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CHAPTER 1: WORLD TOUR

Article 1: License Fees

- 1.01 Event License fees for all ASP World Tour Events are as described in the respective World Tour Event License agreement.
- 1.02 Where a group of Events including "World Tour" Event(s) are combined to produce a Special Series, a **license** fee of 5% of the total prize money on offer by those Events is payable to ASP. This 5% is split 50/50 between the Surfers as Prize money, and ASP as a **License** fee.
- 1.03 If there is any direct contradiction between an Article in this Rulebook and the License Agreement, the License Agreement provision will apply.

Article 2: Prize Money

- 2.01 In order to receive an ASP World Tour Event License an Event must have prize money minimums of **US\$340,000** for men and **US\$90,000** for women. This prize money will be awarded pursuant to breakdowns in Appendix A. Events with greater prize money purses must be awarded pursuant to breakdowns available from ASP upon request.
- 2.02 Tax deductions are not to be added to the prize money to maintain the minimum award. If tax is deducted the Contest Directors must provide the contestant with a letter detailing the deductions and providing information and applicable forms for refunds. ASP is to be advised as soon as this requirement becomes known to the Event. ASP must also be sent a copy of the receipt from the local taxation department showing what tax was actually paid, who for and to whom. ASP and the respective World Tour Event will work together to solve any taxation issues regarding payment of prize money. Consult with the ASP Board of Directors for the exemption. The Event must advise ASP immediately, otherwise payments of prize money must be in US\$ at the levels established in Article 2.01.
- 2.03 Prize money allocations must follow the approved breakdowns in Appendix A to this Rulebook as decided by the ASP Technical Committee and ratified by the ASP Board to ensure equity.
- 2.04 Prize money must be in US Dollars and transferred to ASP 14 days prior to the Event Start Date. ASP will facilitate payments on behalf of the Event by transferring all prize money payments direct to the surfer's bank account.
- 2.05 Exemptions permitted only after ASP approval for payments in unsigned travelers' cheques, cash, or, bank cheques/local currency cheques only if the surfer receiving them is agreeable the latter option.
- 2.06 Where ASP has approved payment method other than direct transfers (eg: cash) a deduction of US\$100 for men and US\$50 for women will apply to any unclaimed prize money after a 10 day grace period.
- 2.07 Any Event offering appearance incentives must contact ASP to ensure the offer does not contravene ASP allowable amounts, such a decision to lie with the ASP Board.

Article 3: Scheduling

- 3.01 "World Tour" Events are limited to 13 per year with no more than 2 Events in any one country and for this purpose Tahiti, Reunion and Hawaii are classified as countries. Other prime island locations may be considered on merit as decided from time to time by the ASP Board.
- 3.02 Dates for Events once finalised by ASP, may not be changed except by the ASP Technical Committee with ratification of the ASP Board. Contests must meet Event License requirements particularly material terms in the Event Details Schedule of the License Agreement.
- 3.03 The preliminary World Tour schedule is presented at the ASP Board of Directors Mid-year meeting for the coming year and all options are discussed. Ratification of the following year's tour schedule will be made before the end of the current year's tour by ASP.
- 3.04 On completion of the World Tour year, there will be a minimum one-month break before the next World Tour Event.
- 3.05 Dates for the final Event of the World Tour will only be given to an Event, which has a status and infrastructure acceptable to the ASP Board.
- 3.06 World Tour Events have the right to determine their dates prior to all other Events as long as it is deemed in the best interest of the sport. If required, this is to be determined by the ASP Board.
- 3.07 Where available, alternate venues are recommended.
- 3.08 Minimum Event Window for any combined men's/women's World Tour Event to be 10 days.
- 3.09 Minimum Event Window for any men's only World Tour Event to be 8 days.
- 3.10 Minimum Event Window for any women's only World Tour Event to be 5 days.

Article 4: Trials & Other Events inside a World Tour Event Window

- 4.01 Where an Event has decided it will run extra Events inside the World Tour time period like expression sessions, celebrity heats etc they must have ASP approval. Applications must be lodged at least 30 days prior to the Event Window.
- 4.02 Official ASP expression sessions need no exemption but they are limited to seeded Surfers plus one wild card in a maximum of 12 surfers per expression session. Any vacancies due to lack of World Tour entries can be filled by the Event but the World Tour seeds always have priority.
- 4.03 World Tour Trials' Events must be finalized prior to the start of the World Tour Event Window.
EXCEPTION: At Women's World Tour Event's where the trials may occupy a maximum of 1.5 hours only of the Event's Event Window.

Article 5: Ratings Points

- 5.01 Point breakdowns for all categories of Events are as shown in Appendix B.
- 5.02 If using four-man heats in the men's after ASP approval, the equal 17th/25th losers are guaranteed minimum =17th place points, and the equal 33rd losers guaranteed =33rd place points. If using multiple women heats, the equal 9th losers are guaranteed =9th place and equal 17th guaranteed =17th place points.
- 5.03 If there are any ties on year-end ratings they will be broken in the same manner as in breaking ties in heat tabulation. (e.g. instead of best 9 Events, going to the best 8, then 7 etc). If Surfers have equal places and therefore an unbreakable tie, the final ratings will show them as equal but for seeding purposes the prior year ratings will decide the tiebreak. Ratings points will be allocated according to the schedules found in Appendix B.
- 5.04 Only World Tour seeds or seed replacements will appear on the World Tour ratings sheets. This includes the ASP and WPS designated wild cards.

Article 6: Formats

- 6.01** Men's Events shall consist of 48 Surfers with these 48 competing as per one of the following formats:

FORMAT A

- (i) (A) Round One is 3-man heats with 1st advancing to Round Three while 2nd and 3rd advance to a one-on-one Second Round.
- (B) Round Two is one-on-one heats with the winners advancing to meet the winners from Round One in one-on-one heats until a winner is decided.
- (ii) **After ASP Board of Directors approval Round Two of FORMAT A can be eliminated with 1 and 2 from Round One moving directly into Round 3.**
- (iii) **Where it is not possible to finish the Event without eliminating Round 2, the Contest Director, ASP Tour Manager and a Surfer Representative may decide to eliminate this Round 2 for the Event. Each Surfer competing must be informed of this decision immediately.**

FORMAT B

- (i) Round one is 16 heats of one-on-one with 1st place progressing to Round 2 and 2nd place being eliminated.
- (ii) Round 2 is 16 heats of one one-on-one with the winners from Round 1 competing against the Pre-seeded Surfers.
- (iii) Round 3 is 8 heats of one-on-one with the winner progressing through one-on-one rounds with 2nd place being eliminated until a winner is decided.
- 6.02** Formats A and B described in Article 6.01 are the ASP standard formats for Men's World Tour Events. These formats are the ASP standard formats. Alternative formats as approved by the male Surfers may be permitted after ASP Board of Directors approval.
- 6.03 Women's Events shall consist of 18 Surfers. These 18 will compete as per following format.
- (a) Round One is 6 heats of 3, with 1st and 2nd advancing to Round Three, and 3rd to Round Two.
- (b) Round Two is 2 heats of 3 with 1st and 2nd advancing to Round

Three.

- (c) Round Three is 8 heats of 2 with 1st advancing to Quarter Finals for one-on-one heats until a winner is decided. Re-seeding is required in Round Two and Three of this format.

NOTE: This format is the ASP standard format for Women's World Tour Events. ASP approval is required for 4 person heats in "World Tour" Events. If 4-women heats are approved by ASP, the same format for Rounds One and Two are to be used as above, then 4-person heats are to be used for the final 16 Surfers onwards. In women's only stand alone Events alternative formats as approved by the female Surfers are permitted after ASP approval.

6.04 Event licensee may apply to ASP Management to use the Dual Heat System where two man-on-man heats are sent into the water to compete simultaneously. The Event licensee must prove to ASP Management that they can and will comply with all prescribed guidelines and rules within the ASP Event Planner prior to approval being granted.

6.05 "World Tour" Events have the option of submitting alternative formats for the following year. Any proposed new format must first be run at a 1-3 Star "WQS" or "Specialty" Event after ASP Board of Directors approval to do so. After completion, if the current "World Tour" men and women seeds agree by majority vote that it is acceptable the format is then put to the ASP Board of Directors for final approval.

6.06 Where travel time is limited to three or less days and more than ten Surfers in the men's division and four in the women's division have not received their surfboards due to airline problems only those heats where all Surfers have their boards can be run on the first day of the Event Window. Those without surfboards have until the next day before they must compete if the Event is running.

Article 7: Base Seed Points Allocation

7.01 Base seed points for men and women are based on the 2000 points for 1st place rating points scale as per Appendix G.

7.02 Number one from the prior year World Tour ratings will receive 2000 points. Following Surfers will receive points in accordance with Appendix G.

7.03 ASP wild cards appointed for the season will receive base points equal to one place lower than the last seeded World Tour surfer if a World Tour re-qualifier or WQS if a WQS qualifier.

7.04 All World Tour Surfers both men and women are selected and seeded in the following order:

- (a) **The top 27 World Tour Surfers from the prior year's ratings;**
- (b) **The WPS wildcards that were rated in the top 27 seeds at the beginning of the prior tour year. (i.e. the top 27 Surfers from 2 years prior)**
- (c) **The WQS ratings will then be used to for the rest of the seeds in order;**
- (d) **The WPS wildcards NOT in the top 27 as per (b) above.**
- (e) **Alternate seed replacement order for the four qualifying surfers is based on WPS wild card final allocation, which will be decided at years end after the wildcards have been chosen.**

Article 8: Seeding Order

8.01 In World Tour Events the seeding order for Round One is determined by:

- (a) combining all the surfers current World Tour adjusted ratings points and their base seed points [Refer to Article 7.01 and 7.02]. All surfers are included in the Event from Round One and any

- ties will be decided by the previous years rating.
- (b) Seeding for the Losers Round Two (if run) in both the men's and women's Events will be as per Round One seeding for those surfers in the round, except for injury replacements [Refer to Article 9.04].
 - (c) Seeding for Round Three will be as per original Round One seeding for remaining surfers.
- 8.02 For Events that use the pre-seeded top 16 into Round Two format, the Top 8 seeds of the Pre-seeded Surfers are to always be seeded into Round 2 of World Tour Events.**
The other 8 Pre-seeded Surfers will change for the third World Tour Event and onwards based on the current seed points at that time. (ie; the next highest 8 seeds are then seeded into Round 2).
- 8.03 From the third Event of the year onwards, when using FORMAT B described in 6.01 above, while the top 8 of the Pre-seeded Surfers are guaranteed their position within Round 2 of each World Tour Event during that year which use FORMAT B, their seeding within that Round 2 will change depending on the current seed points at that time.**
- 8.04 Seeding for the first two Events of the year for the Top 16 men and Top 6 women shall remain unchanged, while the remaining men and women will be seeded using current seed points. Normal seeding for all Surfers starts at the third Event.
- 8.05 Should one of the top 16 Surfers withdraw from the second World Tour Event, the vacated Pre-seeded Surfer spot in Round 2 of FORMAT B will be given to the Surfer with the highest seed points after the first World Tour Event of the year.**

Article 9: Seed Replacements / Alternates

- 9.01 If before the season starts, World Tour and/or WQS qualifiers and/or replacements decide to relinquish their positions for the year, then the next World Tour and/or WQS replacement surfers in line will take that spot for the duration of the year.
- 9.02 If a qualifying Surfer decides to relinquish their seeded position in a World Tour Event as a result of injury or retirement, they will be replaced in the following order:**
- (a) The four (Men) and three (Women) ASP replacements which are determined and their order selected by the WPS and the IWS respectively; and then**
 - (b) The Event has the option to select any following Surfers required.**
- 9.03 The replacement surfer has 48 hours after the initial contact attempt by ASP to accept or reject the replacement offer. **If a Surfer withdraws within the Event Window and none of the ASP replacements are on-site the replacement Surfer will be selected by the Event.**
- 9.04 If any injured surfer checks in to receive points and minimum prize money their spot in the heat can be taken by an alternate without reseeding of the other heats in that First Round. The replacement's normal seeding will apply for later rounds. Further this alternate will pay to entry fee and can receive the difference in the minimum prize money (men 33rd /women 17th) already received by the injured surfer to that of the amount usually given to the place the alternate finishes. The alternate therefore only receives the prize money difference once they've attained a result higher than the lowest place.
- 9.05 For the end of the season Hawaiian Events if a replacement seed surfer can't do the minimum number of counting Events the slot goes to the Event unless that surfer could qualify with the points on offer.

Article 10: Men's Event Seeds for next year

The Top 27 men from the current year-end World Tour ratings will re-qualify for the following year World Tour. The remaining 15 surfers will come from the WQS current year-end ratings. In addition to the 42 surfers as listed will be 6 wild cards. These wild cards are to be distributed as follows: 3 to the Event and 3 to the WPS.

Article 11: Women's Event Seeds for next year

The Top 10 women from the current year-end ratings will re-qualify for the following year World Tour. The remaining 6 surfers will come from the WQS current year-end final ratings. In addition to the 16 surfers as listed will be 2 wild cards. These wild cards are to be distributed as follows: 1 to the Event and 1 to the ASP Board of Directors.

Article 12: Events Counting Towards Qualification

- 12.01 World Tour seeded surfers must attend **all** World Tour Events in **this respective year**.
- 12.02 The following scales show the number of Events to be used to determine the year-end ratings for each Surfer in World Tour Events:
 - (a) 12 or more Events total then 3 throwaways.
 - (b) 9-11 Events total then 2 throwaways.
 - (c) Less than 9 Events then 1 throwaway
- 12.03 **EXCEPTIONS** to Article 12.01 and 12.02 above may be applicable, after ASP Board approval, in extreme circumstances where only a limited number of Events are held.

Article 13: Invitations to World Tour Events

All those that qualify for the World Tour are invited to all of the World Tour Events held in that respective year.

Article 14: Wildcards and Defending Champions

- 14.01 There will be 6 wild cards for each of the men's Events. 3 are for the Event to select [Refer to Article 14.05] while the other 3 wild cards are to be selected by the World Professional Surfers (WPS). If the WPS wish not to use their wild cards then the Event may select replacement wild cards.
- 14.02 In women's Events there will be 2 wild cards. One wild card is to be selected by the Event and the other by the ASP Board of Directors.
- 14.03 The wild card selection by the Event is not mandatory, and they may choose to invite none. In the case that all the wild cards are not used ASP has the right to pick the remainder.
- 14.04 **Where previous year's non re-qualifying Surfers or Retired Surfers who are provided a Wildcard for the Event, they will be seeded ahead of the other Wildcards for that Event.**
- 14.05 If the defending champion of the Event is not seeded into the Event, they must receive an Event wild card invitation, regardless if the Event was ASP **licensed** or not in the previous year. The wild card slot in this case will come from the Events allocation. Such defending champions must apply at least 30 days in advance for this wild card slot. If received, this notification should then be passed immediately to ASP.

Article 15: Amateur Surfers Competing

Amateurs may surf in ASP **licensed** World Tour Events provided it is allowed under local amateur rules. The amateur surfer can collect prize money won in an Event but it is up to them to make sure that this prize money is dealt with in the correct manner so that their amateur status is kept. Amateurs can refuse the prize money and if so ASP will retain it and the amateur will be refunded their entry fee, if any fee was paid, in lieu of their prize money.

Article 16: Non-Attendance in Events

- 16.01 World Tour Surfers must attend all World Tour Events. [Refer to Article 12.01 and 12.02 and **Article 19**]. Failure to do so will result in a fine equal to that of the existing no show rule found in Article 9.02. Replacements for these no-shows will be decided in accordance with Article 9.02. This applies for both men and women.
- 16.02 Non-attendance in Events other than as described in Article 16.01 above, is only for extenuating circumstances including injury and **pregnancy** reasons. A doctor's certificate must be sent to ASP as well as informing an ASP office as soon as possible after the injury **or pregnancy** occurs. The ASP Medical Coordinator has the right to follow up on all these cases. In these cases and if they deem necessary in the circumstances the Tour Manager on behalf of ASP has the right to grant minimum ratings points (no prize money) for the Event to the Surfer.
- 16.03 If a seeded surfer does not show at an Event, has no doctor's certificate and fails to warn the Event, fines will be levied as deemed appropriate by the Tour Manager. If the surfer has no doctor's certificate but warns the Event, fines will be levied.
- 16.04 If a surfer has provided an acceptable medical certificate, they will still receive the minimum points but no prize money for seeding purposes only at that Event they could not compete in.
- 16.05 It is mandatory for the ASP World Champion to attend all remaining Events of the current season after clinching the World Title. The fine for non-attendance under this Article is US\$10,000 per Event.

Article 17: Missing Heats

- 17.01 After the start of the Event, if a seeded surfer has missed their First Round heat they will be fined. If they do not show up for their Second Round heat in Events holding relegation rounds, all their points and prize money are forfeit, with fines to be assessed. All applicable prize money will go to ASP.
- 17.02 In the case of no shows in Main Event seeded heats, reseeding will not occur after the actual Event has started, not the Event Window, except as in Article 9.04, and the heat will still take place for the remaining surfers. If none of the surfers show up then the highest seed advances to Round Three. In a one-on-one heat the surfer must surf the time period alone in case the opponent turns up late. If the Tour Manager and Contest Director are fully satisfied that a Surfer will not be competing in their heat, the daily schedule will continue.

Article 18: Failure to Compete

- 18.01 In the Event Surfers refuse to compete, even though the majority of the Head Judge, Contest Director and Surfer Representative or Contest Director, if having the sole call, agreed heats will continue, a US\$500 fine will be issued to all Surfers that fail to compete. If none compete then the highest seed will advance. The heat is to be run and timed as scheduled with or without the Surfers in the water.
- 18.02 Any surfer who decides not to surf for any reason other than serious injury before or after checking in for their heat will be fined. If the surfer has a legitimate concern for their safety, they must state in writing to ASP via the onsite ASP Tour Manager their reasons for not competing to retain their seeding rights (if acceptable to ASP) for the rest of the season. The fine will be that the surfer does not receive any points or money for that Event. In order to receive points and money, the injured surfer must still check-in with the beach marshal when called.
- 18.03 Once a surfer checks in for a heat and receives their competition vest it is deemed that they are competing. If they withdraw any time after this there will be no replacement. Future heats they are supposed to be in

will be run with the remaining surfers or in one on one the heat cancelled and the daily schedule moved forward one heat.

Article 19: Pregnancy

From when a Surfer is pregnant and until their return to competition after the birth of the child, the pregnant Surfer must provide written notice of her intention to either compete or not compete in each World Tour event. This notice is to be provided 21 days prior to the Event Start Date to ASP International via the ASP Women's Tour Manager. If the Surfer confirms they will compete and then decide not to closer to the Event, they will forego prize money for the Event but be granted minimum ratings points. In any circumstance, ASP strongly encourages that the pregnant Surfer strictly comply with any medical advice they have received and may be requested to disclose such medical advice to the ASP at any time. Details of the pregnancy and any medical advice disclosed will be held in absolute confidence by ASP.

NOTE: This Rule has been implemented to illustrate ASP's intention to further the purpose of achieving substantive equality in ASP Events.

Article 20: Membership Fees

- 20.01 Seeded women surfers pay a membership fee of US\$1,500 for the World Tour. These fees are due January 31st or can be paid in 3 installments from the first three World Tour Events prize money after approval from ASP.
- 20.02 An additional fee for mandatory personal accident insurance is also applicable and will be charged to each World Tour Surfer. These fees may vary from year to year.
- 20.03 Seeded male surfers pay a membership fee of US\$3,000 (ex. GST) for the World Tour. These fees are due January 31st or can be paid in 4 installments from the first 4 World Tour Events prize money after approval from ASP.
- 20.04 An additional fee for mandatory personal accident insurance is also applicable and will be charged to each World Tour Surfer. These fees may vary from year to year.
- 20.05 The men's wild cards must pay US\$1,000 entry fee and any seed replacements must pay US\$1,000 entry fee (maximum US\$3,000 per year) per Event to ASP plus an additional US\$100 for personal accident insurance for those Surfers without the ASP approved coverage. This will be deducted from their prize money.
- 20.06 The women's wild card and any seed replacements must pay US\$600 entry fee per Event to ASP plus an additional US\$100 for personal accident insurance for those Surfers without the ASP approved coverage. This will be deducted from their prize money.
- 20.07 If World Tour seeded surfers do not pay their fees to the ASP office by the due date, they will be fined and not allowed entry into the Events until the fine and fees are paid.
- 20.08 Any surfer who competes as a wild card in a World Tour Event that is not already a WQS member will receive a free WQS membership as part of their entry fee payment.

Article 21: Non-ASP-Licensed Events

- 21.01 As in the World Tour Surfers Contract, any Surfer who surfs or otherwise competes in any Event not **licensed** by ASP, who have not been granted a **written** waiver by ASP, or participates in any display of surfing related to such an **unlicensed** Event shall lose their seeding and rating points, **may receive a fine and/or be expelled from the World Tour for that year [Refer to Article 144].**
- 21.02 **EXCEPTIONS** to 20.01 above are as per (a) and (b) below and will only be allowed based on proper individually sought exemptions **in writing**

from ASP including **for** reasons below:

- (a) World Tour Surfers are permitted to participate in exhibitions of surfing where no prize money is awarded, and the sponsor of the exhibition is a World Tour licensee to whom the surfer is contracted, provided that no separate naming rights are being given to the exhibition; and
- (b) for bona fide charity Events or local club Events.

Article 22: Enclosed Official Areas

- 22.01 Events must ensure that all Surfers, official and enclosed areas or offices inside the Event compound are kept smoke free.
- 22.02 Alcohol can only be consumed in the designated VIP area.

Article 23: Entry Forms / Security Passes / Accessible Areas

- 23.01 Event entry forms may contain a waiver for the Event's protection. If ASP choose to provide a waiver also, it is to be signed by all Surfers competing in the Event. It is the Event's responsibility to get these waivers signed before the Surfers compete.
- 23.02 All World Tour seeded surfers will be identified for security reasons by a photo collage supplied by ASP. This or the surfers ASP Identification Card is the only form of identification that is required for them to enter any of the areas set-aside for surfers only. In other areas that they are invited to enter they may be required to have the appropriate pass as supplied by the Event. Surfer's guests, wild cards and seed replacements can be requested to wear or carry some form of pass as supplied by the Event. It is recommended that at check-in each of the surfers receive one pass for their guest. This pass is for their use and no duplicates need to be provided if they are lost etc unless the Event wishes to do so.
- 23.03 ASP official cardholders must be given entry with access to all areas at all ASP **licensed** Events. ASP will distribute these passes appropriately.
- 23.04 ASP World Tour Surfers are to be allowed access to Press and VIP hospitality areas. It is suggested that a combined hospitality area be made available with separate, secure work and preparation areas also for press and surfers in accordance with the ASP World Tour Event Planner.

