



Team Surfing Rules

1. Due to permit restrictions and the nature of the event, there will be no water marshals to prevent the public from surfing in the event surf zone. (from the flag pole to the seawall). Courtesy is mandatory. (See #5 below)
2. Each team is invited to go surfing in the event surf zone for an hour, one team at a time.
3. It is suggested that each team include no more than 15 surfers – with a maximum of 20.
 - If you have more than ten surfers, your extras can be in the water, and substitutions are OK.
 - There are no restrictions on short/long boards, kneeboards, body boards, etc.
 - Five surfers should be 16 or younger; there should be as many wahines (of all ages) as possible.
 - **Teams must include experienced adult surfers to supervise young surfers at all times.**
4. Ten team members whose waves will be tallied will wear a event singlet. (provided before your session). All the rides of the ten surfers wearing singlets will be counted up to a limit of 200 waves. Individual surfing performance will NOT be judged – the only way to score more than one point on a wave is to share the wave with teammates. The team ‘competition’ will be based on three categories:
 - Total Waves ridden during the one hour sessin,
 - Total Waves Shared (by one or more team members) and
 - Total Sharing Surfers (based on the number of surfers on the shared waves.).
5. The “interference” rules are as follows: **(Please read carefully.)**
 - A.** If a team surfer blatantly takes a wave, or drops in and ruins the ride, of someone not in the event, the team surfer’s ride will not count – and ten waves will be subtracted from the team’s total.
 - B.** No surfing in the event surf zone unless it is your turn. Violators risk a 20% reduction of their team's total scores. Surfing up coast from the flag pole, at the Rivermouth, or the Indicator is OK.
6. The flag system is: Green starts the session; Yellow = five minutes left; Green = next session.
 - So, enter the water as a team when you see the five minute yellow flag displayed.
 - Stay in a group downcoast of the event tents until a green flag starts your session;
 - An hour later, when your session ends, please leave the water promptly. (See #5b)
7. Since the ‘competition’ is NOT based on surfing performance, we don’t need help with judging. However, we do need a volunteer from each team to help tally wave and rider counts. Please arrange for a team supporter to help during your team’s session.
8. Eleven teams surf on Saturday, with twelve teams surfing on Sunday. Each day’s totals will be tallied separately and each day will have a separate awards ceremony. Awards will be presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each team surfing category: Total Waves, Total Shared Waves, Total Sharing Surfers. Awards will also be presented for Best Wave and Team Spirit.