

CONTEST RULES



1. Each heat will be 15 minutes in length, with no extended heat time for finals.
NOTE: *The time lengths of heats are subject to change depending on the number of competitors present, as well as wave quality.*
2. The competitor's TWO highest scoring waves will determine their overall place for that heat, with competitors being allowed a maximum of TEN waves per heat. Any competitor who exceeds the ten-wave limit may be liable to an interference ruling. (Interference rulings subject the infringing competitor's best scoring wave of the heat to be halved).
3. All competitors must check-in at the Beach Marshalling Tent no less than FIVE minutes before their heat commences for any last-minute information and to collect their pre-determined colour rash vest. The heat rash vests must be returned to the Beach Marshalling Tent immediately after the heat has finished. To ensure the contest's efficiency; failure to return competition rash vests within a reasonable time of their heat finishing may be subject to a competitor disqualification).
4. The judge's score sheets will be available to view by competitors, only after they have been tabulated. Any issues regarding scoring must be discussed with the Head Judge within a reasonable time of the score sheets becoming available.
NOTE: *Score sheets must not be removed from the Judging tent under any circumstances.*
5. The competitor who is positioned closest to the peak of the wave has priority. If another competitor 'interferes' or 'drops-in' on another competitor, then the competitor without priority on that wave will be liable to an interference ruling at the discretion of the Head Judge.
6. Following verification of heat tabulation, the TWO highest-scoring riders from each heat will advance through to the next round.
7. The competitor who is positioned closest to the peak of the wave has priority. If another competitor 'interferes' or 'drops-in' on another competitor, then the competitor without priority on that wave will be liable to an interference ruling at the discretion of the Head Judge.
8. If any competitor or club members breach the Sunshine Coast Bodyboard Club code of conduct and are deemed to have acted in an unsportsmanlike conduct, may be subject to disqualification from the day's competition, once again at the discretion of the Head Judge & Event Officials.

FLAG SYSTEM

1. **A GREEN** flag will be displayed and a single horn blast will sound, signifying the commencement of the heat.
2. **A YELLOW** flag is displayed to show competitors that FIVE minutes remains in the heat. This yellow flag also indicates to the competitor's in the next heat that they may begin to paddle out (whilst paddling out for your heat, all efforts must be made as to not interfere with the current competitors in the water).
3. **A RED** flag, along with the sounding of two horn blasts, indicates the end of a heat. Competitors that have just finished their heat **MUST** return straight to the beach and not perform any manoeuvres after the RED flag has been displayed. There will then be a 30-second change over period before the next heat begins
NOTE: If a competitor has full momentum on the wave when the two horn-blasts sound, then that wave will still be scored.