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## CHAPTER 1: WORLD TOUR

### Article 1: Application of this Chapter

This chapter applies to all World Tour Events and World Tour Surfers unless specifically referred to otherwise.

### Article 2: License Fees

- 2.01 Event License fees for all ASP World Tour Events are as described in the respective World Tour Event License agreement.
- 2.02 Where a group of Events including "World Tour" Event(s) are combined to produce a Special Series (e.g. Triple Crown), a license fee of 5% of the total prize money on offer by those Events is payable to ASP. This 5% is split 50/50 between the Surfers as Prize money, and ASP as a License fee unless otherwise directed by the ASP Board of Directors.
- 2.03 If there is any direct contradiction between an Article in this Rulebook and the relevant License Agreement, the License Agreement provision will apply.

### Article 3: Prize Money

- 3.01 In order to receive an ASP World Tour Event License an Event must have prize money minimums of US\$400,000 for men and US\$100,000 for women.
- 3.02 Tax deductions are not to be added to the prize money to maintain the minimum award. If tax is deducted the Contest Directors must provide the contestant with a letter detailing the deductions and providing information and applicable forms for refunds. ASP is to be advised as soon as this requirement becomes known to the Event. ASP must also be sent a copy of the receipt from the local taxation department showing what tax was actually paid, who for and to whom. ASP and the respective World Tour Event licensee will work together to solve any taxation issues regarding payment of prize money.
- 3.03 Prize money allocations must follow the approved breakdowns in Appendix A to this Rulebook as decided by the ASP Technical Committee and ratified by the ASP Board to ensure equity. Events with greater prize money purses must be awarded pursuant to breakdowns available in Appendix A or from ASP upon request.
- 3.04 The prize money purse must be in US Dollars and transferred to ASP 14 days prior to the Event Start Date. ASP will facilitate payments on behalf of the Event by transferring all prize money payments direct to the Surfer's bank account.  
*EXCEPTION:* Payments in unsigned travelers' cheques, cash, or, bank cheques/local currency cheques only if the Surfer receiving them is agreeable the latter option may only be made with ASP approval.
- 3.05 Where ASP has approved payment by cash, a deduction of US\$100 for men and US\$50 for women will apply to any unclaimed prize money after a 10 day grace period. The Surfer must be notified as often as possible in relation to the remaining prizemoney.
- 3.06 Any Event offering appearance incentives must contact ASP to ensure the offer does not contravene ASP allowable amounts. Such a decision will lie with the ASP Board.

#### **Article 4: Scheduling**

- 4.01 World Tour Events are limited to 13 per year with no more than 2 Events in any one country and for this purpose Tahiti, Reunion and Hawaii are classified as countries. Other prime island locations may be considered to be their own country on merit as decided from time to time by the ASP Board.
- 4.02 Dates for Events once finalised by ASP, may not be changed except by the ASP Technical Committee with ratification of the ASP Board. Contests must meet Event License requirements particularly material terms in the Event Details Schedule of the License Agreement.
- 4.03 The preliminary World Tour schedule is presented at the ASP Board of Directors mid-year meeting for the following year and all options are discussed. Ratification of the following year's ASP Schedule will be finalized and published before the end of the current Surfing Season by ASP.
- 4.04 On completion of the World Tour Surfing Season, there will be a minimum one-month break before the next World Tour Event.
- 4.05 Dates for the final Event of the World Tour will only be given to an Event, which has a status and infrastructure acceptable to the ASP Board.
- 4.06 World Tour Events have the right to determine their dates prior to all other Events as long as it is deemed in the best interest of the sport. The ASP Schedule will be finalized at the absolute discretion of the ASP Board. Where necessary, alternate venues will be recommended by the ASP Board.
- 4.07 The minimum Event Window for any combined men's/women's World Tour Event is to be 10 days.
- 4.08 The minimum Event Window for any men's only World Tour Event is to be 8 days.
- 4.09 The minimum Event Window for any women's only World Tour Event is to be 5 days.

#### **Article 5: Trials & Other Events inside a World Tour Event Window**

- 5.01 Where an Event has decided it will run extra Events inside the World Tour Window like expression sessions, celebrity heats etc they must have ASP approval. Applications must be lodged at least 30 days prior to the Event Window.
- 5.02 ASP expression sessions are limited to seeded Surfers plus one wild card with a maximum of 12 Surfers per expression session. Any vacancies due to lack of World Tour entries can be filled by the Event but the World Tour seeds always have priority.
- 5.03 World Tour trials' Events formats and details must be finalized prior to the start of the World Tour Event Window.  
*EXCEPTION:* At Women's World Tour Event's where the trials may occupy a maximum of 1.5 hours only of the Event Window.



## **Article 6: Ratings Points**

- 6.01 Ratings point breakdowns for all World Tour 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 four person heats in a men's World Tour Event and after ASP approval, the Surfers in equal 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> places are guaranteed minimum 17<sup>th</sup> place points, and the Surfers placed equal 33<sup>rd</sup> are guaranteed 33<sup>rd</sup> place points.
- 6.03 If using multiple women heats, the equal 9<sup>th</sup> losers are guaranteed 9<sup>th</sup> place points and equal 17<sup>th</sup> are guaranteed 17<sup>th</sup> place points.
- 6.04 For all World Tour, WQS, WLT, LQS and World Junior Events, if there are any ties on year-end ratings they will be distinguished in the same manner that ties in heat tabulation are distinguished (i.e. instead of determining the break by the best 9 Events, use the best 8 and then the best 7 etc). If Surfers have equal places and therefore an unbreakable tie, the final ratings will show them as equal but for seeding purposes the prior year ratings will decide the tiebreak.
- 6.05 Only World Tour seeds or seed replacements will appear on the World Tour ratings sheets. This includes the ASP designated wild cards.

## **Article 7: 2010 Men's World Tour (One Rankings Bridge Year)**

- 7.01 On 3 September, 2010 (final day of the Billabong, Tahiti Event), the top 32 Surfers according to the World Tour Champions Race points will qualify as the World Tour Surfers for the remainder of the World Tour Events in 2010. The Surfers rated 33-45 do not qualify can continue on all other ASP Events provided they have completed what is required to compete in the relevant Events.
- 7.02 Throughout the Surfing Season and subject to other restrictions within this Rulebook, each World Tour Surfer will accumulate points from each World Tour Event [Refer to Article 7.01] and any other WQS Event he competes on which will be counted towards his tally of and will be referred to herein as the Surfer's One Rankings Points.
- 7.03 The Surfer's results from each of the World Tour Events will be counted towards his standing on the World Tour Champions Race.

## **Article 8: Formats**

- 8.01 From the beginning of the 2010 Surfing Season and until 3 September, Men's World Tour Events shall consist of 48 Surfers and the following format will be used Surfer:
- (i) (A) Round One is 16 heats of 3 with 1<sup>st</sup> advancing to Round 3 while 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> advance to a one-on-one Round 2.
  - (B) Round 2 is one-on-one heats with the winners advancing to meet the winners from Round 1 in one-on-one heats until a winner is decided.
  - (ii) After ASP Board of Directors approval, Round 2 can be eliminated with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Round 1 moving directly into Round 3.
  - (iii) Where it is not possible to finish the Event without eliminating Round 2, the Contest Director, ASP Tour Manager and a Surfer Representative may decide to eliminate Round 2 for the Event. Each Surfer competing must be informed of this decision immediately.
- 8.02 As of 3 September and for the remainder of the 2010 Surfing Season,

Men's World Tour Events shall consist of 36 Surfers and the following format will be used:

- (i) Round one is 12 heats of three with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place progressing to Round 3 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place progressing to Round 2.
- (ii) Round 2 is 4 heats of three Surfers with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> advancing to Round 3.
- (iii) Round 3 is 16 heats of one-on-one with the winner progressing through one-on-one rounds with 2<sup>nd</sup> place being eliminated until a winner is decided.

8.03 The formats described in Article 8.01 and 8.02 are the ASP standard formats for Men's World Tour Events in 2010. Alternative formats as approved by the Surfers Representative may be permitted after ASP Board of Directors approval.

8.04 Women's Events shall consist of 18 Surfers. These 18 will compete as per the following format.

- (a) Round One is 6 heats of 3, with 1st and 2nd advancing to Round Three, and 3rd to Round Two.
- (b) Round Two is 2 heats of 3 with 1st and 2nd advancing to Round Three.
- (c) Round Three is 8 heats of 2 with 1st advancing to Quarter Finals for one-on-one heats until a winner is decided. Re-seeding is required in Round Two and Three of this format.

NOTE: This format is the ASP standard format for Women's World Tour Events. ASP approval is required for 4 person heats in "World Tour" Events. If 4-women heats are approved by ASP, the same format for Rounds One and Two are to be used as above, then 4-women heats are to be used for the final 16 Surfers onwards. In women's stand alone Events alternative formats as approved by the Surfers Representative are permitted after ASP approval.

8.05 The Event licensees may apply to ASP Management to use the dual heat system where 2 one-on-one heats are sent into the water to compete simultaneously. The Event licensee must prove to ASP Management that they can and will comply with all prescribed guidelines and rules within the ASP Event Planner prior to approval being granted.

8.06 "World Tour" Events have the option of submitting alternative formats for the following year. Any proposed new format must first be run at a 1-3 Star "WQS" or "Specialty" Event after ASP Board of Directors approval to do so. After completion, if the current "World Tour" men and women seeds agree by majority vote that it is acceptable the format is then put to the ASP Board of Directors for final approval for a particular Event.

8.07 Where travel time is limited to three or less days and more than ten Surfers in the men's division and four in the women's division 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.

#### **Article 9: World Tour Base Seed Points Allocation**

9.01 Base seed points for men and women are based on the relevant points scale illustrated in Appendix G.

9.02 First place from the prior year's men's World Tour ratings will receive 10,000 base seed points for the current Surfing Season. The other Surfers will receive points in accordance with their position in the prior year's World Tour as illustrated in Appendix G.

9.03 First place from the prior year's Women's World Tour ratings will receive 2,400 base seed points for the current Surfing Season. The other Surfers will receive points in accordance with their position in the prior year's World Tour as illustrated in Appendix G.

- 9.04 ASP wild cards appointed for the Surfing Season will receive base points equal to one place lower than the last seeded World Tour Surfer if a World Tour re-qualifier or WQS if a WQS qualifier.
- (a)

**Article 10: Seeding Order**

- 10.01 In World Tour Events the seeding order for Round One is determined by:
- (a) combining all the Surfers current World Tour adjusted ratings points and their base seed points [Refer to Article 9]. All Surfers are included in the Event from Round One and any ties will be decided by the previous years rating.
- (b) Seeding for the Losers Round Two (if run) in both the men's and women's Events will be as per Round One seeding for those Surfers in the round, except for injury replacements [Refer to Article 11.06].
- (c) Seeding for Round Three will be as per original Round One seeding for remaining Surfers.
- 10.02 Seeding for the first two Events of the year for the Top 16 men and Top6 women shall remain unchanged, while the remaining men and women will be seeded using current seed points. Normal seeding for all Surfers starts at the third Event.
- 10.03 For 2010 and subject to Article 10.02, Men's World Tour Surfers are selected and seeded in the following order :
- (a) The top 27 World Tour Surfers from the prior year's ratings;
- (b) The ASP wildcards that were rated in the top 27 seeds at the beginning of the prior tour year.(i.e. the top 27 Surfers from 2 years prior).
- (c) The WQS ratings will then be used for the rest of the seeds in order;
- (d) The ASP wildcards NOT in the top 27 as per (b) above;
- (e) Alternate seed replacement order for the four qualifying Surfers is based on ASP wildcard final allocation, which will be decided at years end after the wildcards have been chosen.
- 10.04 For 2011 and subject to Article 10.02, Men's World Tour Surfers are selected and seeded in the following order:
- (a) Top 22 from the World Champions Race points;
- (b) The ASP wildcards
- (c) Top 10 from the One Rankings points accumulated through 2010 (including double ups of Surfers that are placed from 23 to 32 in the World Tour Champions Race); and
- (d) Alternate seed replacement order for remaining places is based on ASP wildcard final allocation, which will be decided at year's end after the wildcards have been chosen.
- 10.05 Subject to Article 10.02, Women World Tour Surfers are selected and seeded in the following order:
- (a) The top 10 Women's World Tour Surfers from the prior year's ratings;
- (b) The WQS ratings will then be used for the rest of the 6 World Tour seeds in order; and
- (c) The ASP Wildcard is then seeded accordingly [Refer to Article 9.04].

**Article 11: Seed Replacements and Alternates**

- 11.01 If before the Surfing Season starts, World Tour and/or WQS qualifiers and/or replacements decide to relinquish their positions for that Surfing Season, the next World Tour and/or WQS replacement Surfers in line will take that spot for the duration of the Surfing Season.
- 11.02 If a Surfer that has qualified for the World Tour decides to relinquish their

seeded position in a World Tour Event as a result of injury or retirement [Refer to Article 27], they will be replaced in the following order:

- (a) The two ASP replacements for Men and Women which are determined and their order selected by the WPS and the IWS respectively; and then
  - (b) The Event has the option to select any other Surfers required.
- 11.03 An alternate replacing a Retired Surfer after the first World Tour Event will not count as the first replacement under Article 11.02.
- 11.04 An Alternate Surfer has 48 hours after the initial contact attempt by ASP to accept or reject the replacement offer. If a Surfer withdraws within the Event Window and none of the ASP replacements are on-site the replacement Surfer will be selected by the Event.
- 11.05 If any injured or pregnant Surfer checks-in to receive points and minimum prize money their spot in the heat can be taken by an alternate without reseeding of the other heats in that First Round. The replacement's normal seeding will apply for later rounds. Further, this alternate will pay no entry fee and can receive the difference in the minimum prize money (men 33rd /women 17th) already received by the injured/pregnant Surfer and the amount provided to the place the alternate finishes. The alternate therefore only receives the prize money difference once they've attained a result higher than the lowest place.
- 11.06 For the end of the season Hawaiian Events if a seeded Alternate Surfer can't do the minimum number of counting Events and that Surfer could qualify with the points on offer for the following year's World Tour, the place goes to the Event.

#### **Article 12: Men's Year End Rating and Qualification for following year**

- 12.01 The best 8 results from Men's World Tour Events will be counted to determine the year-end ratings for each Men's World Tour Surfer. *EXCEPTIONS* may be applicable with ASP Board approval in extreme circumstances where only a limited number of Events are held.
- 12.02 The Top 22 men from the current year-end World Tour ratings will re-qualify for the 2011 World Tour. The remaining 10 Surfers will come from the One Ranking points (including double ups of Surfers that are placed from 23 to 32 in the World Tour Champions Race). In addition to the 32 Surfers as listed will be 4 wildcards. [Refer to Article 15.01]

#### **Article 13: Women's Year End Rating and Qualification for following year**

- 13.01 The following scales show the number of Women's Events to be used to determine the year-end ratings for each Surfer in World Tour Events:
- (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 ASP Board approval in extreme circumstances where only a limited number of Events are held.
- 13.02 The Top 10 women from the current year-end ratings will re-qualify for the following year World Tour. The remaining 6 Surfers will come from the WQS current year-end final ratings. In addition to the 16 Surfers as listed will be 2 wild cards. [Refer to Article 15.02].

#### **Article 14: Competing in World Tour Events**

All those that qualify for the World Tour are required to compete in all of the World Tour Events held in that respective year and in accordance with the ASP Surfers Agreement, they must compete unless a valid exemption is provided by ASP in accordance with this Rulebook [Refer to Article 17]

#### **Article 15: Wildcards and Defending Champions**

- 15.01 There will be 4 wildcards for each of the men's World Tour Events. 2 are for the Event to select [Refer to Article 15.05] while the other 2 wildcards

- are to be selected by ASP.
- 15.02 In women's Events there will be 2 wildcard. One wild card is to be selected by the Event and the other by ASP.
- 15.03 The wild card rights holders mentioned in Articles 12 and 13 may choose to pass the right to the other party (i.e. ASP can provide their wildcard right to the Event or vice versa) and that party has the right to pick the remainder.
- 15.04 The previous year's non re-qualifying Surfers or Retired Surfers who are provided a Wildcard for the Event will be seeded ahead of the other Wildcards for that Event.
- 15.05 Defending champions of an event (whether the event was previously ASP licensed or not) must be placed into the trials for the same Event in the immediate Surfing Season following the Event they won provided that Event has not given them a wildcard. If no trials are run, the defending champion must be provided an event wildcard.  
*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.
- 15.06 Defending champions referred to in 15.05 must follow normal entry procedures by at least 30 days in advance for this wild card slot or receive normal seeding and the benefits described in this Article.

#### **Article 16: Amateur Surfers Competing**

Amateurs may surf in ASP licensed World Tour Events provided it is allowed under local amateur rules but must pay the relevant entry membership fee. 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 ASP 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 World Tour Surfers must attend all World Tour Events which they qualify for. Failure to do so will result in a fine equal to that of the existing no show rule found in Article 20.02. Replacements for these no-shows will be decided in accordance with Article 11.02. This applies for both men and women.
- 17.02 Non-attendance at Events other than as described in Article 17.01 above, is only for extenuating circumstances including injury and pregnancy. A doctor's certificate must be sent to ASP as well as informing ASP as soon as possible after the injury or pregnancy. The ASP Medical Coordinator has the right to follow up and investigate further all these cases. In these cases and if they deem necessary in the circumstances the Tour Manager on behalf of ASP has the right to grant minimum ratings points (no prize money) for the Event to the Surfer.
- 17.03 If a seeded Surfer does not show at an Event and has no doctor's certificate and fails to warn the Event, fines will be levied as deemed appropriate by the Tour Manager. If the Surfer has no doctor's certificate but warns the Event prior to the Event Start Date, fines will be levied.
- 17.04 If a Surfer has provided an acceptable medical certificate, they will still receive the minimum points but no prize money for seeding purposes only at that Event they could not compete in.

#### **Article 18: World Champion Attendance**

Once a Surfer has been crowned the ASP World Champion for the current year, he or she must attend all of the remaining World Tour Events of the current Surfing Season. Breaching this Rule will result in a monetary fine of US\$10,000

per Event.

#### **Article 19: Missing Heats**

- 19.01 After the start of the Event, if a seeded Surfer has missed their First Round heat they will be fined. If they do not show up for their Second Round heat in Events holding relegation rounds, all their points and prize money are forfeit, with fines to be assessed. All applicable prize money will go to ASP.
- 19.02 In the case of no shows in Main Event seeded heats, reseeding will not occur after the actual Event has started (not the Event Window) except as in Article 11.05, and the heat will still take place for the remaining Surfers. If none of the Surfers show up then the highest seed advances to Round Three. In a one-on-one heat the Surfer must surf the time period alone in case the opponent turns up late. Even if the Tour Manager and Contest Director are fully satisfied that a Surfer will not be competing in their heat, the daily schedule will continue.

#### **Article 20: Failure to Compete**

- 20.01 If Surfers refuse to compete at an Event, even though the majority of the Head Judge, Contest Director and Surfer Representative or Contest Director, if having the sole call, agreed heats will continue, a US\$500 fine will be issued to all Surfers that fail to compete. If none compete then the highest seed will advance. The heat is to be run and timed as scheduled with or without the Surfers in the water.
- 20.02 Any Surfer who decides not to surf for any reason other than serious injury or pregnancy before or after checking in for their heat will be fined. If the Surfer has a legitimate concern for their safety, they must state in writing to ASP via the onsite ASP Tour Manager their reasons for not competing to retain their seeding rights (if acceptable to ASP) for the rest of the Surfing Season. The fine will be that the Surfer does not receive any points or money for that Event. In order to receive points and money, the injured Surfer must still check-in with the beach marshall when called.
- 20.03 Subject to a Surfer being injured/pregnant [Refer to Article 11.05], once a Surfer checks in for a heat and receives their competition vest it is deemed that they are competing. If they withdraw any time after this there will be no replacement. Future heats they are supposed to be in will be run with the remaining Surfers or in one on one the heat cancelled and the daily schedule moved forward one heat.

