

# **SCHOLASTIC SURF SERIES**

## **JUDGING CRITERIA & FORMAT**

**FORMAT:** All heats will be 15 minutes. A max of 8 waves may be ridden. The best 2 waves will be tallied in all heats.

**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.

### **Shortboard and Bodyboard:**

- \* Commitment and degree of difficulty in critical section of the wave
- \* Innovative and progressive maneuvers
- \* Combination of major maneuvers
- \* Variety of maneuvers
- \* Speed, power, and flow

**Longboard:** The surfer must perform controlled maneuvers 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 the wave
- \* Variety of maneuvers
- \* Speed and Power / Commitment
- \* Control / Footwork

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**Note:** It is 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. The following scale may be used to describe a ride that is scored:

- 0 - 1.9 = Poor
- 2 - 3.9 = Fair
- 4 - 5.9 = Average
- 6 - 7.9 = Good
- 8 - 10 = Excellent

**INTERFERENCE – BASIC RULE:** 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 feel that a competing surfer has hindered the scoring potential of the surfer deemed to have right of way for the wave.

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 paddling, excessive hassling, leg rope pulling or breaking down a section in a manner that hinders scoring potential.

**NOTE:** If an interference is called on a team member on the same team in the same heat, the interference will not be counted by the tabulator. This only applies to the team vs team portion of the event.

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**INTERFERENCE PENALTY:** Under 2 best waves, the interfering surfer will be penalized with a loss of 50% of his/her second best scoring ride. The wave that the interference was called on by the majority of the judges will count in the final tally as a zero. If this surfer incurs another interference penalty during the same heat, his/her best wave score will also be halved. An attempt will be made to remove the surfer with 2 interferences from the water.

**Rulebook:** The Scholastic Surf Series is a division of the Western Surfing Association (WSA). The rulebook of the WSA will apply in instances that are not covered by the SSS Basic Rules.

**Middle School Individual Ratings:** The top 4 events will determine the end of the year individual ratings. This applies to the middle school Individual ratings only.

**Division 4 & 5 High School Teams:** At the end of the season the top ranked team from Division 5 will move up to Division 4 and the bottom ranked team from Division 4 will move to Division 5 for the following season. This number may change depending on the number of teams in Division 4.

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### **BASIC RULES:**

**LONGBOARDS** are to be a minimum of 3 feet over the head of the surfer or 9 ft. SUP's are not allowed.

**SHORTBOARDS** are to be 7 feet 6 inches or less. SUP's are not allowed.

**BODYBOARDS** should be no more than 2 inches above or below the belly button. Beaters are not acceptable in the bodyboard division.

**COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE** to make sure their surfers are riding the appropriate equipment. Surfers may be disqualified by the beach marshal if the proper equipment is not adhered to from the point of discovery.

**A SURFER MUST CATCH A WAVE** to be scored in order to advance. No waves – no advancement. In the event a surfer does not catch a wave and does not advance, that surfer will still get their team points and/or rating for the event. No board caddy or water assist is allowed.

**A & B & C TEAMS** – Surfers can surf on either team as designated by their coach and surf 'A' team on one weekend and 'B' or 'C' team on another weekend and vice versa but not 'A' & 'B' or 'C' on the same weekend.

**A surfer must be a member of your team** prior to the last event of the series and surf at least one event to be eligible for State Champs.

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**UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR will not be tolerated.**

Any display of poor sportsmanship by either a competitor, coach, or parent, shall be cause for automatic dismissal from the contest. This also applies to unsportsmanlike conduct directed to another competitor or official.

No official of an event, in any capacity, shall at any time be subjected to unsportsmanlike conduct in either word or deed. Any display of poor sportsmanship by either a competitor, competitor's parent or coach, shall be cause for automatic dismissal of the competitor and or coach from the contest. This also applies to unsportsmanlike conduct directed to another competitor or coach by any SSS competitor or coach. A second infraction will result in dismissal for the remainder of the season. Included is any correspondence via email, text message, Facebook, Instagram and social media Postings or phone calls that are determined by the SSS to be threatening in nature, abusive or detrimental to the SSS/WSA in any manner.

Any competitor practicing in the competition area or demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct will be disqualified from the event, loss of points/standing in the event and a possible disqualification for the next event. Anyone surfing or in the water in the contest area without a jersey on will be disqualified and if it is a parent, the son/daughter competitor may also be disqualified. Coaching needs to come from the

designated coach from the beach, not in the water, in a manner that is not disturbing or distracting to the other competitors, the judges, contest officials and the public. In addition to the above, any display of physical contact or violence imposing physical harm to another person at a SSS event will be cause for immediate disqualification for the entire season.

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### **RESPONSIBILITIES of Coaches, parents and competitors to help prevent errors in the Ratings:**

1. Check your scores directly after the heat. If there is any dispute or question, please see your Beach Marshal immediately and they will verify and make any corrections necessary. Any discrepancies must be reported to the Beach Marshal within 15 minutes after posted. No changes will be made once the next round has started. Our judges rotate every heat so there will be a judge on break to help while it is still fresh on their mind. After that they must focus on the next heat.
2. Ratings are generally posted within a week after the competition. If there is any type of error, including name changes or points, please contact the office immediately at [info@surfsss.org](mailto:info@surfsss.org). The error will be verified and any correction made at the next posting.
3. In all fairness to all competitors we do not go back further than one posted event to make corrections on points. If a correction for other than points is requested it will be at the discretion of SSS to make that correction.

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