

RULE BOOK

SWISS WAVEPOOL CHAMPIONSHIP (SWC)

2021



5th Swiss Wavepool Championship on the Urbansurf Citywave

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Idea & Information

The Swiss Wavepool Championship is the Swiss Surfing Competition in “Wavepool Surfing”. The competition will be held 2021 on the Urbansurf/Citywave and includes a men, women, junior (<18) and expression category.

Information about the Swiss Wavepool Championship, qualifications and trainings will be published through our website as well as our social media channels:

<http://waveriding.ch/swiss-wavepool-championship/>

www.facebook.com/SwissSurfing

www.instagram.com/swisssurfing

Eligibility

Eligible to participate on the Swiss Wavepool Championship are all men, women and juniors who have a valid Swiss passport. All riders without a valid Swiss Passport are invited to compete in the expression category. Underage persons have to submit a letter of agreement signed by their parents in advance. The use of the Citywave occurs at your own risk - parents are responsible for their children!

Disclaimer of Warranty and Liability

By entering the event you agree to abide by the rulebook and any instructions given to you by the organizers. Furthermore, you agree that neither we nor our affiliates shall be liable for any injury, claim, loss or damage which may result in the participation at this event. Insurance is the participants own responsibility.

The SSA (and co-organizer) reserves the right to use any photograph/video taken at the event, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph/video. The SSA (and co-organizer) may use the photograph/video in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by SSA including but not limited to: website, communications, magazines, social media etc. Resale of the pictures is not permitted.

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A person attending a SSA event waives the payment of fees in any form and make no claims whatsoever.

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Registration

All participants are obliged to register for the contest.

Registration has to be made via <http://waveriding.ch/swiss-wavepool-championship/> until the 22 of August 2021.

Cancellation

In case of a cancellation of the event already paid competition fees (not membership) will be fully refunded.

Entry Fee

The entry Fee is **CHF 100.-** - **respevtively CHF 90.-** for Riders <18 for participating the championship. This includes automatically a one year subcriptions for the Swiss Surfing Assoziation. For all riders which are already active members of the Swiss Surfing assoziation the entry fee is CHF 50.- respectively CHF 40.- (for Riders <18).

By registering, you commit to participate at the contest. Fake registrations (e.g. for getting more surfing time without competing at the contest) result in getting blocked for the participation of the following events.

Equipment

It is recommended to bring your own equipment for the competition. Nevertheless the standard softboards and wetsuits of „Urbansurf“ can be used.

Trainings

There are training slots scheduled. Between the heats, only riders from the next heat are allowed to surf. The detailed training procedure/schedule for each rider will be communicated directly to the participants as well as through our social media channels.

Categories

There are three different categories for the Swiss Wavepool Championship. Men and women category for all riders who are 18 or older and a junior category for all riders younger than 18.

Beside the Swiss Wavepool Championship there will be an expression category for all riders without a Swiss passport.

Riders are only allowed to compete in one of those categories.

Competiton format

The competition format is a double elimination for each category. Every Rider has at least two heats to compete.

Setting: Best 8 Riders men and best 4 Riders women are spread over the Round 1 Heats based on their ranking.

Heat: Each Rider has a minimum of 4 waves to show their skills. Best two waves are counting. Amount of waves per Heat / Round will be communicated prior the competition.

Men: 24 Riders; Women: 16 Riders; Junior: 12 Riders; Expression: 12 Riders (max Riders per division)

A minimum of four riders is required for each category.

Judging

Four Judges including one Head Judge are responsible for the competition judging. Each ridden wave will be judged however only the two best waves will be counted.

Judging criteria:

Bad Waves: 0.1 - 1.9 / Poor Waves: 2.0 - 3.9 / Average Waves: 4.0 - 5.9 / Good Waves: 6.0 - 7.9 / Excelent: 8.0 – 10