#### **Article 21: 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 World Tour event. This notice is to be provided 21 days prior to the Event Start Date to ASP International via the ASP 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 ratings points. In any circumstance, ASP 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 ASP at any time. Details of the pregnancy and any medical advice disclosed will be held in absolute confidence by ASP.

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

#### **Article 22: Membership Fees**

- 22.01 Seeded women Surfers pay a membership fee of US\$1,000 for the World Tour. These fees are due January 31st or can be paid in 2 installments from the first two World Tour Events prize money after

- approval from ASP.
- 22.02 Seeded male Surfers pay a membership fee of US\$2,000 for the World Tour. These fees are due January 31st or can be paid in 4 installments from the first 4 World Tour Events prize money after approval from ASP.
- 22.03 An additional fee for mandatory personal accident insurance is also applicable and will be charged to each World Tour Surfer. These fees may vary from year to year.
- 22.04 The men's wild cards must pay US\$1,000 entry fee and any seed replacements must pay US\$1,000 entry fee (maximum US\$2,000 per year) per Event to ASP plus an additional US\$100 for personal accident insurance for those Surfers without the ASP approved coverage. This will be deducted from their prize money if it is not paid onsite.
- 22.05 The women's wild card and any seed replacements must pay US\$600 entry fee per Event to ASP plus an additional US\$100 for personal accident insurance for those Surfers without the ASP approved coverage. This will be deducted from their prize money if it is not paid onsite.
- 22.06 If World Tour seeded Surfers do not pay their fees to the ASP office by the due date, they will be fined and not allowed entry into the Events until the fine and fees are paid.
- 22.07 Any Surfer who competes as a wild card in a World Tour Event that is not already a WQS member will receive WQS membership as part of their entry fee payment but must sign the relevant ASP Surfers Agreement prior to competing.

### **Article 23: Non-ASP Events**

- 23.01 As in the ASP Surfers Agreement, any ASP Member who surfs, promotes, or otherwise competes or participates in any event or tour that is not sanctioned by, or has not been granted a waiver by ASP, or participates in any display of surfing related to such an event, will:
- (a) lose their seeding and rating points for the next Surfing Season; and
  - (b) not be eligible to compete in the current Surfing Season and at any future ASP Event unless approved expressly in writing by ASP.
- Should the unsanctioned event or tour competed in or promoted by the ASP Member be on the list of unsanctioned events as amended by the ASP Board from time to time in its absolute discretion, and notified by the ASP Board to the ASP Members, the ASP Member will:
- (c) reimburse ASP for all prize money received during that Surfing Season; and
  - (d) reimburse ASP the sum of \$USD100,000 for Men and \$31,000 for Women in respect of each Event in which they have participated during that Surfing Season, being their pro-rata share of the costs incurred in running and promoting each Event.

[Refer to Article 144].

- 23.02 *EXCEPTIONS* to Article 23.01 above are as per (a) and (b) below and will only be allowed based on proper individually sought exemptions in writing from ASP including for reasons below:
- (a) World Tour Surfers are permitted to participate in exhibitions of surfing where no prize money is awarded, and the sponsor of the exhibition is a World Tour licensee to whom the Surfer is contracted, provided that no separate naming rights are being given to the exhibition; and
  - (b) for bona fide charity Event or local club Event.

### **Article 24: Enclosed Official Areas**

- 24.01 Events must ensure that all Surfers, officials and enclosed areas or

- offices inside the Event compound are kept smoke free.
- 24.02 Alcohol can only be consumed in the designated licensed VIP area.

**Article 25: Entry Forms / Security Passes / Accessible Areas**

- 25.01 Event entry forms may contain a waiver for the Event's protection. If ASP choose to provide a waiver also, it is to be signed by all Surfers prior to competing in the Event. It is the Event's responsibility to get these waivers signed before the Surfers compete.
- 25.02 All World Tour seeded Surfers will be identified for security reasons by profile digital photos provided by ASP. This or the Surfers ASP 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. Surfer's guests, wild cards and seed replacements can be requested to wear or carry some form of pass as supplied by the Event. Should they request it, each competing Surfer shall be provided one pass for their guest. 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. It is recommended that these requests are accommodated by the Event.
- 25.03 ASP official cardholders must be given entry with access to all areas at all ASP licensed Events. ASP will distribute these passes appropriately.
- 25.04 ASP World Tour 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 ASP World Tour Event Planner.

**Article 26: Media Obligations**

- 26.01 All Surfers must attend the Event press conference if asked and scheduled within 24 hours of the Event dates or as stipulated in the ASP Surfers Agreement.  
*EXCEPTIONS* are only available by individual approach to the Contest Director based on inadequate travel time between Events. A non-attendance fine is payable to the Event. It is the Events responsibility to inform the relevant Surfers in writing (directly or via ASP) at the previous Event as to the exact time and venue with directions of the function in advance of the Event dates. Fines will be imposed for non-cooperation and non-attendance.
- 26.02 Surfers must cooperate with the media at all times and attend post heat press conferences if held (maximum 30 minutes after the heat). Surfers in the last heat of the day must make themselves available for media interviews if required immediately after their heat.
- 26.03 All World Tour Surfers must give priority to the ASP accredited film crew especially at the water's edge to be nominated by ASP annually.
- 26.04 It is compulsory for all World Tour seeded Surfers to attend the ASP Banquet and photo shoot.

**Article 27: Surfer Retirement**

- 27.01 Upon request, ASP will provide any Surfer who has competed on the World Tour 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 [Refer to Article 11.01].
- 27.02 Should a Surfer retire during a Surfing Season, the Surfer must complete any obligations in relation to the Surfing Season of the calendar year in accordance with the ASP Surfers Agreement.
- 27.03 Once the first World Tour Event has started in a Surfing Season, any Surfer who becomes a Retired Surfer will be replaced by an alternate to



be nominated at the beginning of the Surfing Season.

- 27.04 A Retired Surfer may be entitled to benefits implemented by ASP from time to time and these will be provided in accordance with the ASP 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 ASP Surfers Agreement or membership terms they have agreed to.

**Article 28: Tour Rules**

- 28.01 ASP will hold an Orientation Workshop Seminar prior to the first World Tour Event of each Surfing Season. This Seminar is compulsory for all Surfers who are in their first or second year on the World Tour or who have requalified back onto the World Tour. Fines for failure to attend are US\$1,000.
- 28.02 All World Tour seeded Surfers must sign the ASP Surfers Agreement prior to surfing in the first World Tour Event of the year or by a date designated by ASP. If they do not sign this agreement they will not be allowed to compete.
- 28.03 ASP 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 ASP in relation to their qualification to or relegation from the World Tour.

## CHAPTER 2: WORLD QUALIFYING SERIES (WQS)

### Article 29: License Fees

29.01 Note that **license** fees are set at 10% of the prize money total and are outlined below in scale in US\$ currency:

	Men	Women
6 star and PRIME	\$14,500	\$3,500
5 star	\$12,000	\$3,000
4 star	\$8,500	\$2,500
3 star	\$5,000	\$1,800
2 star	\$2,500	\$1,200
1 star	\$1,000	\$800

29.02 Any 1 - 6 Star "WQS" women's Event held in conjunction with a men's 1 - 6 Star Prime "WQS" Event does not pay a license fee.

29.03 All Events are to submit their License Form by September 30 of the year prior confirming the Event dates and rating.

29.04 For all Events, 50% of the license fee is to be paid to the Licensing ASP 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 ASP Schedule.

29.05 If the License Fee is not paid before either of the deadlines in Article 29.04 above, the Event is immediately removed from the ASP Schedule and the Event dates become available. Double the entire License Fee then becomes payable in full to the Licensing ASP Regional Office upon the Event requesting full licensing.

*EXCEPTIONS* to this Rule will be based on individual approaches to the ASP Regional Office.

29.06 Subject to Article 29.02, for every WQS Event held in their Region, the Licensing ASP Regional Office is to pay \$250 to ASP.

### Article 30: Upgrading/Downgrading an Event

30.01 Women's 1 star WQS Events must upgrade to at least a 2 star after two years.

30.02 If any Event decides to upgrade its rating status, it must provide at least 90 days notice. The ASP Technical Committee will give final approval for all upgrades.

30.03 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 grade.

### Article 31: 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, 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 ASP Schedule.

### Article 32: Change of Event Details

If an Event 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 ASP 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 ASP that the Event location/dates have been changed. The Event Licensee will be responsible for any costs incurred by a Surfer, the ASP, ASP 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 33: Prize Money Taxation**

- 33.01 Where tax is deducted, the Contest Directors must provide each contestant with a document detailing the deductions along with the applicable forms for refunds. The Licensing ASP Regional Office is to be advised as soon as this requirement becomes known to the Event, and must receive a receipt (copy) from the local taxation department stating the names and amounts paid.
- 33.02 Tax deductions are not to be added to the prize money to maintain the minimum award.

### **Article 34: Prize Money**

- 34.01 For new Events, a cash sum equivalent to the prize purse for that grade Event must be paid to the Licensing ASP 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 Licence Fee. If an Event is cancelled within the 90 days, then the cash sum and licence Fee are forfeit and used to offset expenses incurred by Surfers and the Licensing ASP Regional Office.
- 34.02 For WQS Events, Prize Money Minimum Breakdowns are as per Appendix C.
- 34.03 WQS prize money for foreign Surfers must be in US dollars, paid by unsigned travelers' cheques, bank transfer or US\$ 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.
- 34.04 Variations to prize money breakdowns must be approved by ASP.
- 34.05 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 to complete payments for all Surfers who have provided banking details. Prize money for any Surfer who has not provided their bank details by two months after the Event completion date is forfeit.
- 34.06 A deduction of US\$100 for men and US\$50 for women will apply to any unclaimed prize money after a 10 day grace period payable to the ASP Regional Office.
- 34.07 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 ASP Office (whichever is to pay the Surfer), 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 ASP against the Event and will not be payable to the Surfer.

### **Article 35: Scheduling**

- 35.01 ASP 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 ASP will always have the absolute discretion in designating dates for an Event.
- 35.02 Only Events that have paid license fees will be announced on the the ASP Schedule released by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the prior year. Events being held after June 30th have until March 31st to finalise their license fee payments and be placed on the ASP Schedule.
- 35.03 Men's Event Scheduling:

- (a) 1 to 4 star Events can be run at any time during the year and can be held at the same time as scheduled WQS or World Tour Events.
  - (b) 5 star Events can't be run prior to January 23 of the tour year, but thereafter can be held at the same time as scheduled WQS or World Tour Events.
  - (c) 6 star Events can't be run prior to January 23 of the tour year, and a maximum of two 6 star Events only can be run at the same time but must take place in different Regions or countries.
  - (d) 6 star prime Events cannot be run prior to January 23 of the tour year.
  - (e) There cannot be more than 12 Events deemed Prime status in any one Surfing Season.
  - (f) *EXCEPTIONS* in relation to (a) – (e) can be provided by ASP under special circumstances.
- 35.04 Women's Events Scheduling:
- (a) 1 to 3 star Events can be run at any time during the year and can be held at the same time as scheduled WQS or World Tour Events.
  - (b) 4 star Events can be run at any time during the year but cannot be scheduled on conflicting dates with other 4, 5 or 6 star Events.
  - (c) 5 and 6 star Events can't be run prior to January 23 of the tour year and can't be held at the same time as other 4, 5 or 6 star Events.
  - (d) *EXCEPTIONS* in relation to (a) – (c) can be provided by ASP under special circumstances..

### **Article 36: Formats & Time Period Allocations**

- 36.01 WQS 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. In some cases a Surfer may be moved to a later heat if available in the same round. The Contest Director, Surfer Representative and ASP Tour Representative will decide on a case by case basis whether this exception applies to a Surfer.
- 36.02 Four (4) person heats using the standard judging and tabulation rules are mandatory in all "WQS" 1-4 Star men and women's Events with the option to do the final eight (8) Surfers (Quarter Finals) onward in one-on-one heats.
- 36.03 Men's WQS Events held prior to any World Tour that has only two days running time, must be limited to a maximum of 96 Surfers. In all heats leading up to the final, the first and second placed Surfers in each heat will advance to the next Round. Round One will consist of 64 Surfers in 16 heats of 4. Round Two will consist of 16 heats of 4 (by adding 32 seeds), followed by Round Three of 8 heats of 4. Quarterfinals will consist of 4 heats of 4, then 2 heats of 4, and completed with a four person final. The seeds as stated above will comply with Article 50.01.
- 36.04 Women's WQS Events held prior to any World Tour Event at the same venue must be at least 5 star rated.
- 36.05 Running time for all Men's WQS 1-6 star and 6 star Prime Events are based on the following, which show the maximum number of heats that can be run in the number of days allocated.

- (a) **One Star Events** must allow for minimum 96 format and minimum 2 days running.

Mens 96 Format	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round one	16 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round two	16 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round three	8 heats of 4	20 minutes	2'40"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 4	20 minutes	1'20"
Semi-Finals	2 heats of 4	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 4	30 minutes	0'30"
Total	47 heats		16 hrs 00 mins

- (b) **2-3 Star Events** must allow for minimum 144 format and minimum 3 days running time.

Mens 96 Format	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round one	8 heats of 4	20 minutes	2'40"
Round two	16 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round three	8 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round four	16 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round five	8 heats of 4	20 minutes	2'40"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 4	20 minutes	1'20"
Semi-Finals	2 heats of 4	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 4	30 minutes	0'30"
Total	63 heats		24 hrs 00 mins

- (c) **4 Star Events** must allow for minimum 188 format and a minimum 5 days running time. If running a 144 format with one on one as shown below they must allow 7 days running time:

Men's 160 Format	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Two	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Three	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Four	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Five	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Six	8 heats of 4	20 min	2'40"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 4	20 min	1'20"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 4	25 min	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 4	30 min	0'30"
Total	79 heats		32 hrs 00 mins

- (d) **5 and 6 Star Events** must allow for a 144 format and minimum 7 days running time where possible.

Men's 144 Format (with combined women's)			
5* WQS only	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	24 heats of 4	20 minutes	8'00"

Round Two	24 heats of 4	25 minutes	10'00"
Round Three	12 heats of 4	25 minutes	5'00"
Round Four	8 heats of 3	25 minutes	3'20"
Round Five	8 heats of 2	25 minutes	3'20"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 minutes	1'40"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 2	35 minutes	0'35"
Totals	<b>83 heats</b>		<b>32 hrs 45 mins</b>
<b>Men's 144 Format (7 days with no women's Event)</b>			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	24 heats of 4	25 minutes	10'00"
Round Two	24 heats of 4	25 minutes	10'00"
Round Three	12 heats of 4	25 minutes	5'00"
Round Four	8 heats of 3	25 minutes	3'20"
Round Five	8 heats of 2	25 minutes	3'20"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 minutes	1'40"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 2	35 minutes	0'35"
Totals	<b>83 heats</b>		<b>34 hrs 45 mins</b>

- (e) **6 star PRIME** Events using a 128 format and minimum 7 days running time where possible.

<b>MEN'S 6 Star Prime FORMAT</b>			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	<b>12 heats of 4</b>	25 min	<b>5'00"</b>
Round Two	24 heats of 4	25 min	10'00"
Round Three	12 heats of 4	25 min	5'00"
Round Four	8 heats of 3	25 min	3'20"
Round Five	8 heats of 2	25 min	3'20"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 min	1'40"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 min	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 2	35 min	0'35"
Totals	<b>71 heats</b>		<b>32 hrs 35 mins</b>

- (f) **6 star PRIME** using a 96 format and minimum of 7 days running time where possible.

<b>MEN'S 6 star PRIME 96 FORMAT</b>			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	24 heats of 4	30 min	12'00"
Round Two	12 heats of 4	30 min	6'00"
Round Three	8 heats of 3	30 min	4'00"
Round Four	8 heats of 2	30 min	4'20"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	30 min	2'00"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	30 min	1'00"
Final	1 heat of 2	35 min	0'35"
Totals	<b>71 heats</b>		<b>29 hrs 35 mins</b>

- 36.06 Running time for all **Women's WQS 5-6 star Events** must allow for a 60-format and minimum 3 days running time where possible:

Women's 60 format (stand alone or with combined Men's)			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round one	6 heats of 4	20 minutes	5 hours
Round two	12 heats of 4	20 minutes for combined events and 25 for stand-alone events	4 hours or 5 hours respectively
Round three	6 heats of 4	25 minutes	2'30"
Round four	4 heats of 3	25 minutes	1' 40"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 minutes	1'40"
Semi-Finals	2 heats of 2	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 2	30 minutes	0'30"
<b>Total</b>	35 heats		14 hrs 10 mins; or 15 Hrs 10 mins

### Article 37: Trials & Other events at WQS Events

- 37.01 Trials qualifications must be run prior to the licensed Event dates.
- 37.02 Any 5-6 Star Prime Events holding other categories or trials to decide qualifiers for a 144 to 96 Event format must hold these prior to the allocated minimum days required for the 144 to 96 Event. Only Women's heats and Junior/Long board finals can be held during the last 7 days of competition. Subject to ASP approval, exceptions can be made as required by constraints imposed by local authorities.
- 37.03 All ASP Rules and Regulations must be followed in trial heats with exemptions only after ASP approval.
- 37.04 In the trials a full ASP qualified judging panel, if available, is to be used as in the main seeded rounds. Where these judges are unavailable due to other Event commitments or in transit to the Event, their replacements must be ASP recognised judges, if available. All judges are to receive full benefits as per normal licensing requirements.
- 37.05 Trialists are those Surfers whose current seeding status fall outside of the seeded Surfers allowed for the proposed size of the WQS Event in Article 36.05 (a) through (c).  
*EXCEPTIONS* are available to those full ASP members who are competing in another ASP WQS rated Event in a country or area where travel time means they cannot make the trials on time. If this is the case, then they will replace the last seed and so on, putting them into the trials until all such Surfers are placed in the main seeded rounds.

### Article 38: Ratings Points

- 38.01 Any WQS Event held after the last World Tour Event of the year has started will have its rating count toward the following year.
- 38.02 Ratings points will be allocated as per the point schedules shown in Appendix D & Appendix E. If there are any ties on the year-end ratings they will be broken in the same manner as in breaking ties in heat tabulation (e.g. instead of best 8 Events, count best 7, then 6 etc). Prior year final ratings will be used to decide any unbreakable ties for future seeding purposes however these unbreakable ties will remain as equals on the final ratings list.

### Article 39: Events Counting Towards Qualification

- 39.01 Men: The best 8 of the total number of all 6 star prime and WQS 1-6 Star rated Events (maximum of four Events per COUNTRY in 6 Star or 6

Star Prime Events can be counted) will be used to determine the year-end ratings for each Surfer in the men's Events. If less than 8 Events take place on the men's tour then all will count in the ratings.

39.02 Women: The number of WQS Events (1-6 star) counting towards the final ratings depends on the number of 5-6 Star WQS Events held as outlined below:

- (a) If there are up to 5 WQS 5-6 Star Events total in the Surfing Season then the worst of those results will not count.
- (b) If there are 6-8 WQS 5-6 Star Events then only the best 5 of all WQS results will count
- (c) If there are 9 or more WQS 5-6 Star Events then the best 7 of all WQS results will count.

#### **Article 40: Injury Rating Compensation**

40.01 In order to receive consideration for a WQS injury or pregnancy, ASP must receive an application, acceptable medical certification and have evidence that the Surfer missed more than 50% of the combined number of 5 – 6 star and 6 star Prime Events.

40.02 To be granted an exemption the Surfer must be rated in the prior years WQS Top 150 for men and Top 50 for women. If granted an exemption the Surfers' final rating will be their prior years rating plus 22 for men and plus 10 for women.

40.03 A Surfer may also apply for mid-year Injury Rating 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-year changeover of seeding until such time the successful applicant either betters their previous years rating or they compete in the minimum number of events counting towards year-end ratings [Refer to Article 39]. If successful in this situation, the Surfer will receive their seeding from the beginning of the year and not their rating as calculated in 35.02 above.

40.04 The ASP Technical Committee may grant other exemptions where extreme circumstances have resulted in the time limit being exceeded.

