

Rincon Invitational 2019  
**Rules and Guidelines**

Please remember that we are guests of Carpinteria State Park. Park rules are in effect:  
Dogs must be on leashes at all times in the parking lot, the trail, and on the beach.  
And of course, NO FIRES.

Please park in regular parking spaces only – you'll get a ticket if you don't! No overnight parking.  
In addition, pick up trash, even if it isn't yours, and please respect our Rincon neighbors.

1. Due to 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 #5a and #5b)
2. Each team is invited to go surfing in the event surf zone for an hour, one team at a time. A team 'competition' will be conducted, based on teams of ten surfers. Each of the ten team members being 'judged' will wear a singlet that is provided.
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; with as many wahines (of all ages) as possible.

**Teams must include experienced adults to supervise young surfers at all times.**

4. All the rides of the ten surfers wearing singlets will be counted (see #2 and #3) up to a limit of 200 waves. There will be no judging of surfing performance. Rather, the "competition" between teams will be based on:
  - Total # of waves caught; Total # of waves shared; and Total # of surfers on shared waves.
5. Based on extensive experience from previous Groundswell Society events at Rincon, the interference rules for the 'Rincon Invitational, 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, that surfer's ride will not count – and five waves will be subtracted from the team's total.
  - B. No surfing in the event surf zone (and that goes for everyone on your team or part of your group attending the event) 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.

**Note:** Repeated violations of either rule and your team will not be invited to future Invitationals.

6. The "change of teams" signal is: Green starts the session; Yellow = five minutes left; Green = next session. Your team will enter the water as a team when you see the five minute yellow signal (a simple wooden panel painted yellow on one side and green on the other) displayed. You will stay in a group downcoast of the event tent until the green panel is displayed to start 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 two volunteers from each team to help tally wave and rider counts. Please arrange for a spotter to help during your team's session.
8. Up to 11 teams surf on Saturday, with 11 different 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category after the last session ends at 6 pm,