



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 cove). Courtesy is mandatory. (See #4a and #4b)**
- 2. Each team is invited to go surfing in the event surf zone for one 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.
 - 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 is based on: Total waves surfed; Total waves shared; and Total surfers on shared waves.
 - Each of 11 teams surfs for an hour on Saturday, with 11 different teams surfing again for an hour 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 category after the last session each day.
- 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 extra surfers can be in the water, and singlets can then be swapped between surfers so all your team members can participate in the "competition".

There are no restrictions on short/long boards, kneeboards, body boards, etc.

Teams must include experienced adults to supervise young surfers at all times.
- 4. 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 team’s turn.** Surfing up coast from the flag pole, at the Rivermouth, or the Indicator is OK.
- 5. The “change of teams” signal is:**

Blue starts the session; Yellow = five minutes left; Blue = ends a session and starts the next one.

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 blue on the other) displayed. **You will stay in a group downcoast of the event tent until the blue panel is displayed to start your session.** An hour later, when your session ends, please leave the water promptly. (See #5b)
- 6. 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.**