40.05 The ASP Medical Coordinator shall have absolute discretion when assessing a Surfer's health.

#### **Article 41: Membership**

41.01 Full Membership

(a) Any Surfer who competes in any ASP licensed event outside of their country must pay the full touring membership and insurance premium as secured by ASP for that year. Please note European Surfers are covered by their own insurance in EC countries only.

(b) Full touring membership is limited to people who are 18 years of age or older.

*EXCEPTION:* Where an application is made to the ASP to consider personal and educational facets of the Surfer.

(c) All non-World Tour men WQS Surfers' membership fees are set at US\$200, which is compulsory for all entries in 5-6 star Prime WQS Events.

(d) All non-World Tour women's WQS membership fees are set at US\$150.

(e) The fees above must be paid via the on line membership / entry automated system by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the tour year to receive rating 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 compete in any local series if the Surfer has paid membership in full.

(g) All Surfers with a prior years rating who fail to pay their Membership renewal by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be seeded on a first come first served basis no matter what rating they had the previous year.

41.02 Local Membership



- (a) In all ASP Regions a Local Membership Fee is applicable for those wishing to compete in their own Region only. These fees are set by the applicable Regional Offices.
  - (b) In Men's 1-4 Star WQS Events local Surfers can pay a local membership of US\$100 in lieu of the fee set by the Regional Office as described in Article 41.02(a) full membership but they will not be allocated any ratings points or previous year seeding rights until the full fee owed is paid.
  - (c) Any local members that make it into any Men's 1-4 star Event prize money round must upgrade to a full US\$200 membership.
  - (d) Entry into Men's 5-6 star and 6 star Prime Events requires full membership  
*EXCEPTION:* When local members are permitted entry into these Events (ie: at Events that aren't full). These local members will not be allocated any ratings points or previous year seeding rights for any Events competed in prior to paying their full membership.
  - (e) Any local members that make it into any Men's 5-6 star Event prize money round must upgrade to full US\$200 membership.
  - (f) Subject to the fee in (a) above, any Woman wishing to sign up for local membership and therefore being able to compete in any ASP Event must pay the full membership to ASP.
- 41.03 Any Surfer who competes without paying their membership or insurance where applicable will not receive points for that Event and lose all previous seeding rights. No excuses will be accepted.
- 41.04 Any Surfer receiving prize money of US\$200 men/US\$150 women, in any grade WQS Event must become a fully paid WQS member. The applicable Regional Office may deduct the additional fee from prize money the Surfer receives.
- 41.05 World Tour Surfers pay the applicable entry fee into all ASP WQS Events but no WQS membership fees.
- 41.06 Associate Membership will be given gratis to selected sponsors, media and officials, and will be sold to interested parties. Rates for this membership vary in each area. Please contact your ASP Regional Office for information.
- 41.07 Life Members do not pay any annual Membership Fees but must pay applicable entry and insurance fees.
- 41.08 There is only one form of membership with no difference between amateur and professional.
- 41.09 Amateurs may receive points, prize money and seeding status as per the professional members. Their names will appear on the rating sheet but 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.
- 41.10 Amateurs who turn professional during the year will not lose previously gained points.

**Article 42: ASP Inter-Office Membership Procedures**

- 42.01 The applicable ASP Regional Office must pay ASP US\$20 per member with the balance of US\$180/US\$130 retained by the ASP Regional Office.
- 42.02 Where a membership is to be paid at an Event the ASP Representative will collect the membership and forward the funds to the Licensing ASP Regional Office after taking a US\$20 handling fee.

**Article 43: Entry Fees**

- 43.01 Men's 1-4 star: US\$200 maximum, plus tax if applicable.
- 43.02 Men's 5-6 star and 6 star Prime : US\$250 maximum, plus tax if applicable.
- 43.03 Women's 1-6 star: US\$100 maximum, plus tax if applicable.

- 43.04 Entry fees are applicable for trials Surfers in Events holding trials.
- 43.05 The Event has the right to charge individuals any amount they like up to the US\$ maximums and any applicable government taxes. Exemptions are only after ASP Board of Directors approval.
- 43.06 Currency exchange rate for entry fees is set at same rate as prize money payment if less than published amounts where ASP has approved such variations.

#### **Article 44: Entry Cancellation and Refunds**

- 44.01 Subject to Article 44.02, Entry Fees will be forfeited from the relevant Event's closing date. Entry Fees are therefore non-refundable from the relevant Event closing date.
- 44.02 If an injury notification is delivered in writing to the relevant ASP Office prior to 7 days before the relevant Event Start Date and a medical certificate can be produced that complies with Article 44.06, the Surfer will receive a refund less a \$50 administration fee.
- 44.03 All cancellations of Event entries must be in writing to an ASP Office.
- 44.04 Alternates will receive a refund if they do not get a start in the Event entered.
- 44.05 If a Surfer withdraws from an Event within 7 days of the Event Start Date or during an Event, they will be fined US\$1,000 unless a valid medical certificate is provided in accordance with 41.06.
- 44.06 Medical certificates must be dated and produced no later than 48 hours after the respective cancellation or injury notification referred to in Article 44.02.

#### **Article 45: Entry Forms**

ASP standard entry forms are available on the online membership and management system. Should there be individual entry forms, the Event Entry Forms must contain the following notifications:

- 45.01 ASP membership of US\$200 for men and \$150 for women is compulsory to receive international WQS ratings points or compete in any Event outside of their registered Region.
- 45.02 In all men's 6 star Prime and WQS 5-6 star Events a full membership must be paid in full before competing.
- 45.03 Anyone competing outside of their registered Region or country must also pay the applicable insurance fee as negotiated by ASP. (No other memberships for local series are applicable if this is paid, however all WQS non-member Surfers must be fully paid members of the local ASP Regional series. [Refer to Article 41.02(b) through (e)].
- 45.04 All Surfers must state when paying their membership which Region they belong to and that Region is applicable for that tour year.
- 45.05 Any ASP Member who surfs, or otherwise competes or participates in any Event that is not licensed by or has not been granted a waiver by ASP, shall lose their seeding and ratings points for the next year, and will not be eligible to compete in the current year at any ASP Licensed Event. A notification must be shown explaining this on all applicable forms.
- 45.06 Dues of existing members must be paid to an ASP Regional Office by January 31st of the tour year or prior to the first Event entered to retain seeding rights. All of the previous year members with seeding rights will lose all seeding rights if their membership is not paid in full by January 31st.
- 45.07 New members must pay any applicable membership fees before the end of the relevant Event, or they will not receive any ratings benefits and future entries will be cancelled until all fees owing are paid in full.
- 45.08 All entries must be in writing, signed and dated by the Surfer or their elected individual, who can sign on their behalf, showing their date of

birth and forwarded to the ASP Regional Office, with payment at least 30 days prior to the Event Start Date, to receive seeding benefits. The receiving ASP Office must date these entries upon reception.

- 45.09 Entry forms must carry the ASP logo and wording to show entry fee amounts.

#### **Article 46: Entry Procedure**

- 46.01 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 ASP immediately.
- 46.02 ASP Regional Offices can accept entries to WQS Events from World Tour and WQS Surfers in accordance with this Article, if the ASP Regional offices are accepting these entries. In most cases all Surfers must do their entries on line.
- 46.03 All on line entries and payments must be made by 5pm USA Pacific Coast time on the event close date to maintain seeding rights.
- 46.04 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.
- 46.05 All entries and payment must be sent direct to an ASP Regional Office if they are accepting entries.
- 46.06 Event organisers cannot accept any entries and must refer the Surfers to the Licensing ASP Regional Office.
- 46.07 Beach entries must be made with the ASP Regional Tour Representative at the Event Site and placed on the alternate list [Refer to Article 54].
- 46.08 No World Tour seed can put in an entry for seeding in a WQS Event being held during any World Tour Event dates.  
*EXCEPTION:* Applies if the Surfer has been eliminated early enough from a World Tour Event, they may place a beach entry in a WQS Event if available.
- 46.09 No Men's World Tour Surfer may compete in a WQS 1-4 star (inclusive) rated Event unless the Event is held in their Region or the Licensee of the Event is a commercial sponsor of the Surfer.

#### **Article 47: Entry Confirmations**

- 47.01 At the closing date of an Event, the accepted entrants will be informed and their credit cards charged automatically via the online membership system. Unaccepted entries due to Events being full will not be charged and will be kept on an alternate list.
- 47.02 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 ASP 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.

#### **Article 48: ASP Inter-Office Entry Procedures**

- 48.01 If any ASP Office accepts an entry without payment that ASP Office is financially responsible for payment of that entry.

#### **Article 49: Selection of Entries**

- 49.01 Beach entries will receive no seeding rights if accepted.
- 49.02 Selection of Entries for WQS 1-6 Star and 6 Star Prime Events will be allocated using the following selection procedure using Surfers who have entered following the correct procedures as described above.
- (a) World Tour seeds from the prior and current year, WJC seeds, wild cards and then defending champion.
- (b) WQS seeds based on the prior year final ratings for Events whose

entries close before July 11 of the current year. For Events whose entries close after July 11, the current year's WQS ratings will be used.

- (c) Former ASP World Champions, maximum of two with licensing Region having priority then the most recent champion.
- (d) Further to the seeding above and prior to wildcards being seeded, if the number of Surfers from the Licensing Region is below 16, the bottom seeds are replaced with the highest ranking Surfers from the Licensing Region who have entered to compete (based on One Ranking points) until the number of Surfers from the licensing region is 16.
- (e) Where there are places available, the balance of entries will contain 50% of entrants from the Licensing Region and 50% of people from other Regions based on current ratings.
- (f) Non-members, if space available. ASP Regional Office must charge a one-time membership fee as decided by them.
- (g) Alternates whose entries are received before the closing date deadline are placed in order using current ratings as of the closing date deadline.
- (h) Alternates whose entries are received after the closing date deadline are on first come first served basis. These entries will be placed on the bottom of the alternate list in order and the Surfer loses all seeding rights in this case. Where a Surfer has to be moved up a round due to a no-show in later rounds the Surfer who entered first will be advanced a round and become the lowest seed for that round if future advancements become available.

49.03 For end of year Hawaiian WQS 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 format.
- (b) Entry selection based for the 96 format will be as follows:
  - (i) 16 local Hawaiian Surfers,
  - (ii) 3 ASP Hawaii wildcards;
  - (iii) 3 Event wildcards;
  - (iv) the 2 highest ranked WJC Surfers
  - (v) the balance of Surfers taken from the One Ranking system.
- (c) A four (4) day Events will use the 128 or 132 format.
- (d) Events that use formats greater than a 96 man will use the selection requirement in 49.03(b) with the remaining entries being will alternate between the local Hawaiian Surfers and the highest ranking Surfers from the One Ranking system.

#### **Article 50: Invitations to Men's WQS Events**

- 50.01 The seeding order for all WQS Events is based on the following order.
  - (a) Requalifying World Tour Surfers; then
  - (b) Non-requalifying World Tour Surfers; then
  - (c) the highest rated Surfers from the previous year's ratings until July 11<sup>th</sup> where current One Ranking points are to be used.
- 50.02 All Events on the Men's WQS Tour will use one basic format with different variations regarding invited seeds:
  - (a) For an Event with up to 64 entrants, it is to have 16 seeds in the last 32 round consisting of 2 wild cards (one for the Event and one for the Licensing ASP Regional Office).
  - (b) For an Event with 64 to 96 entrants, it is to have 32 seeds in the last 64 round consisting of 4 wild cards (two for the Event and two for the Licensing ASP Regional Office).

- (c) For Events with over 96 entrants using the 16 heat per round format, it is to have 32 seeds in the last round as per Article 50.02(b) above and then groups of 32 seeds in each of the rounds prior with a half round of 8 heats or partial rounds allowed for the first round of the Event. This half or partial rounds would have the applicable number of seeds in both this and the following round with the top 2 from each heat advancing to meet the seeds in the following round of 16 heats.
  - (d) For Events with over 96 entrants using the 24 heat per round format, it is to have 48 seeds in the last round and then groups of 48 seeds in each of the rounds prior with a half round of 12 heats or partial rounds allowed for the first round of the Event. This half or partial rounds would have the applicable seeds in both this and the following round with the top 2 from each heat advancing to meet the seeds in the following round of 24 heats.
  - (e) World Tour seeds are seeded using current World Tour seed points while all others use One Ranking points.
  - (f) In Events with over 64 entries there will be two extra wildcards. One is for the Event and one is for Licensing ASP Regional Office. They are seeded into the round prior to the last seeded round.
  - (g) The Top 2 from the prior year's WJC are seeded into the second last seeded round. If one or both of these seeds are already seeded into this round or better then the equal thirds from the WJC will replace them. If required, the equal thirds are broken by the previous year's WQS rating.
- 50.03 All 6 Star Prime Events use a 128 format with the top 48 seeded Surfers starting in the Round of 96 and the rest starting in the round of 128. Selection of entries is in the following order: any current World Tour Surfer, previous year's non-requalifying World Tour Surfers, WQS using prior year's ratings until July 11<sup>th</sup> when current years ratings are used, WJC seeds and then the wildcards.
- 50.04 If using trials a maximum of 4 positions are kept open. The breakdown of these trialists must be at least 50% off the WQS ratings and 50% for the Event to select if excess entry numbers deem applicable. In addition positions must be made available to the Licensing ASP Region for their top 6 juniors.
- 50.05 If an Event wishes to run a locals only trials then a maximum of 2 positions are kept open and selection is up to the Event.

#### **Article 51: Invitations to Women's WQS Events**

- 51.01 Invites for all 1-4 Star Events on the current Women's WQS Tour will come under one basic format with three different variations regarding invited seeds:
- (a) Up to 16 entrants will have all seeds in the last 16 round.
  - (b) 17 to 32 entrants will have 16 seeds in the last 32 round.
  - (c) Over 32 entrants will have 16 seeds in the last 32 round and then groups of 16 seeds in each of the rounds prior with a half round of 4 heats allowed for the First Round of the Event. This half round would have 16 seeds with the top 8 advancing to meet 24 seeds in the following round of 8 heats.
- 51.02 Seeding - Women's 1-4 star
- (a) Top 11 from the prior year World Tour, if they show they are seeded 1-11 using current World Tour seed points.
  - (b) Top 5 from the prior year WQS final ratings.
  - (c) Seeding places not taken by the Top 16 [as per (a) and (b) above] will be filled from the prior year WQS final ratings.
  - (d) If the Event wishes to use their optional wild cards then only 15 seeds are used (i.e. Top 4 WQS) and the wild card takes the 16th position with the Top 15 seeds in the Round of 32. The other two wild cards are seeded into the previous round.

- 51.03 Invites for all 5-6 Star Events on the current Women's WQS Tour will come under the one format:
- (a) In combined Events with men there will be a maximum of 60 Surfers with 36 seeds in the last 48 round and 24 the round prior.
  - (b) In women's only Events an unlimited number of rounds can be held with the Round of 48 having 36 seeds and each previous round having 12 seeds in lots of 6 heats. Partial rounds can be used if applicable.
- 51.04 Seeding - Women's 5-6 star
- (a) Current years World Tour Top 17 if they show they are seeded 1-17 using current World Tour seed points.
  - (b) 3 wild cards, two from the Event and one from ASP.
  - (c) Top 16 from the prior year WQS final ratings.
  - (d) Seeding spots not taken by the Top 17 above will be filled from the prior year WQS final ratings.
  - (e) Prior rounds are seeded using prior years WQS ratings.
- 51.05 In all Events that have too many entries for the proposed format size, World Tour, wild cards and WJC seeds are guaranteed entry with the balance of entries filled from the prior years WQS ratings until July 11 pursuant to Article 49.02(a) and (b) above.
- 51.06 If using trials a maximum of 4 positions are kept open. The breakdown of these trialists must be at least 50% off the WQS ratings and 50% for the Event to select if excess entry numbers deem applicable. In addition positions must be made available to the Licensing ASP Region for their top 6 juniors.
- 51.07 If an Event wishes to run a locals only trials then a maximum of 2 positions are kept open and selection is up to the Event.

#### **Article 52: Defending Champions at Events**

- 52.01 Defending champions of an event (whether the event was previously ASP licensed or not) must be placed into the trials for the same Event in the immediate Surfing Season following the Event they won provided that Event has not given them with a wildcard. If no trials are run, the defending champion must be provided an event wildcard.  
*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.
- 52.02 Defending champions referred to in Article 52.01 must follow normal entry procedures by at least 30 days in advance for this wild card slot or receive normal seeding and the benefits described in this Article.

#### **Article 53: Seed Rules – General**

- 53.01 ASP Tour Manager will do all heat placement and seeding ensuring that advancing Surfers compete in different heats in the following round up till the end of the quarter-finals.
- 53.02 Seeding order is based on seeding points provided by ASP on the 1st of each month. These seeding points are valid for the whole month unless updates have been provided during the month.
- 53.03 In all Events the seeding order, after selecting the seeds for each round from the previous year's ratings, will be based on a combination of the prior year's base seed points and current year's adjusted rating points (Men's current World Tour Surfers selected into the Round of 64 and Women's World Tour selected into the Round of 32 will use the current World Tour seed points) for both seeds and wild cards. This is followed by wild cards without any ASP rating points. The seeding order for all qualifying Surfers is based on a combination of current World Tour or WQS adjusted points and prior year's base seed points.
- 53.04 Qualifying Surfers with no points will be randomly drawn.
- 53.05 Seeding order for all ASP licensed Events must follow ASP approved

scales pursuant to this Chapter.

- 53.06 Seeding for all formats must follow standard order for the seeds in each seeded round in accordance with this Rulebook.
- 53.07 Only Surfers who have paid their entry can be accepted for heats. The heats should be drawn up after the pre-contest check-in meeting and posted by the next morning.

#### **Article 54: Seed Replacements / Alternates**

- 54.01 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 alternates if available. If none available, the heat will be surfed with those present.
- 54.02 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, an alternate replaces any no-show in the preliminary rounds.
  - (b) There can be no replacements in the Last Seeded Round where prize money is paid unless a Surfer withdraws or it is known he will not be competing. The Surfer or the Surfer's Personal Representative must contact the Tour Manager to confirm non-attendance. All paid Surfers from the Last Seeded Round where prize money is paid onwards have the right to turn up at any time during the heat and compete.
  - (c) Any no-show by a previously advancing Surfer can't be replaced unless it is confirmed that they will not surf. If so, then this spot may be filled by an alternate.
  - (d) If there are any vacancies in heats the remaining Surfers must surf the time period in case their opponent arrives late.
- 54.03 Any Surfer once eliminated cannot re-enter the Event for any reason (this includes anyone who competed in a trials) unless they competed in the trials to determine a wildcard spot or their placement was in a round earlier than they should have been due to an administrative error. If this is the case they shall receive points for the correct round but no prize money unless they advance to that round or further.
- 54.04 Once the event draw has been confirmed, the alternate list will be decided in the following order:
  - (a) International Surfer is chosen; then
  - (b) Regional Surfer is chosen; then
  - (c) Sponsors Surfer is chosen; then
  - (d) Sponsors Surfer is chosen; then
  - (e) Regional Surfer is chosen; and then
  - (f) International Surfer is chosenThe order above is then repeated until the alternate list is filled. Where the Region and the Sponsor are listed as having their choice of Surfer, they have discretion here while the International Surfer is always the highest Surfer from the current ratings.

#### **Article 55: Missing Heats / No Shows**

- 55.01 After the start of the Event, if a seeded Surfer does not show by the end of their First Round heat, their points and prize money are forfeit. Prize money goes to the ASP Regional Office general fund.
- 55.02 All no-shows will be placed at the bottom of the alternate list when they finally check in if, in the opinion of the ASP Tour Manager/Rep, the reason for missing the heat was justified. This also applies to alternates who fail to check in when called.  
*EXCEPTIONS* to this Rule are where Surfers have been delayed due to circumstances out of their control. In these cases if the ASP Tour Manager/Rep feels they should be placed on the alternate list they will be placed at the top of the list in their original heat order if more

than one Surfer is involved. In any cases where there are Surfers placed on the alternate list by these means at the end of the round those Surfers will be reseeded to get their order on the list. All other alternates stay as they are on the alternate list.

- 55.03 Entry fees are not refundable if a Surfer misses their heat, unless ASP or the contest agrees to the refund.