Article 24: Press/Function Attendance & Media Obligations

- 24.01 All Surfers must attend the Event press conference if asked and scheduled within 24 hours of the Event dates.
EXCEPTIONS are only available by individual approach to the Contest Director based on inadequate travel time between Events. Non-attendance fine is payable to the Event. It is the Events responsibility to inform the surfers in writing (directly or via ASP at the previous Event) as to the exact time and venue with directions of the function in advance of the Event dates.
- 24.02 Surfers must cooperate with the media at all times and attend post heat press conferences if held (maximum 30 minutes after the heat). Surfers in the last heat of the day must make themselves available for media interviews if required immediately after their heat. Fines will be imposed for non-cooperation and non-attendance.
- 24.03 All World Tour surfers must give priority to the ASP accredited film crew especially at the water's edge to be nominated by ASP annually.
- 24.04 It is compulsory for all World Tour seeded surfers to attend the ASP Banquet and photo shoot.

Article 25: Tour Rules

- 25.01 ASP will hold an Orientation Workshop Seminar prior to the first World Tour Event of the tour year. This Seminar is compulsory for all Rookie

World Tour Surfers to attend. Fines for failure to attend are US\$1,000.
25.02 All World Tour seeded surfers must sign the World Tour Surfers Agreement prior to surfing in the first World Tour Event of the year. If they do not sign this agreement they will not be allowed to compete.

CHAPTER 2: WORLD QUALIFYING SERIES (WQS)

Article 26: License Fees

- 26.01 Note that **license** fees are set at 10% of the prize money total and are outlined below in scale in US\$ currency:

	Men	Women
6 star	\$14,500	\$3,500
5 star	\$12,000	\$3,000
4 star	\$8,500	\$2,500
3 star	\$5,000	\$1,800
2 star	\$2,500	\$1,200
1 star	\$1,000	\$800

- 26.02 Any 1 - 6 Star "WQS" women's Event held in conjunction with a men's 1 - 6 Star "WQS" Event does not pay a **license** fee.
- 26.03 Super Series **license** fees are as set by ASP, currently \$20,000.
- 26.04 All Events are to submit their **License** Form by September 30 of the year prior confirming the Event dates and rating.
- 26.05 For all Events, 50% of the **license** fee is to be paid to the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office 180 days prior to the Event .The balance is to be paid 90 days prior to the Event Start Date.
EXCEPTION: New Events need to have paid 100% of their **License** Fee for the Event to be listed on the ASP Schedule.
- 26.06 If the **License** Fee is not paid before either of the deadlines in 25.05 above, the Event is immediately removed from the ASP Schedule and the Event dates become available. Double the entire **License** Fee then becomes payable in full to the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office upon the Event requesting full **licensing**.
EXCEPTIONS to this Rule will be based on individual approaches to the ASP Regional Office.
- 26.07 Subject to 25.02, for every WQS Event held in their Region, the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office is to pay \$250 to ASP.

Article 27: Upgrading/Downgrading an Event

- 27.01 Women's 1 star WQS Events must upgrade to at least a 2 star after two years.
- 27.02 If any Event decides to upgrade its rating status, it must provide at least 90 days notice. The ASP Technical Committee will give final approval for all upgrades.
- 27.03 If any Event decides to downgrade its rating status, it must provide at least 90 days notice to the Regional Office. Failure to do so will result in a fine equal to the **license** fee for the lower grade.

Article 28: Cancellation of an Event

If any Event is cancelled the **License** Fee already paid is non-refundable. A penalty of 10% on the original prize money will be imposed, which must be paid no later than 90 days from the Event Start Date before the Event will be re-instated in a future year's ASP Schedule.

Article 29: Change of Event Details

If an Event wishes to change their Event date/location within 60 days of the scheduled Event Start Date, the Event must pay 50% of the full amount of Prizemoney owed for the Event to ASP in full. This payment will be non-refundable and will be used to pay the Prizemoney for Event when it runs. If

the Event does not run in that Surfing Season, the 50% of the Prizemoney is, if not paid, remains payable and then forfeited. Payment is required within 7 days of the confirmation from ASP that the Event location/dates have been changed. The Event Licensee will be responsible for any costs incurred by a Surfer, the ASP, ASP Regional Office or another Event which will include non-refundable payments for accommodation, travel costs and other reasonable costs as a result of these changes being approved.

Article 30: Prize Money Taxation

- 30.01 If tax is deducted the Contest Directors must provide the contestant with a letter detailing the deductions and providing information and applicable forms for refunds. The **Licensing** ASP Regional Office is to be advised as soon as this requirement becomes known to the Event. The **Licensing** ASP Regional Office must also be sent a copy of the receipt from the local taxation department showing what tax was actually paid, who for and to whom
- 30.02 Tax deductions are not to be added to the prize money to maintain the minimum award. Contest Directors must provide the contestant with a letter detailing the deductions and providing information on refunds. ASP is to be advised as soon as this requirement becomes known to the Event.

Article 31: Prize Money

- 31.01 If an Event is new, it must pay to the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office, in addition to the **license** fee, a cash sum equivalent to the prize purse for the grade of the Event. This cash guarantee must be paid at least 90 days before the start of the Event. If the cash is not posted, then the **License** Fee is forfeit, and the Event is cancelled from the schedule. If the Event is cancelled after the cash guarantee is received by the ASP Regional Office, and within the 90 days, then that cash and **License** Fee is forfeit and used to defray expenses incurred by Surfers and the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office.
- 31.02 Prize Money Minimum Breakdowns are as per Appendix C.
- 31.03 WQS prize money for foreign Surfers must be in US dollars, paid by unsigned travelers' cheques, bank transfer or US\$ cash. Locals may be paid by cheque or local currency cash but these must be calculated at the US\$ buying rate as of payment date.
- 31.04 Prize money allocations must follow the approved breakdowns in Appendix A to this Rulebook as decided by the ASP Technical Committee and ratified by the ASP Board to ensure equity.
- 31.05 Variations to prize money breakdowns must be approved by ASP.
- 31.06 All on site prize money is payable by completion of the day the Surfer is eliminated from the Event if paying by any means other than bank transfer. If paying by bank transfer the Event has **5 days** to complete payments for all surfers who have provided banking details. Prize money for any surfer who has not provided their bank details by two months after the Event completion date is forfeit. Events cannot hold prize money for collection at a later time.
- 31.07 A deduction of US\$100 for men and US\$50 for women will apply to any unclaimed prize money after a 10 day grace period to be retained by the ASP Regional Office.
- 31.08 All prize money payments are the responsibility of the Event. **Should an Event fail to pay a Surfer within 7 days of the Event Finish Date or from the date the correct bank details are provided to the ASP Office, they will incur a \$100 fine per Surfer per day until the Surfer is paid in full.** ASP touring staff will not carry or distribute cash or the like.

Article 32: Scheduling

- 32.01 All efforts must be made to allow current Events total rights to established dates, but future tour growth and needs may dictate rescheduling of an Event. This may be due to an overlap of large sponsors offering big purses in conflict with smaller established Events, or the needs of surfers for travel periods and/or rest breaks.
- 32.02 The following years WQS tour schedule showing only those Events that have paid **license** fees, will be released on November 1st prior to the end of the current year's tour. Events being held after June 30th have until March 31st to finalise their **license** fee payments and be placed on the tour schedule.
- 32.03 Any WQS Event held after the last World Tour Event of the year as started will have its rating count towards the following year ratings.
- 32.04 Men's Event Scheduling:
- (a) 1 to 4 star Events can be run at any time during the year and can be held at the same time as scheduled WQS or World Tour Events.
 - (b) 5 star Events can't be run prior to January 23 of the tour year, but thereafter can be held at the same time as scheduled WQS or World Tour Events.
 - (c) 6 star Events can't be run prior to January 23 of the tour year, and a maximum of two 6 star Events only can be run at the same time under the condition that they take place in different Regions or countries.
 - (d) 6 star prime Events can't be run prior to January 23 of the tour year, and cannot be scheduled on the same dates as a Super Series or World Tour.
 - (e) Super Series Events can't be run prior to January 23 of the tour year, and cannot be scheduled on the same dates as a 6 star prime or World Tour.
 - (f) *EXCEPTIONS* can be applied for to ASP under special circumstances.
- 32.05 Women's Events Scheduling:
- (a) 1 to 3 star Events can be run at any time during the year and can be held at the same time as scheduled WQS or World Tour Events.
 - (b) 4 star Events can be run at any time during the year but cannot be scheduled on conflicting dates with other 4, 5 or 6 star Events.
 - (c) 5 and 6 star Events can't be run prior to January 23 of the tour year and can't be held at the same time as other 4, 5 or 6 star Events.
 - (d) *EXCEPTIONS* can be applied for to ASP under special circumstances.

Article 33: Formats & Time Period Allocations

- 33.01 WQS heats will not be moved out of the original running order regardless of the Surfers' circumstances.
EXCEPTION : This exception applies when a group of Surfer's boards have not arrived due to limited travel time between Events. In some cases a surfer may be moved to a later heat if available in the same round. The Contest Director, Surfer Representative and ASP Tour Representative will decide on a case by case basis whether this exception applies to a Surfer.
- 33.02 Four (4) person heats using the standard judging and tabulation rules are mandatory in all "WQS" 1-4 Star men and women's Events with the option to do the final eight (8) Surfers (Quarter Finals) onward in one-on-one heats.
- 33.03 Men's WQS Events held prior to any World Tour that has only two days running time, must be limited to a maximum of 96 surfers. Of these, 64 are put into 16 heats of 4 for Round One with 1st and 2nd advancing to Round Two. Round Two have 16 heats of 4 (by adding 32 seeds) and from here 1st and 2nd advance to Round Three. Round Three have 8

heats of 4 with the top 2 advancing to 4 heats of 4, then 2 heats of 4, and a four-man final. The seeds are as per above rules under Article 47.01.

- 33.04 Women's WQS Events held prior to any World Tour at the same venue must be at least 5 star rated.
- 33.05 Running time for all Men's WQS 1-6 star, 6 star Prime and Super Series Events are based on the following, which show the maximum number of heats that can be run in the number of days allocated.
- (a) One Star Events must allow for minimum 96-man format and minimum 2 days running.

Mens 96 Format	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round one	16 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round two	16 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round three	8 heats of 4	20 minutes	2'40"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 4	20 minutes	1'20"
Semi-Finals	2 heats of 4	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 4	30 minutes	0'30"
Total	47 heats		16 hrs 00 mins

- (b) 2-3 Star Events must allow for minimum 144-man format and minimum 3 days running time.

Mens 96 Format	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round one	8 heats of 4	20 minutes	2'40"
Round two	16 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round three	8 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round four	16 heats of 4	20 minutes	5'20"
Round five	8 heats of 4	20 minutes	2'40"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 4	20 minutes	1'20"
Semi-Finals	2 heats of 4	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 4	30 minutes	0'30"
Total	63 heats		24 hrs 00 mins

- (c) 4 Star Events must allow for minimum 188-man format and minimum 5 days running time. If running a **144** format with man on man as shown below they must allow 7 days running time

Men's 160 Format	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Two	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Three	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Four	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Five	16 heats of 4	20 min	5'20"
Round Six	8 heats of 4	20 min	2'40"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 4	20 min	1'20"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 4	25 min	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 4	30 min	0'30"
Total	79 heats		32 hrs 00

(d) 5-6 Star Events must allow for a **144**-man format and minimum 7 days running time where possible.

Men's 144 Format (with combined women's)			
5-6* WQS only	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	24 heats of 4	20 minutes	8'00"
Round Two	24 heats of 4	25 minutes	10'00"
Round Three	12 heats of 4	25 minutes	5'00"
Round Four	8 heats of 3	25 minutes	3'20"
Round Five	8 heats of 2	25 minutes	3'20"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 minutes	1'40"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 2	35 minutes	0'35"
Totals	83 heats		32 hrs 45 mins
Men's 144 Format (7 days with no women's Event)			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	24 heats of 4	25 minutes	10'00"
Round Two	24 heats of 4	25 minutes	10'00"
Round Three	12 heats of 4	25 minutes	5'00"
Round Four	8 heats of 3	25 minutes	3'20"
Round Five	8 heats of 2	25 minutes	3'20"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 minutes	1'40"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 2	35 minutes	0'35"
Totals	83 heats		34 hrs 45 mins

(e) 6* Prime and Super Series Events must allow for a **128**-man format and minimum 7 days running time where possible.

MEN'S 6* PRIME/SUPER SERIES FORMAT			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round One	12 heats of 4	25 min	5'00"
Round Two	24 heats of 4	25 min	10'00"
Round Three	12 heats of 4	25 min	5'00"
Round Four	8 heats of 3	25 min	3'20"
Round Five	8 heats of 2	25 min	3'20"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 min	1'40"
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 min	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 2	35 min	0'35"
Totals	71 heats		32 hrs 35 mins

33.06 Running time for all Women's WQS 5-6 star Events must allow for a 60-format and minimum 3 days running time where possible:

Women's 60 format (stand alone or with combined Men's)			
	Heat Numbers	Timing	Running Time
Round one	6 heats of 4	20 minutes	5 hours
Round two	12 heats of 4	20 minutes for combined events and 25 for stand-alone events	4 hours or 5 hours respectively
Round three	6 heats of 4	25 minutes	2'30"
Round four	4 heats of 3	25 minutes	1' 40"
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 minutes	1'40"
Semi-Finals	2 heats of 2	25 minutes	0'50"
Final	1 heat of 2	30 minutes	0'30"
Total	35 heats		14 hrs 10 mins; or 15 Hrs 10 mins

Article 34: Trials & Other Events at WQS Events

- 34.01 Trials qualifications must be run prior to the **licensed** Event dates.
- 34.02 Any 5-6 Star Events holding other categories or trials to decide qualifiers for a **144**-man Event format must hold these prior to the allocated minimum days required for the **144**-man Event. Only Women's heats and Junior/Long board finals can be held during the last 7 days of competition. Subject to ASP approval, exceptions can be made as required by constraints imposed by local authorities.
- 34.03 All ASP Rules and Regulations must be followed in trial heats with exemptions only after ASP approval.
- 34.04 In the trials a full ASP qualified judging panel, if available, is to be used as in the main seeded rounds. Where these judges are unavailable due to other Event commitments or in transit to the Event, their replacements must be ASP recognised judges, if available. All judges are to receive full benefits as per normal **licensing** requirements.
- 34.05 Trialists are those surfers whose current seeding status fall outside of

the seeded surfers allowed for the proposed size of the WQS Event Article 33.05 (a) through (c).

EXCEPTIONS are available to those full ASP members who are competing in another ASP WQS rated Event in a country or area where travel time means they cannot make the trials on time. If this is the case, then they will replace the last seed and so on, putting them into the trials until all such Surfers are placed in the main seeded rounds.

Article 35: Ratings Points

- 35.01 Any "WQS" Event held after the last "World Tour" Event of the year has started will have its rating count toward the following year.
- 35.02 Ratings points will be allocated as per the point schedules shown in Appendix D & Appendix E. If there are any ties on the year-end ratings they will be broken in the same manner as in breaking ties in heat tabulation (e.g. instead of best 8 Events, count best 7, then 6 etc). Prior year final ratings will be used to decide any unbreakable ties for future seeding purposes however these unbreakable ties will remain as equals on the final ratings list.

Article 36: Events Counting Towards Qualification

- 36.01 Men: The best 7 of the total number of all Super Series, 6 star prime and WQS 1-6 Star rated Events (maximum of four Events per COUNTRY in 5-6 Star, 6 Star Prime & Super Series Events can be used towards a surfers ratings) will be used to determine the year-end ratings for each Surfer in the men's Events. If less than 7 Events take place on the men's tour then all will count in the ratings.
- 36.02 Women: The number of WQS Events (1-6 star) counting towards the final ratings depends on the number of 5-6 Star WQS Events held as outlined below:
- (a) If there are up to 5 WQS 5-6 Star Events total in the tour year then all WQS Event results will count.
 - (b) If there are **6-8** WQS 5-6 Star Events then only the best 5 of all WQS results will count (c) If there are **9** or more WQS 5-6 Star Events then the best 7 of all WQS results will count.

Article 37: Injury Rating Compensation

- 37.01 Consideration for a WQS injury or pregnancy will only be given to those that apply and have missed more than 50% of the combined number of 5 – 6 star, 6 star Prime & Super Series Events and have acceptable medical certification.
- 37.02 To be granted an exemption the Surfer must be rated in the prior years WQS **Top 150 for men** and Top 50 for women. If granted an exemption the surfers' final rating will be their prior years rating plus 27 for men and plus 10 for women.
- 37.03 A Surfer may also apply for a mid-year Injury Rating Compensation where they have been injured in that year and have medical certification that they have not been able to compete until after the mid-year changeover of seeding **until such time the successful applicant either betters their previous years rating or they compete in the minimum number of events counting towards year-end ratings [Refer to article 36]**. If successful in this situation, the Surfer will receive their seeding from the beginning of the year and not their rating as calculated in 35.02 above.
- 37.04 **For extreme reasons which result in this time limit being exceeded** and under extreme circumstances the ASP Technical Committee may grant other exemptions.
- 37.05 The ASP Medical Coordinator shall have absolute discretion and the ultimate say when analysing a Surfer's health.

Article 38: Membership

38.01 Full Membership

- (a) Any Surfer who competes in any ASP **licensed** event outside of their country must pay the full touring membership and insurance premium as secured by ASP for that year. Please note European Surfers are covered by their own insurance in EC countries only.
- (b) Full touring membership is limited to people who are 18 years of age or older. *EXCEPTIONS* will be considered only upon individual application to the ASP President who will consider personal and education facets of the Surfer competing on the ASP Tour.
- (c) All non-World Tour men WQS surfers' membership fees are set at US\$200, which is compulsory for all entries in 5-6 star WQS Events and Super Series.
- (d) All non-World Tour women's WQS membership fees are set at US\$150.
- (e) **The fees above must be paid via the on line membership / entry automated system by January 31st of the tour year to receive rating points and seeding benefits.**

EXCEPTION: If they are competing prior to January 31st, the Surfer must pay the fees prior to the Event.

- (f) No additional fee is required for a Surfer to compete in any local series if the Surfer has paid membership in full.
- (g) All Surfers with a prior years rating who fail to pay their Membership renewal by January 31st will, when they pay their membership be placed on the members list in order. This order will decide their seed selection for Events they enter. I.e. Members who have renewed their membership by January 31st will be seeded using the previous years rating and those that pay after January 31st are on a first come first served basis no matter what rating they had the previous year and denoted as number 1,000 onwards.

38.02 Local Membership

- (a) In all ASP Regions a Local Membership Fee is applicable for those wishing to compete in their own Region only. These fees are set by the applicable Regional Offices.
- (b) In Men's 1-4 Star WQS Events local surfers can pay a local membership of US\$100 in lieu of the US\$200 full membership but they will not be allocated any ratings points or previous year seeding rights.
- (c) Any local members that make it into any Men's 1-4 star Event prize money round must upgrade to a full US\$200 membership.
- (d) Entry into Men's 5-6 star, 6 star Prime and Super Series Events requires full membership.
EXCEPTION: When local members are permitted entry into these Events (ie: at Events that aren't full). These local members will not be allocated any ratings points or previous year seeding rights for any Events competed in prior to paying their full membership.
- (e) Any local members that make it into any Men's 5-6 star Event prize money round must upgrade to full US\$200 membership.
- (f) Subject to the fee in (a) above, any Woman wishing to sign up for local membership and therefore being able to compete in any ASP Event must pay \$150 to ASP.

38.03 Any Surfer who competes without paying their membership or insurance where applicable will not receive points for that Event and lose all previous seeding rights. No excuses will be accepted.

38.04 Any surfer receiving prize money of US\$200 men/US\$150 women, in any grade WQS Event must become a fully paid WQS member. The applicable Regional Office may deduct the additional fee from prize money the Surfer receives.

- 38.05 World Tour surfers pay the applicable entry fee into all ASP WQS Events but no WQS membership fees.
- 38.06 Associate Membership will be given gratis to selected sponsors, media and officials, and will be sold to interested parties. Rates for this membership vary in each area. Please contact your ASP Regional Office for information.
- 38.07 Life Members do not pay any annual Membership Fees but must pay applicable entry and insurance fees.
- 38.08 There is only one form of membership with no difference between amateur and professional.
- 38.09 Amateurs may receive points, prize money and seeding status as per the professional members. Their names will appear on the rating sheet but they will not be denoted as an amateur. Any local Rules or laws that are relevant to the status of an amateur will apply in this situation.
- 38.10 Amateurs who turn professional during the year will not lose previously gained points.

Article 39: ASP Inter-Office Membership Procedures

- 39.01 The applicable ASP Regional Office must pay ASP US\$20 per member with the balance of US\$180/US\$130 retained by the ASP Regional Office.
- 39.02 Where a membership is to be paid at an Event the ASP Representative will collect the membership and forward the funds to the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office after taking a US\$20 handling fee.

Article 40: Entry Fees

- 40.01 Men's 1-4 star: **US\$200** maximum, plus tax if applicable.
- 40.02 Men's 5-6 star, 6 star Prime & Super Series: US\$250 maximum, plus tax if applicable.
- 40.03 Women's 1-6 star: US\$100 maximum, plus tax if applicable.
- 40.04 Entry fees are applicable for trials Surfers in Events holding trials.
- 40.05 The Event has the right to charge individuals any amount they like up to the US\$ maximums and any applicable government taxes. Exemptions are only after ASP Board of Directors approval.
- 40.06 Currency exchange rate for entry fees is set at same rate as prize money payment if less than published amounts where ASP has approved such variations.

