

Priority information

1. The surfer with priority has the unconditional right of way to catch any wave they choose. Other surfers in the heat can paddle for, and catch, the same wave, but only if they don't obstruct or hinder the scoring potential of the surfer with priority. At the start of the heat once the first wave has been ridden, the remaining surfer in the lineup gets automatic priority. A surfer loses priority once they catch a wave and/or their hands leave the rails (edges of the surfboard) as they attempt to stand up. If two or more surfers catch a wave, the first surfer to make it back to the lineup will get priority. Priority is indicated by colored discs or flags at the event site.
2. In three and four person heats the first surfer to catch a wave takes last priority and the remaining surfers have priority over that surfer. The next surfer (or two surfers, in a four person heat) to catch a wave takes last priority and the surfer yet to catch a wave takes first priority. The others surfers receive priority in the order they return to the take-off area.

Judging criteria

In awarding a score for each ride, the judges use the following criteria:

1. "The surfer must perform committed, radical maneuvers in the most critical sections of a wave with style, power and speed to maximize scoring potential.
2. "Innovative and progressive surfing will be taken into account when awarding points for committed surfing.
3. "The surfer who executes these criteria with the highest degree of difficulty and control on the better waves shall be rewarded with the highest score."

Judges analyze the following elements when scoring waves:

1. Commitment and degree of difficulty
2. Innovative and progressive maneuvers
3. Combination of major maneuvers
4. Variety of maneuvers
5. Speed, power and flow

Judging and Points

1. Events are comprised of rounds and those rounds are made up of heats with anywhere from two-to-five surfers looking to lock in their two highest-scoring waves -- both out of a possible 10 points for a possible 20-point heat total. A panel of five judges scores each wave on a scale of one to ten. For every scoring ride, the highest and lowest scores (of the five judges) are discounted and the surfer receives the average of the remaining three scores. There is no limit on the number of waves that will be scored, but the two best scoring waves (each out of a possible 10) are added together to become a surfer's heat total (out of a possible 20).

Judging scale:

- 0.0 — 1.9: Poor
- 2.0 — 3.9: Fair
- 4.0 — 5.9: Average
- 6.0 — 7.9: Good
- 8.0 — 10.0: Excellent

Interference:

1. A surfer who hinders the scoring potential of a surfer with priority over them will be given an interference penalty. In most situations, this means that their heat score will be calculated using only their best scoring wave and their second wave score will be cut in half. At Queen's Surf Break, the priority system will be used. The surfer that has priority will be judged on the wave and a surfer with no priority on the same wave in the same direction will be an interference. A surfer may catch the same wave as the surfer must go in the opposite direction, example a surfer going right, the other surfer may surf the left, without an inference. Two or more surfers surfing the same wave in the same direction, the surfer closest to the curl during take-off, will have priority on that wave.

Registration process

1. ASH will notify individuals in advance of the total number of competitors allowed in each division with periodic updates including contest availability based on the number of registrations received at that time.
2. Placements are not guaranteed until ALL documentation noted in registration requirements have been received. Partial registration does not guarantee your spot in divisions.
3. If/when registration entries are limited, participation will be guaranteed on a first-come-first-serve basis only to competitors that have completed all registration requirements.
4. Individual must register for a primary division to compete and if they are interested in registering in a secondary division they will be waitlisted depending upon availability in secondary division.

Entry Requirements

1. Verification of a documented disability must be completed by a board certified medical professional (MD, OD, ND, PT, OT) no older than 2 years prior to competition date.
2. Primary disability must meet minimum eligibility requirements as defined in classification criteria.
3. Payment must be received by designated date for entry via electronic form, mail, or other negotiated manner.

4. Videos and/or photographs of surf style must be downloaded or links provided in registration application.
5. Classification questionnaire must be completed prior to designate date to best of ability.
6. Onsite classification must be completed prior to competition within designated dates.

Classification

To level the playing field of competition, a functional based classification system will be followed during the HASC event. Classifiers are respected professionals trained to determine and assess ruling on classification based on a physical functional classification. To determine classification and subclassification, an onsite and on water assessment will be conducted by classifiers for HASC. Any grievances on classification will be negotiated with the classifiers and committee and the individual will be notified no more than 10 days from appeal.

Onsite Assessment

1. All competitors must participate to the best of his/her ability in the onsite assessments for classification prior to competition.
2. Failure to participate will result in loss of placement in divisions in the competition
3. Classifiers will rate the individual based on measures outlined in classification section.
4. If individual does not meet minimum eligibility requirements, he/she will lose their spot in competition or notified of other decision prior to competition start.

On water Assessment

1. If a new entrant at the Hawaii Adaptive Surfing Competition, video clips of competitor must be submitted during registration to aid in classification.
2. An on water assessment will be conducted during competition if video clips are not sufficient for classification data.
3. Ruling of classification may be change base on functional ability not exhibited in the onsite assessment but observed in the on-water assessment.

Equipment Passport

1. All equipment must be documented in the registration process and will be noted by classifiers to aid in decisions of classification.
2. Photos of all equipment used in surfing must be attached in reply to the athlete survey.
3. If equipment used in competition and is not documented then competitor may be docked points or disqualified unless communicated and agreed upon with classifiers prior to competition.
4. Adaptive equipment must be used to accommodate for primary functional limitations.
5. Adaptive equipment can not produce an unfair advantage over other individuals in the division. Not limited to motorized equipment or fins.