#### **Article 56: Failure to Compete**

- 56.01 If any Surfer decides not to surf for any reason other than serious injury which would require acceptable medical certification then that Surfer will not receive any points or money for that Event.
- 56.02 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 57: 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 WQS event. This notice is to be provided 30 days prior to the Event Start Date to ASP International via the ASP 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 ratings points equivalent to the Surfer's seeding. In any circumstance, ASP 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 ASP at any time. Details of the pregnancy and any medical advice disclosed will be held in absolute confidence by ASP.

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

#### **Article 58: Non-Attendance in Events Entered**

- 58.01 Where a confirmation and payment is received and the Surfer does not show up and has an inadequate excuse (as determined by the ASP 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 ASP Rules and Discipline Judge.
- 58.02 In the case of multiple no-shows, the loss of seeding rights shall be increased by one Event for each no-show.
- 58.03 Excuses are only accepted where the Surfer was physically unable, due to an accident or compassionate reasons due to family trauma, to get to a computer or telephone. Other Surfers cannot inform the Event on someone's behalf. In these circumstances, the Surfer is to notify the ASP Tour Manager as soon as is practicable.

#### **Article 59: Check In**

- 59.01 All paid confirmed entries need not check-in.
- 59.02 Beach entries will receive no seeding rights if accepted.

#### **Article 60: Press/Function Attendance & Media Obligations by Surfers**

- 60.01 All Top 32 men/Top 8 women seeded Surfers must attend the Event press conference if asked and scheduled within Event dates. *EXCEPTION:* if the Contest Director has granted an exception, otherwise a non-attendance fine is payable to the Event. It is the Event's responsibility to inform the Surfers in writing (directly or with assistance from ASP at the previous Event) as to the exact time and venue with directions of the function in advance of the Event dates.
- 60.02 No functions other than the press conference are compulsory. This includes presentations except for the on beach presentation directly after the finals.



- 60.03 In Events that are completed prior to the Event finish date the top 4 final Surfers, if requested, must be on hand for one day after the Event final is run for inclusion in expression sessions etc. Failure to comply will result in a US\$1,000 fine.

**Article 61: Tour Rules**

- 61.01 Any Event offering appearance incentives must contact ASP to ensure the offer does not contravene ASP allowable amounts.
- 61.02 All WQS Events must use the official ASP computer scoring system as provided by the ASP.
- 61.03 Events must ensure that at every 5 Star and above WQS Events there is a dedicated Contest Director whose exclusive duty is to direct the Event.
- 61.04 Enclosed Officials Areas
- (a) No alcohol is to be consumed in the Surfer's area or outside of the designated VIP bar area during the running of heats.
  - (b) Events must ensure that all Surfers, official and enclosed areas or offices inside the Event compound are kept smoke free.
- 61.05 In all 5 Star and above WQS 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.

**Article 62: Double Banks**

- 62.01 If an Event wishes to use double banks and has ASP approval to do so they must provide a minimum 100 meters no competition zone between the two banks.
- 62.02 If conditions dictate that double banks need to be utilised during an Event the ASP Head Judge and a Surfer Representative must be consulted. Failure to do so could result in the Event being fined.
- 62.03 If conditions dictate and double banks need to be used, minimum 3 judge panel (with all judges scores counting towards the final average) format to be utilized.

## CHAPTER 3: SPECIALTY EVENT RULES

### **Article 63: Applicable Rules**

- 63.01 Specialty Events are either International or Regional Events and must conform to all rules in the ASP Rulebook.
- 63.02 Specialty Events often use their own rules and may wish to apply to ASP for rule waivers. A full list of rules under application for waiver must be sent to the ASP Office with the Event License Application Form.

### **Article 64: Licensing**

- 64.01 ASP Board approval is required to license "Specialty" Events.
- 64.02 License Fees for a Specialty Event will be confirmed in the respective Specialty Event License Agreement provided by ASP
- 64.03 A Specialty Event is not considered to be licensed until the applicable license fees have been paid in full and the Specialty Event License Agreement has been executed.

### **Article 65: Limited Events**

- 65.01 International Events are limited to 5 for the Men and 3 for the Women per year.
- 65.02 Regional Events are limited to 3 for the Men and 2 for the Women per year.

### **Article 66: Scheduling**

- 66.01 Specialty Events cannot run during the Event Window of a World Tour Event unless approved by the ASP Board.
- 66.02 Events can only be held at the start and finish of various tour legs with World Tour, WQS 5-6 Star and Events having priority over Event dates.
- 66.03 Licensed Specialty Events must negotiate with ASP and the applicable ASP Regional Office as to an appropriate Event Window based on local conditions and any other factors considered relevant by ASP.

### **Article 67: International Event Prize Money**

- 67.01 Men, minimum US\$100,000 to maximum US\$150,000 with no more than US\$60,000 for first place.
- 67.02 Women, minimum US\$30,000 to maximum US\$60,000 with no more than US\$10,000 for first place.

### **Article 68: Regional Event Prize Money**

- 68.01 Men, minimum US\$40,000 to maximum US\$120,000 with no more than US\$55,000 for first place.
- 68.02 Women, minimum US\$15,000 to maximum US\$30,000 with no more than US\$8,000 for first place.

### **Article 69: Use of World Tour Surfers**

- 69.01 International Events can use any of the current World Tour Surfers that are available for the Event after the applicable license fees are paid in full.
- 69.02 Regional Events can only use current World Tour Surfers from the Licensing Region that are available for the Event after ASP approval and the applicable license fees are paid in full.

## CHAPTER 4: LONGBOARD RULES

### Article 70: Licensing

For a Long board Event to receive licensing from ASP:

- 70.01 The Event must be approved by the ASP Board as an International or Regional Event in accordance with this Rulebook and provide all relevant information as requested by the relevant ASP Office; and
- 70.02 The Event must have minimum prize money as set by ASP in accordance with this Rulebook.
- 70.03 Payment of the License Fee for all Events governed by this Chapter is to be made pursuant to Articles 29.03 – 26.05 of this Rulebook unless specifically referred to in the respective License Agreement.

### Article 71: Prize Money

- 71.01 Regional Events on the Longboard Qualifying Series (LQS)
  - (a) Men are set at:
    - 1 Star US\$5,000
    - 2 Star US\$10,000
    - 3 Star US\$15,000
    - 4 Star US\$20,000
    - 5 Star US\$25,000
    - 6 Star US\$30,000
  - (b) Women are set at:
    - 1 Star US\$2,000
    - 2 Star US\$3,000
    - 3 Star US\$5,000
    - 4 Star US\$6,000
    - 5 Star US\$8,000
    - 6 Star US\$10,000
- 71.02 International Events on the World Longboard Tour (WLT)
  - (a) Men's Grade 1 Events are set at US\$50,000.00 minimum prize money.
  - (b) Men's Grade 2 Events are US\$75,000.00 minimum prize money.
  - (c) Men's Grade 3 Events are US\$100,000.00 minimum prize money.
  - (d) Women's Grade 1 Events are set at US\$30,000.00 minimum prize money.

### Article 72: Scheduling

- 72.01 International WLT Grade 1 Events may run a minimum of 6 days.
- 72.02 International WLT Grade 2 & 3 Events may run a maximum of 10 days.
- 72.03 Regional Grade 1 to 6 Star Events will have the number of days set by the Regional Office.

### Article 73: Ratings Points

- 73.01 Men's and Women's LQS Events are set in accordance with the Women's WQS points' allocations in Appendix E to this Rulebook.
- 73.02 Men's WLT ratings points are based on the following and found in Appendix E of this Rulebook:
  - (a) Grade 1 Events a maximum 1000 points based on Women's 3 star WQS points breakdown;
  - (b) Grade 2 Events a maximum 1500 points based on Women's 4 Star WQS points breakdown; and
  - (c) Grade 3 Events a maximum 2000 points based on Women's 5 Star WQS points breakdown.
- 73.03 Women's WLT ratings points are based on Women's 2 star WQS points breakdown and can be found in Appendix E of this Rulebook

#### **Article 74: Qualification for the Following Year**

- 74.01 For Qualification to the following year's men's and women's WLT, the Surfer must accumulate enough points to place them in the top 16 of the applicable Surfers.
- 74.02 Final ratings are to be decided by all of the licensed Events of the WLT minus the relevant throw aways as below:
  - (a) Up to 7 Events, one throw away.
  - (b) From 8 to 11 Events, 2 throw aways
  - (c) More than 12 Events, 3 throw aways.

#### **Article 75: Event Formats**

- 75.01 For LQS Events four (4) man heats is the only format to be used unless time is available for one-on-one heats. If a one-on-one format is used then the point's allocation is for one-on-one places also.
- 75.02 For WLT Events the Men's 32 one-on-one format is to be used.

#### **Article 76: Entry Rules**

- 76.01 Regional Grade LQS 1 to 6 Star Events are open with 16 seeds in the final 32 round consisting of the Top 14 from the prior years ratings and 2 Event selected wild cards. All other rounds will have 32 Surfers with 16 seeds per round based on last years' ratings.
- 76.02 Positions reserved for Internationals as follows: In a 32 format 1, 48 format 2, 96 format 3 up to a minimum of 6 for larger 128 format Events and above.
- 76.03 Men's International WLT Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 Events will have the current rated Regional Champion and one other (at the Region's discretion) from each of the 7 ASP Regions, previous years Top 16 and two Event/sponsor wildcards. All unused seeds including Regional champions go to the next in line from the previous years WLT final ratings.
- 76.04 Women's International WLT Event format is the same as the Men's in 70.03 above however invites are based on other LQS Events, past WLT Event place getters and wild cards. These may change from year to year depending on the number of LQS Events.

#### **Article 77: LQS Seeding and Heat Format**

- 77.01 Seeding for all LQS Events will be as follows:
  - (a) Top 14 from previous year's WLT ratings + 2 Wild Cards are seeded into the last round (R32).
  - (b) Next 14 from previous year's WLT ratings + LQS Champion and LQS Runner-up of the Region where the Event is taking place, if they are not yet seeded, otherwise the slot to be filled by ASP Regional Office at their discretion (R48).
  - (c) Next 16 from the WLT previous ratings to be seeded into the third last seeded round (R64)
  - (d) Next 4 from the WLT previous ratings plus 6 Regional Champions and runner ups from the remaining ASP Regions, with balance of unused positions up to the Licensing ASP Regional office at their discretion. (R80).
  - (e) All other rounds or vacancies in above rounds are to be filled by the Licensing Regional office at their discretion.
- 77.02 All LQS Events shall consist of an unlimited number of entries depending on available time.

#### **Article 78: Membership Fees**

- 78.01 Membership fees from the Top 16 seeds are payable to ASP.
- 78.02 In all WLT Regional Events the Top 30 seeds entry fees are payable to the applicable ASP Regional office licensing the Event.
- 78.03 Membership fees of US\$125 for men and US\$75 for women must be

- 78.04 paid to the applicable ASP Regional Office before competing.  
Longboard membership may not be compulsory in some Regions but to receive rating points from an Event these fees must be paid and their membership registered before competing with the ASP Regional Office or Representative at the Event site.

#### **Article 79: Board Requirements**

- 79.01 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.
- 79.02 Traditional long board Malibu shape to be used with use of multiple fins and channels allowed.

#### **Article 80: Judging Criteria for Longboard**

- 80.01 Surfers must perform to the ASP judging key elements to maximize their scoring potential. Judges analyze the following major elements when scoring waves.
- (a) Commitment and degree of difficulty
  - (b) Combination of traditional and modern manoeuvres
  - (c) Combination of major manoeuvres
  - (d) Variety of manoeuvres
  - (e) Innovative and progressive manoeuvres
  - (f) Speed, power, style 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.
- 80.02 Judges will utilize a 75-25% ratio being that Surfers will only ever get a maximum of 75% ( 7.5pts ) of the scale for surfing only one aspect of modern or traditional, up to an additional 25% ( 2.5pts ) can be added when the 2 aspects are combined. Incomplete manoeuvres will not be rewarded.

#### **Article 81: Injury Rating Compensation**

Any application for Injury Compensation should be made in writing to the relevant ASP Office within 21 days from the date it is known by the Surfer that they cannot compete due to the Injury. The ASP Office will determine the correct action to be taken. Appeals of decisions relating to this decision should be made to the Rules and Disciplinary Judge.

#### **Article 82: Missing Heats / Non-Attendance / Failure to Compete**

For WLT Events, refer to the respective World Tour Articles of this Rulebook in Chapter 1. For LQS Events, refer to the respective WQS Articles of this Rulebook in Chapter 2.

#### **Article 83: Media Obligations**

For WLT Events, the winner must perform up to 30 minutes of various media obligations on behalf of ASP within 24 hours of winning the Event. Any other Surfers of a WLT or LQS Event will cooperate and participate in reasonable media associated based requests by ASP.

## CHAPTER 5: JUNIOR TOUR RULES

### Article 84: Licensing

An Event is not ASP Licensed without fully executing an ASP Event License Agreement and complying with all obligations required by ASP with the purpose of licensing the Event as an ASP Event.

### Article 85: Age

85.01 In order for a Surfer to compete in this series 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).

85.02 When the WJC is held in January, the junior Surfers of the previous year will be eligible to compete in that final junior Event only.

### Article 86: Insurance

Every Surfer men or women must be covered by the ASP insurance policy if applicable.

### Article 87: Emerging Nations Policy

ASP's Emerging Nations Policy is based on identifying junior talent emerging from nations that do not have direct access to Regional Qualifying Events in their Region or who live geographically outside an existing Region.

### Article 88: Membership and Entry

All Surfers wishing to enter and compete in the Regional Qualifying Series must be a member of the ASP Regional Office that represents the Region in which they are domiciled.

### Article 89: Events Counting towards Qualification

All of a Surfer's junior tour results except their worst result will be counted towards a Surfer's ranking at the end of each Surfing Season which includes more than 2 junior Events (including the World Junior Championships).

### Article 90: World Junior Prizemoney breakdown

The following Prizemoney breakdowns will apply to the World Junior Tour Event:

World Junior Tour Event			
Boys - \$75,000		Girls - \$20,000	
Place		Place	
1 <sup>st</sup>	10000	1 <sup>st</sup>	5000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1150
5 <sup>th</sup>	2000	5 <sup>th</sup>	900
9 <sup>th</sup>	1550	9 <sup>th</sup>	700
17 <sup>th</sup>	1200	17 <sup>th</sup>	500
33 <sup>rd</sup>	900		

## WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Article 91: World Championship Prize Money

91.01 The Men must have a minimum Prizemoney pool of US\$50,000 available.

91.02 The Women must have a minimum Prizemoney pool of US\$14,000 available.

## **Article 92: World Championship Seed Selection**

- 92.01 The one-off World Championship Event will consist of 48 men and 18 women Surfers using the World Tour formats.
- 92.02 For the Men, there will be 5 Regional representatives from each Region plus one extra for the top 4 Regions based on the results of each Regions top 4 finishers from the previous year WJC.
- 92.03 Selection is Top 3 or 4 from each of the 7 ASP Regional Series and two slots for the highest ranked WQS junior Surfer from each Region.
- 92.04 3 Positions to be allocated to Surfers from Emerging Nations that have been unable to access Regional Series Qualification Events. This selection will be in accordance with the ASP Emerging Nations Policy in accordance with Article 87 of this Chapter and at the ASP's absolute unfettered discretion.
- 92.05 Three Sponsor's Wild Cards.
- 92.06 Three ASP Wild Cards.
- 92.07 In the case of no-shows, positions to revert back to the most successful Surfers from the Trials. In case of no Trials the opportunity to fill these positions goes back to the Event Licensee.
- 92.08 For the Women there will be 2 Regional representatives from each Region plus two sponsor and two ASP Int'l wild cards.

## **Article 93: Winner's Seeding into WQS Events for the following year**

- 93.01 The Men's World Junior Championship winner and runner up are guaranteed in 1-6 Star WQS Events a seeding in the second last seeded round unless their WQS seeding places them higher, except in the final end of year Hawaiian Events where their current WQS seeding will decide which round they compete in. They are however guaranteed entry to these Events.
- 93.02 If the two junior seeds are already seeded into the last or second last round and do not need their seeding, the equal thirds from the previous years WJC will replace them. If only one spot is available then the equal thirds will be broken by their previous years WQS rating
- 93.03 The most recent Women's World Junior Champion will be guaranteed a seed into the second last seeded round of all women's WQS Events unless her seeding would normally be higher. If she is already seeded into that round and does not need the seeding the runner up from the previous years WJC can take that spot.

## **REGIONAL JUNIOR EVENTS**

### **Article 94: Licensing**

- 94.01 An Event is not considered licensed without an Event License Agreement between the Licensing ASP Regional Office and the Event's organisers/promoters being executed.
- 94.02 Payment of the License Fee for all Events governed by this Chapter is to be made pursuant to Articles 29.03 – 29.05 of this Rulebook unless specifically referred to in the respective License Agreement.

### **Article 95: Regional Junior Events Prize Money and Points**

- 95.01 Men
- |         |            |
|---------|------------|
| Grade 1 | US\$5,000  |
| Grade 2 | US\$10,000 |
| Grade 3 | US\$15,000 |
| Grade 4 | US\$20,000 |
| Grade 5 | US\$25,000 |
- 95.02 Women
- |         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Grade 1 | US\$2,500 |
| Grade 2 | US\$5,000 |
| Grade 3 | US\$7,500 |

95.03 Points

All Surfers will be awarded the points relevant to their position as indicated in the table in Appendix F.

**Article 96: Regional Junior Event Seeds**

96.01 Criteria for entering Regional ASP Junior Events:

- (a) 2 Event sponsor Wild Cards.
- (b) Positions reserved for international Surfers as follows: In a 32 format 1, 48 format 2, 96 format 3 up to a minimum of 6 for larger 128 format Events and above.
- (c) ASP Regional Surfers to be submitted in rating order.
- (d) As of 30 days prior to the Event Start Date, unused seeds revert back to the Licensing ASP Regional Office where the Event is held.
- (e) Regional Surfers as seeded the same as WQS Men (prior year's ratings).
- (f) International Surfers are placed in first rounds using WJC results if needed.
- (g) International Surfers will be placed on local Regional ratings but will not qualify through the Region for the WJC, but acquire seeding points for the following year if they choose to travel and compete in that Region again.

96.02 If a male Surfer makes the top 8 (equal 5th) in the world junior championships, he will be guaranteed a start in any regional junior Events around the world, irrespective if he did not qualify from his seeding in the previous year. Their allocation into regional junior Events will be based on a sliding scale:

In 24-32 formatted events:

- (a) each ASP Regional Office is to receive one spot for a Surfer of their choice that qualifies for the Event;
- (b) two wildcards will apply; and
- (c) the World Junior Championships top 4 are to be provided places in the Event if they enter.

The rest of the places in the Event are to be provided to the Licensing Region for allocation to Surfers of their choice.

If any Surfer is in the WJC top 8 and is from a different ASP Region, he must be allocated to his Region's place for that Event.

*Example:* If a South American Surfer was in the top 8 for the World Junior Championships and has entered the Event successfully, he must fill the place reserved for ASP South America.

96.03 If a female Surfer makes the top 2 in the world junior championships, she will have an equivalent right to that described in Article 96.02.



## CHAPTER 6: MASTERS TOUR RULES

### **Article 97: Licensing**

- 97.01 An Event will only be licensed by ASP as a Masters Event upon full execution of an Event License Agreement and the Licensee obligations have been complied with in relation to this Rulebook and any other conditions are met as requested from time to time by ASP.
- 97.02 Payment of the License Fee for all Events governed by this Chapter is to be made pursuant to Articles 29.03 - 29.05 of this Rulebook unless specifically referred to in the respective License Agreement.

### **Article 98: 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 100 below as of the Event Start Date.

### **Article 99: Prize Money**

One-off World Championship must have minimum prize money pool of US\$100,000.

### **Article 100: Seed Selection**

- 100.01 The one-off World Championship Event will consist of 40 Surfers broken into two age divisions, one from 36-49 years and the other 50 years and over.
- 100.02 Selection is 2 wild cards (one 36-49 years, the other 50+ years) and 30 (twenty-three 36-49 years and fifteen 50+ years) as selected from the IPS/ASP ratings and pre-1976 selected Event results selected with the absolute discretion of ASP.
- 100.03 Wild cards are selected by the Event unless the defending champion is not included in Article 100.02. If this is the case then they must be given a wild card.