Article 41: Entry Cancellation and Refunds

- 41.01 **Subject to Article 41.02, Entry Fees will be forfeited from the relevant Event's closing date. Entry Fees are therefore non-refundable from the relevant Event closing date.**
- 41.02 **If an injury notification is delivered in writing to the relevant ASP Office prior to 7 days before the relevant Event Start Date and a medical certificate can be produced that complies with Article 41.06, the Surfer will receive a refund less a \$50 administration fee.**
- 41.03 **All cancellations of Event entries must be in writing to an ASP Office.**
- 41.04 Alternates waiting to see if they get in will not receive any refund unless they do not get a start in the event entered.
- 41.05 If a Surfer withdraws from an Event within 7 days of the Event Start Date or during an Event, they will be fined US\$1,000 unless a valid medical certificate is provided in accordance with 41.05.
- 41.06 Medical certificates must be dated and produced no later than 48 hours after the respective cancellation **or injury notification referred to in Article 41.02.**

Article 42: Entry Forms

ASP standard entry forms are available on the online membership and management system. Should there be individual entry forms, the Event Entry Forms must contain the following notifications:

- 42.01 ASP membership of US\$200 for men and \$150 for women is compulsory to receive international WQS ratings points or compete in any Event outside of their registered Region.
- 42.02 In all men's Super Series, 6 star Prime and WQS 5-6 star Events a full membership is payable before competing.
- 42.03 Anyone competing outside of their registered Region or country must also pay the applicable insurance fee as negotiated by ASP. (No other memberships for local series are applicable if this is paid, however all WQS non-member Surfers must be fully paid members of the local ASP Regional series. [Refer to Article 38.02(b) through (e)].
- 42.04 All Surfers must state when paying their membership which Region they belong to and that Region is applicable for that tour year.
- 42.05 Any ASP Member who surfs, or otherwise competes or participates in any Event that is not **licensed** by or has not been granted a waiver by ASP, shall lose their seeding and ratings points for the next year, and will not be eligible to compete in the current year at any ASP **Licensed** Event. A notification must be shown explaining this on all applicable forms.
- 42.06 Dues of existing members must be paid to an ASP Regional Office by January 31st of the tour year or prior to the first Event entered to retain seeding rights. All of the previous year members with seeding rights will lose all seeding rights if their membership is not paid in full by January 31st.
- 42.07 New members must pay dues to the ASP Regional Representative before the end of the contest or by mail to the ASP Regional Office 7 days prior to the Event, or they will not receive any ratings benefits.
- 42.08 All entries must be in writing, signed and dated by the Surfer or their elected individual, who can sign on their behalf, showing their date of birth and forwarded to the ASP Regional Office, with payment at least 30 days prior to the Event Start Date, to receive seeding benefits. The receiving ASP Office must date these entries upon reception.
- 42.09 Entry forms must carry the ASP logo and wording to show entry fee amounts.

Article 43: Entry Procedure

- 43.01 **All entries for all events must be done online unless there are extenuating circumstances that does not allow for the Surfer to do so, in which case the Surfer should contact ASP immediately.**
- 43.02 **ASP Regional Offices can accept entries to WQS Events from World Tour and WQS Surfers in accordance with this Article, if the ASP Regional offices are accepting these entries. In most cases all surfers must do their entries on line.**
- 43.03 **All on line entries and payments must be made by 5pm USA Pacific Coast time on the event close date to maintain seeding rights.**
- 43.04 **Entry payments received after the closing date prior to the Event Start Date will be treated on first come first served basis until the Event is full.**
- 43.05 **All entries and payment must be sent direct to an ASP Regional Office if they are accepting entries.**
- 43.06 **Event organisers cannot accept any entries and must refer the surfers to the Licensing ASP Regional Office.**
- 43.07 **Beach entries must be made with the ASP Regional Tour Representative at the Event Site and placed on the alternate list [Refer to Article 51].**
- 43.08 **No World Tour seed can put in an entry for seeding in a WQS Event**

being held completely during any World Tour Event dates.

EXCEPTION: Applies if the Surfer has been eliminated early enough from a World Tour Event, they may place a beach entry in a WQS Event if available.

- 43.09 No Men's World Tour Surfer may compete in a WQS 1-4 star (inclusive) rated Event unless the Event is held in their Region or the Licensee of the Event is a commercial sponsor of the Surfer.**

Article 44: Entry Confirmations

- 44.01 At the closing date of an event the accepted entrants will be informed and their credit cards charged automatically. Unaccepted entries due to format sizes being overfull will not be charged and kept on an alternate list.

Article 45: ASP Inter-Office Entry Procedures

- 45.01 If any ASP Office accepts an entry without payment that ASP Office is financially responsible for payment of that entry.

Article 46: Selection of Entries

- 46.01 Beach entries will receive no seeding rights if accepted.
- 46.02 Selection of Entries for WQS 1-6 Star, 6 Star Prime and Super Series Where an Event has too many entries for the time allocated the following selection procedure is to be followed in this order using those surfers who have entered following the correct procedures as described above.
- (a) World Tour seeds from the prior and current year, WJC seeds, wild cards and then defending champion.
 - (b) WQS seeds based on the prior year final ratings for Events whose entries close before July 11 of the current year. For Events whose entries close after July 11, the current year's WQS ratings will be used.**
 - (c) Former ASP World Champions, maximum two with **licensing** Region having priority then the most recent, and a minimum of one former tour Surfer whom is a Life Time Member, chosen by the Event.
 - (d) Balance of entries is made up of a minimum of 25% of people from other Regions if applicable and the rest local Surfers. All full ASP WQS members get first priority.
 - (e) Non-members, if space available. ASP Regional Office must charge a one-time membership fee as decided by them.
 - (f) Alternates whose entries are received before the closing date deadline are placed in order using current ratings as of the closing date deadline.
 - (g) Alternates whose entries are received after the closing date deadline are on first come first served basis. These entries will be placed on the bottom of the alternate list in order and the Surfer loses all seeding rights in this case. Where a surfer has to be moved up a round due to a no-show in later rounds the Surfer who entered first will be advanced a round and become the lowest seed for that round if future advancements become available.
- 46.03 For end of year Hawaiian WQS Events entry selection is to be based on the following:
- (a) In 128 formatted Events World Tour prior and current year seeds, 6 wild cards, 2 junior wild cards, WQS current Top 59 as of cut off date not already seeded and 16 locals.
 - (b) In 144 formatted Events World Tour prior and current year seeds, 6 wild cards, 2 junior wild cards, WQS current Top 75 as of cut off date not already seeded and 16 locals.
 - (c) In 160 formatted Events World Tour prior and current year seeds, 6

wild cards, 2 junior wild cards, WQS current Top 83 as of cut off date not already seeded and 24 locals.

- (d) World Tour seeds are based on prior years ratings for round seeding while WQS seeds will be based on current ratings prior to the Event.
- 46.04 Of the 6 Wildcards in 44.03 above, 3 are to be chosen by the ASP Regional Office and 3 are to be chosen by the Event.

Article 47: Invitations to Men's WQS Events

47.01 Invites for all 1-4 Star Events on the Men's WQS Tour will come under one basic format with different variations regarding invited seeds:

- (a) For an Event with up to 64 entrants, it is to have 16 seeds in the last 32 round consisting of 2 wild cards (one for the Event and one for the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office). The remaining 14 will consist of 50% World Tour and 50% WQS entrants.
- (b) For an Event with 64 to 96 entrants, it is to have 32 seeds in the last 64 round consisting of 4 wild cards (two for the Event and two for the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office). The other 28 will consist of 50% World Tour and 50% WQS entrants.
- (c) For Events with over 96 entrants, it is to have 32 seeds in the last 64 round as per 45.01(b) above and then groups of 32 seeds in each of the rounds prior with a half round of 8 heats allowed for the first round of the Event. This half round would have 32 seeds with the top 16 advancing to meet 48 seeds in the following round of 16 heats.
- (d) Where there are not enough World Tour seeds to fill the places allocated above, their places will be filled with the next in line WQS Surfer.
- (e) World Tour seeds are seeded using current World Tour seed points while all others use current WQS seed points.
- (f) In Events with over 64 entries there will be two extra wildcards. One is for the Event and one is for **Licensing** ASP Regional Office. They are seeded into the round prior to the last seeded round.
- (g) Any previous year World Tour Surfers that did not re-qualify must be given a seed into the second last seeded round unless actual seeding is greater.
- (h) The Top 2 from the prior years WJC are seeded into the second last seeded round. If one of both of these seeds are already seeded into this round or better then the equal thirds from the WJC will replace them. If required, the equal thirds are broken by the previous years WQS rating.

47.02 Invites for all 5-6 Star and 4 Star Events adopting the 144 man on man format on the Men's WQS Tour will come under one basic format with the breakdown of the 144 seeds as follows:

- (a) Current years World Tour,
(b) Prior years non-requalifying World Tour,
(c) 6 Wild cards,
(d) 2 WJC Juniors [Refer to Rule 45.01(h)],
(e) WQS prior years rated to make up the balance unless trials are being run. Note that as of July 11 the current year's ratings as of the cut off date will be used.
(f) Trialists if used otherwise more WQS Surfers are to be used.

47.03 Up to the maximum 144 entrants will have 48 seeds in the last 96 round and then 96 seeds in the round prior. If using trials then only 44 seeds will be allocated into the First Round and 4 trialists will make up the 144 total.

47.04 In WQS events the seed allocation for the World Tour surfers in the final seeded round in all grades of events is filled firstly by the previous years 27 in final World Tour rating order, followed by the new current years World Tour surfers based on their prior years

final WQS rating. If more than the allowable number of seeds enter then the remainder are guaranteed a seed into the round prior unless their current WQS rating would place them into the last seeded round."

- 47.05 In the previous seeded round of 144, firstly all remaining current and prior years World Tour surfers (if applicable), 2 Junior's from prior year's WJC, 1 ASP Regional Office and 1 sponsor Wild Card and then next in line surfers off the prior year WQS final ratings until then current WQS ratings to be used. July 11
- 47.06 **All 6 Star Prime and Super Series Events will be limited to a 128 format using the same selection as in a 192 format for the Round of 96.**
- 47.07 If using trials a maximum of 4 positions are kept open. The breakdown of these trialists must be at least 50% off the WQS ratings and 50% for the Event to select if excess entry numbers deem applicable. In addition positions must be made available to the **Licensing** ASP Region for their top 6 juniors.
- 47.08 If an Event wishes to run a locals only trials then a maximum of 2 positions are kept open and selection is up to the Event.

Article 48: Invitations to Women's WQS Events

- 48.01 Invites for all 1-4 Star Events on the current Women's WQS Tour will come under one basic format with three different variations regarding invited seeds:
- (a) Up to 16 entrants will have all seeds in the last 16 round.
 - (b) 17 to 32 entrants will have 16 seeds in the last 32 round.
 - (c) Over 32 entrants will have 16 seeds in the last 32 round and then groups of 16 seeds in each of the rounds prior with a half round of 4 heats allowed for the First Round of the Event. This half round would have 16 seeds with the top 8 advancing to meet 24 seeds in the following round of 8 heats.
- 48.02 Seeding - Women's 1-4 star
- (a) Top 11 from the prior year World Tour, if they show they are seeded 1-11 using current World Tour seed points.
 - (b) Top 5 from the prior year WQS final ratings.
 - (c) Seeding places not taken by the Top 16 [as per (a) and (b) above] will be filled from the prior year WQS final ratings.
 - (d) If the Event wishes to use their optional wild cards then only 15 seeds are used (i.e. Top 4 WQS) and the wild card takes the 16th position with the Top 15 seeds in the Round of 32. The other two wild cards are seeded into the previous round.
- 48.03 Invites for all 5-6 Star Events on the current Women's WQS Tour will come under the one format:
- (a) In combined Events with men there will be a maximum of 60 Surfers with 36 seeds in the last 48 round and 24 the round prior.
 - (b) In women's only Events an unlimited number of rounds can be held with the Round of 48 having 36 seeds and each previous round having 12 seeds in lots of 6 heats. Partial rounds can be used if applicable.
- 48.04 Seeding - Women's 5-6 star
- (a) Current years World Tour Top 17 if they show they are seeded 1-17 using current World Tour seed points.
 - (b) 3 wild cards, two from the Event and one from ASP.
 - (c) Top 16 from the prior year WQS final ratings.
 - (d) Seeding spots not taken by the Top 17 above will be filled from the prior year WQS final ratings.
 - (e) Prior rounds are seeded using prior years WQS ratings.
- 48.05 In all Events that have too many entries for the proposed format size, World Tour, wild cards and WJC seeds are guaranteed entry with the

balance of entries filled from the prior years WQS ratings until July 11 pursuant to Article 46.02(a) and (b) above.

48.08 If using trials a maximum of 4 positions are kept open. The breakdown of these trialists must be at least 50% off the WQS ratings and 50% for the Event to select if excess entry numbers deem applicable. In addition positions must be made available to the Licensing ASP Region for their top 6 juniors.

48.09 If an Event wishes to run a locals only trials then a maximum of 2 positions are kept open and selection is up to the Event.

Article 49: Invitations to WQS Events – General

49.01 If the defending champion of an Event is not seeded into the Main Event last seeded round, they must receive a seed regardless if the Event was ASP **licensed** the previous year or not. In this case they will replace an Event wild card. Such defending champions must follow normal entry procedures by at least 30 days in advance for this wild card slot or receive normal seeding.

49.02 Members always have entry priority in all Events as long as they have fulfilled the entry requirements.

Article 50: Seed Rules – General

50.01 ASP Tour Manager/Rep to do all heat placement and seeding ensuring that advancing surfers compete in different heats in the following round up till the end of the quarter-finals.

50.02 Seeding order is based on seeding points provided by ASP at the 1st of each month. These seeding points are valid for the whole month unless updates have been provided during the month.

50.03 In all Events the seeding order, after selecting the seeds for each round from the previous year's ratings, will be based on a combination of the prior year's base seed points and current year's adjusted rating points (World Tour current year men selected into the Round of 64 and World Tour women into Round of 32 use the current World Tour seed points, while the rest use current WQS seed points for lower seeding placement) for both seeds and wild cards. This is followed by wild cards without any ASP rating points. The seeding order for all qualifying Surfers is based on a combination of current World Tour or WQS adjusted points and prior year's base seed points.

50.04 Qualifying Surfers with no points will be randomly drawn.

50.05 Seeding order for all ASP **licensed** Events must follow ASP approved scales pursuant to this Chapter.

50.06 Seeding for all formats must follow standard order for the seeds in each seeded round in accordance with this Rulebook.

50.07 To help eliminate no-shows, only surfers who have paid their entry can be accepted for heats. The heats should be drawn up after the pre-contest check-in meeting and posted later or the next morning.

Article 51: Seed Replacements / Alternates

51.01 Seeded surfers, who have not yet competed and intend not to compete, in any round can be replaced firstly by the highest seeded surfer in the previous round, who has not yet competed, then by alternates if available. If none available, the heat will be surfed with those present.

51.02 In the case of no shows in all heats, reseeding will not occur and the following replacement policy is to be used.

(a) If available, an alternate replaces any no-show in the preliminary rounds.

(b) There can be no replacements in the First Round where prize money is paid unless a Surfer withdraws or it is known he will not be competing. The Surfer or the Surfer's Personal Representative must contact the Tour Manager to confirm non-attendance. All paid surfers

from the First Round where prize money is paid onwards have the right to turn up at any time during the heat and compete.

- (c) Any no-show by a previously advancing surfer can't be replaced unless it is confirmed that they will not surf. If so, then this spot may be filled by an alternate.
- (d) If there are any vacancies in heats the remaining surfers must surf the time period in case their opponent arrives late.

51.03 Any Surfer once eliminated cannot re-enter the Event for any reason (this includes anyone who competed in a trials) unless their placement was in a round earlier than they should have been due to an administrative error. If this is the case they shall receive points for the correct round but no prize money unless they advance to that round or further.

Article 52: Missing Heats / No Shows

52.01 After the start of the Event, if a seeded surfer does not show by the end of their First Round heat, their points and prize money are forfeit. Prize money goes to the ASP Regional Office general fund.

52.02 All no-shows will be placed at the bottom of the alternate list when they finally check in if, in the opinion of the ASP Tour Manager/Rep, the reason for missing the heat was justified. This also applies to alternates who fail to check in when called.

EXCEPTIONS to this Rule are where surfers have been delayed due to circumstances out of their control. In these cases if the ASP Tour Manager/Rep feels they should be placed on the alternate list they will be placed at the top of the list in their original heat order if more than one Surfer is involved. In any cases where there are surfers placed on the alternate list by these means at the end of the round those surfers will be reseeded to get their order on the list. All other alternates stay as they are on the alternate list.

52.03 Entry fees are not refundable if a surfer misses their heat, unless ASP or the contest agrees to the refund.

Article 53: Failure to Compete

53.01 If any surfer decides not to surf for any reason other than serious injury which would require acceptable medical certification then that surfer will not receive any points or money for that Event.

53.02 If a surfer is injured and intends to check in for their heat but not surf, they may receive points for that place and can be replaced by the next eligible surfer.

Article 54: Pregnancy

From when a Surfer is pregnant and until their return to competition after the birth of the child, the pregnant Surfer must provide written notice of her intention to either compete or not compete in each WQS event. This notice is to be provided 30 days prior to the Event Start Date to ASP International via the ASP Women's Tour Manager. If the Surfer confirms they will compete and then decide not to closer to the Event, they will forego prize money for the Event but be granted ratings points equivalent to the surfer's seeding. In any circumstance, ASP strongly encourages that the pregnant Surfer strictly comply with any medical advice they have received and may be requested to disclose such medical advice to the ASP at any time. Details of the pregnancy and any medical advice disclosed will be held in absolute confidence by ASP.

NOTE: This Rule has been implemented to illustrate ASP's intention to further the purpose of achieving substantive equality in ASP Events.

Article 55: Non-Attendance in Events Entered

55.01 Where a confirmation and payment is received and the surfer does not

show and has an inadequate excuse, the surfer will lose all seeding rights for the next Event they compete in and incur fines.

55.02 In the case of multiple no-shows, the loss of seeding rights shall be increased by one Event for each no-show.

55.03 Excuses are only accepted where the Surfer was physically unable, due to an accident or compassionate reasons due to family trauma, to get to a computer or telephone. Other Surfers cannot inform the Event on someone's behalf. In these circumstances, the Surfer is to notify the ASP Tour Manager as soon as is practicable.

Article 56: Check In

56.01 All paid confirmed entries need not check-in.

56.02 Beach entries will receive no seeding rights if accepted.

Article 57: Press/Function Attendance & Media Obligations by Surfers

57.01 All Top 32 men/Top 8 women seeded Surfers must attend the Event press conference if asked and scheduled within Event dates. *EXCEPTION:* if the Contest Director has granted an exception, otherwise a non-attendance fine is payable to the Event. It is the Event's responsibility to inform the surfers in writing (directly or with assistance from ASP at the previous Event) as to the exact time and venue with directions of the function in advance of the Event dates.

57.02 No functions other than the press conference are compulsory. This includes presentations except for the on beach presentation directly after the finals.

57.03 In Events that are completed prior to the Event finish date the top 4 final Surfers, if requested, must be on hand for one day after the Event final is run for inclusion in expression sessions etc. Failure to comply will result in a US\$1,000 fine.

Article 58: Tour Rules

58.01 Any Event offering appearance incentives must contact ASP to ensure the offer does not contravene ASP allowable amounts.

58.02 All WQS Events must use the official ASP computer scoring system as provided by the ASP.

58.03 Events must ensure that at every 5 Star and above WQS Events there is a dedicated Contest Director whose exclusive duty is to direct the Event.

58.04 Enclosed Officials Areas

(a) No alcohol is to be consumed in the Surfer's area or outside of the designated VIP bar area during the running of heats.

(b) Events must ensure that all Surfers, official and enclosed areas or offices inside the Event compound are kept smoke free.

58.05 In all 5 Star and above WQS Events, eliminated surfers from the main Event are to be provided with Security Passes and allowed to access to the surfers' area for the duration of the Event.

Article 59: Double Banks

59.01 If an Event wishes to use double banks and has ASP approval to do so they must provide a minimum 100 meters no competition zone between the two banks.

59.02 If conditions dictate that double banks need to be utilised during an Event the ASP Head Judge and a Surfer Representative must be consulted. Failure to do so could result in the Event being fined.

59.03 If conditions dictate and double banks need to be used, minimum 3 judge panel (with all judges scores counting towards the final average) format to be utilized.

CHAPTER 3: SPECIALTY EVENT RULES

Article 60: Applicable Rules

- 60.01 Specialty Events are either International or Regional Events and must conform to all rules in the ASP Rulebook.
- 60.02 Specialty Events often use their own rules and may wish to apply to ASP for rule waivers. A full list of rules under application for waiver must be sent to the ASP Office with the Event **License** Application Form.

Article 61: Licensing

- 61.01 ASP Board approval is required to **license** "Specialty" Events.
- 61.02 **License** Fees for a Specialty Event will be confirmed in the respective Specialty Event License Agreement provided by ASP
- 61.03 A Specialty Event is not considered to be **licensed** until the applicable **license** fees have been paid in full and the Specialty Event License Agreement has been executed.

Article 62: Limited Events

- 62.01 International Events are limited to 5 for the Men and 3 for the Women per year.
- 62.02 Regional Events are limited to 3 for the Men and 2 for the Women per year.

Article 63: Scheduling

- 63.01 Specialty Events cannot run during the Event Window of a World Tour Event unless approved by the ASP Board.
- 63.02 Events can only be held at the start and finish of various tour legs with World Tour, WQS 5-6 Star and Super Series Events having priority over Event dates.
- 63.03 **Licensed** Specialty Events must negotiate with ASP and the applicable ASP Regional Office as to an appropriate Event Window based on local conditions and any other factors considered relevant by ASP.

Article 64: International Event Prize Money

- 64.01 Men, minimum US\$100,000 to maximum US\$150,000 with no more than US\$60,000 for first place.
- 64.02 Women, minimum US\$30,000 to maximum US\$60,000 with no more than US\$10,000 for first place.

Article 65: Regional Event Prize Money

- 65.01 Men, minimum US\$40,000 to maximum US\$120,000 with no more than US\$55,000 for first place.
- 65.02 Women, minimum US\$15,000 to maximum US\$30,000 with no more than US\$8,000 for first place.

Article 66: Use of World Tour Surfers

- 66.01 International Events can use any of the current World Tour surfers that are available for the Event after the applicable **license** fees are paid in full.
- 66.02 Regional Events can only use current World Tour surfers that are available for the Event after ASP approval and the applicable **license** fees are paid in full.

CHAPTER 4: LONGBOARD RULES

Article 67: Licensing

For a Long board Event to receive **licensing** from ASP:

- 67.01 The Event must be approved by the ASP Board as an International or Regional Event in accordance with this Rulebook and provide all relevant information as requested by the relevant ASP Office; and
- 67.02 The Event must have minimum prize money as set by ASP in accordance with this Rulebook.
- 67.03 Payment of the **License** Fee for all Events governed by this Chapter is to be made pursuant to Articles 26.04 – 26.06 of this Rulebook unless specifically referred to in the respective License Agreement.