	English	Français	Deutsch
1	Commitment and degree of difficulty Performing manoeuvres with a high degree of difficulty and full commitment, taking risk instead of surfing safe will be rewarded.	disponibilité, degré de difficulté	Einsatzbereitschaft und Schwierigkeitsgrad
2	Innovative and progressive manoeuvres Progressive surfing as well as innovative 'new school' performance is what judges are looking for when separating scores and riders.	innovant et progressive manoeuvre	innovative und progressive Manöver
3	Combination of major manoeuvres Surfers must execute radical controlled manoeuvres, focus will be on good surfing style rather than tricks. A combination of turns and tricks will be rewarded highest.	combinaison de majeure manoeuvre	Kombination, Verbindung von wichtigen Manövern
4	Variety of manoeuvres A full repertoire with a variety of manoeuvres shows a complete skill package, which is essential for obtaining excellent scores.	diversité des manoeuvres	Vielfalt der Manöver
5	Speed, power and flow Maintaining speed surfing rail to rail, utilizing the full potential of the wave.	vitesse, force, fluide	Geschwindigkeit, Kraft, Fahrfluss
6	Drop in Start the run with a drop in gives extra points if it crosses over in a fluently surf. If not it will count just as well as a seated start.	se jeter à l'eau	hineinspringen
	Incomplete manoeuvres will not be rewarded.	On ne compte pas l'incomplète manoeuvre.	Nicht gelungene Manöver zählen nicht

The judging of the Swiss Wavepool Championship is carried out with variations as follows: Judges will utilize a 60-40% ratio being that surfers will only ever get a maximum of 60% (6.0 points) of the scale for surfing, up to an additional 40% (4.0 points) for tricks when the two aspects are combined.

Judges & Contest Organization

The Swiss Wavepool Championship is organized by the Swiss Surfing Association (SSA).

Contest Director/Beach Marshall: Fabio Grilo / Jonas Weilenmann

Judges: Will be announced during the contest. The nominated judges are required to have judging experience adequate to the level of surfing of the SWC.

Timetable

The complete competition will be held on Urbansurf , Citywave on the Geroldareal in Zurich. The detailed timetable will be announced after the closing of the registration. Heatsheets can than be found on liveheats.com/swissurfing.

Competition Rules

General Rules

- Surfing with leash is mandatory
- Surfing between the heats is only allowed for the surfers of the upcoming heat to warm up
- All necessary information will be printed on the blackboard at the event module
- **Schedule is always subject to change.** We do not recommend to leave the contest area during the competition.
- The competition lycra has to be worn during the heats, interviews and the award ceremony. It needs to be returned immediately after your heat.
- All information and changes during the competition will be communicated at the blackboard on the eventmodule or by our speaker. We do not take any responsibility for missed information during the competition.

Heat Rules

- Up to 6 surfers can ride in one heat
- Heat consist of 4 waves from round 1 to round 3 (incl. repechage); 6 waves in semifinal and final
- Heat starts with one honk
- Heat ends with two honks
- Heat gets interrupted by three honks
- Judges will give a sign that they are ready before each wave
- Every wave has a max. duration of 30 sec.
- 1 time whistling means 5 sec until end of wave (last trick)
- 2 times whistling means end of wave - please leave the pool directly
- Every surfer is responsible for getting to their heats in time. Missing a heat leads to disqualification.
- Surfers start according the heatsheet from top to bottom

Interference

Interference penalties are called by the judges and must have a majority vote to be declared an actual penalty

Reasons can be:

- Not following the priority rule (“snaking”)
- Surfing between heats if the surfer is not surfing in the upcoming heat
- Breach of rules, or generally unfair behaviour

- Unsporting conduct
- Derogatory or rude gestures or comments to judges, team officials, event staff, media and public
- Multiple interferences can lead to a disqualification.

Any other not listed infraction is upon contest director discretion. The contest director in consultation with the head judge and other officials may decide to impose a suspended penalty based on the severity.

Prizes & Award Ceremony

There will be cash and goody prizes. The attendance of the award ceremony is mandatory for the surfers placed 1 to 4. During the ceremony and interviews it is mandatory to wear the contest lycra.

Ranking & Points

All Riders have the chance to win points for the national ranking.

The ranking is based on the results of the official SSA competitions of the last 3 years. Points are given as follows:

Place	All Divisions
1 st	1000
2 nd	860
3 rd	730
4 th	670
5 th	610
6 th	583
7 th	555
8 th	528
9 th	500
10 th	488
11 th	475
12 th	462
13 th	450
14 th	438
15 th	425
16 th	413

Seeding: Heat draw is based on the seeding list. Surfers not yet seeded will be listed first comes first serves basis or randomly chosen. 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. The seeding list is equivalent to the ranking. The seeding can be provided upon request.

Modification of the Rulebook

Modifications to this Rulebook are possible at any time with the approval and under the authority of the headjudge and contest director.

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