### **Article 101: 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 competing after the round robin in a final's format until a one-on-one final is decided and the winners are declared champion of their respective division.

### **Article 102: Scheduling**

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

### **Article 103: Invitation of Surfers**

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

### **Article 104: Events Counting towards Qualification**

All of a Surfer's Masters tour results except their worst result will be counted towards a Surfers ranking at the end of each Surfing Season which includes more than 2 Masters Events.

## CHAPTER 7: COMPETITION RULES

### Article 105: Application of Competition Rules

The Articles in this Chapter are applicable to all ASP Licensed Events unless specifically stated otherwise in this Chapter or a Rule directly conflicts with these Rules, 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 H.

### Article 106: Heat Times

- 106.01 For heat times of all ASP Events, please refer to article 36.05 and 36.06.
- 106.02 Variations to heat times in both World Tour and WQS Events may be allowed in cases where there may be insufficient time to finish an Event. ASP Tour Representative, Contest Director and ASP Head Judge will decide this at the relevant time.
- 106.03 ASP timing devices and methods must be used at all Events.
- 106.04 Under no circumstance will there be any time extensions once a heat has entered the water. If a heat is interrupted for any reason it will be stopped by the ASP 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 ASP Head Judge in consultation with those also qualified and chosen in the Head Judge's absolute discretion feel 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. Also, 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 conditions at the time and not restricted to surf conditions.
- 106.05 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 judging panel.
- 106.06 If discretion is provided regarding heat times in Article 106.02 above, the Contest Director to check with ASP Head Judge for recommendation on heat times.
- 106.07 The Contest Director is the only person who can give the exact schedule of Events, however information provided on the Contest Directors official notice board by them or by the Beach Marshall will be considered official. If any other employee of the Event or ASP 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 Contest Director gives wrong information and a Surfer subsequently misses a heat, then a re-surf must occur. The Contest Director may also at their discretion hold a Surfer's heat at an unscheduled time if they feel the Surfer has a legitimate excuse to warrant such an action.
- 106.08 The Contest Director must have an official notice board where the daily schedule is posted for all the Surfers to see. This schedule cannot be extended once it is posted and must be posted by midday, at the latest of each day.
- 106.09 The ASP Head Judge will do official timing of all heats.
- 106.10 Wave pool heat lengths will be determined by the number of set waves that come in a given period of time.

- 106.11 Competition cannot begin before 7am or an hour after daylight whichever the later.

#### **Article 107: Heat Start & Finish**

- 107.01 All Surfers start heats from a marshalling area in the line-up. A Surfer may optionally start from the beach without any paddling time. The Marshalling Area will be determined in consultation between the Contest Director, ASP Tour Manager and Head Judge.
- 107.02 A 5-minute visual warning as in Article 107.04 below and PA warning is to be given prior to the finish of the heat.
- 107.03 Siren or horn blasts must be used to start and finish heats with one blast to start two blasts to finish.
- 107.04 For the Priority and 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.
- 107.05 The commentator must give a 5-second countdown at the end of each heat and when the countdown reaches zero the heat must end immediately as per Article 107.03 above.
- 107.06 The first of the two sirens for the end of a heat must blow immediately when the commentator reaches zero. The end of the heat is immediately before the start of the first siren.
- 107.07 The disc must be in the neutral position with no colour showing once the commentator reaches zero in the countdown.
- 107.08 At the end of the heat, Surfers must return to the beach in a prone position. An automatic misdemeanor is committed at the Head Judges discretion if a 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 disciplined in accordance with this Rulebook.
- 107.09 A Surfer must not ride a wave in the contest area prior to the start of their heat or the wave will not be scored and a fine per wave will be imposed. If in a one-on-one situation, their opponent will automatically gain first priority unless on official hold.
- 107.10 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.
- 107.11 No automatic starts will be allowed. If the Contest Director wishes to use the minimum time delay between heats, of 10 seconds, they must provide a marshalling area in the water outside of the line up.
- 107.12 Time delay between heats once a heat has paddled out, must be no more than 2 minutes unless due to some unforeseen circumstance.
- 107.13 For a contest to proceed, the waves must be considered contestable in size and shape in the opinion of the majority of the ASP Surfer Representative, ASP Head Judge and Contest Director. This decision is to take place at the Judge's Tower in a secure area as soon as practicable with only the three parties mentioned above involved. The Surfers Representative is to be determined by the WPS Representative for Men's World Tour Events or the Women's Surfing Association's Representative for Women's World Tour Events if they are not available or his heat is involved in the call. For other ASP Tours, the majority of the Surfers available will decide on a nominated Surfer Representative. For a combined Event, the Contest Director and Head Judge will meet with the Women's Surfer Representative before meeting with the Men's

Surfer Representative unless the Surfer Representative forfeits the voting process by directly communicating with the other two parties, then the Contest Director will make the call.

- 107.14 At five minutes before the start of competition Surfers will be warned that they must leave the Competition Area. At the one minute, warning anyone still in the Competition Area who is not making a concerted effort to paddle in will be fined US\$250.

#### **Article 108: Heat Interruptions**

- 108.01 In the Event of any heat having to be stopped by extreme danger potential as decided by a majority of the Contest Director, the ASP Head Judge and Surfer Representative, 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 ASP PWC Policy and Chapter 9 of this Rulebook.
  - (c) When it is determined by the same people that stopped the heat that conditions are again safe, the heat will restart with the time left from when the heat was cancelled unless the Head Judge deems that neither Surfer had a definite advantage. In this case the heat will restart for the full time period.
- 108.02 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 above procedure to warn fellow heat Surfers even if the head judge can't see the danger.

#### **Article 109: Wave Counts**

- 109.01 In all WQS point/reef break/beach break conditions, heats, finals and World Tour heats the maximum number of waves will be 15.
- 109.02 In special conditions the ASP Head Judge in conjunction with the ASP Tour Manager and a Surfer Representative may define the maximum number of waves that can be ridden by the Surfers. For this Rule to apply, all competing Surfers must have been told of this Rule change before their heat starts.
- 109.03 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 wave.

#### **Article 110: Wave Tabulation**

- 110.01 3 or 4 person heats: To decide a winner in WQS Events using 4person or 3person heats the best counting waves on each judge's sheet, which must be in duplicate if not using the computer, are tabulated and places then given on each judge's sheet. The places are then transposed to a master sheet with all judges' places. The high and low judge for each Surfer is crossed off and the two remaining places added. The lowest total is first, next lowest second, etc. Where the ASP computer tabulation system is available, which is at all WQS rated Events, the same method of tabulation used in World Tour Events will be adopted. See Article 110.02 below
- 110.02 Heat tabulation for the World Tour and all other ASP Tours that are not mentioned above in this Article is different in that the high and low judges' scores are eliminated for each wave with the remaining three judges scores totaled then divided by 3 to give an average score out of 10, to 2 decimal places. At the end of the heat a Surfers best counting waves, as set by the conditions, are tallied for their end tally. The Surfer with the highest score is the winner.

### **Article 111: Ties**

- 111.01 Computer Judged heats should have ties split by counting back the best 4, 3 or 2 wave scores less their worst wave score.
- 111.02 In a 4 person heat, where the computer is not used, a general judging consensus using plus/minus system on the judging master sheet must break ties. In the case of a three way tie the plus and minus system is used to decide the best two Surfers, then used again to split those two Surfers. If the tie still cannot be broken, the tabulator goes back to the best 3 of 4, 2 of 3, or 1 of 2 waves on the tied sheet only.
- 111.03 Count backs on tied sheets are to go to the best 3 waves, then the best 2 waves, then the best wave, until the tie is broken. 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.
- 111.04 Only unbreakable ties will be re-surfed unless, 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.
- 111.05 Where a tie occurs and a Surfer has an interference penalty this Surfer has already had one or more waves deducted so any count backs will result in this Surfer winning, as they would be deducting a zero score.

### **Article 112: Protests**

- 112.01 A judging scoring decision once made is irrevocable no matter what proof is available to show otherwise unless the Head judge feels that the majority of the judging panel did not see the situation or wave completely. In this case, at the Head Judge's discretion, a video of choice can be used to re-evaluate a situation or wave. A decision once made by the judges or officials has no form of protest other than with the ASP Head Judge or the ASP Board of Directors. No other judges are to be approached over any calls or a penalty will be imposed on the offending Surfer.
- 112.02 The process for lodging a protest with the ASP 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 ASP 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 113: Announcements**

- 113.01 Announcers must understand the basic rules and criteria and can never announce approaching sets.
- 113.02 The Head Judge has the right to over ride sound blackouts while television crews etc are doing interviews and can tell the 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.
- 113.03 Heat results for the World Tour Events will be announced as win/loss points ratio, (e.g. 24.6 – 20.75 etc). During the heat the announcer should not announce the Surfers scores or standard of ride until all the judges' scores are entered into the system.
- 113.04 In all heats and finals computer scores must be given throughout the entire heat.
- 113.05 If the 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.
- 113.06 If any Surfer requires information from the water during a heat they must

use hand signals as described below:

- (a) Time remaining is one hand touching another above the head.
- (b) Priority is both arms above the head.
- (c) Wave count is one arm outwards horizontal to the water.
- (d) Scores: (Last score, heat score, score needed to win, etc) is both arms out horizontal to the water.
- (e) If you hear and understand any of the above please acknowledge by waving one arm.

#### **Article 114: Surfer Caddies**

- 114.01 Beach caddies (one per Surfer maximum) may enter the water once a board is lost or broken unless in surf conditions where water caddies are being allowed.
- 114.02 Water caddies may enter the water in a defined marshalling area if the ASP Head Judge along with the Contest Director deems fit.
- 114.03 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.
- 114.04 All caddies are subject to the same rules as that of the Surfer they represent and they must wear a coloured vest supplied by the Event, available at the beach marshal area.
- 114.05 Surfers may only use replacement surfboards carried by their own caddy once their heat has started. Any use of outside craft, (e.g. inflatable boats, water patrols' boards or jet skis, photographers' craft or previous or current heat Surfers' or other caddies boards) 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 feels that the Surfer is in a life-threatening situation or PWC assist is implemented. 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.
- 114.06 Caddies 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 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.
- 114.07 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. No one else may paddle one to them as they elected to not have a caddy.
- 114.08 At World Tour Women's Tournaments a Surfer can caddy for more than one Surfer at the same time. All other Caddies Rules will apply.
- 114.09 Surfers must make their own way back to the line up under their own power, without assistance in any way other than pursuant to Article 114.05 above.

#### **Article 115: Failure to Compete**

In the Event Surfers refuse to compete, even though the majority of the head judge, contest director and Surfer Representative has agreed competition will continue, a penalty will be issued to all Surfers that fail to compete. 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 116: Gambling/Collusion**

- 116.01 No Surfer may gamble, bet or offer odds or collude or authorise the same on an outcome relating to an ASP licensed Event in which that

Surfer is involved. The Surfer will receive immediate Disciplinary Action in accordance with Chapter 11 of this Rulebook.

- 116.02 Any World Tour Surfers found colluding to fix heats will lose all applicable points and prize money for that Event plus a US\$5,000 fine with the possibility of further disciplinary action including possible suspension.

#### **Article 117: Competition Attire**

- 117.01 Under no circumstances can an Event sponsor force contestants to wear any shorts or wetsuits or any other as a condition of their entry into any licensed or licensed Event.
- 117.02 Surfers will wear the competition vest provided by sponsors from time of issuance until returned to the Beach Marshall at the completion of the heat, and if appropriate, during the awards presentation, or they will be fined.
- 117.03 The covering of the jersey by national flags, towels, etc is not allowed as it demeans the value of the sponsors.

#### **Article 118: Additional Event Obligations**

- 118.01 Events must adhere to the obligations as set out in the ASP Event License/License Agreement and Event Planner.
- 118.02 All functions, meetings, etc. are to be held near the contest site and at a reasonable time.
- 118.03 All Events must supply trophies for at least all finalists in each Event.
- 118.04 All Beach Marshals must be English speaking.
- 118.05 Event Areas
- (a) Surfers Areas are to be No Smoking and Alcohol Free during competition.
  - (b) No alcohol to be consumed in the Surfer's area or outside of the designated VIP bar area during competition.
  - (c) Official administration area of the contest to be no smoking.
  - (d) All Events must have well-secured sizeable Surfers' area for relaxation and storage, with a view of the contest area. Drinking water of at least 25 litres per day must be provided.
  - (e) The area will be available for Surfers and one guest (coaches, family/friends, etc). This may be separate or combined with the Surfer's area as long as the Surfers have somewhere secure and quiet to change and prepare for heats.
  - (f) No managers, coaches, family/friends, etc. will be allowed in the Surfer's preparation and storage area, and only in the official area if allowed by the contest. Surfers are held responsible for all guest's actions. Fines and penalties will be assessed as deemed fit.
  - (g) Events must make every reasonable effort to clear the contest area one hour before competition starts for use by Surfers only.
  - (h) Parking passes should be made available to at least the Top 16 men and Top 8 women from the current World Tour Surfers and ASP touring crew. Any passes not taken up by the Top 16 or Top 8 will be made available to the next rated Surfer
  - (i) The contest must provide adequate accommodation as decided at the ASP Board of Directors meeting (one person per room in accommodation near the Event site) for the selected approved judges, Computer Operator and the Tour Manager/ Representative for the duration of the Event. The ASP Tour Manager is to be directly involved in the selection and approval of accommodation for ASP travelling staff. If, after consultation with the contest, accommodation is not in compliance with ASP ruling in the judgment of the ASP Tour Manager, ASP staff will attempt to find adequate accommodation in accordance with the relevant ASP Event Planner, which will be

charged to the Event. Accommodation details including, hotel name, address, phone numbers, etc. must be provided to the ASP office at least one month prior to the Event start.

#### **Article 119: Water Photographers**

- 119.01 Maximum of two photographers in the line-up during a heat. The contest decides photographer priority with the exception of the official ASP photographer who has priority at all times.
- 119.02 Guidelines for water photographers are as follows.
- (a) Only ASP licensed water photographers will be allowed in the water at ASP licensed/licensed Events. This access is to be controlled by the ASP Head Judge and Contest Director.
  - (b) For still cameras only 135mm or longer lenses allowed.
  - (c) Video and motion picture must use the equivalent focal length lenses to 50mm or longer in 35mm format.
  - (d) Broadcast quality equipment only is allowed for video or motion picture cameras.
  - (e) Print publication editors shall submit circulation numbers with verification of their publications.
  - (f) Editors shall submit a list of their best water photographers for ASP approval. ASP will maintain a list, which will be updated on an annual basis or when a publication submits a new staff photographer for consideration.
  - (g) Required with submission is a resume detailing the nominated photographers experience and qualifications along with five published water shots by their nominated photographer using 135mm lens or longer.
  - (h) Video and film network or production companies must submit name and resume of cameraman with a 2-minute reel of cameraman's work with a long lens in the water.
  - (i) Prior to the start of the Event each morning, all licensed photographers should meet with the Contest Director to submit their requests for water time. The Contest Director following consultation with Head Judge regarding qualification of the photographers, will then assign heats.

#### **Article 120: Event Cancellation Due to Force Majeure**

If an Event is cancelled due to Force Majeure and unless specified in the relevant ASP License Agreement, the following Rules are applicable:

- 120.01 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.
- 120.02 If the Event has started but not yet reached the prize money stage:
- (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.
- 120.03 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 share the money from that round still available.
  - (d) The balance of the prize money is shared between all those Surfers still in the Event.
- 120.04 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 121: Time Extensions To Events**

- 121.01 Extensions to any Event will only be allowed if approved by ASP and the majority of Surfers still in the competition. 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. This extension request is to be made in writing to ASP.
- 121.02 If an 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 and which are unavoidable of the competitors and officials the re-scheduling or cancellation fees of each of their flights and accommodation including but not limited to reasonable ASP costs.

#### **Article 122: Death/Disablement**

Should death or disablement occur to any Event Surfer the procedure for situation management and finalization of the Event is as outlined in the ASP Event Planner.

#### **Article 123: Competing in Unlicensed ASP Events**

Any ASP Member who surfs, promotes, or otherwise competes or participates in any event or tour that is not sanctioned by, or has not been granted a waiver by ASP, or participates in any display of surfing related to such an event, will:

- (a) lose their seeding and rating points for the next Surfing Season; and
- (b) not be eligible to compete in the current Surfing Season and at any future ASP Event unless approved expressly in writing by ASP.

#### **Article 124: Miscellaneous**

- 124.01 Wave pool Events can only be rated as "Specialty" Events unless the quality is acceptable to the ASP Surfer Representatives.
- 124.02 Life Members do not pay any annual membership fee but must pay any applicable entry fees.
- 124.03 Events and Surfers be encouraged to develop environmental awareness and pursue environmental initiatives.
- 124.04 A 4-Surfer heat must be at least 50% of the Surfers in the heat unless it is a repechage heat where 50% or more have already previously advanced.



## CHAPTER 8: INTERFERENCE & PRIORITY RULES

### Article 125: Application of Interference and Priority Rules

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

### Article 126: Interference Rules

- 126.01 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 feel that a competing Surfer has hindered the scoring potential of the Surfer deemed to have right of way for the wave.
- 126.02 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, leg rope pulling or breaking down a section.
- 126.03 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 127: Right of Way in 4 person, 3 person and Non-Priority one-one Situations

- 127.01 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 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:* see Article 127.04(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 as determined by the Head Judge.
- 127.02 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.
- 127.03 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).
- 127.04 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 Surfers will score a zero for that wave, and each of their second scoring waves are halved.

#### **Article 128: Right of way in priority One-on-one situations**

- 128.01 In a one-on-one heat, the priority disc will determine which Surfer has priority at that time. The Surfer with priority has the unconditional right of way and can paddle for and Ride any wave they select. The opponent can paddle for and Ride the same wave in any direction and be scored providing they do not hinder the scoring potential of the Ride for the Surfer with priority.
- 128.02 If a Surfer without priority does not comply with Article 128.01, a priority interference penalty will be called against them.
- 128.03 If they incur an interference penalty they will also lose priority.

#### **Article 129: The Right of Way Criteria.**

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

#### **Article 130: Priority Rules**

- 130.01 Priority rules are mandatory in all one-on-one heats.
- 130.02 The Head Judge will make any Priority decisions using coloured discs corresponding to the Surfer's competition vest colours in the water to indicate priority and may consult the judging panel for close calls.
- 130.03 Priority discs must be located on one end of the judging booths.
- 130.04 A buoy, where applicable (as decided by the Contest Director, ASP Head Judge and Surfer Representative), will be placed just outside the surfing break, which Surfers use by paddling around to gain priority.
- 130.05 Wave priority is lost as soon as Surfer Rides a wave, or paddles for a wave and misses the wave.
- 130.06 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. If this happens then that wave will not count and the remaining Surfer will get automatic first priority. The Head Judge will indicate wave priority by displaying a coloured disc, which corresponds to the Surfer's competition vest. If no Surfer has wave priority, no discs are shown and the normal interference rule will determine right of way.
- 130.07 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.
- 130.08 If a Surfer inside has second priority and their opponent paddles for, but misses a wave, the inside Surfer automatically assumes first 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 disc.

- 130.09 The Surfer who has priority will also not be allowed to paddle in front of the other Surfer to deliberately impede them from catching a wave or they will lose priority. The Surfer will also lose priority if in the opinion of the Head Judge they place themselves in the take off zone to prevent the other Surfer from catching that wave.
- 130.10 Priority interference may be called individually by the Head Judge only if the majority (3 of 5) of the judging panel do not see the incident.
- 130.11 Allocation is based on who the Head Judge believes has reached the primary take off zone first. In cases where both Surfers appear to reach the line-up at the same time, priority will go to the Surfer who did not have the last priority. Under priority allocation it is the Surfers responsibility to continually check the priority disc for verification. Under no circumstances must the priority rule be suspended in one-on-one heats.
- 130.12 If it is impossible to establish who has priority, no priority will be given unless the Surfers in the heat, when asked agree that only one has priority. If neither agrees, then no priority will be given and once the first wave from then on has been ridden, the second Surfer will get automatic priority for any other wave they choose.
- 130.13 When there is no priority the interference rule shall determine wave possession. Both Surfers may Ride the wave in opposite directions provided they do not interfere with each other.
- 130.14 In all cases where a dispute results from a malfunction of the priority system, the ASP Head Judge, Contest Director and Surfer's Rep will arbitrate.
- 1309.15 Where the Dual-Heat Format is being used, priority for the heat that enters the water during change-over time will be with the Surfer that did not take the last counting wave. If there were no counting waves to determine this, then no priority is awarded.