Article 68: Prize Money

- 68.01 Regional Events on the Longboard Qualifying Series (LQS)
 - (a) Men are set at:
 - 1 Star US\$5,000
 - 2 Star US\$10,000
 - 3 Star US\$15,000
 - 4 Star US\$20,000
 - 5 Star US\$25,000
 - 6 Star US\$30,000
 - (b) Women are set at:
 - 1 Star US\$2,000
 - 2 Star US\$3,000
 - 3 Star US\$5,000
 - 4 Star US\$6,000
 - 5 Star US\$8,000
 - 6 Star US\$10,000
- 68.02 International Events on the World Longboard Tour (WLT)
 - (a) Men's Grade 1 Events are set at US\$50,000.00 minimum prize money.
 - (b) Men's Grade 2 Events are US\$75,000.00 minimum prize money.
 - (c) Men's Grade 3 Events are US\$100,000.00 minimum prize money.
 - (d) Women's Grade 1 Events are set at US\$30,000.00 minimum prize money.

Article 69: Scheduling

- 69.01 International WLT Grade 1 Events may run a minimum of 6 days.
- 69.02 International WLT Grade 2 & 3 Events may run a maximum of 10 days.
- 69.03 Regional Grade 1 to 6 Star Events will have the number of days set by the Regional Office.

Article 07: Ratings Points

- 70.01 Men's and Women's LQS Events are set in accordance with the Women's WQS points' allocations in Appendix E to this Rulebook.
- 70.02 Men's WLT ratings points are based on the following and found in Appendix E of this Rulebook:
 - (a) Grade 1 Events a maximum 1000 points based on Women's 3 star WQS points breakdown;
 - (b) Grade 2 Events a maximum 1500 points based on Women's 4 Star WQS points breakdown; and
 - (c) Grade 3 Events a maximum 2000 points based on Women's 5 Star WQS points breakdown.
- 70.03 Women's WLT ratings points are based on Women's 2 star WQS points breakdown and can be found in Appendix E of this Rulebook

Article 71: Qualification for the Following Year

- 71.01 For Qualification to the following year's men's and women's WLT, the Surfer must accumulate enough points to place them in **the top 16 of the applicable Surfers**.
- 71.02 Final ratings are to be decided by all of the **licensed** Events of the WLT minus the relevant throw aways as below:
- (a) Up to 3 Events prior to the final Event, all results count,
 - (b) From 4 to 7 Events, one throw away.
 - (c) From 8 to 11 Events, 2 throw aways
 - (d) More than 12 Events, 3 throw aways.

Article 72: Event Formats

- 72.01 For LQS Events four (4) man heats is the only format to be used unless time is available for one-on-one heats. If a one-on-one format is used then the point's allocation is for one-on-one places also.
- 72.02 For WLT Events the **Men's 32 one-on-one format** is to be used.

Article 73: Entry Rules

- 73.01 Regional Grade LQS 1 to 6 Star Events are open with 16 seeds in the final 32 round consisting of the Top 14 from the prior years ratings and 2 Event selected wild cards. All other rounds will have 32 Surfers with 16 seeds per round based on last years' ratings.
- 73.02 Positions reserved for Internationals as follows: In a 32 format 1, 48 format 2, 96 format 3 up to a minimum of 6 for larger 128 format Events and above.**
- 73.03 Men's International WLT Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 Events will have the current rated Regional Champion and one other (at the Region's discretion) from each of the 7 ASP Regions, previous years Top 16 and two Event/sponsor wildcards. All unused seeds including Regional champions go to the next in line from the previous years WLT final ratings.**
- 73.04 Women's International WLT Event format is the same as the Men's in **70.03** above however invites are based on other LQS Events, past WLT Event place getters and wild cards. These may change from year to year depending on the number of LQS Events.

Article 74: LQS Seeding and Heat Format

- 74.01 Seeding for all LQS Events will be as follows:
- (a) Top 14 from previous year's WLT ratings + 2 Wild Cards are seeded into the last round (R32).
 - (b) Next 14 from previous year's WLT ratings + LQS Champion and LQS Runner-up of the Region where the Event is taking place, if they are not yet seeded, otherwise the slot to be filled by ASP Regional Office at their discretion (R48).
 - (c) Next 16 from the WLT previous ratings to be seeded into the third last seeded round (R64)
 - (d) Next 4 from the WLT previous ratings plus 6 Regional Champions and runner ups from the remaining ASP Regions, with balance of unused positions up to the **Licensing** ASP Regional office at their discretion. (R80).
 - (e) All other rounds or vacancies in above rounds are to be filled by the **Licensing** Regional office at their discretion.
- 74.02 All LQS Events shall consist of an unlimited number of entries depending on available time.

Article 75: Membership Fees

- 75.01 Membership fees from the Top 16 seeds are payable to ASP.
- 75.02 Membership fees of US\$125 for men and US\$75 for women must be paid to the applicable ASP Regional Office before competing.
- 75.03 Longboard membership may not be compulsory in some Regions but to

receive rating points from an Event these fees must be paid and their membership registered before competing with the ASP Regional Office or Representative at the Event site.

Article 76: Entries

- 76.01 Entry fees are set at US\$125 maximum for men and US\$75 for women.
- 76.02 In all WLT Regional Events the Top 30 seeds entry fees are payable to the applicable ASP Regional office **licensing** the Event.

Article 77: Board Requirements

- 77.01 Length is minimum 9 feet measured from the nose to tail on the deck of the surfboard. Width dimensions to total minimum 47 inches aggregate. This is the total of the widest point, plus the width 12 inches up from the tail and the width 12 inches back from the nose.
- 77.02 Traditional long board Malibu shape to be used with use of multiple fins and channels allowed.

Article 78: Injury Rating Compensation

Any application for Injury Compensation should be made in writing to the relevant ASP Office within 21 days from the date it is known by the Surfer that they cannot compete due to the Injury. The ASP Office will determine the correct action to be taken. Appeals of decisions relating to this decision should be made to the Rules and Disciplinary Judge.

Article 79: Missing Heats / Non-Attendance / Failure to Compete

For WLT Events, refer to the respective World Tour Articles of this Rulebook in Chapter 1. For LQS Events, refer to the respective WQS Articles of this Rulebook in Chapter 2.

Article 80: Media Obligations

For WLT Events, the winner must perform up to 30 minutes of various media obligations on behalf of ASP within 24 hours of winning the Event. Any other Surfers of a WLT or LQS Event will cooperate and participate in reasonable media associated based requests by ASP.

CHAPTER 5: JUNIOR TOUR RULES

Article 81: Licensing

An Event is not ASP **Licensed** without fully executing an ASP Event License Agreement and complying with all obligations required by ASP with the purpose of **licensing** the Event as an ASP Event.

Article 82: Age

- 82.01 In order for a surfer to compete in this series they must be maximum 19 years old as of December 31st of the prior year to the tour. (i.e. they cannot turn 21 during the tour year).
- 82.02 When the WJC is held in January, the junior Surfers of the previous year will be eligible to compete in that final junior Event only.

Article 83: Insurance

Every Surfer men or women must be covered by the ASP insurance policy if applicable.

Article 84: Emerging Nations Policy

ASP's Emerging Nations Policy is based on identifying junior talent emerging from nations that do not have direct access to Regional Qualifying Events in their Region or who live geographically outside an existing Region.

Article 85: Membership and Entry

All Surfers wishing to enter and compete in the Regional Qualifying Series must be a member of the ASP Regional Office that represents the Region in which they are domiciled.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Article 86: World Championship Prize Money

- 86.01 The Men must have a minimum Prizemoney pool of US\$50,000 available.
- 86.02 The Women must have a minimum Prizemoney pool of US\$14,000 available.

Article 87: World Championship Seed Selection

- 87.01 The one-off World Championship Event will consist of 48 men and 18 women Surfers using the World Tour formats.
- 87.02 For the Men, there will be 5 Regional representatives from each Region plus one extra for the top 4 Regions based on the results of each Regions top 4 finishers from the previous year WJC.
- 87.03 Selection is Top 3 or 4 from each of the 7 ASP Regional Series and two slots for the highest ranked WQS junior Surfer from each Region.
- 87.04 3 Positions to be allocated to Surfers from Emerging Nations that have been unable to access Regional Series Qualification Events. This selection will be in accordance with the ASP Emerging Nations Policy in accordance with Article 84 of this Chapter and at the ASP's absolute unfettered discretion.
- 87.05 Three Sponsor's Wild Cards.
- 87.06 Three ASP Wild Cards.
- 87.07 In the case of no-shows, positions to revert back to the most successful Surfers from the Trials. In case of no Trials the opportunity to fill these positions goes back to the Event Licensee.
- 87.08 For the Women there will be 2 Regional representatives from each Region plus two sponsor and two ASP Int'l wild cards.

Article 88: Winner's Seeding into WQS Events for the following year

- 88.01 The Men's World Junior Championship winner and runner up are guaranteed in 1-6 Star WQS Events a seeding in the second last seeded round unless their WQS seeding places them higher, except in the final end of year Hawaiian Events where their current WQS seeding will decide which round they compete in. They are however guaranteed entry to these Events.
- 88.02 If the two junior seeds are already seeded into the last or second last round and do not need their seeding, the equal thirds from the previous years WJC will replace them. If only one spot is available then the equal thirds will be broken by their previous years WQS rating
- 88.03 The most recent Women's World Junior Champion will be guaranteed a seed into the second last seeded round of all women's WQS Events unless her seeding would normally be higher. If she is already seeded into that round and does not need the seeding the runner up from the previous years WJC can take that spot.

REGIONAL JUNIOR EVENTS

Article 89: Licensing

- 89.01 An Event is not considered **licensed** without an Event License Agreement between the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office and the Event's organisers/promoters being executed.
- 89.02 Payment of the **License** Fee for all Events governed by this Chapter is to be made pursuant to Articles 26.04 – 26.06 of this Rulebook unless specifically referred to in the respective License Agreement.

Article 90: Regional Junior Events Prize Money and Points

- 90.01 Men
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| Grade 1 | US\$5,000 |
| Grade 2 | US\$10,000 |
| Grade 3 | US\$15,000 |
| Grade 4 | US\$20,000 |
| Grade 5 | US\$25,000 |
- 90.02 Women
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| Grade 1 | US\$2,500 |
| Grade 2 | US\$5,000 |
| Grade 3 | US\$7,500 |
| Grade 4 | US\$10,000 |
- 90.03 Points
- All Surfers will be awarded the points relevant to their position as indicated in the table in Appendix F.

Article 91: Regional Junior Event Seeds

- 91.01 Criteria for entering Regional ASP Junior Events:
- 2 Event sponsor Wild Cards.
 - Positions reserved for international surfers as follows: In a 32 format 1, 48 format 2, 96 format 3 up to a minimum of 6 for larger 128 format Events and above.
 - ASP Regional surfers to be submitted in rating order.
 - As of 30 days prior to the Event Start Date, unused seeds revert back to the **Licensing** ASP Regional Office where the Event is held.
 - Regional surfers as seeded the same as WQS Men (prior year's ratings).
 - International surfers are placed in first rounds using WJC results if needed.
 - International surfers will be placed on local Regional ratings but will not qualify through the Region for the WJC, but acquire seeding points for the following year if they choose to travel and compete in that Region again.

CHAPTER 6: MASTERS TOUR RULES

Article 92: Licensing

- 92.01 An Event will only be **licensed** by ASP as a Masters Event upon full execution of an Event License Agreement and the Licensee obligations have been complied with in relation to this Rulebook and any other conditions are met as requested from time to time by ASP.
- 92.02 Payment of the **License** Fee for all Events governed by this Chapter is to be made pursuant to Articles 26.04 - 26.06 of this Rulebook unless specifically referred to in the respective License Agreement.

Article 93: Age

In order for a surfer to compete they must be within the applicable age groups allowing them to be seeded in accordance with Article 95 below as of the Event Start Date.

Article 94: Prize Money

One-off World Championship must have minimum prize money pool of US\$100,000.

Article 95: Seed Selection

- 95.01 The one-off World Championship Event will consist of **40** Surfers broken into two age divisions, one from **36-49** years and the other 50 years and over.
- 95.02 Selection is 2 wild cards (one **36-49** years, the other 50+ years) and 30 (**twenty-three 36-49 years** and fifteen 50+ years) as selected from the IPS/ASP ratings and pre-1976 selected Event results selected with the absolute discretion of ASP.
- 95.03 Wild cards are selected by the Event unless the defending champion is not included in Rule 92.02. If this is the case then they must be given a wild card.

Article 96: Format

The format will be a round robin (number of rounds to be decided due to site of Event) with the two age-divisions' top 8 competing after the round robin in a final's format until a one-on-one final is decided and the winners are declared champion of their respective division.

Article 97: Scheduling

A Masters Event can be held at any time during the year but dates will be at the absolute discretion of ASP as World Tour Events may be given priority for particular dates during the year.

Article 98: Invitation of Surfers

Surfers accepting an invitation from ASP to enter a Masters Event must complete all necessary forms and formalities as requested by ASP before competing.

CHAPTER 7: COMPETITION RULES

Article 99: Application of Competition Rules

The articles in this Chapter are applicable to all ASP Licensed Events unless specifically stated otherwise in this Chapter or a Rule directly conflicts with these Rules, in which case, the conflicting Rule in its respective Chapter will apply. For an explanation of any jargon, terms or phrases, refer to Appendix H.

Article 100: Heat Times

100.01 For heat times of all ASP Events, please refer to article 33.05 and 33.06.

100.02 Variations to heat times in both World Tour and WQS Events may be allowed in cases where there may be insufficient time to finish an Event. ASP Tour Representative, Contest Director and ASP Head Judge will decide this at the relevant time.

100.03 Under no circumstance will there be any time extensions once a heat has entered the water. If a heat is interrupted for any reason it will be stopped by the ASP Head Judge and will be resumed with all surfers in as near as possible the same position at the time it was stopped and will run for the remainder of the originally set period. If in a priority situation whoever had priority when the heat was stopped retains priority.

EXCEPTION : If the ASP Head Judge in consultation with those also qualified chosen in the Head Judge's absolute discretion feel no Surfer had a definite advantage at the time of cancellation or altered conditions make it impossible for the judges to keep the same scale, the entire heat **may** be re-run. Also, if the **10 minute** mark of any heat is reached and no one has caught a wave then the heat may be cancelled and re-run. **The Head Judge will have absolute discretion in terms of restarting a heat taking into account all conditions at the time and not restricted to surf conditions.**

100.04 If the Beach Marshall tells Surfers in a heat the wrong heat time then the following shall occur:

(a) If actual heat time is shorter then a restart at a later time for the remaining time period as told by the Beach Marshall will occur with all Surfers starting from the line-up.

(b) If actual heat time is longer than told by the Beach Marshall the heat will run through to the end of the actual set time by the judging panel.

100.05 If discretion is provided regarding heat times in Article 100.02 above, the Contest Director to check with ASP Head Judge for recommendation on heat times.

100.06 The Contest Director is the only person who can give the exact schedule of Events, however information provided on the Contest Directors official notice board by them or by the Beach Marshall will be considered official. If any other employee of the Event or ASP is asked, and wrong information is received, subsequently missing a heat or some other problem, then the Surfer has no form of protest. If the Contest Director gives wrong information and a Surfer subsequently misses a heat, then a re-surf must occur. The Contest Director may also at their discretion hold a Surfer's heat at an unscheduled time if they feel the surfer has a legitimate excuse to warrant such an action.

100.07 The Contest Director must have an official notice board where the daily schedule is posted for all the Surfers to see. This schedule cannot be extended once it is posted and must be posted by midday, at the latest of each day.

100.08 The ASP Head Judge will do official timing of all heats.

100.09 Wave pool heat lengths will be determined by the number of set waves that come in a given period of time.

- 100.10 Competition cannot begin before 7am or an hour after daylight whichever the later.

Article 101: Heat Start & Finish

- 101.01 All Surfers start heats from a marshalling area in the line-up. A surfer may optionally start from the beach without any paddling time. The Marshalling Area will be determined in consultation between the Contest Director, ASP Tour Manager and Head Judge.
- 101.02 A 5-minute visual warning as in 98.04 below and PA warning is to be given prior to the finish of the heat.
- 101.03 Siren or horn blasts must be used to start and finish heats with one blast to start two blasts to finish.
- 101.04 For the Priority and Timing Disc System, a large disc system, at least 750mm square, must also be used with a green side to indicate the heat has started (visual warning) and a yellow or orange (orange for those Events wishing to use yellow as a vest colour) to indicate to the Surfers there is less than last five minutes left in the heat.
- 101.05 The commentator must give a 5-second countdown at the end of each heat and when the countdown reaches zero the heat must end immediately as per 98.03 above.
- 101.06 The first of the two sirens for the end of a heat must blow immediately when the commentator reaches zero. The end of the heat is immediately before the start of the first siren.
- 101.07 The disc must be in the neutral position with no colour showing once the commentator reaches zero in the countdown.
- 101.08 At the end of the heat, surfers must return to the beach in a prone position. An automatic misdemeanor is committed at the Head Judges discretion if a Surfer rides a wave during the next heat. In addition any surfer who remains in the Competition Area during the next heat and does not make every effort to return to the beach can also be disciplined in accordance with this Rulebook.
- 101.09 A surfer must not ride a wave in the contest area prior to the start of their heat or the wave will not be scored and a fine per wave will be imposed. If in a one-on-one situation, their opponent will automatically gain first priority unless on official hold.
- 101.10 At the end of and during the heat the surfer must be clearly in possession of the wave on the wave face, making a movement to stand, their hands having left the rails (rail grabs excluded) for the wave to be scored. No waves are to be scored by the judging panel if a surfer's hands have left the rails by the time the siren first starts at the beginning of the heat or if, by the time the first of the two sirens starts for the end of the heat, the surfer's hands haven't left the rails.
- 101.11 No automatic starts will be allowed. If the Contest Director wishes to use the minimum time delay between heats, of 10 seconds, they must provide a marshalling area in the water outside of the line up.
- 101.12 Time delay between heats once a heat has paddled out, must be no more than 2 minutes unless due to some unforeseen circumstance.
- 101.13 For a contest to proceed, the waves must be considered contestable in size and shape in the opinion of the majority of the ASP Surfer Representative, ASP Head Judge and Contest Director. This decision is to take place at the Judge's Tower in a secure area as soon as practicable with only the three parties mentioned above involved. The Surfers Representative is to be determined by the WPS Representative for Men's World Tour Events or the Women's Surfing Association's Representative for Women's World Tour Events if they are not available or his heat is involved in the call. For other ASP Tours, the majority of the Surfers available will decide on a nominated Surfer Representative. For a combined Event, the Contest Director and Head Judge will meet with the Women's Surfer Representative before meeting with the Men's

Surfer Representative unless the Surfer Representative forfeits the voting process by directly communicating with the other two parties, then the Contest Director will make the call.

- 101.14 At five minutes before the start of competition surfers will be warned that they must leave the Competition Area. At the one minute, warning anyone still in the Competition Area who is not making a concerted effort to paddle in will be fined US\$250.

Article 102: Heat Interruptions

- 102.01 In the Event of any heat having to be stopped by extreme danger potential as decided by a majority of the Contest Director, the ASP Head Judge and Surfer Representative, the following procedures are to be adopted:
- (a) Head judge to stop heat and start continuous horn blasts and moving of timing disc to off position.
 - (b) If available, communicate with jet skis to remove Surfers from the Competition Area to safety in accordance with the ASP PWC Policy and Chapter 9 of this Rulebook.
 - (c) When it is determined by the same people that stopped the heat that conditions are again safe, the heat will restart with the time left from when the heat was cancelled unless the Head Judge deems that neither surfer had a definite advantage. In this case the heat will restart for the full time period.
- 102.02 If a Surfer feels they are in danger due to shark or similar creature attack and they leave the water the head judge must stop the heat and use the above procedure to warn fellow heat Surfers even if the head judge can't see the danger.

Article 103: Wave Counts

- 103.01 In all WQS point/reef break/beach break conditions, heats, finals and World Tour heats the maximum number of waves will be 15.
- 103.02 In special conditions the ASP Head Judge in conjunction with the ASP Tour Manager and a Surfer Representative may define the maximum number of waves that can be ridden by the Surfers. For this Rule to apply, all competing Surfers must have been told of this Rule change before their heat starts.
- 103.03 An attempt will be made to inform the Surfer at the completion of their maximum number of rides. If more than the maximum number of waves is ridden within this time limit, the surfer shall be penalized for every extra wave.

Article 104: Wave Tabulation

- 104.01 3 or 4-man heats: To decide a winner in WQS Events using 4-man or 3-man heats the best counting waves on each judge's sheet, which must be in duplicate if not using the computer, are tabulated and places then given on each judge's sheet. The places are then transposed to a master sheet with all judges' places. The high and low judge for each surfer is crossed off and the two remaining places added. The lowest total is first, next lowest second, etc. Where the ASP computer tabulation system is available, which is at all WQS rated Events, the same method of tabulation used in World Tour Events will be adopted. See Article 104.02 below
- 104.02 Heat tabulation for the World Tour and all other ASP Tours that are not mentioned above in this Article is different in that the high and low judges' scores are eliminated for each wave with the remaining three judges scores totaled then divided by 3 to give an average score out of 10, to 2 decimal places. At the end of the heat a surfers best counting waves, as set by the conditions, are totalled for their end tally. The surfer with the highest score is the winner.

Article 105: Ties

- 105.01 Computer Judged heats should have ties split by counting back the best 4, 3 or 2 wave scores less their worst wave score.
- 105.02 In a 4-man heat, where the computer is not used, a general judging consensus using plus/minus system on the judging master sheet must break ties. In the case of a three way tie the plus and minus system is used to decide the best two surfers, then used again to split those two surfers. If the tie still cannot be broken, the tabulator goes back to the best 3 of 4, 2 of 3, or 1 of 2 waves on the tied sheet only.
- 105.03 Count backs on tied sheets are to go to the best 3 waves, then the best 2 waves, then the best wave, until the tie is broken. In the Event that the tie cannot be broken in this manner, the tabulator would then count the best 3/4/5/6 waves etc... up until the tie is broken.
- 105.04 Only unbreakable ties will be re-surfed unless, in the opinion of the Head Judge, all surfers or the remaining surfers in the heat deliberately did not catch a wave. Advancing procedure to the next round will go as per higher seeding.
- 105.05 Where a tie occurs and a surfer has an interference penalty this surfer has already had one or more waves deducted so any count backs will result in this surfer winning, as they would be deducting a zero score.

