



SSA Swiss Surfing Association

SSA Rulebook  
Swiss Surfing Championship (SSC)

## 1 General

The SSC is a Swiss Surfing Association SSA sanctioned event. It is held annually. The competition date is published on the SSA website and communicated to the SSA members in the newsletter. At least 24 hours before the start of the event the SSA board elects a contest director and a head judge. The SSA members participating in the event (surfers) elect a surfer representative. Decisions on contest issues are made by the contest director. In case of disagreement of the surfers they can put their demands forward through the surfers representative. If an agreement cannot be reached the decision is made by the contest director, the head judge and the surfers representative, each one of them having one vote. The SSA, as part of Swiss Olympics and supporter of the Olympic movement, has adopted the *IOC's Code of Ethics*. The SSA adheres to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in the fight against the use of banned substances and methods. Competitors should carefully review ISA's rulebook, IOC's Code of Ethics and WADA regulations.

## 2 Registration

Any active member of the SSA (member) or another Swiss Surfing club having Swiss nationality may register and take part at the SSC. Members of other nationalities can only participate in the expression session division. Registration is online on the SSA website or at the competition site. Registration closes at the official start of the event. The official start of the event is the riders meeting on the evening prior to the first day of competition.

## 3 Divisions

The main divisions of the SSC are:

Open Men	Male of any age
Open Women	Female of any age
Longboard Division	Male or female of any age; min. board length is 9ft
Junior Division	Male or female under age of 18 years

Main divisions are held if there is a minimum of 4 inscriptions. Other divisions (Senior, Bodyboard, expression session, SUP, etc.) can be held if there is a minimum of 8 inscriptions or by decision of the contest director.



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Age restrictions for further divisions are:

Junior	Boy or Girl Under 18
Cadet	Boy or Girl Under 16
Senior	Male or Female 28 years and older
Master	Male or Female 35 years and older
Grandmaster	Male or Female 40 years and older
Kahuna	Male or Female 45 years and older
Grand Kahuna	Male or Female 50 years and older

\* Ages are taken from January 1st in the year of participation.

#### **4 Schedule**

Competition schedule might change on short notice (don't expect SMS service at any time). It is updated and posted outside the SSC headquarters. It is the competitor's duty to be informed of heat times. If a competitor misses a heat, he will be assigned the last place in the heat. Competition can be cancelled due to adverse wave or weather conditions. If the competition is cancelled all remaining surfers are in the same rank and earn the same points. Competition fee might be partially refunded.

Generally, the contest director, surfer representative and Judges will schedule the event when the best conditions are expected.

#### **5 Competition modus**

The competition modus is ISA's double elimination (see ISA rulebook for details). The maximum of competitors allowed is 32 in the Open division and 16 in the Women's division. SSA may extend the maximum allowed competitors at own discretion at any time.

SSA also may change the competition modus at own discretion if the schedule would be too long (cancelling repechage round f.e.). Anyway, it is guaranteed that everybody surfs 2 heats minimum.

Heat draw is based on the seeding list. Surfers not yet seeded will be listed first comes first serves basis or randomly chosen.

#### **6 Rules of competition**

The rules of competition for the SSC will be communicated at the riders meeting. Standard ISA rules are used for such things as timing, wave count and interference. Rough important rules are: Heat duration = 20minutes (Grand Final Heats may be extended to max 30minutes). Maximum wave count 10 waves per heat (contest director may increase wave count upon discretion for grand final heats). When heat is finished, surfers are not allowed to get to the beach standing up, surfer needs to



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lie on their board. Lycras need to be put on/off at the beach Marshal area. No freesurf in the competition area (Marked by good visible Beach Flags). Any disregard may be sanctioned by the contest director (in form of payment).

## **7 Seeding**

Competitors result of the past three years account for his seed. The seeding is based on the points earned by a competitor in each division (Annex A). Every year the seeding lists are published on the SSA website after the publishing of the official results.

## **9 Judging**

A minimum of three judges will be selected for the judging of the SSC. The judges are not part of the SSA board or the SSA head office. They have judging experience adequate to the level of surfing of the SSC.

## **9 Competition fee**

A competition fee is charged for the registration to each division. This fee is to cover judging costs and other expenses related to the competition and may vary from year to year. An additional service fee is charged for on site registration.

## **10 Infringements & Penalties:**

Not adhering to the rules, will be sanctioned as follows:

- No Show up: no refund of competition fees
- Putting on/off Lycra not at the vicinity of the Beach Marshal: 20 CHF
- Not giving back the competition Lycra right after the heat: 10 CHF
- Contest vest(Lycra) worn the wrong way (SSA Logo on the back): 30 CHF
- Surfing in contest area during heats: 50 – 500 CHF
- Catching a wave in excess of wave count: 10 CHF per wave
- After heat finish coming back to the beach stood up: 40 CHF
- Derogatory or rude gestures or comments to judges, team officials, event staff, media and public: 100 CHF
- Unsporting conduct: 300 – 1000 CHF

Any other not listed infraction is upon contest director discretion.

The penalties are the maximum applicable. The contest director in consultation with the head judge and other officials may decide to impose a suspended penalty based on the severity. This would be a first warning. Subsequent infringements would attract the maximum penalty.



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### **Ranking & Qualification Swiss Surfing Team**

The qualification for the Swiss Surfing Team is based on one standard ranking. This ranking will be based on the sum of the accumulated results (points) over the last 3 years. The main goal with this new qualification process is to reward continuity. The distributed points for the ranks remain the same.

The qualification for the Swiss Surfing Team, which represents Switzerland in international competitions, consists of 3 slots for the division Surf Open Men (incl. 1 wildcard\*) and 3 slots for the division Surf Ladies (incl. 1 wildcard).

The two best riders in the division Surf Open Men at the Swiss Surfing Championship will automatically be qualified for the Swiss Surfing Team. This procedure applies max. until rank 5 in the mentioned division, if one of the first two riders is unable to be part of the new team. The first two slots will automatically be transformed to wildcards if none of the first 5 riders are able to be part of the Swiss Surfing Team. The 3rd slot in the team will be awarded to the surfer with the highest overall ranking (according to the new rules, see above).

The first place at the division Surf Ladies at the Swiss Surfing Championship is automatically qualified for the new team. As for Surf Open, this procedure also applies max. until rank 5 in the mentioned division if the first rider is unable to take part of the new team. The remaining slot in the division Surf Ladies will be handled as a wildcard.

The first place at the division Juniors at the Swiss Surfing Championship is automatically qualified for the new (juniors) team. As for Surf Open, this procedure also applies max. until rank 5 in the mentioned division if the first rider is unable to take part of the new team. There may be a second slot for the Juniors Team, this is upon discretion of SSA.

\*Wildcard qualifications are selected by the Swiss Surfing Association board without any say!

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