring potential.

*Scoring Potential* means the opportunity that an individual wave presents a Surfer to score points as judged in accordance with the Surfing Criteria outlined in this Rulebook.

*Section Break Down* is when the Surfer pushes or breaks down a section by either paddling or surfing on a wave where a Surfer has already claimed the inside position.

*Seeding Benefits* means a Surfer is seeded in an Event and are only available if they satisfy all requirements with the relevant WSL Office and have paid any



required fees payable.

*Seeding Order* will determine who a Surfer competes against during an Event.

*Sound Blackouts* are times during competition when an authorised WSL Representative can request that the on-site commentators remain silent during certain times such as but not limited to television interviews.

*Special Series* means a series of Events over a period of time held within a single Region that promotes a winner at the Series' conclusion.

*Specialty Events* are Events that are not part of any particular WSL Tour but are licensed by WSL as a one-off Event.

*Superior* is the direction which has the highest scoring potential, determined by each individual Judge at point of take off.

*Support Staff* means without limitation any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical or para-medical personnel working with or treating a Surfer to participate or preparing to compete in an Event.

*Surfer* means an individual that satisfies the requirements of WSL to compete in Events.

*Surfing Director* will have the roles and responsibilities as required by the WSL Commissioner's Office or as prescribed in the Rulebook. In addition to the above, for non-CT Events, this individual should be referred to at first instance for any obligations owed by the Event Licensee.

*Surfers Area* is the area within the Event site where Surfers have exclusive access to and where they can get ready to compete while watching other Surfers surf in the Event.

*Surfer's Representative* means a nominated individual by the Surfers at the Event. This representative is to be nominated amicably between the Surfers present or available at the Event. If this decision cannot be made, the highest ranking Surfer will make a unilateral decision on the Representative provided the Surfer accepts the decision.

*Surfing Season* means all Events that make up the relevant Tour in which the Rule applies or in which the Surfer competes. The WSL Schedule is a good guide to what Events are included in each Surfing Season. This will usually run within the calendar year however, there are rare exceptions (e.g. World Junior Championships for 2009 was in January 2010).

*Tabulator* is a person designated by the Event to check Judges manual scores with the computer print out at the end of each heat.

*Throwaway* means the Event where a Surfer earned the least points in that tour year.

*Tied Sheet* occurs where two Judges go one way, two go the other and one Judge ties the two Surfers.

*Traditional Surfing* involves manoeuvres that were established during the modern malibu era.

*Unused Seeds* means if a Region does not enter the number of seeds they are allocated then the Region running the Event can replace them with Surfers from that Region.

*Verbal Warning* is a warning provided on the spot to the breaching individual verbally and is to be recorded by the WSL Representative with the WSL Rules and Disciplinary Committee in writing for referral purposes as soon as practicable. A repeat of such a warning can result in further Disciplinary Action.

*Vested Interest* means to have a personal interest (e.g. financial, commercial etc.) other than within the capacity that the individual acts within this Rulebook (e.g. a Judge that also acts as a shareholder or even on a Board of Directors of a business entity that is affiliated in anyway with a Surfer).

*Violating Person* is a Person who is deemed to have violated an Article(s) of this Rulebook

*VIP Bar Area* is an area within the official's area where the consumption of alcohol is permitted, subject to any conditions applicable to the particular location or Event.

*Wave Pool Events* are Events that are held in a man-made arena where all forces creating the wave are artificial.

*Wildcard* is the wildcard selected by WSL in a process prescribed or if not, at WSL discretion for the particular Event or Events as described in the context described and unless defined elsewhere in the Rulebook.

*Women's World Junior Rankings* means Surfer rankings from WSL Women's World Junior Tour.

*Women's World Longboard Rankings* means Surfer rankings from WSL Women's World Longboard Tour.

*Women's World Title* means the points collected through a Surfing Season that contributes to the Surfer's ranking towards being the WSL Women's World Champion, which are only calculated from WSL Women's CT Events.