Article 106: Protests

- 106.01 A judging scoring decision once made is irrevocable no matter what proof is available to show otherwise unless the Head judge feels that the majority of the judging panel did not see the situation or wave completely. In this case, at the Head Judge's discretion, a video of choice can be used to re-evaluate a situation or wave. A decision once made by the judges or officials has no form of protest other than with the ASP Head Judge or the ASP Board of Directors. No other judges are to be approached over any calls or a penalty will be imposed on the offending surfer.
- 106.02 The process for lodging a protest with the ASP Head Judge is as follows.
 - (a) Fill out a protest sheet available from the Beach Marshal.
 - (b) Return the completed sheet to the Beach Marshal.
 - (c) The Beach Marshal will pass on the protest to the ASP Head Judge who will talk to the surfer at the end of the day for 30 minutes maximum, following the judge's discussion of the protest.

Article 107: Announcements

- 107.01 Announcers must understand the basic rules and criteria and can never announce approaching sets.
- 107.02 The Head Judge has the right to over ride sound blackouts while television crews etc are doing interviews and can tell the commentators to make timing and situation calls during their interviews. It is imperative that Events provide interview areas in low sound locations or for beach interviews the TV crews do them away from speakers. Communication with the Surfers in the water and compliance with this Rulebook always has priority.
- 107.03 Heat results for the World Tour Events will be announced as win/loss points ratio, (e.g. 24.6 – 20.75 etc). During the heat the announcer should not announce the Surfers scores or standard of ride until all the judges' scores are entered into the system.
- 107.04 In all heats and finals computer scores must be given throughout the entire heat.
- 107.05 If the commentator gives a score and it is wrong due to either judges entering an incorrect score or the commentator giving the wrong score, the surfers will have no form of protest.
- 107.06 If any surfer requires information from the water during a heat they must

use hand signals as described below:

- (a) Time remaining is one hand touching another above the head.
- (b) Priority is both arms above the head.
- (c) Wave count is one arm outwards horizontal to the water.
- (d) Scores: (Last score, heat score, score needed to win, etc) is both arms out horizontal to the water.
- (e) If you hear and understand any of the above please acknowledge by waving one arm.

Article 108: Surfer Caddies

- 108.01 Beach caddies (one per surfer maximum) may enter the water once a board is lost or broken unless in surf conditions where water caddies are being allowed.
- 108.02 Water caddies may enter the water in a defined marshalling area if the ASP Head Judge along with the Contest Director deems fit.
- 108.03 If the caddy rides a wave the surfer who they are caddying for will be fined per wave and if they interfere with the other surfers in any way, in the opinion of the judging panel, interference will also be levied on the surfer for whom they are caddying.
- 108.04 All caddies are subject to the same rules as that of the surfer they represent and they must wear a coloured vest supplied by the Event, available at the beach marshal area.
- 108.05 Surfers may only use replacement surfboards carried by their own caddy once their heat has started. Any use of outside craft, (e.g. inflatable boats, water patrols' boards or jet skis, photographers' craft or previous or current heat Surfers' or other caddies boards) will be deemed an interference if the surfer, after using one of them, re-enters the Competition Area and rides an extra wave, or interferes with any other Surfer by paddling or positioning.
EXCEPTION to this Rule is if the water patrol feels that the surfer is in a life-threatening situation or PWC assist is implemented. In this case the water patrol may remove the surfer from the impact zone and place the surfer in a safe place, no closer to the line up, from where the surfer may continue their heat.
- 108.06 Caddies that have passed on their board to the Surfer they are caddying for can obtain use of the Surfers PWC, if being used and available, to transport them to the lost surfboard or the beach. If they are taken to the lost surfboard they can transport back to the marshalling area, however if they are transported to the beach they must paddle back to the defined marshalling area for caddies.
- 108.07 If a Surfer has elected to have no caddy then they must return to the beach or boat holding their extra surfboards to make the changeover. No one else may paddle one to them as they elected to not have a caddy.
- 108.08 At World Tour Women's Tournaments a surfer can caddy for more than one Surfer at the same time. All other Caddies Rules will apply.
- 108.09 Surfers must make their own way back to the line up under their own power, without assistance in any way other than pursuant to Article 108.05 above.

Article 109: Failure to Compete

In the Event Surfers refuse to compete, even though the majority of the head judge, contest director and Surfer Representative has agreed competition will continue, a penalty will be issued to all Surfers that fail to compete. If no Surfers compete then the highest seed will advance. The heat is to run as scheduled with or without the Surfers in the water.

Article 110: Gambling/Collusion

- 110.01 No Surfer may gamble, bet or offer odds or collude or authorise the same on an outcome relating to an ASP **licensed** Event in which that

Surfer is involved. The Surfer will receive immediate Disciplinary Action in accordance with Chapter 11 of this Rulebook.

- 110.02 Any World Tour Surfers found colluding to fix heats will lose all applicable points and prize money for that Event plus a US\$5,000 fine with the possibility of further disciplinary action including possible suspension.

Article 111: Competition Attire

- 111.01 Under no circumstances can an Event sponsor force contestants to wear any shorts or wetsuits or any other as a condition of their entry into any licensed or **licensed** Event.
- 111.02 Surfers will wear the competition vest provided by sponsors from time of issuance until returned to the Beach Marshall at the completion of the heat, and if appropriate, during the awards presentation, or they will be fined.
- 111.03 The covering of the jersey by national flags, towels, etc is not allowed as it demeans the value of the sponsors.

Article 112: Additional Event Obligations

- 112.01 Events must adhere to the obligations as set out in the ASP Event License/**License** Agreement and Event Planner.
- 112.02 All functions, meetings, etc. are to be held near the contest site and at a reasonable time.
- 112.03 All Events must supply trophies for at least all finalists in each Event.
- 112.04 All Beach Marshals must be English speaking.
- 112.05 Event Areas
- (a) Surfers Areas are to be No Smoking and Alcohol Free during competition.
 - (b) No alcohol to be consumed in the Surfer's area or outside of the designated VIP bar area during competition.
 - (c) Official administration area of the contest to be no smoking.
 - (d) All Events must have well-secured sizeable Surfers' area for relaxation and storage, with a view of the contest area. Drinking water of at least 25 litres per day must be provided.
 - (e) The area will be available for Surfers and one guest (coaches, family/friends, etc). This may be separate or combined with the Surfer's area as long as the Surfers have somewhere secure and quiet to change and prepare for heats.
 - (f) No managers, coaches, family/friends, etc. will be allowed in the Surfer's preparation and storage area, and only in the official area if allowed by the contest. Surfers are held responsible for all guest's actions. Fines and penalties will be assessed as deemed fit.
 - (g) Events must make every reasonable effort to clear the contest area one hour before competition starts for use by Surfers only.
 - (h) Parking passes should be made available to at least the Top 16 men and Top 8 women from the current World Tour surfers and ASP touring crew. Any passes not taken up by the Top 16 or Top 8 will be made available to the next rated surfer
 - (i) The contest must provide adequate accommodation as decided at the ASP Board of Directors meeting (one person per room in accommodation near the Event site) for the selected approved judges, Computer Operator and the Tour Manager/ Representative for the duration of the Event. The ASP Tour Manager is to be directly involved in the selection and approval of accommodation for ASP travelling staff. If, after consultation with the contest, accommodation is not in compliance with ASP ruling in the judgment of the ASP Tour Manager, ASP staff will attempt to find adequate accommodation in accordance with the relevant ASP Event Planner, which will be

charged to the Event. Accommodation details including, hotel name, address, phone numbers, etc. must be provided to the ASP office at least one month prior to the Event start.

Article 113: Water Photographers

- 113.01 Maximum of two photographers in the line-up during a heat. The contest decides photographer priority with the exception of the official ASP photographer who has priority at all times.
- 113.02 Guidelines for water photographers are as follows.
- (a) Only ASP **licensed** water photographers will be allowed in the water at ASP licensed/**licensed** Events. This access is to be controlled by the ASP Head Judge and Contest Director.
 - (b) For still cameras only 135mm or longer lenses allowed.
 - (c) Video and motion picture must use the equivalent focal length lenses to 50mm or longer in 35mm format.
 - (d) Broadcast quality equipment only is allowed for video or motion picture cameras.
 - (e) Print publication editors shall submit circulation numbers with verification of their publications.
 - (f) Editors shall submit a list of their best water photographers for ASP approval. ASP will maintain a list, which will be updated on an annual basis or when a publication submits a new staff photographer for consideration.
 - (g) Required with submission is a resume detailing the nominated photographers experience and qualifications along with five published water shots by their nominated photographer using 135mm lens or longer.
 - (h) Video and film network or production companies must submit name and resume of cameraman with a 2-minute reel of cameraman's work with a long lens in the water.
 - (i) Prior to the start of the Event each morning, all **licensed** photographers should meet with the Contest Director to submit their requests for water time. The Contest Director following consultation with Head Judge regarding qualification of the photographers, will then assign heats.

Article 114: Event Cancellation Due to Force Majeure

If an Event is cancelled due to Force Majeure **and unless specified in the relevant ASP License Agreement**, the following Rules are applicable:

- 114.01 If the Event has not started:
- (a) All surfers that have paid an entry fee and are not guaranteed prize money will have their entry fee refunded.
 - (b) Seeded surfers who have paid an entry fee and are guaranteed prize money shall receive the minimum prize money, but their entry fee is non-refundable.
- 114.02 If the Event has started but not yet reached the prize money stage:
- (a) Surfers who have competed and lost receive no refund.
 - (b) Surfers who are still competing but not guaranteed prize money are refunded their entry fee.
 - (c) Seeded surfers who have paid an entry fee and are guaranteed prize money shall receive the minimum prize money, but their entry fee is non-refundable.
- 114.03 If a prize money round is not completed:
- (a) Advancing surfers shall receive points applicable to the last non-advancing place in the uncompleted round. Prize money, however, shall be applicable to the following round.
 - (b) Non-advancing surfers who have already lost shall receive points and prize money applicable to that round.

- (c) Non-advancing surfers who have not competed shall receive points for the last non-advancing place in the uncompleted round and share the money from that round still available.
 - (d) The balance of the prize money is shared between all those surfers still in the Event.
- 114.04 If the Event is cancelled after a prize money round is completed, all surfers still in the Event receive points for the minimum placing in that round they advanced to and share equally the remaining prize money.

Article 115: Time Extensions To Events

115.01 Extensions to any Event will only be allowed if approved by ASP and the majority of surfers still in the competition. The Event must be responsible for paying all the surfers' reasonable costs as a result of extending the time period. Surfer(s) unable to remain will receive points and prize money equivalent to the round they have reached. This extension request is to be made in writing to ASP.

115.02 If an event changes and/or cancels its dates within 60 days of the original scheduled dates, then the event will be responsible to cover all costs incurred and which are unavoidable of the competitors and officials the re-scheduling or cancellation fees of each of their flights and accommodation including but not limited to reasonable ASP costs.

Article 116: Death/Disablement

Should death or disablement occur to any Event Surfer the procedure for situation management and finalization of the Event is as outlined in the ASP Event Planner.

Article 117: Miscellaneous

- 117.01 Wave pool Events can only be rated as "Specialty" Events unless the quality is acceptable to the ASP Surfer Representatives.
- 117.02 Life Members do not pay any annual membership fee but must pay any applicable entry fees.
- 117.03 Events and surfers be encouraged to develop environmental awareness and pursue environmental initiatives.
- 117.04 A 4-surfer heat must be at least 50% of the surfers in the heat unless it is a repechage heat where 50% or more have already previously advanced.

CHAPTER 8: INTERFERENCE & PRIORITY RULES

Article 118: Application of Interference and Priority Rules

The Articles in this Chapter are applicable to all ASP **Licensed** Events unless specifically stated otherwise in this Chapter or a Rule directly conflicts with these Rules, in which case, the conflicting Rule in its respective Chapter will apply. For an explanation of any jargon, terms or phrases, refer to Appendix H.

Article 119: Interference Rules

- 119.01 The surfer deemed to have the inside position for a wave has unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that Ride. Interference will be called if during that Ride a majority of judges feel that a competing Surfer has hindered the scoring potential of the surfer deemed to have right of way for the wave.
- 119.02 Anyone who stands up in front of a surfer with right of way has the chance to Ride or kick out of the wave without being called interference, unless they hinder the scoring potential of the surfer with right of way by any means. These include excessive hassling, leg rope pulling or breaking down a section.
- 119.03 A surfer who remains in the water after their maximum number of waves will be penalized for interference if:
- (a) A surfer Rides any extra waves that obviously deprive another Surfer of a Ride.
 - (b) A surfer interferes with any other Surfer by paddling, positioning or some other reason.

Article 120: Right of Way in 4-man, 3-man and Non-Priority one-one Situations

- 120.01 Wave possession or right of way in these situations will vary slightly under the following categories as determined by the nature of the contest venue. Basically it is the responsibility of the judge to determine which surfer has the inside position based on whether the wave is a superior right or left, but never on which surfer is first to their feet. *EXCEPTION:* see Article 120.04(a). If at the initial point of take-off neither the right nor left can be deemed superior, then the right of way will go to the first surfer who makes a definite turn in their chosen direction as determined by the Head Judge.
- 120.02 Point Break**
When there is only one available direction on any given wave, the surfer on the inside shall have unconditional right of way for the entire duration of that wave.
- 120.03 Reef or Beach Break – One Peak Situation**
If there is a single well defined peak with both a left and a right available, at the initial point of take-off and neither the right or left can be deemed superior then the right of way will go to the first surfer who makes a definite turn in their chosen direction (by making an obvious right or left turn). A second surfer may go in the opposite direction on the same wave without incurring a penalty, providing they do not interfere with the first surfer who has established right of way (i.e. they may not cross the path of the first surfer in order to gain the opposite side of the peak unless, in the majority of judges opinion, they do so without hindering the inside surfer).
- 120.04 Reef or Beach Break – Multiple Peak Situations**
With multiple random peaks wave possession may vary slightly according to the nature of an individual wave.
- (a) With two peaks, there will be cases where one swell will have two

separate, defined peaks far apart that Eventually meet at some point. Although two surfers may each have inside position on those respective peaks, the surfer who is first to their feet shall be deemed to have wave possession and the second surfer must give way by cutting back or kicking out before hindering the right of way surfer.

- (b) If two surfers stand at the same time on two separate peaks that Eventually meet, then:
 - (i) If they both give way by cutting back or kicking out, so that neither is hindered, there will be no penalty.
 - (ii) If they collide or hinder one another, a Surfer will be penalized by the judges if either or both indicate aggression at the point of hindrance.
 - (iii) If neither surfer gives way by exiting the Ride and both share responsibility for the confrontation, then a double interference will be called. Both Surfers will score a zero for that wave, and each of their second scoring waves are halved.

Article 121: Right of way in priority One-on-one situations

- 121.01** In a one-on-one heat, the priority disc will determine which Surfer has priority at that time. The Surfer with priority has the unconditional right of way and can paddle for and Ride any wave they select. The opponent can paddle for and Ride the same wave in any direction and be scored providing they do not hinder the scoring potential of the Ride for the Surfer with priority.
- 121.02** If a Surfer without priority does not comply with Article 121.01, a priority interference penalty will be called against them.
- 121.03** If they incur an interference penalty they will also lose priority.

Article 122: The Right of Way Criteria.

The choice of right-of-way criteria for each of the above possible situations is the responsibility of the ASP Head Judge or the senior available touring ASP judge in that order.

Article 123: Priority Rules

- 123.01** Priority rules are mandatory in all one-on-one heats.
- 123.02** The Head Judge will make any Priority decisions using coloured discs corresponding to the surfer's competition vest colours in the water to indicate priority and may consult the judging panel for close calls.
- 123.03** Priority discs must be located on one end of the judging booths.
- 123.04** A buoy, where applicable (as decided by the Contest Director, ASP Head Judge and Surfer Representative), will be placed just outside the surfing break, which surfers use by paddling around to gain priority.
- 123.05** Wave priority is lost as soon as surfer Rides a wave, or paddles for a wave and misses the wave.
- 123.06** At the start of a heat once the first wave has been ridden, the second surfer gets automatic priority for any other wave they choose, unless the surfer Rides the wave before the heat starts. If this happens then that wave will not count and the remaining surfer will get automatic first priority. The Head Judge will indicate wave priority by displaying a coloured disc, which corresponds to the surfer's competition vest. If no surfer has wave priority, no discs are shown and the normal interference rule will determine right of way.
- 123.07** A surfer cannot lose second priority by paddling for, and missing a wave but if the surfer catches the wave and their hands leave the rails, as they attempt to stand, they lose second priority.
- 123.08** If a surfer inside has second priority and their opponent paddles for, but misses a wave, the inside surfer automatically assumes first priority.

Therefore, if they also paddle for, but miss the wave, then they have also lost priority. That is, both surfers have then lost priority even though only one wave has passed and there was not sufficient time to change the priority disc.

- 123.09 The surfer who has priority will also not be allowed to paddle in front of the other surfer to deliberately impede them from catching a wave or they will lose priority. The surfer will also lose priority if in the opinion of the Head Judge they place themselves in the take off zone to prevent the other surfer from catching that wave.
- 123.10 Priority interference may be called individually by the Head Judge only if the majority (3 of 5) of the judging panel do not see the incident.
- 123.11 Allocation is based on who the Head Judge believes has reached the primary take off zone first. In cases where both surfers appear to reach the line-up at the same time, priority will go to the surfer who did not have the last priority. Under priority allocation it is the surfers responsibility to continually check the priority disc for verification. Under no circumstances must the priority rule be suspended in one-on-one heats.
- 123.12 If it is impossible to establish who has priority, no priority will be given unless the surfers in the heat, when asked agree that only one has priority. If neither agrees, then no priority will be given and once the first wave from then on has been ridden, the second surfer will get automatic priority for any other wave they choose.
- 123.13 When there is no priority the interference rule shall determine wave possession. Both surfers may Ride the wave in opposite directions provided they do not interfere with each other.
- 123.14 In all cases where a dispute results from a malfunction of the priority system, the ASP Head Judge, Contest Director and Surfer's Rep will arbitrate.
- 123.15 Where the Dual-Heat Format is being used, priority for the heat that enters the water during change-over time will be with the Surfer that did not take the last counting wave. If there were no counting waves to determine this, then no priority is awarded.**

Article 124: Snaking

- 124.01 The surfer who is farthest inside at the initial point of take-off and has established wave possession is entitled to that wave for the duration of their Ride, even though another surfer may subsequently take off behind them. The judges will not penalize the surfer because they have right of way even though they are in front.
- 124.02 If the second surfer has not hindered the original surfer with right of way, then the judges may choose not to penalize them and will score both surfers' Rides.
- 124.03 If in the opinion of the judges, the second surfer has interfered with (snaked) the original surfer with right of way, by causing them to pull out or lose the wave, then interference may be called on the second surfer, even though they were behind the first when the penalty was called.
- 124.04 The above situations apply only to multiple surfer heats or one-on-one in non-priority situations. In one-on-one it remains as one person, one wave, if a surfer has priority. Refer to Article 121.02 for clarification.

Article 125: Paddling Interference

- 125.01 In 4-people heats or non-priority one-on-one situation another surfer paddling for the same wave should not excessively hinder a surfer who has inside position.
- 125.02 Paddling interference may be called if:
- (a) The offending surfer makes contact with or forces the inside surfer to change their line while paddling to catch the wave causing possible loss of scoring potential.

- (b) The offending surfer obviously causes a section to break down in front of the inside surfer which would not normally have done so causing loss of scoring potential.
- 125.03 When a surfer is put in a position while paddling out that they cannot get out of the way and a collision happens due to this, it is up to a majority of the judges to call interference based on whether it is felt to be accidental or not.

Article 126: Interference Penalty

- 126.01 For priority situations, if a majority of judges call interference, then that wave will count in the final tally as a zero score. This applies to a riding interference or a paddling interference, where the surfer catches that particular wave. In non-priority situations, the Surfer's second scoring wave will be halved.
- 126.02 For a straight paddling interference a loss of that scoring Ride applies where the surfer or surfers do not catch the wave.
- 126.03 If a surfer has less than the required minimum scoring Rides and receives an interference then they will be scored on one less wave, (i.e. if they have caught only three waves and the best four count, then only their best two will be scored).
- 126.04 3 of the 5 or 4 judges must call interference to be considered a majority.
- 126.05 Interference will be shown as a triangle, as described below, on each judge's scorecard with an arrow drawn to the Surfer's score who was interfered on.
- (a) The triangle placed around their score if caused by riding
- (b) The triangle placed above their score if they Ride a wave but cause interference while paddling for that wave ridden
- (c) The triangle placed between scores if caused by paddling for that Ride
- 126.06 In the case of a tie where one surfer has an interference marked against them any count back will result in them winning as they have already had one wave deducted.
- 126.07 Under 2 best waves the interfering surfer will be penalized with a loss of 50% of his second best scoring Ride in non-priority situations only. The wave that the interference was called on by the majority of the judges will count in the final tally as a zero. If this surfer incurs another interference penalty during the same heat his best wave score will be halved also. If the interfering surfer has only one other wave then that wave is halved (i.e. he counts his interfering wave as a zero and halves the other wave).
- 126.08 A Head Judge or Event Referee may be included, and in this case interference would be determined on three of five judging sheets.
- 126.09 Any interfering surfer must be penalized and once an interference decision is made, it is irrevocable. The Judges and/or ASP Tour Manager will not enter into any discussion over the interference call. All discussion must be directly with the ASP Head Judge, if he wishes to discuss the situation.
- 126.10 The Surfer who is interfered with will be allowed an additional wave beyond their wave maximum, within the prescribed time limit.
EXCEPTION : where a double interference could be called, neither surfer gets an extra wave. An extra wave or heat delay as decided by the ASP Head Judge at the time will also apply to interference from water photographers, water security personnel or other outside interference. Refer to Article 100.03.
- 126.11 Where any surfer incurs two or more interference penalties they must immediately leave the Competition Area. Failure to do so will result in a penalty in accordance with Chapter 11 of this Rulebook.