#### **Article 131: Snaking**

- 131.01 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.
- 131.02 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.
- 131.03 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.
- 131.04 The above situations apply only to multiple Surfer heats or one-on-one in non-priority situations. In one-on-one it remains as one person, one wave, if a Surfer has priority. Refer to Article 128.02 for clarification.

#### **Article 132: Paddling Interference**

- 132.01 In 4-people heats or non-priority one-on-one situation another Surfer paddling for the same wave should not excessively hinder a Surfer who has inside position.
- 132.02 Paddling interference may be called if:
- (a) The offending Surfer makes contact with or forces the inside Surfer to change their line while paddling to catch the wave causing possible loss of scoring potential.

(b) The offending Surfer obviously causes a section to break down in front of the inside Surfer which would not normally have done so causing loss of scoring potential.

132.03 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 felt to be accidental or not.

### **Article 133: Interference Penalty**

133.01 For priority situations, if a majority of judges call interference, then that wave will count in the final tally as a zero score. This applies to a riding interference or a paddling interference, where the Surfer catches that particular wave. In non-priority situations, the Surfer's second scoring wave will be halved.

133.02 For a straight paddling interference a loss of that scoring Ride applies where the Surfer or Surfers do not catch the wave.

133.03 If a Surfer has less than the required minimum scoring Rides and receives an interference then they will be scored on one less wave, (i.e. if they have caught only three waves and the best four count, then only their best two will be scored).

133.04 3 of the 5 or 4 judges must call interference to be considered a majority.  
133.05 Interference will be shown as a triangle, as described below, on each judge's scorecard with an arrow drawn to the Surfer's score who was interfered on.

(a) The triangle placed around their score if caused by riding

(b) The triangle placed above their score if they Ride a wave but cause interference while paddling for that wave ridden

(c) The triangle placed between scores if caused by paddling for that Ride

133.06 In the case of a tie where one Surfer has an interference marked against them any count back will result in them winning as they have already had one wave deducted.

133.07 Under 2 best waves the interfering Surfer will be penalized with a loss of 50% of his second best scoring Ride in non-priority situations only. 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 best wave score will be halved also. If the interfering Surfer has only one other wave then that wave is halved (i.e. he counts his interfering wave as a zero and halves the other wave).

133.08 A Head Judge or Event Referee may be included, and in this case interference would be determined on three of five judging sheets.

133.09 Any interfering Surfer must be penalized and once an interference decision is made, it is irrevocable. The Judges and/or ASP Tour Manager will not enter into any discussion over the interference call. All discussion must be directly with the ASP Head Judge, if he wishes to discuss the situation.

133.10 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 could be called, neither Surfer gets an extra wave. An extra wave or heat delay as decided by the ASP Head Judge at the time will also apply to interference from water photographers, water security personnel or other outside interference. Refer to Article 106.04.

133.11 Where any Surfer incurs two or more interference penalties they must immediately leave the Competition Area. Failure to do so will result in a penalty in accordance with Chapter 11 of this Rulebook.

## CHAPTER 9: PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (PWC) RULES:

### Article 134: Use of PWC

World Tour and all WQS Events using a one on one heat format have the option to allow the use of Personal Water Craft assistance during an Event under the approved guidelines as decided by the ASP Technical Committee

### Article 135: Guidelines for Personal Water Craft Use

- 135.01 Events insurance must cover PWC's in case of accidents to pilots, Surfers and spectators.
- 135.02 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.
- 135.03 Decision on the use of PWC's will be made by the Contest Director, ASP Head Judge and Surfer Representative. The majority of these three to decide.
- 135.04 Direction they are to use to get back to the line-up will be determined at the Event by the ASP Head Judge and pilot's team leader with the route causing the least wake in the line up.
- 135.05 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.
- 135.06 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 ASP Head judge and the PWC Coordinator and if required, disciplined in accordance with this Rulebook.

### Article 136: Qualified Pilots

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

- 136.01 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 ASP for this list.
- 136.02 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
- 136.03 Events will be disciplined via this Rulebook and the License Agreement if this is not followed.
- 136.04 Should ASP not have an active PWC Policy at any time, the obligation to provide qualified PWC pilots will fall on the Event in accordance with the relevant Event Licence Agreement.

### Article 137: Priority

The allocation of Priority when two riders are being transported at same time will be decided by the head 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 138: Head Judge Authority with respect to Personal Water Craft

- 138.01 The ASP 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.

- 138.02 If the Head Judge feels that priority is affected by either the PWC pilots capacity or mechanical problems, priority will be allocated as the head judge deems fit.

**Article 139: General**

- 139.01 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 ASP Tour Manager, Surfer Representative and Contest Director have decided that it is suitable to allow the one PWC to operate.
- 139.02 Two-way radio communication between all PWC pilots and Head Judge must be available at all times.
- 139.03 Caddies 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 caddies.



## CHAPTER 10: JUDGING

### Article 140: Selection of Judges

An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. Only the ASP Judges Committee will have the power to make appointments and substitutions for an Event. A Surfer's request for a standing down of a judge based on a claim they have a vested interest can be handled by the Chairman of the ASP Judges Committee. 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. No current ASP Surfer may judge for any ASP Licensed Event.

### Article 141: Judging Panel Composition

- 141.01 WQS 1-3 Star Events shall have a 6-judge panel with 4 judges on per heat; WQS 4-6 Star Prime Events and World Junior Events shall have 7 judges with 5 judges on per heat including finals and the ASP Head Judge. These judges are to be approved by ASP with the World Tour touring judges and Head Judge having preference at all Events.
- 141.02 Women's WQS 4-6 star Events must have a minimum of 2 international judges approved by the ASP Head Judge.
- 141.03 Women's stand-alone World Tour and WQS Events judging panels to have a minimum of 4 judges per heat plus a Head Judge.
- 141.04 Women's & Men's Combined Events require a 5 judge panel per heat.
- 141.05 The ASP Head Judge of each Event is to be responsible for assuring that a minimum of 5 ASP approved international judges serve on the panel for every heat of all ASP World Tour licensed Events. These 5 taken from a pool of 7 ASP travelling judges and 1 ASP Head Judge supplied to the Event by ASP.
- 141.06 In WQS Events Contest Directors must use ASP approved International Head Judge (IHJ), Regional Head Judge (RHJ), World Tour "A" or "Regional" grade judges, which are to be selected by the ASP Judging Committee with consultation from the Regional Head Judges. 1-4 Star WQS Events to utilize Regional panels.
- 141.07 Other non-rated judges can only be used in exceptional cases and only after ASP approval.
- 141.08 In 5-6 Star Prime WQS Events where the ASP International Head Judge is not in attendance the replacement Head Judge will be decided by the ASP Judges Committee.
- 141.09 At 5-6 Star Prime WQS Events, the number of judges from any one Regional area is limited to a maximum of 3.
- 141.10 At World Tour Events, the number of judges from any one Regional area is limited to 2.
- 141.11 In 1-4 Star WQS Events if a World Tour "A" rated judge wishes to be placed on the panel at Regional payment rates they must be given priority.
- 141.12 For all Regional Junior Events must have a minimum of a 6 judge panel.

### Article 142: Split Panels

In exceptional circumstances where the chances of finishing an Event are in jeopardy, split 3 judge panels may be used. If it is known ahead of time that split panels will be used due to excess entry numbers, then prior notice must be given to ASP for approval and only minimum 4 judge panels will be allowed.

### Article 143: Wave-Scoring Scale

The wave scoring will be done from 0.1 to 10.0 (ten), broken into one-tenth increments (e.g 7.3).

### Article 144: Judging Criteria

Surfers must perform to the ASP judging key elements to maximize their scoring potential. Judges analyze 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.

#### **Article 145: Judging - General**

- 145.01 Judges should be visually separated and it is the responsibility of the Head Judge to see that the judges do not discuss scores or interference calls.
- 145.02 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.
- 145.03 If a judge misses a wave, or part of a wave, they should place an "M" in the square of the manual judges sheet, contact the Head Judge immediately and have the wave included into their sheet by the Head Judge on the basis of comparison to the previous rides on other judge's sheets that the Head Judge deems appropriate.
- 145.04 At times, errors of a special nature occur with respect to judging. This includes but not limited to, priority and timing. The ASP Head Judge, along with the Contest Director and a Surfer Representative, with least vested interest, after consultation with the ASP Tour Manager, will rule on these special circumstances, case by case. At their discretion the ASP Head Judge, Contest Director, Surfer Representative and ASP Tour Manager may consult with those qualified observers (defined as off-duty judges, spotters or other officials) who may have witnessed the incident in question.
- 145.05 The ASP judges video replay system can only be used in instant situations and once the scores are entered into the computer no changes can be made. The footage once a decision has been made cannot be used to change a result at a later stage.
- 145.06 No judge of an ASP Event may pass comment, on a Surfer's chances in any Event, to the public, media, or other contestants. If so then that judge may be dismissed from the panel. The ASP Board may take further action.
- 145.07 The ASP Head Judge to be entitled to respond to Surfer's comments in TV interviews.

#### **Article 146: Judging Fees/Overtime**

- 146.01 Minimum payment for ASP travelling judges and Computer Operator in all Events will be as described in the ASP Event Planner.
- 146.02 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.
- 146.03 All monies to be paid in cash US\$ except overtime pay, which may be paid in local currency cash at current US\$ conversion rates.
- 146.04 Other ASP acceptable judges not "World Tour", "A" or "Regional" rated, if circumstances dictate that they be used, may be paid at a rate

negotiated by the contest. It is however recommended that they receive full benefits as described in the ASP Event License/Event Planner.

**Article 147: Judging of Extra Curricular Events**

It is recommended that extra curricular Events held at any Event be run at the end of the day and not during actual competition hours. If held during these hours the judges are not obliged to judge them unless agreed to by the judging panel.

**Article 148: ASP Computer Scoring System**

- 148.01 The computer scoring system provided by ASP and its Regional Offices is compulsory at all "World Tour" and 4-6 Star Events.
- 148.02 Computer Scoring Operator hours, rates and conditions are as described in the "World Tour" and "WQS" Event License/Event Planner.

### **Article 149: Rules and Disciplinary Committee**

The ASP Rules & Discipline Policy is administered by the ASP Rules & Discipline Committee. The Rules & Discipline Committee members may be members of the ASP Board of Directors, but need not be on the ASP Board of Directors. The Rules & Discipline Committee shall be comprised of (1) the Rules & Discipline Committee Chair (an individual elected by the ASP Board of Directors); (2) one Event Representative elected by the ASP Events' Council; (3) one Surfer representative elected by the male World Tour Surfers; (4) one Surfer representative elected by the female World Tour Surfers; and (4) the President of the ASP. The Rules & Discipline Committee welcomes input into the disciplinary process and policy. Any comments by interested parties should be directed to the Rules & Discipline Committee, care of the ASP office. Comments by interested parties can also be directed to the current Rules & Discipline Chair, Robert Gerard who can be contacted via ASP International.

### **Article 150: ASP Member Obligation under this Policy**

At all Events, Surfers must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, and are responsible for their actions before, during, and after Events, going to and from Events, and while in geographic areas hosting Events. All Surfers are responsible for knowing and adhering to ASP Rules and upon violation, are subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action consists of but is not limited to verbal warnings; written warnings; probation; suspension; fines; or expulsion; or some combination of the foregoing.

### **Article 151: Authority to Discipline**

In the Event of a violation of the ASP Rulebook the ASP Men's or Women's Tour Managers, and the ASP WQS Tour Manager, or in his/her absence, an ASP Event Representative designated by a Tour Manager, is authorized to impose "on the spot" an immediate verbal warning or fine of up to \$2,500 USD after consultation with the ASP Head Judge (or most senior judge at the Event) or the Rules & Discipline Chair, and the Contest Director. The Rules & Discipline Chair is authorized to enforce the ASP Rulebook for any offense brought to his or her attention regardless of whether the respective Tour Manager chooses to discipline the ASP Member and may impose any disciplinary action which is in accordance with the Rules. In cases where an offense/violation and corresponding penalty is not explicitly listed, the Rules & Discipline Chair may exercise his or her unfettered discretion as to the appropriate penalty to be issued. With regards to probation, suspension, and expulsion the Rules & Discipline Chair must consult with the full Rules & Discipline Committee and call a vote of the Committee approving the discipline. In the case of expulsion for the remainder of a surfing season or longer, the discipline must also be approved by the full ASP Board of Directors. All disciplinary action taken by the ASP must be reported for record keeping purposes to the Rules & Discipline Chair. This is not a "progressive discipline policy." In other words, nothing in the ASP Rulebook impedes the ASP's ability to suspend, disqualify, or expel an individual from an Event, venue, or the ASP, and all ASP Events/venues, without prior warning.

### **Article 152: Criminal Investigations**

When a criminal investigation is commenced regarding the criminal liability of an Surfer, the Surfer together with anyone he instructs to act on his behalf must cooperate with the relevant government or criminal authority in whatever jurisdiction is applicable until the matter is closed. The Rules & Discipline Committee reserves the right to suspend the Surfer from an Event or future Events until such matter is closed at its discretion on grounds of Damage to Surfing's Image. When the investigation is closed to the satisfaction of the Rules & Discipline Committee, the findings and conclusion of such investigation may be used to inform the Rules & Discipline Committee with such findings and

conclusions to carry whatever weight the Rules & Discipline Committee deems appropriate in arriving at their decision.

**Article 153: Monetary Fines** 146.01 All monetary fines, whether prescribed within this Chapter or elsewhere within this Rulebook, are payable BEFORE competing in (or attending) the subsequent ASP 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 ASP Regional Office hosting the subsequent Event prior to the Event start date. ALL FINES SHALL HAVE A MANDATORY 10% ADMINISTRATIVE SURCHARGE ADDED.

153.02 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 ASP Region, all fine monies are to be forwarded to ASP International and be used toward the ongoing administration of the Rules & Discipline Policy.

153.03 The following proportions will apply to all monetary penalties issued in accordance with this Chapter:

- (i) World Tour Events – 100% of the respective penalty;
- (ii) WQS 4 star and above Events – 75% of the respective penalty;
- (iii) WQS 1-3 star Event – 50% of the respective penalty;
- (iv) World Longboard Tour Events – 100% of the respective penalty;
- (v) Masters Events – 50% of the respective penalty;
- (vi) Junior Events – 25% of the respective penalty;
- (vii) Regional Junior and LQS Events – 25% of the respective penalty;  
and
- (viii) For Women's Events of (i) – (vii) above, a further 25% reduction will be applied to the resulting monetary penalty.

#### **Article 154: Sportsmanlike Conduct**

Sportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to: respect for an ASP Tour and Event sponsors, judges, opponents, ASP Management member, ASP Representative, 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 ASP Event venues;  
and
- (c) and the use of illegal or banned drugs.

All Surfers attending any Event shall conduct themselves in accordance with the best traditions of national and international sporting competition.

Again, this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of violations of Sportsmanlike conduct but merely a general guideline. Any Surfer found in violation of this section shall 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 from the Event if it is the second concurrent offense at the same event.  
Third Offense: Up to \$5,000 USD and possible disqualification from the Event if it is the third offense in one season.

- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion. Any Surfer who is found to have three (3) offenses of this Article in one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) Points. Any offender under Article 151 who is automatically disqualified from that Event may still receive points for the Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the Event.

#### **Article 155: Damage to Surfing's Image**

All Surfers, shall not AT ANY TIME damage the image of the sport of surfing. For the purposes of this Article, "damage to the sport of surfing" is defined as any act, regardless of time or place, which casts the sport of surfing in a negative light. 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 Article 152 may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the ASP.
- (iii) Points. Any offender under Article 152 who is automatically disqualified from that Event may still receive points for the ASP Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the ASP Event.

#### **Article 156: Gambling**

No Surfer shall, at any time, participate in any form of collusion, wagering, offering of odds or any other form of gambling in connection with professional surfing. Due to the incredibly serious nature of this offense, 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: \$10,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the current or next ASP Competitive Event.  
Third Offense: \$15,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the current or next ASP Competitive Event.
- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion. Any offender under Article 153 may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) Points. Any offender under Article 153 who is automatically disqualified from the current or next Competitive Event due to violation of this section, shall receive (0) points for the Event. If a violation of this section is not discovered until after the completion of the entire Competitive Event, the offender shall receive (0) points for any Competitive Event at which the violation took place, regardless of his or her placement.

### **Article 157: 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 an 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 section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.  
First Offense: \$5,000 to \$50,000 USD  
Second Offense: \$5,000 to \$50,000 USD  
Third Offense: \$5,000 to \$50,000 US
- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion. Any ASP Surfer who is found to have (3) offenses of Article 154 in one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) Points. Any offender under this Article who is disqualified from a Competitive Event may still receive points for the Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the Event.

### **Article 158: Verbal Assault**

Surfers shall not AT ANY TIME directly or indirectly verbally assault an ASP Judge, opponent, Event sponsor, ASP Management member, ASP Representative, ASP Board of Directors member, spectator, member of the media or ASP Rules & Discipline Committee member. During Events, this Article 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 ASP Surfer 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 clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) Points. Any offender under this Article who is disqualified from a Competitive Event may still receive points for the Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the Event.

### **Article 159: Physical Assault and Mutual Combat**

No Surfer shall, at any time, physically assault any Judge, Event staff (including volunteer), opponent, 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 Surfers should be aware that physical violence has no place in professional surfing and will not be

tolerated. If it is immediately clear to the Chair of the Rules & Discipline Committee, a Tour Manager, the Head Judge, or Event Director, which Surfer or Surfers were the initial aggressor of the incident, then that Surfer 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 Surfer 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 ASP Tour upon the first offense. Fighting has no place in an ASP Tour and will not be dealt with lightly. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) **Points.** Any offender under this Article who is disqualified from a Competitive Event may still receive points for the Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the Event.

**Article 160: Other Miscellaneous Offences and Penalties**

The following table is a general guideline for miscellaneous offenses which may not be covered in the other sections of Chapter 11. However, some offences described below may also be considered violations of the Article 151 Sportsmanlike Conduct, Article 152 Damage to Surfing’s Image and in such circumstances, the offence/violation penalty shall be the greater of the two possible penalties. Suggested Guideline Penalties followed by \* indicate Offences for which Suspension and/or Expulsion are possible Penalties given either the severity or the repetitiveness of the Offence.

