



TAG TEAM RULES

- Teams are made up of **FIVE SURFERS**
 - Surfers may be replaced/substituted in separate rounds if required.
- b. Each surfer must commence from behind a designated start line / area near the shoreline.
- c. A complete list of surfers, in the correct order, must be handed to the Contest Director (CD) prior to the start of the heat..
- d. Surfers may not enter the team area after the heat has started.
- e. The order of surfing may not be changed after it has been given to the CD.
- f. A surfer may only surf once in each round.
- g. Each surfer may catch a **maximum** of two (2) waves.
- h. Both rides count and there is **no need** to raise arms and “claim” either ride.
- i. There is no power surfer in the tag event.
- j. Once a surfer has had two (2) rides they **MUST** return to their designated area and make physical contact with the next surfer.
- k. Heat length will be a minimum of forty five minutes.
- l. The CD designates the start line, which is usually in front of the team area.
- m. Surfers may release their surfboard at the water’s edge when returning to their area.
- n. All team members are required to stay within the team area wearing their contest vests for the duration of each heat unless there are extreme weather conditions or there is an injury or illness.
- o. **SSA Interference Rules apply.** If interference has been scored, the team’s next surfer must wait the time penalty in the team box after the surfer in the water has made contact with him/her. This surfer will incur a three (3) minute time penalty. In the case of the interfering surfer being the last team member, the team’s set time will be reduced by the time penalty.
- p. If there is an interference the surfer who has had their scoring potential hindered will be allocated an extra ride. The surfer will be notified of the option of the replacement wave by public address announcement.

Five Point Penalties:

- Surfer competes out of turn
- Surfer leaves the area before the siren or during the heat without permission from the Contest Director
- Surfer tags outside of the area
- Tagging Surfer does not make physical contact with next surfer
- Surfer removes his official contest vest during event
- Non completion of required number of scoring waves within time

Other Penalties

- Surfer catches more than official wave limit: **5-point penalty for each extra wave**
- Interference: **3-minute penalty** for next surfer or added to final Team time
- Team surfer substitutes for another team member & surfs twice: **TEAM DISQUALIFICATION.**