CHAPTER 9: PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (PWC) RULES:

Article 127: Use of PWC

World Tour and all WQS Events using a one on one heat format have the option to allow the use of Personal Water Craft assistance during an Event under the approved guidelines as decided by the ASP Technical Committee

Article 128: Guidelines for Personal Water Craft Use

- 128.01 Events insurance must cover PWC's in case of accidents to pilots, surfers and spectators.
- 128.02 PWC's will be allowed under the following conditions.
 - (a) Extreme surf conditions;
 - (b) Long paddle back to line-up;
 - (c) Safety reasons; and
 - (d) When the wake will not cause adverse damage to the waves.
- 128.03 Decision on the use of PWC's will be made by the Contest Director, ASP Head Judge and Surfer Representative. The majority of these three to decide.
- 128.04 Direction they are to use to get back to the line-up will be determined at the Event by the ASP Head Judge and pilot's team leader with the route causing the least wake in the line up.
- 128.05 Line-up drop off point will be preferably wide or outside of the takeoff zone with a buoy to mark the position. Maximum paddle time 30 seconds to take-off point.
- 128.06 The inside pick-up point is to be decided by the Head Judge on the day depending on surf conditions. Basically near the end of the wave or set zone within the Competition Area, the PWC's will sit in deep water and move in as the surfer exits a wave. If a Surfer fails to make the inside pick-up point, the PWC can't move up the line-up to get them. They must wait for the surfer to paddle to the inside pick-up position unless a Surfer's safety is at risk. If a pilot acts contrary to this Rule, they must be ordered against it by the ASP Head judge and the PWC Coordinator and if required, disciplined in accordance with this Rulebook.

Article 129: Qualified Pilots

ASP will supply the Events with a list of qualified PWC pilots in accordance with the ASP PWC Policy. There will be two lists of names.

- 129.01 The first list will comprise of a select group from which one must be selected and used as the Team Leader and decision maker. Contact ASP for this list.
- 129.02 The second list will comprise of all other authorized pilots from which the remainder of the pilots to be used must be chosen. CPR skills, tow in/out experience will be a must and any valid certificates must be shown prior to working at an Event
- 129.03 Events will be disciplined via this Rulebook and the License Agreement if this is not followed.

Article 130: Priority

The allocation of Priority when two riders are being transported at same time will be decided by the head judge after taking into account both pick-ups and drop-offs. PWCs cannot overtake each other at anytime when returning a Surfer to the line-up

Article 131: Head Judge Authority with respect to Personal Water Craft

- 131.01 The ASP Head Judge may place a heat on hold due to unforeseen circumstances. If a Surfer is injured by a PWC during the course of a heat the heat can be put on hold while the Surfer receives medical attention. Once the medical attention is completed the heat will be

- restarted with the remaining available time in the heat.
- 131.02 If the Head Judge feels that priority is affected by either the PWC pilots capacity or mechanical problems, priority will be allocated as the head judge deems fit.

Article 132: General

- 132.01 Where only one PWC is available, use of them will be suspended until such time both are back in use or until the Head Judge, consults with the ASP Tour Manager, Surfer Representative and Contest Director have decided that it is suitable to allow the one PWC to operate.
- 132.02 Two-way radio communication between all PWC pilots and Head Judge must be available at all times.
- 132.03 Caddies that have passed on their board to the Surfer they are caddying for can obtain use of the Surfers PWC, if being used and available, to transport them to the lost surfboard or the beach. If they are taken to the lost surfboard they can be transported back to the marshalling area, however if they are transported to the beach they must paddle back to the defined marshalling area for caddies.

Article 133: Selection of Judges

An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. Only the ASP Judges Committee will have the power to make appointments and substitutions for an Event. A Surfer's request for a standing down of a judge based on a claim they have a vested interest can be handled by the Chairman of the ASP Judges Committee. A person with vested interests is defined as a shareholder or Board of Director of a business enterprise, which sponsors or employs a surfer competing in that Event. No current ASP Surfer may judge for any ASP **Licensed** Event.

Article 134: Judging Panel Composition

- 134.01 WQS 1-3 Star Events shall have a 6-judge panel with 4 judges on per heat; WQS 4-6 Star Events shall have 7 judges with 5 judges on per heat including finals and the ASP Head Judge. These judges are to be approved by ASP with the World Tour touring judges and Head Judge having preference at all Events.
- 134.02 Women's WQS 4-6 star Events must have a minimum of 2 international judges approved by the ASP Head Judge.
- 134.03 Women's stand-alone World Tour and WQS Events judging panels to have 4 judges per heat.
- 134.04 Women's & Men's Combined Events require a 5 judge panel per heat.
- 134.05 The ASP Head Judge of each Event is to be responsible for assuring that a minimum of 5 ASP approved international judges serve on the panel for every heat of all ASP World Tour **licensed** Events. These 5 taken from a pool of 7 ASP travelling judges and 1 ASP Head Judge supplied to the Event by ASP.
- 134.06 In WQS Events Contest Directors must use ASP approved International Head Judge (IHJ), Regional Head Judge (RHJ), World Tour "A" or "Regional" grade judges, which are to be selected by the ASP Judging Committee with consultation from the Regional Head Judges. 1-4 Star WQS Events to utilize Regional panels.
- 134.07 Other non-rated judges can only be used in exceptional cases and only after ASP approval.
- 134.08 In 5-6 Star WQS & Super Series Events where the ASP International Head Judge is not in attendance the replacement Head Judge will be decided by the ASP Judges Committee.
- 134.09 At 5-6 Star WQS & Super Series Events, the number of judges from any one Regional area is limited to a maximum of 3.
- 134.10 At World Tour Events, the number of judges from any one Regional area is limited to 2.
- 134.11 In 1-4 Star Events if a World Tour "A" rated judge wishes to be placed on the panel at Regional payment rates they must be given priority.

Article 135: Split Panels

In exceptional circumstances where the chances of finishing an Event are in jeopardy, split 3 man panels may be used. If it is known ahead of time that split panels will be used due to excess entry numbers, then prior notice must be given to ASP for approval and only minimum 4 man panels will be allowed.

Article 136: Wave-Scoring Scale

The wave scoring will be done from 0.1 to 10.0 (ten), broken into one-tenth increments (e.g 7.3).

Article 137: Judging Criteria

A surfer must perform radical controlled manoeuvres in the critical sections of a wave with Speed, Power and Flow to maximize scoring

potential. Innovative/Progressive surfing as well as variety of repertoire (manoeuvres) will be taken into account when rewarding points for waves ridden. The surfer who executes these criteria with the maximum degree of difficulty and commitment on the waves shall be rewarded with the higher scores.

Article 138: Judging - General

- 138.01 Judges should be visually separated and it is the responsibility of the Head Judge to see that the judges do not discuss scores or interference calls.
- 138.02 Judges may not change their scores or interference calls either on the computer terminal or on the manual judging sheets. In the Event that a mistake has been made the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.
- 138.03 If a judge misses a wave, or part of a wave, they should place an "M" in the square of the manual judges sheet, contact the Head Judge immediately and have the wave included into their sheet by the Head Judge on the basis of comparison to the previous rides on other judge's sheets that the Head Judge deems appropriate.
- 138.04 At times, errors of a special nature occur with respect to judging. This includes but not limited to, priority and timing. The ASP Head Judge, along with the Contest Director and a Surfer Representative, with least vested interest, after consultation with the ASP Tour Manager, will rule on these special circumstances, case by case. At their discretion the ASP Head Judge, Contest Director, Surfer Representative and ASP Tour Manager may consult with those qualified observers (defined as off-duty judges, spotters or other officials) who may have witnessed the incident in question.
- 138.05 The ASP judges video replay system can only be used in instant situations and once the scores are entered into the computer no changes can be made. The footage once a decision has been made cannot be used to change a result at a later stage.
- 138.06 No judge of an ASP Event may pass comment, on a surfer's chances in any Event, to the public, media, or other contestants. If so then that judge may be dismissed from the panel. The ASP Board may take further action.
- 138.07 The ASP Head Judge to be entitled to respond to surfer's comments in TV interviews.

Article 139: Judging Fees/Overtime

- 139.01 Minimum payment for ASP travelling judges and Computer Operator in all Events will be as described in the ASP Event Planner.
- 139.02 A days' judging is considered 8 hours from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the first heat of each day the Event is on unless on hold. If on hold the day begins at the original start time not actual start time. Judges will only work for a maximum of 10 hours per day unless extra hours are needed due to special circumstances and then only if agreeable with the judges. For these extra hours over the normal 8-hour day overtime rates are applicable.
- 139.03 All monies to be paid in cash US\$ except overtime pay, which may be paid in local currency cash at current US\$ conversion rates.
- 139.04 Other ASP acceptable judges not "World Tour", "A" or "Regional" rated, if circumstances dictate that they be used, may be paid at a rate negotiated by the contest. It is however recommended that they receive full benefits as described in the ASP Event License/Event Planner.

Article 140: Judging of Extra Curricular Events

It is recommended that extra curricular Events held at any Event be run at the end of the day and not during actual competition hours. If held during

these hours the judges are not obliged to judge them unless agreed to by the judging panel.

Article 141: ASP Computer Scoring System

- 141.01 The computer scoring system provided by ASP and its Regional Offices is compulsory at all "World Tour" and 4-6 Star Events.
- 141.02 Computer Scoring Operator hours, rates and conditions are as described in the "World Tour" and "WQS" Event License/Event Planner.

Article 142: Rules and Disciplinary Committee

The ASP Rules & Discipline Policy is administered by the ASP Rules & Discipline Committee. The Rules & Discipline Committee members may be members of the ASP Board of Directors, but need not be on the ASP Board of Directors. The Rules & Discipline Committee shall be comprised of (1) the Rules & Discipline Committee Chair (an individual elected by the ASP Board of Directors); (2) one Event Representative elected by the ASP Events' Council; (3) one Surfer representative elected by the male World Tour surfers; (4) one surfer representative elected by the female World Tour surfers; and (4) the President of the ASP. The Rules & Discipline Committee welcomes input into the disciplinary process and policy. Any comments by interested parties should be directed to the Rules & Discipline Committee, care of the ASP office. Comments by interested parties can also be directed to the current Rules & Discipline Chair, Robert Gerard who can be contacted via ASP International.

Article 143: ASP Member Obligation under this Policy

At all Events, Surfers must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, and are responsible for their actions before, during, and after Events, going to and from Events, and while in geographic areas hosting Events. All Surfers are responsible for knowing and adhering to ASP Rules and upon violation, are subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action consists of but is not limited to verbal warnings; written warnings; probation; suspension; fines; or expulsion; or some combination of the foregoing.

Article 144: Authority to Discipline

In the Event of a violation of the ASP Rulebook the ASP Men's or Women's Tour Managers, and the ASP WQS Tour Manager, or in his/her absence, an ASP Event Representative designated by a Tour Manager, is authorized to impose "on the spot" an immediate verbal warning or fine of up to \$2,500 USD after consultation with the ASP Head Judge (or most senior judge at the Event) or the Rules & Discipline Chair, and the Contest Director. The Rules & Discipline Chair is authorized to enforce the ASP Rulebook for any offense brought to his or her attention regardless of whether the respective Tour Manager chooses to discipline the ASP Member and may impose any disciplinary action which is in accordance with the Rules. In cases where an offense/violation and corresponding penalty is not explicitly listed, the Rules & Discipline Chair may exercise his or her unfettered discretion as to the appropriate penalty to be issued. With regards to probation, suspension, and expulsion the Rules & Discipline Chair must consult with the full Rules & Discipline Committee and call a vote of the Committee approving the discipline. In the case of expulsion for the remainder of a surfing season or longer, the discipline must also be approved by the full ASP Board of Directors. All disciplinary action taken by the ASP must be reported for record keeping purposes to the Rules & Discipline Chair. This is not a "progressive discipline policy." In other words, nothing in the ASP Rulebook impedes the ASP's ability to suspend, disqualify, or expel an individual from an Event, venue, or the ASP, and all ASP Events/venues, without prior warning.

Article 145: Criminal Investigations

When a criminal investigation is commenced regarding the criminal liability of an Surfer, the Surfer together with anyone he instructs to act on his behalf must cooperate with the relevant government or criminal authority in whatever jurisdiction is applicable until the matter is closed. The Rules & Discipline Committee reserves the right to suspend the Surfer from an

Event or future Events until such matter is closed at its discretion on grounds of Damage to Surfing's Image. When the investigation is closed to the satisfaction of the Rules & Discipline Committee, the findings and conclusion of such investigation may be used to inform the Rules & Discipline Committee with such findings and conclusions to carry whatever weight the Rules & Discipline Committee deems appropriate in arriving at their decision.

Article 146: Monetary Fines

- 146.01** All monetary fines are payable BEFORE competing in (or attending) the subsequent ASP Event from date of issue, otherwise the monetary fine amount will be deducted from the surfer's prize money at the subsequent Event(s). In the event that the aggregate fine amount is in excess of the minimum prize money possible at the subsequent Event, then the violating Surfer must deliver cash payment of the difference between the two described amounts to the ASP Regional Office hosting the subsequent Event prior to the Event start date. ALL FINES SHALL HAVE A MANDATORY 10% ADMINISTRATIVE SURCHARGE ADDED.
- 146.02** If payment of the fine (and surcharge) is not delivered by the Event Start Date then the Surfer will be disqualified from the Event. Whether paid directly by the Surfer or the ASP Region, all fine monies are to be forwarded to ASP International and be used toward the ongoing administration of the Rules & Discipline Policy.
- 146.03** The following proportions will apply to all monetary penalties issued in accordance with this Chapter:
- (i) World Tour Events – 100% of the respective penalty;
 - (ii) WQS 4 star and above Events – 75% of the respective penalty;
 - (iii) WQS 1-3 star Event – 50% of the respective penalty;
 - (iv) World Longboard Tour Events – 100% of the respective penalty;
 - (v) Masters Events – 50% of the respective penalty;
 - (vi) Junior Events – 25% of the respective penalty;
 - (vii) Regional Junior and LQS Events – 25% of the respective penalty; and
 - (viii) For Women's Events of (i) – (vii) above, a further 25% reduction will be applied to the resulting monetary penalty.

Article 147: Sportsmanlike Conduct

Sportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to: respect for an ASP Tour and Event sponsors, judges, opponents, ASP Management member, ASP Representative, spectators, member of the media or any other person within the designated Event site; respect for facilities, privileges and operation procedures at Events; the use of courtesy and good manners at Events; acting responsibly and maturely at Events; refraining from any visible gesture which is commonly understood to be derogatory, profane, and/or highly offensive, or would indicate a sexually explicit act; and refraining from intentional and purposeful display and or exposure of nudity; and refraining from the use of:

- (a) profane or abusive language at Event venues (in any language);
- (b) illegal (e.g., under age) or immoderate use of alcohol at ASP Event venues; and
- (c) and the use of illegal or banned drugs.

All Surfers attending any Event shall conduct themselves in accordance with the best traditions of national and international sporting competition.

Again, this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of violations of Sportsmanlike conduct but merely a general guideline. Any Surfer found in violation of this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) **Monetary Fines and Disqualification.**
First Offense: \$1,000 USD.
Second Offense: \$2,500 USD and possible disqualification from the Event if it is the second concurrent offense at the same event.
Third Offense: Up to \$5,000 USD and possible disqualification from the Event if it is the third offense in one season.
- (ii) **Suspension and Expulsion.** Any Surfer who is found to have three (3) offenses of this Article in one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) **Points.** Any offender under Article 144 who is automatically disqualified from that Event may still receive points for the Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the Event.

Article 148: Damage to Surfing's Image

All Surfers, shall not AT ANY TIME damage the image of the sport of surfing. For the purposes of this Article, "damage to the sport of surfing" is defined as any act, regardless of time or place, which casts the sport of surfing in a negative light. Any Surfer found in violation of this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) **Monetary Fines and Disqualification.**
The monetary fine amounts for an offense of this Article ranges from \$1,000 USD to \$50,000 USD per offense.
- (ii) **Suspension and Expulsion.** Any offender under Article 145 may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the ASP.
- (iii) **Points.** Any offender under Article 145 who is automatically disqualified from that Event may still receive points for the ASP Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the ASP Event.

Article 149: Gambling

No Surfer shall, at any time, participate in any form of collusion, wagering, offering of odds or any other form of gambling in connection with professional surfing. Due to the incredibly serious nature of this offense, and the tremendous negative repercussions to the sport of surfing, any Surfer found in violation of this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) **Monetary Fines and Disqualification.**
First Offense: \$5,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the current Event or the next Event if the Surfer is already out of the current or next Competitive Event.
Second Offense: \$10,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the current or next ASP Competitive Event.
Third Offense: \$15,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the current or next ASP Competitive Event.

- (ii) **Suspension and Expulsion.** Any offender under Article 146 may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) **Points.** Any offender under Article 146 who is automatically disqualified from the current or next Competitive Event due to violation of this section, shall receive (0) points for the Event. If a violation of this section is not discovered until after the completion of the entire Competitive Event, the offender shall receive (0) points for any Competitive Event at which the violation took place, regardless of his or her placement.

Article 150: Best Efforts

All Surfers shall compete in accordance with their “Best Effort(s)” in all Events. For the purposes of this Article, “Best Efforts” shall be defined as an Surfer’s utmost attempt to compete to the best of his ability during all Competitive Events. Any Surfer who overtly and intentionally fails to exercise his or her best effort in competition shall be found in violation of this section. Any Surfer found in violation of this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) **Monetary Fines and Disqualification.**
First Offense: \$5,000 to \$50,000 USD
Second Offense: \$5,000 to \$50,000 USD
Third Offense: \$5,000 to \$50,000 US
- (ii) **Suspension and Expulsion.** Any ASP Surfer who is found to have (3) offenses of Article 147 in one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) **Points.** Any offender under this Article who is disqualified from a Competitive Event may still receive points for the Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the Event.

Article 151: Verbal Assault

Surfers shall not AT ANY TIME directly or indirectly verbally assault an ASP Judge, opponent, Event sponsor, ASP Management member, ASP Representative, ASP Board of Directors member, spectator, member of the media or ASP Rules & Discipline Committee member. During Events, this Article includes spectators, or any other person within the designated Event area. For the purposes of this Article verbal assault is defined as any oral statement about one or more of the aforementioned persons that: threatens harm; instills fear; implies dishonesty; is derogatory; consists of profanity; or is otherwise highly offensive. Any ASP Surfer involved in an incident of verbal assault will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) **Monetary Fines and Disqualification.**
First Offense: \$1,000 USD
Second Offense: \$2,500 USD and possible disqualification or removal from the Event if it is the second concurrent offense at the same Event.

Third Offense: \$3,000 USD and possible removal or disqualification from the Event if it is the third offense in one season.

- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion.** Any Surfer who is found to have (3) offenses of this Article in one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) Points.** Any offender under this Article who is disqualified from a Competitive Event may still receive points for the Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the Event.

Article 152: Physical Assault and Mutual Combat

No Surfer shall, at any time, physically assault any Judge, Event staff (including volunteer), opponent, member of the media, spectator or any other person within the designated Event area. For the purposes of this Article, physical assault is defined as any battery or assault including any attempt to commit a battery and/or assault. All forms of shoving, fighting, mutual combat or the like are considered violations of this Article. All Surfers should be aware that physical violence has no place in professional surfing and will not be tolerated. If it is immediately clear to the Chair of the Rules & Discipline Committee, a Tour Manager, the Head Judge, or Event Director, which Surfer or Surfers were the initial aggressor of the incident, then that Surfer SHALL be disqualified from the remainder of that Competitive Event or, if the Surfer has already been disqualified via loss, then the Surfer shall be suspended from the next Competitive Event. Any Surfer involved in an incident of physical assault (which includes throwing a punch regardless of whether it connects) will be also be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification.**
First Offense: \$5,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event. Disqualification may be waived in a “mutual combat” type situation.
Second Offense: \$10,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event.
Third Offense: \$15,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event.
- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion.** Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour upon the first offense. Fighting has no place in an ASP Tour and will not be dealt with lightly. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which clearly efface a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Surfer may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from an ASP Tour.
- (iii) Points.** Any offender under this Article who is disqualified from a Competitive Event may still receive points for the Event only if they have competed without incident in at least one heat of the Event.

Article 153: Other Miscellaneous Offences and Penalties

The following table is a general guideline for miscellaneous offenses which may not be covered in the other sections of Chapter 11. However, some offences described below may also be considered violations of the Article 144 Sportsmanlike Conduct, Article 145 Damage to Surfing’s Image and in such circumstances, the offence/violation penalty shall be

the greater of the two possible penalties. Suggested Guideline Penalties followed by * indicate Offences for which Suspension and/or Expulsion are possible Penalties given either the severity or the repetitiveness of the Offence.

Description of Offence/Violation	Fine / Penalty / Disciplinary Action/All in USD
Catch more than maximum allowable waves.	\$250 per wave
Surfer's caddie rides a wave.	\$250 per wave
Failing to attend awards presentation.	\$250 + possible forfeiture of prize money
Surfing during next/previous heat.	\$500 per wave
Failing to attend media functions if asked	\$2,000
Failing to attend post-heat press conference	\$2,000
Failing to compete/check-in for the first round of World Tour Events	\$500
Failing to attend compulsory surfers meetings (World Tour seed only)	\$500
Failing to attend Rookie and returning World Tour Surfers' Orientation Night	\$2,000 No discretion and no excuses. This is an "administrative" fine and automatically applies to any Surfer who is not in attendance at the Rookie and returning World Tour Surfers' Orientation.
Stay in water after 2 interference	\$500
Failure to pay World Tour membership fees on time	\$500
Equipment abuse (person's own equipment) in Event and compound areas	First offence \$500; Second offence \$1,000; Third offence \$1,500*
Failing to attend WQS Events entered (money rounds)	First offence \$1,000; Second offence \$1,500; Third offence \$2,000*
Failing to attend WQS Events entered (non money rounds)	First offence \$500; Second offence \$1,000; Third offence \$1,500*
Knowingly wearing Event vest incorrectly	\$1,000
Not wearing vest until return to beach marshal	\$1,000
Free surfing in competition are during heats	\$1,000

Failure to complete license forms	\$1,000
Ripping up judges sheets	\$1,000
Writing on judges sheets	\$1,000
Entering judging area to complain/protest without permission of the Head Judge	First offence \$1,000; Second offence \$2,500; Third offence \$5,000*
Failure to attend the World Tour Events entered with warning but no doctor's certificate (men and women seeds only).	First offence \$2,500; Second offence \$5,000; Third offence automatic suspension for 3 Events or remainder of the tour year if less and no entry into WQS Events during this time.
Failure to attend the World Tour Events entered without warning or a doctor's certificate (men and women seeds only)	First offence \$5,000; Second offence \$10,000; Third offence automatic suspension for 3 Events or remainder of the tour year if less and no entry into WQS Events during this time.
World Champion failing to attend all remaining Events of the current season after clinching the world title	\$10,000 per Event missed.

Article 154: Automatic Disqualification during an Event

Notwithstanding the penalties described in each Article of this Chapter 11, should an Surfer have been found to have offended under Articles 153 or in breach of the Drugs Policy detailed in Article 156, the Surfer will automatically be disqualified from the current Event. If, at the time that the Surfer is disqualified, the relevant Articles in this Rulebook allow for a replacement [See Articles 9 and 51], the disqualified Surfer may be replaced. The ASP Rules & Discipline Committee reserves the right to impose a penalty in accordance with the relevant Article after the Event has concluded.