<b>Description of Offence/Violation</b>	<b>Fine / Penalty / Disciplinary Action/All in USD</b>
<b>Catch more than maximum allowable waves.</b>	<b>\$250 per wave</b>
<b>Surfer’s caddie rides a wave.</b>	<b>\$250 per wave</b>
<b>Failing to attend awards presentation.</b>	<b>\$250 + possible forfeiture of prize money</b>
<b>Surfing during next/previous heat.</b>	<b>\$500 per wave</b>
<b>Failing to attend media functions if asked</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Failing to attend post-heat press conference</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>



<b>Failing to compete/check-in for the first round of World Tour Events</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Failing to attend compulsory Surfers meetings (World Tour seed only)</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Failing to attend Rookie and returning World Tour Surfers' Orientation Night</b>	<b>\$2,000</b> No discretion and no excuses. This is an "administrative" fine and automatically applies to any Surfer who is not in attendance at the Rookie and returning World Tour Surfers' Orientation.
<b>Stay in water after 2 interference</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Failure to pay World Tour membership fees on time</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Equipment abuse (person's own equipment) in Event and compound areas</b>	<b>First offence \$500; Second offence \$1,000; Third offence \$1,500*</b>
<b>Failing to attend WQS Events entered (money rounds)</b>	<b>First offence \$1,000; Second offence \$1,500; Third offence \$2,000*</b>
<b>Failing to attend WQS Events entered (non money rounds)</b>	<b>First offence \$500; Second offence \$1,000; Third offence \$1,500*</b>
<b>Knowingly wearing Event vest incorrectly</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Not wearing vest until return to beach marshal</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Free surfing in competition are during heats</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Failure to complete license forms</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Ripping up judges sheets</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Writing on judges sheets</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Entering judging area to complain/protest without permission of the Head Judge</b>	<b>First offence \$1,000; Second offence \$2,500; Third offence \$5,000*</b>
<b>Failure to attend the World Tour Events entered with warning but no doctor's certificate (men and women seeds only).</b>	<b>First offence \$2,500; Second offence \$5,000; Third offence automatic suspension for 3 Events or remainder of the tour year if less and no entry into WQS Events during this time.</b>

<b>Failure to attend the World Tour Events entered without warning or a doctor's certificate (men and women seeds only)</b>	<b>First offence \$5,000; Second offence \$10,000; Third offence automatic suspension for 3 Events or remainder of the tour year if less and no entry into WQS Events during this time.</b>
<b>World Champion failing to attend all remaining Events of the current season after clinching the world title</b>	<b>\$10,000 per Event missed.</b>

**Article 161: Automatic Disqualification during an Event**

Notwithstanding the penalties described in each Article of this Chapter 11, should an Surfer have been found to have offended under Articles 160- or in breach of the Drugs Policy detailed in Article 163, the Surfer will automatically be disqualified from the current Event. If, at the time that the Surfer is disqualified, the relevant Articles in this Rulebook allow for a replacement [See Articles 11 and 54], the disqualified Surfer may be replaced. The ASP Rules & Discipline Committee reserves the right to impose a penalty in accordance with the relevant Article after the Event has concluded.

**Article 162: Appeals and Arbitration**

In the event an Surfer wishes to appeal any imposition of discipline decision the Surfer may submit a formal WRITTEN request within 10 days after the penalty was issued. The Surfer's request for an official appeal will be considered by the full Rules & Discipline Committee. The Rules & Discipline Committee shall then vote upon whether there is enough possible merit to the appeal to warrant: upholding the penalty; gathering further information; modifying the penalty without a further hearing, or having the matter proceed to a Formal Hearing. A simple majority vote of the Rules & Discipline Committee is required.

Upon the Rules & Discipline Committee's approval of a Formal Hearing, the appealing Surfer shall be given Notice of a date and location of the Formal Hearing. The appealing Surfer may be accompanied by legal counsel to his Formal Hearing, however the Surfer must be physically present at the Formal Hearing. Within 30 days of the Formal Hearing, a Surfer will be Notified of the Rules & Discipline Committee's Official Decision in writing. If an Surfer feels that he or she has been unfairly discriminated against or questions the fair administration of the procedures herein outlined he or she may then request an Appeal Hearing before the entire ASP Board of Directors. If the ASP Board hears the case and denies the Appeal or declines to consider the Appeal, the Surfer has the final option of taking the matter to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Any dispute arising from the present Articles of the Rules & Discipline Policy which cannot be settled amicably shall be settled finally by a tribunal composed in accordance with the statute and regulations of the Court of Arbitration for Sport to the exclusion of any recourse to the ordinary courts. Both the ASP and the appealing Surfer agree to comply with the said Statute and Regulations, and to accept the award rendered in good faith and agree to in no way hinder its execution.

**Article 163: Drug Testing**

- 163.01 General Policy  
Although the ASP does not conduct its own drug testing, the ASP permits drug testing at WQS and World Tour Events by the Event sponsors, the ASP Regional Office, or the governing sporting body for the particular country in which the Event is taking place so long as the drug testing complies with the testing protocol set forth by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA").
- 163.02 List of Prohibited Substances  
All WQS and World Tour Surfers (and their coaches, managers, physicians, parents, etc.) are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the Prohibited Substance List which is readily available at WADA's website ([www.wada.ama.org](http://www.wada.ama.org)).
- 163.03 Investigation  
If a Surfer tests positive for a drug listed on the WADA Prohibited List, a prompt investigation will be conducted by the Rules & Discipline Judge. During this investigation, the Surfer will be presented the opportunity to have what is referred to under the WADA Protocol as Sample B (a second sample which is taken at the same time as the first sample), tested to ensure that there was not a false positive. The Surfer will also have the opportunity to present a defence in writing to the Rules & Discipline Judge. Any defence should include an explanation of mitigating circumstances, possible physical or medical reasons for the positive drug test, supporting evidence (documents, list of witnesses, etc., including supporting doctors' notes, etc.).
- 163.04 Hearing  
If the Rules & Discipline Judge determines that:  
(a) there has been a legitimate positive test; and  
(b) it is more likely than not that the Surfer was taking drugs for performance enhancement purposes, the Rules & Discipline Judge shall, as soon as practicable, commence a hearing before the Rules & Disciplinary Committee to present his findings and give the Surfer the opportunity to present his defence.
- 163.05 Penalties  
If the Rules & Disciplinary Committee agrees that the test result is legitimately positive and that it is more likely than not that the Surfer was taking a substance (e.g. Anabolic Androgenic Steroids - AAS) from the prohibited list for performance enhancement purposes, the Surfer shall be suspended from competing in ASP competition for at least one full year. Additionally, the Surfer shall lose championships, titles, and rankings for the season in which the violation occurs. Once competitors have finished their one year suspension they will be able to compete on the WQS tour again, provided they undertake at their expense a drug test at an acceptable drug testing facility and provide ASP with the results. In the case of World Tour male Surfers they will be placed into the Round of 192 in 5-6\* Events and Round of 128 in 1-4\* Events. WQS Surfers must start without any seeding at all from the first round of all Events until such time they accumulate enough points to better their seeding position. Women Surfers receive similar seeding for World Tour competitors in the Round of 60 and WQS in the first round. For second violations, the Rules & Disciplinary Committee has the authority to issue a lifetime ban on the Surfer from ever competing again in an ASP licensed Event. If the Rules & Discipline Judge determines that a legitimately positive test was the result of a mistake by the Surfer and/or Surfer's physician or that the positive test is not part of an effort by the Surfer to gain an unfair advantage via performance enhancing drugs the Rules & Discipline Judge shall levy a penalty which can range from a written warning, to a monetary fine, to a suggestion or recommendation of suspension to the Rules & Disciplinary Committee. Again, any suspension or expulsion of a Surfer from ASP Events must be approved

by the full Rules & Disciplinary Committee.

163.06 Appeals

A Surfer wishing to appeal a drug testing decision of the Rules & Discipline Judge and/or the Rules & Disciplinary Committee may submit a written appeal to the President of the ASP within 30 days requesting an appeal by the ASP Board. For purposes of reviewing the appeal, the ASP Board is authorized to hold an emergency hearing in person, or via telephone and/or e-mail. Any decision of the ASP Board is final. Thus, beyond the ASP Board, the only appeal recourse available to the Surfer is as provided for in the ASP Surfer Agreement. As for WQS Surfers, the decision of the ASP Board is final.

163.07 Control of Individual Nation and/or Government Sporting Bodies

There are certain countries in which there are governing sporting bodies and agencies which have a zero tolerance for drug test violations. In some instances, these sporting bodies have the authority to prohibit a Surfer from competing in that particular country. This prohibition against a Surfer competing in that particular country is a penalty which may ultimately be out of the ASP's control. For example, in France, or any French territory, there is a possibility that a Surfer could be barred from competing for a period of time as a result of a failed drug test regardless of any ASP ruling as to that particular Surfer's drug test failure. The Rules & Discipline Judge has undertaken efforts to ensure that there is a uniform standard of testing and penalties applicable throughout the ASP Tour, but Surfers should be on notice that there is no guarantee that individual countries will not issue penalties which supersede any penalties issued by the ASP. Thus, again, it behoves all Surfers to be completely familiar with the WADA Prohibited List of Substances and to ensure that they have not ingested substances on the Prohibited List or in amounts that are prohibited.

163.08 Individual Medical Circumstances/Exemptions

If the Surfer has a physical and/or emotional medical condition which requires prescription medication, that Surfer should immediately contact the Rules & Discipline Judge who will make himself available to assist that Surfer and that Surfer's physician(s) ensure compliance with the WADA Protocol regarding exemptions. Nothing in the ASP's policy is intended to discriminate against Surfers who have physical and/or emotional medical conditions which require medication. There is a specific WADA protocol for exemptions. Moreover, it is much easier to deal with a failed drug test if the Surfer and his or her physicians have placed both the ASP and whatever Event or agency is conducting the drug test on notice that the Surfer is taking a particular medication before the Event and before the drug test. Surfers are welcome to direct any questions in this regard to the Rules & Discipline Judge. Also, there is an "athlete's corner" portion on the WADA website that answers numerous questions regarding the WADA Code.

## APPENDIX A

### MEN AND WOMEN'S WORLD TOUR PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS

#### 1: MEN US\$ 400,000

MEN 48 Format - \$400,000

One-On-One	Prize Money	4-person	Prize Money
Place	US\$	Place	US\$
1st	\$50,000	1st	\$50,000
2nd	\$25,000	2nd	\$25,000
3rd	\$14,500	3rd	\$15,000
5th	\$10,000	4th	\$14,000
9th	\$8,000	5th	\$10,500
17th	\$6,500	7th	\$9,500
33rd	\$5,500	9th	\$8,500
		13th	\$7,500
		17th	\$7,000
		25th	\$6,000
		33rd	\$5,500

MEN 36 Format - US\$400,000

One-on-One	Prize Money	4 -person	Prize Money
Place	US\$	Place	US\$
1st	\$75,000	1st	\$75,000
2nd	\$30,000	2nd	\$30,000
3rd	<b>\$17,000</b>	3rd	<b>\$16,000</b>
5th	<b>\$12,250</b>	4th	<b>\$15,000</b>
9th	\$9,5000	5th	<b>\$12,500</b>
17th	<b>\$7,000</b>	7th	<b>\$11,500</b>
33rd	\$6,000	9th	\$10,500
		13th	<b>\$9,500</b>
		17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$7,500</b>
		25th	<b>\$7,000</b>
		33rd	<b>\$6,000</b>

WOMEN - US\$100,000

One-On-One	Prize Money	4-person	Prize Money
Place	US\$	Place	US\$
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$15,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$15,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$9,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$9,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$6,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$6,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,250	4 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,750
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,500	5 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,500
17 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,500	7 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,000
		9 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,750
		13 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,250
		17 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,500

<b>One-On-One</b>	<b>Prize Money</b>	<b>4-Woman</b>	<b>Prize Money</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>US\$</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$25,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$20,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$12,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$12,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$8,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$9,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$6,000	4 <sup>th</sup>	\$8,000
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,000	5 <sup>th</sup>	\$6,500
17 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,000	7 <sup>th</sup>	\$6,250
		9 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,500
		13 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,000
		17 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,000

## APPENDIX B

### MEN AND WOMEN'S WORLD TOUR RATINGS POINTS

MEN'S WORLD TOUR		WOMEN'S WORLD TOUR	
Category 1 US\$400,000 Event		Category 1 US\$100,000 Event	
Place	Points	Place	Points
*1 <sup>st</sup>	10000	*1 <sup>st</sup>	1200
*2 <sup>nd</sup>	8000	*2 <sup>nd</sup>	972
*3 <sup>rd</sup>	6500	*3 <sup>rd</sup>	756
*5 <sup>th</sup>	5250	4 <sup>th</sup>	654
*9 <sup>th</sup>	3750	*5 <sup>th</sup>	552
*17 <sup>th</sup>	1750	7 <sup>th</sup>	438
*33 <sup>rd</sup>	500	*9 <sup>th</sup>	360
		13 <sup>th</sup>	270
		*17 <sup>th</sup>	180

\* Denotes places generally used places.

Other places are for 4-person heats.

No bonus points will be approved after the start of the first World Tour Event of the Surfing Season but extra prize money is accepted.

Places not shown in alternative form at Events will receive points as per % reductions above .

Men's WORLD TOUR Points (Event Categories 2-4)	Bonus Points
<b>Cat 2: Men's US\$600,000 Event</b>	<b>Plus 10% on above points.</b>
<b>Cat 3: Men's US\$800,000 Event</b>	<b>Plus 20% on above points.</b>
<b>Cat 4: Men's US\$1,000,000 Event</b>	<b>Plus 30% on above points.</b>
Women's WORLD TOUR Points (Event Categories 2-6)	Bonus Points
Cat 2: US\$125,000 Event	Plus 10% on above points unless in a prime location as determined by the Technical Committee where 20% on above points will apply.
Cat 3: US\$150,000 Event	Plus 20% on above points.
Cat 4: US\$200,000 Event	Plus 30% on above points.
Cat 5: US\$250,000 Event	Plus 40% on above points.
Cat 6: US\$300,000 Event	Plus 50% on above points.

# APPENDIX C

## MEN AND WOMEN'S WQS PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS

### WQS MEN

Standard 4 person Format				
Men	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star
Total	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	<b>\$85,000</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,000	<b>\$12,000</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	<b>\$9,000</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$800	\$2,000	\$2,500	<b>\$4,500</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$700	\$1,500	\$2,000	<b>\$3,000</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,500	<b>\$2,200</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,800
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$400	\$800	\$900	\$1,600
13 <sup>th</sup>	\$300	\$600	\$800	\$1,400
17 <sup>th</sup>		\$300	\$700	\$1,100
25 <sup>th</sup>		\$200	\$600	\$900
33 <sup>rd</sup>			\$500	\$800
49 <sup>th</sup>			\$300	\$700



96 - 192 Format – 8 one on one finals			
Men	4 Star	5 Star	6 Star/Prime
Total	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>\$3,400</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$1,950</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>	<b>\$2,850</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$2,400
13 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,300	\$1,900	\$2,200
19 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,000
25 <sup>th</sup>	\$900	\$1,300	\$1,500
37 <sup>th</sup>	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200
49 <sup>th</sup>	\$300	\$400	\$600
73 <sup>rd</sup>	\$200	\$300	\$500

96-192 Format – 16 one on one finals			
Men	4 Star	5 Star	6 Star
Total	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>\$3,400</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>	<b>\$2,950</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$2,300
17 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,000
25 <sup>th</sup>	\$900	\$1,300	\$1,500
37 <sup>th</sup>	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200
49 <sup>th</sup>	\$300	\$400	\$600
73 <sup>rd</sup>	\$200	\$300	\$500

# WQS WOMEN

Women	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	6 Star	6 Star Haw
Total	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$4,500
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$900	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$1,900	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$700	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$2,000	\$2,100
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$600	\$900	\$1,100	\$1,500			\$1,900
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$1,100	\$900	\$1,100	\$1400
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$400	\$550	\$650	\$950			\$1,200
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$300	\$500	\$600	\$900	\$800	\$900	\$1,000
13 <sup>th</sup>	\$200	\$400	\$500	\$800	\$700	\$800	\$900
17 <sup>th</sup>			\$450	\$700			\$800
19 <sup>th</sup>					\$600	\$700	
21 <sup>st</sup>							
25 <sup>th</sup>					\$350	\$450	\$600
37 <sup>th</sup>					\$150	\$150	

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<b>6 Star/6 star PRIME</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>
<b>1st</b>	20000
<b>2nd</b>	10000
<b>3rd</b>	5100
<b>4th</b>	4900
<b>5th</b>	3000
<b>7th</b>	2900
<b>9th</b>	2400
<b>13th</b>	2100
<b>17th</b>	1700
<b>25th</b>	1500
<b>33rd</b>	1200
<b>49th</b>	1000

<b>65th</b>	500
<b>81st</b>	400

## APPENDIX D

### MEN – POINTS ALLOCATION

#### Men's Points Allocation for 1-6 Star Prime WQS and World Tour Events

Places	1 Star	2 star	3 star	4 Star	5 Star	6 Star	Prime	WT
1	250	500	750	1000	2000	3000	6500	10000
2	188	375	563	750	1500	2250	4875	8000
3	141	281	422	563	1125	1688	3656	6500
**4	123	246	369	492	984	1477	3199	
5	105	211	316	422	844	1266	2742	5250
**7	92	185	277	369	738	1107	2399	
9	79	158	237	316	633	949	2057	3750
**13	69	138	208	277	554	831	1800	
17	59	119	178	237	475	712	1542	1750
**19	56	111	167	222	445	667	1446	
**25	48	96	145	193	386	578	1253	
33	44	89	133	178	356	534	1157	500
37	33	67	100	133	267	400	868	
**41	29	58	88	117	234	350	759	
49	25	50	75	100	200	300	651	
**53	22	44	66	88	175	263	569	
65	19	38	56	75	150	225	488	
73	14	28	42	56	113	169	366	
81	11	21	32	42	84	127	275	
97	8	16	24	32	63	95	206	
105	6	12	18	24	48	71	154	
109	4	9	13	18	36	53	116	
113	3	7	10	13	27	40	87	
121	3	5	8	10	20	30	65	
129	2	4	6	8	15	23	49	
133	1	3	4	6	11	17	37	
137	1	2	3	4	8	13	27	
145	1	2	2	3	6	10	21	
149	1	1	2	2	5	7	15	
153	0	1	1	2	4	5	12	
161	0	1	1	1	3	4	9	
169	0	1	1	1	2	3	7	
177	0	1	1	1	1	2	5	

\*\* denotes half points between main places and not 25%.

# APPENDIX E

## WOMEN'S WQS POINTS ALLOCATION

Plc	1Star	2Star	3Star	4Star	5Star	6Star						
1	250	500	750	1000	2500	3000						
2	215	430	645	860	2100	2520						
3	183	365	548	730	1800	2160						
4	168	335	503	670	1700	2040						
5	153	305	458	610	1600	1920						
6	146	292	438	583	1575	1890						
7	139	278	417	555	1550	1860						
8	132	264	396	528	1525	1830						
9	125	250	375	500	1500	1800						
10	122	244	366	488	1450	1740						
11	119	238	357	475	1400	1680						
12	116	231	347	462	1350	1620						
13	113	225	338	450	1300	1560						
14	110	219	329	438	1277	1532						
15	106	213	319	425	1263	1516						
16	103	207	310	413	1250	1500						
17	100	200	300	400	1237	1484						
18	98	195	293	390	1213	1456						
19	95	190	285	380	1200	1440						
20	93	185	278	370	1167	1400						
21	90	180	270	360	1133	1360						
22	88	175	263	350	1100	1320						
23	85	170	255	340	1067	1280						
24	83	165	248	330	1033	1240						
25	80	160	240	320	1000	1200						
26	78	155	233	310	992	1190						
27	75	150	225	300	983	1180						
28	73	145	218	290	975	1170						
29	70	140	210	280	967	1160						
30	68	135	203	270	958	1150						
31	65	130	195	260	950	1140						
32	63	125	188	250	942	1130						
33	60	120	180	240	933	1120						
34	58	115	173	230	925	1110						
35	55	110	165	220	917	1100						
36	53	105	158	210	908	1090						
37	50	100	150	200	900	1080						
38	48	95	143	190	875	1050						
39	45	90	135	180	850	1020						
40	43	85	127	170	825	990						
41	40	80	120	160	800	960						
42	38	75	115	150	775	930						
43	35	70	110	140	750	900						
44	33	65	105	130	725	870						
45	30	60	100	120	700	840						
46	28	55	95	110	675	810						
47	25	50	90	100	650	780						
48	23	45	85	90	625	750						
49	20	40	80	80	600	720						
50	19	38	75	75	584	701						
51	18	35	70	70	566	679						
52	17	33	65	65	550	660						
53	15	30	60	60	534	641						
54	14	28	55	55	516	619						
55	13	25	50	50	500	600						
56	11	23	45	45	433	520						
57	10	20	40	40	367	440						
58	9	18	35	35	300	360						
59	8	15	30	30	233	280						
60	6	13	25	25	167	200						
61	5	10	20	20	100	120						
62	4	8	15	15	90	108						
63	3	5	10	10	80	96						
64	2	5	9	9	70	84						
65	2	4	8	8	60	72						
66	2	4	7	7	50	60						
67	2	3	6	6	45	54						
68	1	3	5	5	40	48						
69	1	2	4	4	35	42						
70	1	2	3	3	30	36						
71	1	1	2	2	25	30						
72	1	1	1	1	20	24						
73	1	1	1	1	15	18						
74	1	1	1	1	10	12						
75	1	1	1	1	5	6						
76	1	1	1	1	1	1						

NOTE: All lower places receive one point.