*Women's CT* means the exclusive, elite event held in idyllic location, featuring the top 17 female Surfers in the world with results contributing to the WSL Women's CT ranking and the WSL Women's CT. Also known as the "WSL Dream Tour", pairing the world's best surfers with the world's best waves.

*World Championship Tour (referred to as "CT")* means exclusive, elite event held in idyllic location, featuring the top 32 male Surfers in the world with results determining the undisputed WSL World Champion. Also known as the "WSL Dream Tour", pairing the world's best surfers with the world's best waves.

*World Junior Rankings* means Surfer rankings from WSL World Junior Tour.

*World Junior Tour event* means exclusive, elite event held in idyllic location, featuring the best male/female junior surfers in the world with results determining the undisputed WSL World Junior Champions.

*World Longboard Rankings* means Surfer rankings from WSL World Longboard Tour.

*World Longboard Title (WLT) event* means exclusive, elite event held in idyllic location, featuring the best male/female longboard surfers in the world with results determining the undisputed WSL World Longboard Champions.

*WJC* stands for the World Junior Championship, which may form part of the World Junior Tour.

*WSL* refers to the Association of Surfing Professionals LLC, a Delaware (United States) limited liability company doing business as World Surf League in its various capacities around the world in the Regions. Certain responsibilities of the WSL pertaining to fees may be assigned or delegated to other WSL Regional Entities.

*WSL Approval* means approval received in writing signed by the relevant WSL representative acting under the authority of the WSL Commissioner for any activities that are indicated as requiring such approval. The written approval must indicate the exact Event/activity that the WSL is approving.

*WSL Event Representative* means an individual nominated by the relevant WSL Regional Office at each Event.

*WSL Logo* means the logo as provided by WSL Management from time to time when requested. The WSL Logo may take different forms for the context that it is requested in so approval of use of the WSL Logo should never be assumed.

*WSL Regional Office* is the entity and WSL Representatives acting on behalf of WSL in their respective Region. They are the WSL contact point for all Surfers in their Region and any Events held in their Region. Contact details can be found in Appendix F of this Rulebook.

*WSL Regional Representative* means an individual that has the authority to act on behalf of an WSL Regional Office. The capacity of the authority as a representative shall be dictated by the agreement as formed between the

WSL Regional Office and the individual.

*WSL Representative* means any individual with a power authorised under this Rulebook or another document entered into, adopted or ratified by the WSL and includes WSL Surfers, Judges, officials, Event employees and volunteers.

*WSL Rules* means the rules within this WSL Rulebook together with any update from time to time as published on the WSL website but WSL.

*WSL Schedule* refers to the calendar of WSL Events that lists the dates, rating, status, location and other information relating to each of the Events for the respective year which can be found on the WSL Website from time to time as it is updated in the absolute discretion of WSL.

*WSL Surfers Agreement* means the terms and conditions agreed between WSL and the Surfers of Events. This includes the CT surfers agreement that is signed by all CT Surfers applicable to each Surfing Season and terms of entry that includes any waiver or consent attached to the same.

*WSL Tour Manager* means the individual employed by WSL to liaise with Surfers and Events at all times during the year and to fulfill their various obligations at the Events of their respective Tour. For example; the WSL Men's Tour Manager has the above responsibilities for the WSL Men's CT Surfers.

*WSL Tour Representative* means an WSL Representative that has been specifically nominated to act pursuant to the Rulebook by the WSL Tour Manager.

*WSL Tours* means the CT, QS Events, Masters Series, WLT, LQS, WJC, Regional Junior Series or BWT, each for men and women where applicable.

*WSL Website* means [www.worldsurfleague.com](http://www.worldsurfleague.com)

*WSL Wildcard* means the Surfers selected by the Commissioner's Office to compete as wildcard entries in CT Events of that Surfing Season.

*WSL Wildcard Committee* means the WSL Commissioner, the relevant CT Manager, the QS Tour Manager, the Surfer Representative and a representative from the WSL Medical Committee (who will provide the recommendation from the WSL Medical Committee) who decide on the WSL injury wildcards from time to time.

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