Article 155: Appeals and Arbitration

In the event an Surfer wishes to appeal any imposition of discipline decision the Surfer may submit a formal WRITTEN request within 10 days after the penalty was issued. The Surfer's request for an official appeal will be considered by the full Rules & Discipline Committee. The Rules & Discipline Committee shall then vote upon whether there is enough possible merit to the appeal to warrant: upholding the penalty; gathering further information; modifying the penalty without a further hearing, or having the matter proceed to a Formal Hearing. A simple majority vote of the Rules & Discipline Committee is required.

Upon the Rules & Discipline Committee's approval of a Formal Hearing, the appealing Surfer shall be given Notice of a date and location of the Formal Hearing. The appealing Surfer may be accompanied by legal

counsel to his Formal Hearing, however the Surfer must be physically present at the Formal Hearing. Within 30 days of the Formal Hearing, a Surfer will be Notified of the Rules & Discipline Committee's Official Decision in writing. If an Surfer feels that he or she has been unfairly discriminated against or questions the fair administration of the procedures herein outlined he or she may then request an Appeal Hearing before the entire ASP Board of Directors. If the ASP Board hears the case and denies the Appeal or declines to consider the Appeal, the Surfer has the final option of taking the matter to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Any dispute arising from the present Articles of the Rules & Discipline Policy which cannot be settled amicably shall be settled finally by a tribunal composed in accordance with the statute and regulations of the Court of Arbitration for Sport to the exclusion of any recourse to the ordinary courts. Both the ASP and the appealing Surfer agree to comply with the said Statute and Regulations, and to accept the award rendered in good faith and agree to in no way hinder its execution.

Article 156: Drug Testing

156.01 General Policy

Although the ASP does not conduct its own drug testing, the ASP permits drug testing at WQS and World Tour Events by the Event sponsors, the ASP Regional Office, or the governing sporting body for the particular country in which the Event is taking place so long as the drug testing complies with the testing protocol set forth by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA").

156.02 List of Prohibited Substances

All WQS and World Tour surfers (and their coaches, managers, physicians, parents, etc.) are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the Prohibited Substance List which is readily available at WADA's website (www.wada.ama.org).

156.03 Investigation

If a surfer tests positive for a drug listed on the WADA Prohibited List, a prompt investigation will be conducted by the Rules & Discipline Judge. During this investigation, the surfer will be presented the opportunity to have what is referred to under the WADA Protocol as Sample B (a second sample which is taken at the same time as the first sample), tested to ensure that there was not a false positive. The surfer will also have the opportunity to present a defence in writing to the Rules & Discipline Judge. Any defence should include an explanation of mitigating circumstances, possible physical or medical reasons for the positive drug test, supporting evidence (documents, list of witnesses, etc., including supporting doctors' notes, etc.).

156.04 Hearing

If the Rules & Discipline Judge determines that:

(a) there has been a legitimate positive test; and

(b) it is more likely than not that the surfer was taking drugs for performance enhancement purposes, the Rules & Discipline Judge shall, as soon as practicable, commence a hearing before the Rules & Disciplinary Committee to present his findings and give the surfer the opportunity to present his defence.

156.05 Penalties

If the Rules & Disciplinary Committee agrees that the test result is legitimately positive and that it is more likely than not that the Surfer was taking a substance (e.g. Anabolic Androgenic Steroids - AAS) from the prohibited list for performance enhancement purposes, the Surfer shall be suspended from competing in ASP competition for at least one full year. Additionally, the surfer shall lose championships, titles, and

rankings for the season in which the violation occurs. Once competitors have finished their one year suspension they will be able to compete on the WQS tour again, provided they undertake at their expense a drug test at an acceptable drug testing facility and provide ASP with the results. In the case of World Tour male surfers they will be placed into the Round of 192 in 5-6* Events and Round of 128 in 1-4* Events. WQS surfers must start without any seeding at all from the first round of all Events until such time they accumulate enough points to better their seeding position. Women surfers receive similar seeding for World Tour competitors in the Round of 60 and WQS in the first round. For second violations, the Rules & Disciplinary Committee has the authority to issue a lifetime ban on the surfer from ever competing again in an ASP **licensed** Event. If the Rules & Discipline Judge determines that a legitimately positive test was the result of a mistake by the surfer and/or surfer's physician or that the positive test is not part of an effort by the surfer to gain an unfair advantage via performance enhancing drugs the Rules & Discipline Judge shall levy a penalty which can range from a written warning, to a monetary fine, to a suggestion or recommendation of suspension to the Rules & Disciplinary Committee. Again, any suspension or expulsion of a surfer from ASP Events must be approved by the full Rules & Disciplinary Committee.

156.06 Appeals

A surfer wishing to appeal a drug testing decision of the Rules & Discipline Judge and/or the Rules & Disciplinary Committee may submit a written appeal to the President of the ASP within 30 days requesting an appeal by the ASP Board. For purposes of reviewing the appeal, the ASP Board is authorized to hold an emergency hearing in person, or via telephone and/or e-mail. Any decision of the ASP Board is final. Thus, beyond the ASP Board, the only appeal recourse available to the surfer is as provided for in the ASP Surfer Agreement. As for WQS surfers, the decision of the ASP Board is final.

156.07 Control of Individual Nation and/or Government Sporting Bodies

There are certain countries in which there are governing sporting bodies and agencies which have a zero tolerance for drug test violations. In some instances, these sporting bodies have the authority to prohibit a Surfer from competing in that particular country. This prohibition against a Surfer competing in that particular country is a penalty which may ultimately out of the ASP's control. For example, in France, or any French territory, there is a possibility that a surfer could be barred from competing for a period of time as a result of a failed drug test regardless of any ASP ruling as to that particular surfer's drug test failure. The Rules & Discipline Judge has undertaken efforts to ensure that there is uniform standard of testing and penalties applicable throughout the ASP Tour, but surfers should be on notice that there is no guarantee that individual countries will not issue penalties which supersede any penalties issued by the ASP. Thus, again, it behoves all surfers to be completely familiar with the WADA Prohibited List of Substances and to ensure that they have not ingested substances on the Prohibited List or in amounts that are prohibited.

156.08 Individual Medical Circumstances/Exemptions

If the surfer has a physical and/or emotional medical condition which requires prescription medication, that surfer should immediately contact the Rules & Discipline Judge who will make himself available to assist that surfer and that surfer's physician(s) ensure compliance with the WADA Protocol regarding exemptions. Nothing in the ASP's policy is intended to discriminate against surfers who have physical and/or emotional medical conditions which require medication. There is a specific WADA protocol for exemptions. Moreover, it is much easier to

deal with a failed drug test if the surfer and his or her physicians have placed both the ASP and whatever Event or agency is conducting the drug test on notice that the surfer is taking a particular medication before the Event and before the drug test. Surfers are welcome to direct any questions in this regard to the Rules & Discipline Judge. Also, there is an “athlete’s corner” portion on the WADA website that answers numerous questions regarding the WADA Code.

Appendix A - WORLD TOUR PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS – MEN /WOMEN

Category 1 : MEN US\$ 340,000 / WOMEN US\$90,000

MEN - \$340,000

Man-On-Man	Prize Money	4-Man	Prize Money
Place	US\$	Place	US\$
1st	\$40,000	1st	\$40,000
2nd	\$24,000	2nd	\$24,000
3rd	\$14,000	3rd	\$14,000
5th	\$9,000	4th	\$11,000
9th	\$6,300	5th	\$9,500
17th	\$5,400	7th	\$8,500
33rd	\$4,700	9th	\$6,500
		13th	\$6,100
		17th	\$5,600
		25th	\$5,200
		33rd	\$4,200

WOMEN - US\$90,000

One-on-One	Prize Money	4 -Woman	Prize Money
Place	US\$	Place	US\$
1st	\$12,000	1st	\$12,000
2nd	\$7,000	2nd	\$7,000
3rd	\$6,000	3rd	\$6,100
5th	\$5,000	4th	\$5,900
9th	\$4,000	5th	\$5,100
17th	\$3,500	7th	\$4,900
		9th	\$4,100
		13th	\$3,900
		17th	\$3,500

Category 2: MEN US\$400,000 / WOMEN US\$100,000

MEN - US\$400,000

Man-On-Man	Prize Money	4-Man	Prize Money
Place	US\$	Place	US\$
1st	\$60,000	1st	\$60,000
2nd	\$30,000	2nd	\$30,000
3rd	\$16,000	3rd	\$17,000
5th	\$13,500	4th	\$15,000
9th	\$8,000	5th	\$14,000
17th	\$5,500	7th	\$13,000
33rd	\$4,500	9th	\$9,000
		13th	\$7,000
		17th	\$6,000
		25th	\$5,000
		33rd	\$4,500

WOMEN - US\$100,000

One-On-One	Prize Money	4-Woman	Prize Money
Place	US\$	Place	US\$
1 st	\$20,000	1 st	\$20,000
2 nd	\$10,000	2 nd	\$10,000
3 rd	\$8,000	3 rd	\$8,500
5 th	\$5,000	4 th	\$7,500
9 th	\$3,500	5 th	\$5,200
17 th	\$3,000	7 th	\$4,800
		9 th	\$3,600
		13 th	\$3,400
		17 th	\$3,000

Appendix B - WORLD TOUR RATINGS POINTS – MEN/WOMEN

MEN'S WORLD TOUR – Category 1 US\$340,000 Event		WOMEN'S WORLD TOUR - Category 1 US\$85,000 Event	
Place	Points	Place	Points
*1 st	1200	*1 st	1200
*2 nd	1032	*2 nd	972
*3 rd	876	*3 rd	756
4 th	804	4 th	654
*5 th	732	*5 th	552
7 th	666	7 th	438
*9 th	600	*9 th	360
13 th	540	13 th	270
*17 th	410	*17 th	180
25 th	410		
*33 rd	225		

* Denotes places generally used places.

Other places are for 4-person heats.

Places not shown in alternative form at Events will receive points as per % reductions above .

Men's WORLD TOUR Points (Event Categories 2-7)	Additional Points On above-listed points.
Cat 2: Men's US\$600,000 Event	Plus 15% on above points.
Cat 3: Men's US\$800,000 Event	Plus 30% on above points.
Cat 4: Men's US\$1,000,000 Event	Plus 50% on above points.
Women's WORLD TOUR Points (Event Categories 2-6)	Additional Points on above-listed points
Cat 2: Women's US\$100,000 Event	Plus 10% on above points unless in a prime location as determined by the Technical Committee where 20% on above points will apply.
Cat 3: Women's US\$125,000 Event	Plus 40% on above points.
Cat 4: Women's US\$150,000 Event	Plus 60% on above points.
Cat 5: Women's US\$200,000 Event	Plus 80% on above points.
Cat 6: Women's US\$250,000 Event	Plus 100% on above points.

Appendix C - WQS PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS – MEN/WOMEN

WQS MEN (Amounts in US dollars)

Standard 4-Man Format				
Men	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star
Total	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$85,000
1 st	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$12,000
2 nd	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$9,000
3 rd	\$800	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,500
4 th	\$700	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000
5 th	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$2,200
7 th	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,800
9 th	\$400	\$800	\$900	\$1,600
13 th	\$300	\$600	\$800	\$1,400
17 th		\$300	\$700	\$1,100
25 th		\$200	\$600	\$900
33 rd			\$500	\$800
49 th			\$300	\$700

Optional 128 - 192 Format – 8 man on man finals			
Men	4 Star	5 Star	6 Star
Total	\$85,000	\$120,000	\$145,000
1 st	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000
2 nd	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
3 rd	\$3,400	\$5,000	\$5,000
5 th	\$1,950	\$2,750	\$2,850
9 th	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$2,400
13 th	\$1,300	\$1,900	\$2,200
19 th	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,000
25 th	\$900	\$1,300	\$1,500
37 th	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200
49 th	\$300	\$400	\$600
73 rd	\$200	\$300	\$500

Men	4 Star	5 Star	6 Star
Total	\$85,000	\$120,000	\$145,000
1 st	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000
2 nd	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
3 rd	\$3,400	\$5,000	\$5,000
5 th	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$2,950
9 th	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$2,300
17 th	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,000
25 th	\$900	\$1,300	\$1,500
37 th	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200
49 th	\$300	\$400	\$600
73 rd	\$200	\$300	\$500

WQS WOMEN (Amounts in US dollars)

Women	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	6 Star	6 Star Haw
Total	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
1 st	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$4,500
2 nd	\$900	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$1,900	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,500
3 rd	\$700	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$2,000	\$2,100
4 th	\$600	\$900	\$1,100	\$1,500			\$1,900
5 th	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$1,100	\$900	\$1,100	\$1400
7 th	\$400	\$550	\$650	\$950			\$1,200
9 th	\$300	\$500	\$600	\$900	\$800	\$900	\$1,000
13 th	\$200	\$400	\$500	\$800	\$700	\$800	\$900
17 th			\$450	\$700			\$800
19 th					\$600	\$700	
21 st							
25 th					\$350	\$450	\$600
37 th					\$150	\$150	

2009 HAWAII FORMAT pay 96 competitors	
	6 Star
	\$145,000
1st	20000
2nd	10000
3rd	5100
4th	4900
5th	3000
7th	2900
9th	2400
13th	2100
17th	1700
25th	1500
33rd	1200
49th	1000

65th	500
81st	400

Appendix D - MEN – POINTS WQS ALLOCATION

WQS Men's Points Allocation Standard Events (1-6 Star Prime)

Plc	1	2	3	4	5	6	6Prime
	Star	Star	Star	Star	Star	Star	Star
1	250	500	875	1500	2000	2500	3500
2	219	438	766	1313	1750	2188	3063
3	188	375	656	1125	1500	1875	2625
4	178	356	623	1069	1425	1781	2494
5	163	325	569	975	1300	1625	2275
6	158	316	552	947	1263	1578	2209
7	153	306	536	919	1225	1531	2144
8	145	291	509	872	1163	1453	2034
9	138	275	481	825	1100	1375	1925
10	132	264	462	792	1056	1320	1848
11	127	253	443	759	1013	1266	1772
12	121	242	424	727	969	1211	1695
13	116	231	405	694	925	1156	1619
14	115	230	402	689	919	1148	1608
15	114	228	399	684	913	1141	1597
16	113	227	396	680	906	1133	1586
17	113	225	394	675	900	1125	1575
18	111	222	388	666	888	1109	1553
19	109	219	383	656	875	1094	1531
20	106	211	370	634	846	1057	1480
21	102	204	357	613	817	1021	1429
22	98	197	345	591	788	984	1378
23	95	190	332	569	758	948	1327
24	92	184	323	553	738	922	1291
25	88	175	306	525	700	875	1225
26	87	174	305	523	697	871	1220
27	87	173	304	520	694	867	1214
28	86	173	302	518	691	863	1209
29	86	172	301	516	688	859	1203
30	86	171	299	513	684	855	1198
31	85	170	298	511	681	852	1192
32	85	170	297	509	678	848	1187
33	84	169	295	506	675	844	1181
34	84	167	293	502	669	836	1170
35	83	166	290	497	663	828	1159
36	82	164	287	492	656	820	1148
37	81	163	284	488	650	813	1138
38	79	158	276	473	631	789	1105

Plc	1	2	3	4	5	6	6Prime
39	77	153	268	459	613	766	1072
40	74	148	260	445	594	742	1039
41	72	144	252	431	575	719	1006
42	71	141	247	424	566	707	990
43	70	139	243	417	556	695	973
44	68	137	239	410	547	684	957
45	67	134	235	403	538	672	941
46	66	132	231	396	528	660	924
47	65	130	227	389	519	648	908
48	64	127	223	382	509	637	891
49	63	125	219	375	500	625	875
50	62	124	217	372	496	620	868
51	62	123	215	369	492	615	861
52	61	122	214	366	488	610	854
53	61	121	212	363	484	605	847
54	60	121	211	362	483	603	844
55	60	120	210	361	481	601	842
56	60	120	210	360	480	599	839
57	60	120	209	359	478	598	837
58	60	119	208	357	477	596	834
59	59	119	208	356	475	594	831
60	59	118	207	355	474	592	829
61	59	118	207	354	472	590	826
62	59	118	206	353	471	588	823
63	59	117	205	352	469	586	821
64	58	117	204	351	467	584	818
65	58	117	204	350	466	583	816
66	58	116	203	348	464	580	812
67	58	116	202	347	462	578	809
68	58	115	201	345	460	575	805
69	57	115	200	344	458	573	802
70	57	114	200	342	456	570	798
71	57	114	199	341	454	568	795
72	57	113	198	339	452	565	791
73	56	113	197	338	450	563	788
74	55	111	194	333	444	555	777
75	55	109	191	328	438	547	766
76	54	108	189	323	431	539	755
77	53	106	186	319	425	531	744
78	52	105	183	314	419	523	733
79	52	103	180	309	413	516	722
80	51	102	178	305	406	508	711

Plc	1	2	3	4	5	6	6Prime
81	50	100	175	300	400	500	700
82	49	98	172	295	394	492	689
83	48	97	170	291	388	484	678
84	48	95	167	286	381	477	667
85	47	94	164	281	375	469	656
86	46	92	161	277	369	461	645
87	45	91	159	272	363	453	634
88	45	89	156	267	356	445	623
89	44	88	153	263	350	438	613
90	43	86	150	258	344	430	602
91	42	84	148	253	338	422	591
92	41	83	145	248	331	414	580
93	41	81	142	244	325	406	569
94	40	80	139	239	319	398	558
95	39	78	137	234	313	391	547
96	38	77	134	230	306	383	536
97	38	75	131	225	300	375	525
98	37	75	130	224	298	373	522
99	37	74	130	222	296	370	518
100	37	74	129	221	294	368	515
101	37	73	128	219	292	365	511
102	36	73	127	218	290	363	508
103	36	72	126	216	288	360	504
104	36	72	125	215	286	358	501
105	36	71	124	213	284	355	497
106	35	70	123	211	282	352	493
107	35	70	122	210	280	349	489
108	35	69	121	208	277	347	485
109	34	69	120	206	275	344	481
110	34	68	119	205	273	341	477
111	34	68	118	203	271	338	473
112	34	67	117	201	268	335	469
113	33	67	116	200	266	333	466
114	33	66	116	198	264	330	462
115	33	66	115	197	262	328	459
116	33	65	114	195	260	325	455
117	32	65	113	194	258	323	452
118	32	64	112	192	256	320	448
119	32	64	111	191	254	318	445
120	32	63	110	189	252	315	441
121	31	63	109	188	250	313	438
122	30	61	107	183	244	305	427

Plc	1	2	3	4	5	6	6Prime
123	30	59	104	178	238	297	416
124	29	58	101	173	231	289	405
125	28	56	98	169	225	281	394
126	27	55	96	164	219	273	383
127	27	53	93	159	213	266	372
128	26	52	90	155	206	258	361
129	25	50	88	150	200	250	350
130	24	48	85	145	194	242	339
131	23	47	82	141	188	234	328
132	23	45	79	136	181	227	317
133	22	44	77	131	175	219	306
134	20	41	71	122	163	203	284
135	19	38	66	113	150	188	263
136	17	34	60	103	138	172	241
137	16	31	55	94	125	156	219
138	15	30	53	91	122	152	213
139	15	30	52	89	119	148	208
140	14	29	51	87	116	145	202
141	14	28	49	84	113	141	197
142	14	27	48	82	109	137	191
143	13	27	46	80	106	133	186
144	13	26	45	77	103	129	180
145	13	25	44	75	100	125	175
146	12	25	43	74	98	123	172
147	12	24	42	72	97	121	169
148	12	24	41	71	95	118	166
149	12	23	40	69	93	116	162
150	12	23	40	69	92	115	161
151	12	22	39	67	89	112	156
152	11	22	38	65	87	109	152
153	11	21	37	63	84	105	147
154	10	20	36	61	82	102	143
155	10	20	35	60	80	99	139
156	10	19	34	58	77	97	135
157	9	19	33	56	75	94	131
158	9	18	32	55	73	91	127
159	9	18	31	53	71	88	123
160	9	17	30	51	68	85	119
161	8	17	29	50	66	83	116
162	8	16	28	48	64	80	112
163	8	16	27	47	62	78	109
164	8	15	26	45	60	75	105

Plc	1	2	3	4	5	6	6Prime
165	7	15	25	44	58	73	102
166	7	14	25	42	56	70	98
167	7	14	24	41	54	68	95
168	7	13	23	39	52	65	91
169	6	13	22	38	50	63	88
170	6	12	22	37	49	62	86
171	6	12	21	37	49	61	85
172	6	12	21	36	48	60	84
173	6	12	21	36	48	59	83
174	6	12	21	35	47	59	82
175	6	12	20	35	46	58	81
176	6	11	20	34	46	57	80
177	6	11	20	34	45	56	79
178	6	11	20	34	45	56	78
179	6	11	19	33	44	55	78
180	6	11	19	33	44	55	77
181	5	11	19	33	44	55	77
182	5	11	19	33	43	54	76
183	5	11	19	32	43	54	75
184	5	11	19	32	43	54	75
185	5	11	19	32	43	53	74
186	5	11	18	32	42	53	74
187	5	10	18	31	42	52	73
188	5	10	18	31	42	52	73
189	5	10	18	31	41	52	72
190	5	10	18	31	41	51	72
191	5	10	18	30	41	51	71
192	5	10	18	30	40	50	71
193	5	10	18	30	40	50	70
194	5	10	17	30	39	49	69
195	5	10	17	29	39	48	68
196	5	10	17	29	38	48	67
197	5	9	16	28	38	47	66
198	5	9	16	28	37	46	65
199	5	9	16	27	36	45	63
200	4	9	16	27	36	45	62
201	4	9	15	26	35	44	61
202	4	9	15	26	34	43	60
203	4	8	15	25	34	42	59
204	4	8	14	25	33	41	58
205	4	8	14	24	33	41	57
206	4	8	14	24	32	40	56

Plc	1	2	3	4	5	6	6Prime
207	4	8	14	23	31	39	55
208	4	8	13	23	31	39	54
209	4	8	13	23	30	38	53
210	4	8	13	23	30	38	53
211	3	6	11	19	25	31	44
212	3	6	11	18	24	30	42
213	3	6	10	17	23	29	40
214	3	6	10	17	22	28	39
215	3	5	9	16	21	26	37
216	3	5	9	15	20	25	35
217	2	5	8	14	19	24	33
218	2	5	8	14	18	23	32
219	2	4	7	13	17	21	30
220	2	4	7	12	16	20	28
221	2	4	7	11	15	19	26
222	2	4	6	11	14	18	25
223	2	3	6	10	13	16	23
224	2	3	5	9	12	15	21
225	1	3	5	8	11	14	19
226	1	3	4	8	10	13	18
227	1	2	4	7	9	11	16
228	1	2	4	6	8	10	14
229	1	2	3	5	7	9	12
230	1	2	3	5	6	8	11
231	1	1	2	4	5	6	9
232	1	1	2	3	4	5	7
233	1	1	1	2	3	4	5
234	1	1	1	2	2	3	4
235	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

NOTE: All lower places receive one point.