## APPENDIX F JUNIOR TOUR POINTS ALLOCATION

Plc	G 1	G 2	G 3	G 4	G 5	Plc	G 1	G 2	G 3	G 4	G 5
1	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	70	135	203	270	338	405
2	860	1290	1720	2150	2580	72	125	188	250	313	375
3	730	1095	1460	1825	2190	73	120	180	240	300	360
4	670	1005	1340	1675	2011	74	115	173	230	288	345
5	610	915	1220	1525	1830	75	110	165	220	275	330
6	583	875	1166	1458	1749	76	105	158	210	263	315
7	555	833	1110	1388	1665	77	100	150	200	250	300
8	528	792	1056	1320	1584	78	98	147	196	245	294
9	500	750	1000	1250	1500	79	96	144	192	240	288
10	488	732	976	1220	1464	80	94	141	188	235	282
11	475	713	950	1188	1425	81	92	138	184	230	276
12	462	693	924	1155	1386	82	90	135	180	225	270
13	450	675	900	1125	1350	83	88	132	176	220	264
14	438	657	876	1095	1314	84	86	129	172	215	258
15	425	638	850	1063	1275	85	84	126	168	210	252
16	413	620	826	1033	1239	86	82	123	164	205	246
17	400	600	800	1000	1200	87	80	120	160	200	240
18	395	593	790	988	1185	88	78	117	156	195	234
19	390	585	780	975	1170	89	76	114	152	190	228
20	385	578	770	963	1155	90	74	111	148	185	222
21	380	570	760	950	1140	91	72	108	144	180	216
22	375	563	750	938	1125	92	70	105	140	175	210
23	370	555	740	925	1110	93	68	102	136	170	204
24	365	548	730	913	1095	94	66	99	132	165	198
25	360	540	720	900	1080	95	64	96	128	160	192
26	355	533	710	888	1065	96	62	93	124	155	186
27	350	525	700	875	1050	97	60	90	120	150	180
28	345	518	690	863	1035	98	58	87	116	145	174
29	340	510	680	850	1020	99	56	84	112	140	168
30	335	503	670	838	1005	100	54	81	108	135	162
31	330	495	660	825	990	101	52	78	104	130	156
32	325	488	650	813	975	102	50	75	100	125	150
33	320	480	640	800	960	103	48	72	96	120	144
34	315	473	630	788	945	104	46	69	92	115	138
35	310	465	620	775	930	105	44	66	88	110	132
36	305	458	610	763	915	106	42	63	84	105	126
37	300	450	600	750	900	107	40	60	80	100	120
38	295	443	590	738	885	108	38	57	76	95	114
39	290	435	580	725	870	109	36	54	72	90	108
40	285	428	570	713	855	110	34	51	68	85	102
41	280	420	560	700	840	111	32	48	64	80	96
42	275	413	550	688	825	112	30	45	60	75	90
43	270	405	540	675	810	113	28	42	56	70	84
44	265	398	530	663	795	114	26	39	52	65	78
45	260	390	520	650	780	115	24	36	48	60	72
46	255	383	510	638	765	116	22	33	44	55	66
47	250	375	500	625	750	117	20	30	40	50	60
48	245	368	490	613	735	118	18	27	36	45	54
49	240	360	480	600	720	119	16	24	32	40	48
50	235	353	470	588	705	120	14	21	28	35	42
51	230	345	460	575	690	121	12	18	24	30	36
52	225	338	450	563	675	122	10	15	20	25	30
53	220	330	440	550	660	123	9	14	18	23	27
54	215	323	430	538	645	124	8	12	16	20	24
55	210	315	420	525	630	125	7	11	14	18	21
56	205	308	410	513	615	126	6	9	12	15	18
57	200	300	400	500	600	127	5	8	10	13	15
58	195	293	390	488	585	128	4	6	8	10	12
59	190	285	380	475	570	129	3	5	6	8	9
60	185	278	370	463	555	130	2	3	4	5	6
61	180	270	360	450	540	131	1	2	2	3	3
62	175	263	350	438	525	132	1	1	1	2	3
63	170	255	340	425	510	133	1	1	1	1	2
64	165	248	330	413	495	134	1	1	1	1	1
65	160	240	320	400	480						
66	155	233	310	388	465						
67	150	225	300	375	450						
68	145	218	290	363	435						
69	140	210	280	350	420						

NOTE: All lower places receive one point.

# APPENDIX G

## BASE SEED POINT ALLOCATION SCALE

### MEN

Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts
1	10000	51	495	101	445	151	395	201	345	251	295
2	9000	52	494	102	444	152	394	202	344	252	294
3	8250	53	493	103	443	153	393	203	343	253	293
4	7750	54	492	104	442	154	392	204	342	254	292
5	7320	55	491	105	441	155	391	205	341	255	291
6	6990	56	490	106	440	156	390	206	340	256	290
7	6660	57	489	107	439	157	389	207	339	257	289
8	6330	58	488	108	438	158	388	208	338	258	288
9	6000	59	487	109	437	159	387	209	337	259	287
10	5850	60	486	110	436	160	386	210	336	260	286
11	5700	61	485	111	435	161	385	211	335	261	285
12	5550	62	484	112	434	162	384	212	334	262	284
13	5400	63	483	113	433	163	383	213	333	263	283
14	5075	64	482	114	432	164	382	214	332	264	282
15	4750	65	481	115	431	165	381	215	331	265	281
16	4425	66	480	116	430	166	380	216	330	266	280
17	4100	67	479	117	429	167	379	217	329	267	279
18	3984	68	478	118	428	168	378	218	328	268	278
19	3869	69	477	119	427	169	377	219	327	269	277
20	3753	70	476	120	426	170	376	220	326	270	276
21	3638	71	475	121	425	171	375	221	325	271	275
22	3522	72	474	122	424	172	374	222	324	272	274
23	3406	73	473	123	423	173	373	223	323	273	273
24	3291	74	472	124	422	174	372	224	322	274	272
25	3175	75	471	125	421	175	371	225	321	275	271
26	3059	76	470	126	420	176	370	226	320	276	270
27	2944	77	469	127	419	177	369	227	319	277	269
28	2828	78	468	128	418	178	368	228	318	278	268
29	2713	79	467	129	417	179	367	229	317	279	267
30	2597	80	466	130	416	180	366	230	316	280	266
31	2481	81	465	131	415	181	365	231	315	281	265
32	2366	82	464	132	414	182	364	232	314	282	264
33	2250	83	463	133	413	183	363	233	313	283	263
34	2240	84	462	134	412	184	362	234	312	284	262
35	2230	85	461	135	411	185	361	235	311	285	261
36	1959	86	460	136	410	186	360	236	310	286	260
37	1688	87	459	137	409	187	359	237	309	287	259
38	1547	88	458	138	408	188	358	238	308	288	258
39	1406	89	457	139	407	189	357	239	307	289	257
40	1266	90	456	140	406	190	356	240	306	290	256
41	1125	91	455	141	405	191	355	241	305	291	255
42	984	92	454	142	404	192	354	242	304	292	254
43	844	93	453	143	403	193	353	243	303	293	253
44	703	94	452	144	402	194	352	244	302	294	252
45	563	95	451	145	401	195	351	245	301	295	251
46	500	96	450	146	400	196	350	246	300	296	250
47	499	97	449	147	399	197	349	247	299	297	249
48	498	98	448	148	398	198	348	248	298	298	248
49	497	99	447	149	397	199	347	249	297	299	247
50	496	100	446	150	396	200	346	250	296	300	246

Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts
301	245	351	195	401	145	451	95	501	45
302	244	352	194	402	144	452	94	502	44
303	243	353	193	403	143	453	93	503	43
304	242	354	192	404	142	454	92	504	42
305	241	355	191	405	141	455	91	505	41
306	240	356	190	406	140	456	90	506	40
307	239	357	189	407	139	457	89	507	39
308	238	358	188	408	138	458	88	508	38
309	237	359	187	409	137	459	87	509	37
310	236	360	186	410	136	460	86	510	36
311	235	361	185	411	135	461	85	511	35
312	234	362	184	412	134	462	84	512	34
313	233	363	183	413	133	463	83	513	33
314	232	364	182	414	132	464	82	514	32
315	231	365	181	415	131	465	81	515	31
316	230	366	180	416	130	466	80	516	30
317	229	367	179	417	129	467	79	517	29
318	228	368	178	418	128	468	78	518	28
319	227	369	177	419	127	469	77	519	27
320	226	370	176	420	126	470	76	520	26
321	225	371	175	421	125	471	75	521	25
322	224	372	174	422	124	472	74	522	24
323	223	373	173	423	123	473	73	523	23
324	222	374	172	424	122	474	72	524	22
325	221	375	171	425	121	475	71	525	21
326	220	376	170	426	120	476	70	526	20
327	219	377	169	427	119	477	69	527	19
328	218	378	168	428	118	478	68	528	18
329	217	379	167	429	117	479	67	529	17
330	216	380	166	430	116	480	66	530	16
331	215	381	165	431	115	481	65	531	15
332	214	382	164	432	114	482	64	532	14
333	213	383	163	433	113	483	63	533	13
334	212	384	162	434	112	484	62	534	12
335	211	385	161	435	111	485	61	535	11
336	210	386	160	436	110	486	60	536	10
337	209	387	159	437	109	487	59	537	9
338	208	388	158	438	108	488	58	538	8
339	207	389	157	439	107	489	57	539	7
340	206	390	156	440	106	490	56	540	6
341	205	391	155	441	105	491	55	541	5
342	204	392	154	442	104	492	54	542	4
343	203	393	153	443	103	493	53	543	3
344	202	394	152	444	102	494	52	544	2
345	201	395	151	445	101	495	51	545	1
346	200	396	150	446	100	496	50	546	1
347	199	397	149	447	99	497	49	547	1
348	198	398	148	448	98	498	48	548	1
349	197	399	147	449	97	499	47	549	1
350	196	400	146	450	96	500	46	550	1

NOTE: All lower places receive one point.

# WOMEN and LONGBOARD

Place	Pts	Place	Pts	99	94.70	148	89.80	197	84.90
1	2400	50	99.60	100	94.60	149	89.70	198	84.80
2	2064	51	99.50	101	94.50	150	89.60	199	84.70
3	1752	52	99.40	102	94.40	151	89.50	200	84.60
4	1608	53	99.30	103	94.30	152	89.40	201	84.50
5	1464	54	99.20	104	94.20	153	89.30	202	84.40
6	1398	55	99.10	105	94.10	154	89.20	203	84.30
7	1332	56	99.00	106	94.00	155	89.10	204	84.20
8	1266	57	98.90	107	93.90	156	89.00	205	84.10
9	1200	58	98.80	108	93.80	157	88.90	206	84.00
10	1170	59	98.70	109	93.70	158	88.80	207	83.90
11	1140	60	98.60	110	93.60	159	88.70	208	83.80
12	1110	61	98.50	111	93.50	160	88.60	209	83.70
13	1080	62	98.40	112	93.40	161	88.50	210	83.60
14	1015	63	98.30	113	93.30	162	88.40	211	83.50
15	950	64	98.20	114	93.20	163	88.30	212	83.40
16	885	65	98.10	115	93.10	164	88.20	213	83.30
17	820	66	98.00	116	93.00	165	88.10	214	83.20
18	797	67	97.90	117	92.90	166	88.00	215	83.10
19	774	68	97.80	118	92.80	167	87.90	216	83.00
20	751	69	97.70	119	92.70	168	87.80	217	82.90
21	728	70	97.60	120	92.60	169	87.70	218	82.80
22	704	71	97.50	121	92.50	170	87.60	219	82.70
23	681	72	97.40	122	92.40	171	87.50	220	82.60
24	658	73	97.30	123	92.30	172	87.40	221	82.50
25	635	74	97.20	124	92.20	173	87.30	222	82.40
26	612	75	97.10	125	92.10	174	87.20	223	82.30
27	589	76	97.00	126	92.00	175	87.10	224	82.20
28	566	77	96.90	127	91.90	176	87.00	225	82.10
29	543	78	96.80	128	91.80	177	86.90	226	82.00
30	519	79	96.70	129	91.70	178	86.80	227	81.90
31	496	80	96.60	130	91.60	179	86.70	228	81.80
32	473	81	96.50	131	91.50	180	86.60	229	81.70
33	450	82	96.40	132	91.40	181	86.50	230	81.60
34	448	83	96.30	133	91.30	182	86.40	231	81.50
35	446	84	96.20	134	91.20	183	86.30	232	81.40
36	392	85	96.10	135	91.10	184	86.20	233	81.30
37	338	86	96.00	136	91.00	185	86.10	234	81.20
38	309	87	95.90	137	90.90	186	86.00	235	81.10
39	281	88	95.80	138	90.80	187	85.90	236	81.00
40	253	89	95.70	139	90.70	188	85.80		
41	225	90	95.60	140	90.60	189	85.70		
42	197	91	95.50	141	90.50	190	85.60		
43	169	92	95.40	142	90.40	191	85.50		
44	141	93	95.30	143	90.30	192	85.40		
45	113	94	95.20	144	90.20	193	85.30		
46	100.00	95	95.10	145	90.10	194	85.20		
47	99.90	96	95.00	146	90.00	195	85.10		
48	99.80	97	94.90	147	89.90	196	85.00		
49	99.70	98	94.80	99	94.70	148	89.80		

NOTE: All lower places receive one point.



# APPENDIX H

## DICTIONARY

- \$ means dollars in the United States currency. All amounts described will be excluding applicable taxes
- Adjusted Rating Points* means the points total for the number of Events counted as opposed to the total points from all Events entered.
- 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 competitor therefore submitting to the fact there will be specific provisions made for the payment of any prize money earned.
- ASP* refers to the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) International Limited located in Coolangatta, Queensland, Australia.
- ASP Acceptable Judges* means judges selected by the Judges Committee or the ASP Head Judge in dire circumstances. I.e. running split panels due to shortage of waves within the Event window.
- ASP Approval* means approval received in writing signed by ASP CEO or President for any activities that are indicated as requiring such approval. The written approval must indicate the exact Event/activity that the ASP is approving.
- ASP Judges* are the judges provided at an Event outside of the Licensing Region. These judges are selected by the ASP Judges Committee.
- ASP Logo* means the logo as provided by ASP Management from time to time when requested. The ASP Logo may take different forms for the context that it is requested in so approval of use of the ASP Logo should never be assumed.
- ASP Member* is an individual that has fulfilled and satisfied all of the requirements provided by ASP for a competing Surfer's membership.
- ASP Office* means either the ASP Regional Office or the ASP Office whichever one is relevant in the context.
- ASP Regional Office* is the Office acting on behalf of ASP in their respective Region. They are the ASP contact point for all Surfers in their Region and any Events held in their Region. Contact details can be found in Appendix I of this Rulebook.
- ASP Regional Representative* means an individual that has the authority to act on behalf of an ASP Regional Office. The capacity of the authority as a representative shall be dictated by the agreement as formed between the ASP Regional Office and the individual.
- ASP Representative* means any individual with a power authorised under this Rulebook or another document entered into, adopted or ratified by the ASP Board of Directors and includes ASP members, Surfers in any ASP Event, judges, officials, Event employees and volunteers.
- ASP Rules and Disciplinary Judge* can be contacted via ASP International contact details.
- ASP Schedule* refers to the Calendar of ASP Events that lists the dates, rating, status, location and other information relating to each of the Events for the respective year.
- ASP Surfers Agreement* means the terms and conditions agreed between ASP and the ASP Members that compete in Events. This includes the ASP World Tour surfers agreement that is signed by all world tour Surfers prior to each Surfing Season and terms of membership or entry.
- ASP Tour Manager* means the individual employed by ASP 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 ASP Men's Tour Manager has the above responsibilities for the ASP Men's World Tour Surfers.
- ASP Tour Representative* means an ASP Representative that has been specifically nominated to act pursuant to the Rulebook by the ASP Tour Manager.
- ASP Tours* means the World Tour, WQS, Masters Series, WLT, LQS, WJC or

## Regional Junior Series.

**Associate Membership** means membership of an ASP Regional Office that may be sold to individuals and vary in terms of the benefits available.

**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.

**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.

**Competition Area** means the area of the surf that has been officially designated and indicated by buoys, flags or banners as the area where Surfers may catch waves that can be scored.

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

**Computer Scoring System** is the input system used by judges to calculate and store scores during heats.

**Contest Director** means the individual nominated by an Event Licensee as the person who should be referred to at first instance for any obligations owed by the Event or is there is something that involves the particular Event as a whole.

**Contest Site** means the site described in the relevant license agreement about where the Event is to be held. The Contest 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 11 of this Rulebook.

**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 ASP Event.

**Event** means any Event licensed by ASP or an ASP Regional Office. This includes an Event in any of the ASP Tours or a Specialty 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 Representative** means an individual nominated by the relevant ASP Office at each 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.

**Full Membership** means granting of ratings points and seeding benefits for Events entered in both World Tour and WQS after fulfilling the requirements set by ASP or an ASP Regional Office.

**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'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.

*Life Members* must have satisfied the requirements for Life Membership for ASP. This is only provided by ASP.

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

*Local Membership* is available to Male members that wish to compete in their Region only.

*LQS* means Longboard Qualifying Series conducted by the ASP 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 ASP judges to score and record points scored by Surfers in an Event.

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

*Members* mean any individual that satisfies the requirements of any ASP 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.

*One-on-one* means a two (2) person heat.

*One Rankings* or *One Ratings System* means the points system defined in Article 7.02.

*Photographers* mean any photographer that has been authorised within procedures of the ASP 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.

*Pre-seeded Surfer* means the Surfers that were ranked 1-16 inclusive in the previous year's World Tour end of year rankings [Refer to Article 8.01].

*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 providing of Priority by the Head Judge 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 over the 2 Surfer for either the left or right breaking wave

*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

the Rules and Discipline process found in this Rulebook.

- Qualified Observers** means people that are known within the surfing community to have a particular knowledge or skill that may assist an ASP Representative at rare times but only when directly authorized by the ASP Rulebook.
- Region** is the designated domain of the world that a particular Regional Office has control of in relation to ASP operations as decided by ASP 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 ASP Event run by the respective Regional Office.
- Retired Surfer** means a Surfer who competed the previous year on the World Tour and provided ASP with written notice of retirement prior to the start of the calendar year in which they wish to be retire.
- 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.
- Rules and Disciplinary Committee** means the Committee created and empowered within Chapter 11 of this Rulebook.
- Licensing ASP Regional Office** means the ASP Regional Office that has licensed the relevant Event in their Region and is Licensed to act on behalf of ASP in the designated Region.
- 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 ASP 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 ASP 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 ASP Tour but are licensed by ASP 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.
- Surfer** means an individual that has satisfied all the requirements for an ASP Membership of any kind and is eligible to compete in an Event.
- Surfer Caddie** (also referred to as *Caddie*) 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 this Rulebook.
- Surfer's Representative** means a nominated individual 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 Surfer 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 ASP 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 is 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 originally when Surfers first started surfing.

*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 their members.

*Verbal Warning* is a warning provided on the spot to the breaching individual verbally and is to be recorded by the ASP Representative with the ASP Rules and Disciplinary Judge 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 competing Surfer).

*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.

*World Tour Seeds* are Surfers that have been seeded in an Event and are currently on the World Tour.

*World Tour* stands for the ASP World Tour

*World Tour Champions Race* means the points that Surfers accumulate throughout the Surfing Season at World Tour Events only.

*WJC* stands for the World Junior Championship

*WLT* stands for the World Longboard Tour

*WPS* stands for the World Professional Surfers

*WQS Members* means any Surfer registered with a Regional Office that has fully paid the required membership fees. Also see "*Regional Member*".

*WQS* stands for the World Qualifying Series

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