



Rules and recommendations for competitions arranged in cooperation with SSA.

This information is to be used by local clubs who are arranging competition with status as a national championship or as another competition sanctioned by SSA.

Application

After SSA announced on website and social media that it is time to request "SM status"; Send application to styrelsen@surfforbundet.se

SSA will take decision continuously in these matters.

Responsibilities of club vs SSA

Unless otherwise agreed the competition is handled to 100% by the local club, both from the financial as well as from practical point of view.

If there are several competitions with overlapping waiting period and in the unlikely event that clubs announce their competitions to be held on the same weekend; A meeting will be called and SSA holds the right to make the choice which competition to run or put on hold.

Announcements

1. After positive response from SSA the competition should be announced as soon as possible by the local club. SSA will repost on SSA social media.
2. Choice of weekday: Sat, Sun, public holiday (only in exceptional cases other days should be used)
3. Waiting period: To be announced to SSA at time of application.
(Exception periods should also be noted)
4. First call: 1 week ahead of competition
5. Final call: 36 h ahead of competition start
6. Skippers meeting: Should be announced 36 h ahead of competition start

Competition rules

1. The rules are as per given in ISA and ESF competition rules.
2. If agreed with SSA, the rules can be adopted to the local surfing scene in Sweden with fewer people involved, situation of climate, surf-spot as well as the short daylight which may affect the arrangements.
3. The following would be typical exceptions from ISA rules
 - a. Number and qualification of Judges
A minimum would be:
 - 1 Qualified Head judge with recent experience in judging.
 - 1-3 Judges with some experience or recent attendance in judging course
 - b. Beach marshal:
Minimum 1 beach marshal to take care rash vests, signals etc
 - c. Secretary:
Minimum 1 person for keeping track of score board, supporting judges etc.
 - d. Minimum 1 back up persons in case someone needs to take a leak !

Judging criteria

1. According to ISA criteria



Minimum gear on competition site

- Competition jerseys x 2
Important note: In case competition do not close the water for non-competitor the mix-up of free-surfers to the competitor with black competition jersey is big. In this case black colour jerseys should not be used.
- Sign Red/Green
- Sound signal
- Flags, cones or marker to limit competition area
- Table and chairs for judges
- Scoreboard
- Information board for Visitors/Spectators

Judges' responsibility

- Ranking (in order to work out heat lists) supported by SSA
- Start lists (on paper or online) supported by SSA
- Judging sheets (on paper or online) supported by SSA
- Instructions (Skippers meeting)

Additional "good to have"

- Spotter – ie person with binoculars telling judges when and what color takes a wave.
- Judging tent / weather protection
- Athletes changing tent
- Speaker system
- Heaters
- Online scoreboard (ie Liveheats)
- Online video