Appendix E - WOMEN – WQS POINTS ALLOCATION

Plc	1Star	2Star	3Star	4Star	5Star	6Star	39	45	90	180	180	850	1020
1	250	500	750	1000	2500	3000	40	43	85	170	170	825	990
2	215	430	645	860	2100	2520	41	40	80	160	160	800	960
3	183	365	548	730	1800	2160	42	38	75	150	150	775	930
4	168	335	503	670	1700	2040	43	35	70	140	140	750	900
5	153	305	458	610	1600	1920	44	33	65	130	130	725	870
6	146	292	438	583	1575	1890	45	30	60	120	120	700	840
7	139	278	417	555	1550	1860	46	28	55	110	110	675	810
8	132	264	396	528	1525	1830	47	25	50	100	100	650	780
9	125	250	375	500	1500	1800	48	23	45	90	90	625	750
10	122	244	366	488	1450	1740	49	20	40	80	80	600	720
11	119	238	357	475	1400	1680	50	19	38	75	75	584	701
12	116	231	347	462	1350	1620	51	18	35	70	70	566	679
13	113	225	338	450	1300	1560	52	17	33	65	65	550	660
14	110	219	329	438	1277	1532	53	15	30	60	60	534	641
15	106	213	319	425	1263	1516	54	14	28	55	55	516	619
16	103	207	310	413	1250	1500	55	13	25	50	50	500	600
17	100	200	300	400	1237	1484	56	11	23	45	45	433	520
18	98	195	293	390	1213	1456	57	10	20	40	40	367	440
19	95	190	285	380	1200	1440	58	9	18	35	35	300	360
20	93	185	278	370	1167	1400	59	8	15	30	30	233	280
21	90	180	270	360	1133	1360	60	6	13	25	25	167	200
22	88	175	263	350	1100	1320	61	5	10	20	20	100	120
23	85	170	255	340	1067	1280	62	4	8	15	15	90	108
24	83	165	248	330	1033	1240	63	3	5	10	10	80	96
25	80	160	240	320	1000	1200	64	2	5	9	9	70	84
26	78	155	233	310	992	1190	65	2	4	8	8	60	72
27	75	150	225	300	983	1180	66	2	4	7	7	50	60
28	73	145	218	290	975	1170	67	2	3	6	6	45	54
29	70	140	210	280	967	1160	68	1	3	5	5	40	48
30	68	135	203	270	958	1150	69	1	2	4	4	35	42
31	65	130	195	260	950	1140	70	1	2	3	3	30	36
32	63	125	188	250	942	1130	71	1	1	2	2	25	30
33	60	120	180	240	933	1120	72	1	1	1	1	20	24
34	58	115	173	230	925	1110	73	1	1	1	1	15	18
35	55	110	165	220	917	1100	74	1	1	1	1	10	12
36	53	105	158	210	908	1090	75	1	1	1	1	5	6
37	50	100	150	200	900	1080	76	1	1	1	1	1	1
38	48	95	143	190	875	1050							

NOTE: All lower places receive one point.

Appendix F - JUNIOR TOUR POINTS ALLOCATION

Plc	G 1	G 2	G 3	G 4	G 5	Plc	G 1	G 2	G 3	G 4	G 5
	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	70	135	203	270	338	405
1	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	71	130	195	260	325	390
2	860	1290	1720	2150	2580	72	125	188	250	313	375
3	730	1095	1460	1825	2190	73	120	180	240	300	360
4	670	1005	1340	1675	2010	74	115	173	230	288	345
5	610	915	1220	1525	1830	75	110	165	220	275	330
6	583	875	1166	1458	1749	76	105	158	210	263	315
7	555	833	1110	1388	1665	77	100	150	200	250	300
8	528	792	1056	1320	1584	78	98	147	196	245	294
9	500	750	1000	1250	1500	79	96	144	192	240	288
10	488	732	976	1220	1464	80	94	141	188	235	282
11	475	713	950	1188	1425	81	92	138	184	230	276
12	462	693	924	1155	1386	82	90	135	180	225	270
13	450	675	900	1125	1350	83	88	132	176	220	264
14	438	657	876	1095	1314	84	86	129	172	215	258
15	425	638	850	1063	1275	85	84	126	168	210	252
16	413	620	826	1033	1239	86	82	123	164	205	246
17	400	600	800	1000	1200	87	80	120	160	200	240
18	395	593	790	988	1185	88	78	117	156	195	234
19	390	585	780	975	1170	89	76	114	152	190	228
20	385	578	770	963	1155	90	74	111	148	185	222
21	380	570	760	950	1140	91	72	108	144	180	216
22	375	563	750	938	1125	92	70	105	140	175	210
23	370	555	740	925	1110	93	68	102	136	170	204
24	365	548	730	913	1095	94	66	99	132	165	198
25	360	540	720	900	1080	95	64	96	128	160	192
26	355	533	710	888	1065	96	62	93	124	155	186
27	350	525	700	875	1050	97	60	90	120	150	180
28	345	518	690	863	1035	98	58	87	116	145	174
29	340	510	680	850	1020	99	56	84	112	140	168
30	335	503	670	838	1005	100	54	81	108	135	162
31	330	495	660	825	990	101	52	78	104	130	156
32	325	488	650	813	975	102	50	75	100	125	150
33	320	480	640	800	960	103	48	72	96	120	144
34	315	473	630	788	945	104	46	69	92	115	138
35	310	465	620	775	930	105	44	66	88	110	132
36	305	458	610	763	915	106	42	63	84	105	126
37	300	450	600	750	900	107	40	60	80	100	120
38	295	443	590	738	885	108	38	57	76	95	114
39	290	435	580	725	870	109	36	54	72	90	108
40	285	428	570	713	855	110	34	51	68	85	102

41	280	420	560	700	840	111	32	48	64	80	96
42	275	413	550	688	825	112	30	45	60	75	90
43	270	405	540	675	810	113	28	42	56	70	84
44	265	398	530	663	795	114	26	39	52	65	78
45	260	390	520	650	780	115	24	36	48	60	72
46	255	383	510	638	765	116	22	33	44	55	66
47	250	375	500	625	750	117	20	30	40	50	60
48	245	368	490	613	735	118	18	27	36	45	54
49	240	360	480	600	720	119	16	24	32	40	48
50	235	353	470	588	705	120	14	21	28	35	42
51	230	345	460	575	690	121	12	18	24	30	36
52	225	338	450	563	675	122	10	15	20	25	30
53	220	330	440	550	660	123	9	14	18	23	27
54	215	323	430	538	645	124	8	12	16	20	24
55	210	315	420	525	630	125	7	11	14	18	21
56	205	308	410	513	615	126	6	9	12	15	18
57	200	300	400	500	600	127	5	8	10	13	15
58	195	293	390	488	585	128	4	6	8	10	12
59	190	285	380	475	570	129	3	5	6	8	9
60	185	278	370	463	555	130	2	3	4	5	6
61	180	270	360	450	540	131	1	2	2	3	3
62	175	263	350	438	525	132	1	1	1	2	3
63	170	255	340	425	510	133	1	1	1	1	2
64	165	248	330	413	495	134	1	1	1	1	1
65	160	240	320	400	480						
66	155	233	310	388	465						
67	150	225	300	375	450						
68	145	218	290	363	435						
69	140	210	280	350	420						

NOTE: All lower places receive one point.

Appendix G - BASE SEED POINT ALLOCATION SCALE

Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts
1	2000	50	537	99	273	148	110	197	26
2	1720	51	530	100	270	149	107	198	25
3	1460	52	523	101	267	150	103	199	25
4	1340	53	517	102	263	151	100	200	24
5	1220	54	510	103	260	152	97	201	23
6	1166	55	503	104	257	153	93	202	23
7	1110	56	497	105	253	154	90	203	22
8	1056	57	490	106	250	155	87	204	21
9	1000	58	483	107	247	156	83	205	21
10	976	59	477	108	243	157	80	206	20
11	950	60	470	109	240	158	77	207	19
12	924	61	463	110	237	159	73	208	19
13	900	62	457	111	233	160	70	209	18
14	876	63	450	112	230	161	67	210	17
15	850	64	443	113	227	162	65	211	17
16	826	65	437	114	223	163	64	212	16
17	800	66	430	115	220	164	63	213	15
18	790	67	423	116	217	165	61	214	15
19	780	68	417	117	213	166	60	215	14
20	770	69	410	118	210	167	59	216	13
21	760	70	403	119	207	168	57	217	13
22	750	71	397	120	203	169	56	218	12
23	740	72	390	121	200	170	55	219	11
24	730	73	383	122	197	171	53	220	11
25	720	74	377	123	193	172	52	221	10
26	710	75	370	124	190	173	51	222	9
27	700	76	363	125	187	174	49	223	9
28	690	77	357	126	183	175	48	224	8
29	680	78	350	127	180	176	47	225	7
30	670	79	343	128	177	177	45	226	7
31	663	80	337	129	173	178	44	227	6
32	657	81	333	130	170	179	43	228	5
33	650	82	330	131	167	180	41	229	5
34	643	83	327	132	163	181	40	230	4
35	637	84	323	133	160	182	39	231	3
36	630	85	320	134	157	183	37	232	3
37	623	86	317	135	153	184	36	233	2
38	617	87	313	136	150	185	35	234	1
39	610	88	310	137	147	186	33	235	1
40	603	89	307	138	143	187	33		
41	597	90	303	139	140	188	32		
42	590	91	300	140	137	189	31		
43	583	92	297	141	133	190	31		
44	577	93	293	142	130	191	30		
45	570	94	290	143	127	192	29		
46	563	95	287	144	123	193	29		
47	557	96	283	145	120	194	28		
48	550	97	280	146	117	195	27		
49	543	98	277	147	113	196	27		

NOTE: All lower places receive one point.

Appendix H - DICTIONARY

- Adjusted Rating Points* means the points total for the number of Events counted as opposed to the total points from all Events entered.
- Alternates* are Surfers that are substituted into the Event when an opportunity arises such as a confirmed Surfer no-show.
- Amateur* means a Surfer that competes under an Amateur organization or identifies themselves as an amateur competitor therefore submitting to the fact there will be specific provisions made for the payment of any prize money earned.
- ASP* refers to the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) International Limited located in Coolangatta, Queensland, Australia.
- ASP Acceptable Judges* means judges selected by the Judges Committee or the ASP Head Judge in dire circumstances. I.e. running split panels due to shortage of waves within the Event window.
- ASP Approval* means approval received in writing signed by ASP CEO or President for any activities that are indicated as requiring such approval. The written approval must indicate the exact Event/activity that the ASP is approving.
- ASP Judges* are the judges provided at an Event outside of the **Licensing Region**. These judges are selected by the ASP Judges Committee.
- ASP Logo* means the logo as provided by ASP Management from time to time when requested. The ASP Logo may take different forms for the context that it is requested in so approval of use of the ASP Logo should never be assumed.
- ASP Member* is an individual that has fulfilled and satisfied all of the requirements provided by ASP for a competing Surfer's membership.
- ASP Office* means either the ASP Regional Office or the ASP Office whichever one is relevant in the context.
- ASP Regional Office* is the Office acting on behalf of ASP in their respective Region. They are the ASP contact point for all Surfers in their Region and any Events held in their Region. Contact details can be found in Appendix I of this Rulebook.
- ASP Regional Representative* means an individual that has the authority to act on behalf of an ASP Regional Office. The capacity of the authority as a representative shall be dictated by the agreement as formed between the ASP Regional Office and the individual.
- ASP Representative* means any individual with a power authorised under this Rulebook or another document entered into, adopted or ratified by the ASP Board of Directors and includes ASP members, Surfers in any ASP Event, judges, officials, Event employees and volunteers.
- ASP Rules and Disciplinary Judge* can be contacted via ASP International contact details.
- ASP Schedule* refers to the Calendar of ASP Events that lists the dates, rating, status, location and other information relating to each of the Events for the respective year.
- ASP Tour Manager* means the individual employed by ASP to liaise with Surfers and Events at all times during the year and to fulfill their various obligations at the Events of their respective Tour. For example; the ASP Men's Tour Manager has the above responsibilities for the ASP Men's World Tour Surfers.
- ASP Tour Representative* means an ASP Representative that has been specifically nominated to act pursuant to the Rulebook by the ASP Tour Manager.
- ASP Tours* means the World Tour, WQS, Masters Series, WLT, LQS, WJC or Regional Junior Series.
- Associate Membership* means membership of an ASP Regional Office that may be sold to individuals and vary in terms of the benefits available.
- Base Seed Points* means the points that Surfers receive at the beginning of each year as calculated in the relevant part of this Rulebook.
- Beach Entry* means a surfer that wishes to enter an Event at the Event site prior to the start of any heats.
- Best Counting Waves* means the highest scoring waves for each Surfer based on the best 2 or 3 waves decided on the day by the Head Judge.

Call Interference is where the majority of judges have deemed that one surfer has interfered with the other due to an effect on another Surfer's scoring potential.

Channels refer to the grooves on the bottom of a surfboard that affect the resistance or direction of the board as it moves through the water.

Competition Area means the area of the surf that has been officially designated and indicated by buoys, flags or banners as the area where Surfers may catch waves that can be scored.

Competitors Area is the area within the Event site where competing Surfers have exclusive access to and where they can get ready to compete while watching other Surfers compete.

Computer Scoring System is the input system used by judges to calculate and store scores during heats.

Contest Director means the individual nominated by an Event Licensee as the person who should be referred to at first instance for any obligations owed by the Event or is there is something that involves the particular Event as a whole.

Contest Site means the site described in the relevant license agreement about where the Event is to be held. The Contest Site includes but is not limited to the Competition Area in the surf, all the structures and infrastructure surrounding the adjacent areas to the Competition Area and any other area or structure that can be reasonably assumed to be associated with conducting or managing the Event.

Critical Sections are the most radical or heaviest part of the wave the Surfer is doing their manoeuvres in.

Disciplinary Action means sanctions, verbal warnings, written warnings, probation, suspension or expulsion from an Event, monetary penalties (fines), non-monetary penalties or a combination of the foregoing and will be in accordance with Chapter 11 of this Rulebook.

Discipline Violations means a breach of any kind of the Rules in this Rulebook, whether or not the breach is intended, conspired, or participated in by others.

Double Interference occurs where the judges decide a double interference applies and the two (2) Surfers share responsibility for the collision or other interference with each other.

Entry Fees are monies that are required to be paid in full prior to a Surfer being able to enter into an ASP Event.

Event means any Event **licensed** by ASP or an ASP Regional Office. This includes an Event in any of the ASP Tours or a Specialty Event.

Event Planner are the documents and guidelines that are issued annually to the Events as a guide as to what is expected from their particular Event.

Event Representative means an individual nominated by the **relevant** ASP Office at each Event.

Event Start Date refers to the first day of the Event Window.

Event Window means the time allocated for an Event to start and complete all heats and finals according to this Rulebook and the specific Event License agreement.

Full Membership means granting of ratings points and seeding benefits for Events entered in both World Tour and WQS after fulfilling the requirements set by ASP or an ASP Regional Office.

Inside Position means a position in the Line-up that, anticipating incoming waves, would result in a Surfer being closest to the peak of a breaking wave.

Interference is where a Surfer hinders another Surfer's ability to maximise their scoring potential while riding a wave.

International Surfers are Surfers that are registered at a Regional Office that is not the Regional Office running the Event.

Judge's Sheet is the paper-based sheet where judges record their score and anything else that needs to be recorded.

Kick out is a move a Surfer may use to end a Ride and/or exit off the back of a wave.

Life Members must have satisfied the requirements for Life Membership for ASP. This

is only provided by ASP.

Line-up means the place designated within the Competition Area by the Head Judge where the Surfers begin their Ride.

Local Membership is available to Male members that wish to compete in their Region only.

LQS means Longboard Qualifying Series conducted by the ASP Regional Offices

Malibu means a surfboard that is longer than 9 feet, and shaped with a rounded nose.

Manual Judging Sheets means paper-based sheets that are used by ASP judges to score and record points scored by Surfers in an Event.

Medical Coordinator is the individual nominated and authorised as the ASP Medical Coordinator from time to time.

Members mean any individual that satisfies the requirements of any ASP Office.

Modern Manoeuvres is an action during the Ride of a heat that displays a contemporary level of skill for the level of competition that the Surfer is competing in.

Non-paddle take-off means to catch a wave from the breaking point of a wave where no paddling is required before the Surfer begins to Ride the wave.

Official Area means any part of the Event Site that is not available to the general public.

One-on-one means a two (2) person heat.

Photographers mean any photographer that has been authorised within procedures of the ASP or Event media accreditation process.

Plus/Minus System means a system used if an Event does not use the computer scoring system where each judge nominates the position of each of the Surfers in relation to each other from 1 to 4 . If there are 5 judges, for example, the Surfer's aggregate positions are placed against each other and a winner is declared.

***Pre-seeded Surfer* means the Surfers that were ranked 1-16 inclusive in the previous year's World Tour end of year rankings [Refer to Article 6.01].**

Previous Seeding Rights are rights that a Surfer may have earned in an Event in the previous year or an Event of the current year.

Primary Take-Off Zone means the area of the line-up that could be considered the primary area for catching waves within the Competition Area.

Priority Allocation means the providing of Priority by the Head Judge during a heat of an Event.

Priority Disc is a double-sided disc positioned at the Judges Area clearly visible from any point in the Competition Area. The purpose of this disc is to indicate which Surfer has Priority to the next available wave.

Priority Surfer is the surfer with unconditional right of way over the 2 surfer for either the left or right breaking wave

Prize Money means the money received by a Surfer for making it into a certain round of an Event. Payment and the amounts are proportional to the status of each Event.

Prize Money Round is the round of an Event where Surfers receive Prize Money from that point onwards.

Prone Position means to be lying on the surfboard on their stomach.

Protest means making a formal Report regarding an incident or decision pursuant to the Rules and Discipline process found in this Rulebook.

Qualified Observers means people that are known within the surfing community to have a particular knowledge or skill that may assist an ASP Representative at rare times but only when directly authorized by the ASP Rulebook.

Region is the designated domain of the world that a particular Regional Office has control of in relation to ASP operations as decided by ASP from time to time.

Regional Office Selections relate to entry selections that are in the control of the **Licensing** Region for an Event as directed in the Rulebook.

Regional Payment Rates means the payment normally provided to a judge that judges in an ASP Event run by the respective Regional Office.

***Retired Surfer* means a Surfer who competed the previous year on the World**

Tour and provided ASP with written notice of retirement prior to the start of the calendar year in which they wish to be retire.

- Ride* is when a Surfer's hands leave the rails of their surfboard and lasts until the Surfer falls off their board or exits the wave.
- Right of Way* is the right a Surfer has to exploit the wave they are riding to maximise their scoring potential.
- Rules and Disciplinary Committee* means the Committee created and empowered within Chapter 11 of this Rulebook.
- Licensing ASP Regional Office** means the ASP Regional Office that has **licensed** the relevant Event in their Region and is Licensed to act on behalf of ASP in the designated Region.
- Scoring Potential* means the opportunity that an individual wave presents a Surfer to score points as judged in accordance with the Surfing Criteria outlined in this Rulebook.
- Section Break Down* is when the surfer pushes or breaks down a section by either paddling or surfing on a wave where a surfer has already claimed the inside position.
- Seeding Benefits* means a Surfer is seeded in an Event and are only available if they satisfy all requirements with the relevant ASP Office and have paid any required fees payable.
- Seeding Order* will determine who a Surfer competes against during an Event.
- Sound Blackouts* are times during competition when an authorised ASP Representative can request that the on-site commentators remain silent during certain times such as but not limited to television interviews.
- Special Series* means a series of Events over a period of time held within a single Region that promotes a winner at the Series' conclusion.
- Specialty Events* are Events that are not part of any particular ASP Tour but are **licensed** by ASP as a one-off Event.
- Superior* is the direction which has the highest scoring potential, determined by each individual judge at point of take off.
- Surfer* means an individual that has satisfied all the requirements for an ASP Membership of any kind and is eligible to compete in an Event.
- Surfer Caddie* (also referred to as *Caddie*) is a nominated person by the Surfer to provide any extra equipment directly to a Surfer during competition and who must act in accordance with this Rulebook.
- Surfer's Representative* means a nominated individual the Surfers at the Event. This representative is to be nominated amicably between the Surfers present or available at the Event. If this decision cannot be made, the highest ranking Surfer will make a unilateral decision on the Surfer Representative provided the Surfer accepts the decision.
- Tabulator* is a person designated by the Event to check judges manual scores with the computer print out at the end of each heat.
- Throwaway* means the Event where a Surfer earned the least points in that tour year.
- Tied Sheet* occurs where two judges go one way, two go the other and one judge ties the two surfers.
- Traditional Surfing* involves manoeuvres that were established originally when surfers first started surfing.
- Unused Seeds* means if a Region does not enter the number of seeds they are allocated then the Region running the Event can replace them with their members.
- Verbal Warning* is a warning provided on the spot to the breaching individual verbally and is to be recorded by the ASP Representative with the ASP Rules and Disciplinary Judge in writing for referral purposes as soon as practicable. A repeat of such a warning can result in further Disciplinary Action.
- Vested Interest* means to have a personal interest (e.g. financial, commercial etc.) other than within the capacity that the individual acts within this Rulebook (e.g. a judge that also acts as a shareholder or even on a Board of Directors of a business entity that is affiliated in anyway with a competing Surfer).
- VIP Bar Area* is an area within the official's area where the consumption of alcohol is

permitted, subject to any conditions applicable to the particular location or Event.

Wave Pool Events are Events that are held in a man-made arena where all forces creating the wave are artificial.

World Tour Seeds are Surfers that have been seeded in an Event and are currently on the World Tour.

World Tour stands for the ASP World Tour

WJC stands for the World Junior Championship

WLT stands for the World Longboard Tour

WPS stands for the World Professional Surfers

WQS Members means any Surfer registered with a Regional Office that has fully paid the required membership fees. Also see "*Regional Member*".

WQS stands for the World Qualifying Series

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