

PSC Event Expectations

Judging

- 2024 season will see the allocation of a head judge, they'll work alongside the contest director
- Head judge will have the ultimate call on all heats that they observe with in the tent, no heats will be started until the head judge makes their decision on all scores across the previous heat, if the head judge isn't available then the contest director or directors will make this call.
- This Contest Season we are focusing on levelling up our judging capability this season, so politely request that when members are judging please pay attention to the surf, leave mobile phones alone, spectators will be asked to move away from the judge's area whilst heats are in progress, as head judge will not be checking rash vest colours.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PSC COMPETITORS

- All surfing competitors must judge a heat after they've surfed a heat, otherwise, we cannot run our events. Anyone who skips on judging will be penalised with a reduction of 100 aggregate points. TBC

Heat Judging

- Each heat is judged by a min 3 x judges.
- Efforts will be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest in the heat they are judging (this includes not judging family members or heats from the same division a judge surf in)
- Judges will remain judging for the entire duration of a heat
- Judges will score each surfer's waves on a scale of 0.1 to 10, broken into one-tenth increments (e.g 7.3).

Judging Criteria

- Surfers must perform to the judging key elements to maximize their scoring potential. Judges analyse the following major elements when scoring waves.
 - 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 will 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
- A wave will only be scored by judges when both of the following conditions are met for a wave to be considered ridden:
 1. The surfer's hands leave the rail in an attempt to stand up (including grab rail) AND
 2. The surfer is propelled forward by the wave

Interference

- **NOTE: interference rules and penalties are currently under review, so the following is a guide only**
- 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 the judge to determine which Surfer has the inside position based on whether the wave is a superior right or left, but never on which Surfer is first to their feet.
- EXCEPTION: If at the initial point of take-off neither the right nor left can be deemed superior, then the right of way will go to the first Surfer who makes a definite turn in their chosen direction
- 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.
- 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 Surfers will score a zero for that wave, and each of their second scoring waves are halved.
- Interference can be called for drop-ins, intentional paddling interferences and snaking if a judge feels that the interfering surfer has hindered the scoring potential for the surfer deemed to have right of way.

- On the judges score sheet (paper based), interference is marked as a triangle around the score of the interfering surfer (the surfer who dropped in) with an arrow pointing to the surfer's score who was interfered on.
- If the interference was for a paddling or snaking (where the interfering surfer may not register a score for the wave), then the triangle is placed after the last score currently recorded for the surfer with an arrow pointing to the surfer's score who was interfered on.
- An interference penalty will apply if at least 2 of 3 judges call interference; the penalty will then apply to all 3 judges sheets.
- The interfering surfer will lose 50% of their 2nd highest wave score. 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, their best wave score will be halved also.

Event Registration

- Late entries will not be accepted into any event. Our scheduling is based on who is registered to compete, so if there is a late or forgotten entry, it really messes up the event. Event registrations are conveniently all online through liveheats.com and will be made available with enough time before each event.
- If you register for an event but are a 'no-show', without a written excuse to the committee, you will be penalised 100 aggregate points, as this creates inefficiencies in our scheduling and wastes all club members and competitor's time.
- If you're injured and are unable to compete in the event through injury or illness, you will not be able to enter the event or acquire any aggregate points towards that season.

Divisions

Cadets

Cadet Boys (under 16's)

Cadet Girls (under 16's)

Juniors

Junior Boys (under 18's)

Junior Girls (under 18's)

Over 18's (18 – 28)

Over 28's (over 28)

Over 35 (Over 35)

Over 45 (Over 45)

Over 55 (Over 55)

Open

Open Men (any age)

Open Women (any age)

“Under 18” Divisions

Competitors must be under 18 at 31st December in the year of competition.

“Over 18” Division

Competitors will be 18 or over at 31st December in year of competition.

Other “Over Age” Divisions

You must be the age it states at start of Year (1st Jan of that season)

ie. You must be 28 or older at 1st January of that season to surf in Over 28's

Multiple Division Entries

- Both over 18 and under 18 surfers can enter a **maximum** of 2 divisions.
- Cadets cannot surf both Cadets and Juniors - you must choose one or the other, but you can still surf open.
- Contest director has full discretion on anyone entering any division - if skill level is not deemed competent or safe given the location, wave conditions or number of entrants, changes can be made.
- If there are scheduling or timing issues, the Contest Director will withdraw surfers at their discretion to ensure the competition days finish at a reasonable time.

Online Event Registration

- You must register for each event to be eligible to enter.
- Event registration for all events via [Liveheats](https://liveheats.com/PSC) (liveheats.com/PSC) will open at least 5 days before the event and close each Friday 5 pm before the Saturday, no excuses for late registrations.

Seasonal Aggregate

- The Aggregate will be compiled from your 'top 4' contest results across the 5 contest season for the season.
- Please review your aggregate standing through Liveheats.com/PSC

Wildcards

PSC committee reserves the right to hold off allocating the Bells wildcard position, or any other wildcard position awarded to the Club, as it is possible that Club Champions or other surfers will be granted entry into Trials or events through Surfing Vic or other avenues, meaning PSC will give club position or wildcard to another Club member to maximise PSC members competing in Trials or events.