

2023 Taiwan Open of Surfing Competition Rule

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1. Subject :

To utilize abundant water resources of the east coast of Taitung, Taitung County Government cooperated with World Surf League (WSL) to held an international professional surfing competition to attract surfers from all over the world to Taitung. Not only enhance the surfing ability of Taiwanese surfers, but also strive for more international exposure for Taitung.

2. Directed by :

National Development Council, Sports Administration, Ministry of Education, Tourism Administration, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, East Coast National Scenic Area Administration of Tourism Administration

3. Organizer :

Taitung County Government. World Surf League (WSL)

4. Co-Organizers :

13 Coast Guard Administration, Ocean Affairs Council ; Fleet Branch, Coast Guard Administration, Ocean Affairs Council ; Third Maintenance Office Directorate General of Highways, MOTC ; Donghe Township Office ; Chunghwa Telecom East area office ; Taitung Underwater Federation ; Taitung County Sports Association Surfing Committee.

5. Contest Window and Location :

6th-12th November 2023 / Jinzun Harbor, Taitung County, Taiwan

6th November 2023 – Grand Opening

6. Event Size :

- a. Men Qualifying Series 5,000 (MQS5,000)
- b. Women Qualifying Series 5,000 (WQS5,000)
- c. Refers to appendix, final draw will according to the Event closing date.

7. Eligibility of contest :

- a. Global surfers
- b. Have to become WSL member to attend a WSL event.
- c. Minimum Age (a) A Surfer must be at least fifteen (15) at the time of the Event to compete in any Event that is outside such Surfer's region. (b) A Surfer must be at least

twelve (12) at the time of the Event to compete in any Event in such Surfer's region.

NOTE : All the competitors must to be WSL members to entry the event. If get a membership, it already includes a basic insurance.

8. Entry the Event :

- a. Event open from ___ September ~ 1st November 2023, surfers must Login in order to Register for the event , WSL Membership System and click the link to register <https://wsl.memberpro.net/main/body.cfm>

Non-WSL member please click link to log in

<https://wsl.memberpro.net/ssl/main/body.cfm?menu=events&submenu=registerNowMFEE> As a registered Competitor, you can login to manage your Membership,

Insurance and register for Events on the World Surf League.

- b. Registration fee: For details, please refer to the WSL online registration system.

9. Regulations and Rules :

A. Regulations

- a. According to Surfers rankings and creates the rounds example, it basically sorts the surfers from 1 to 36...etc and goes arranging the rounds. The first will face the last, the second will face the 35 and so on. If the two surfers on top continue to win heats, they face each other in the final or the surfer ranked in a better matchup rank will win over a surfer ranked lower....etc.
- b. Wildcard is the wildcard selected by WSL in a process prescribed or if not, at WSL discretion for the particular Event or Events as described in the context described and unless defined elsewhere in this Rule Book.
- c. Men's QS5,000, For Combined Events, or when there are time constraints due to poor surf conditions, the Round of 16 can be run as four (4) Surfer Heats For Combined Events, Round of 160 can have heat times of twenty (20) minutes at the discretion of the Surfing Director, the WSL Tour Director and the Head Judge.
- d. All WSL Events must use the official WSL computer scoring system as prescribed by the WSL. Should the WSL computer scoring system not be used when approved by WSL (e.g., the Plus/Minus System), the results and scores must be provided to WSL in the format requested by WSL.
- e. Replacements or wildcard spots will be filled by a Surfer nominated (within a reasonable time determined by the Tour Manager for the Event) by WSL or the Event Sponsor respectively prior to the Alternates list being referred to. Should a Surfer not be nominated in a timely manner that may affect the Event's schedule, the replacement may be taken from the Alternates list.

B. Rules

The World Surf League (WSL), coordinates the annual tour of professional surf competitions including the men's and women's Championship Tours (CT), the Qualifying Series (QS), the Longboard Championships, the Junior Championships, the Big Wave Tour and the XXL Big Wave Awards. There aren't too many complicated rules in professional surfing, but we do have a few that are worth getting to know as you watch the sport. The rules are in place to ensure the safety of the athletes, the fairness of competition and, ultimately, to promote the best surfing on the planet in the arena of live competition. Click link for more information

<https://www.worldsurfleague.com/pages/rules-and-regulations>

10. Prize Money

- a. Award 1st place and runner up (2nd) Trophy.
- b. MQS5,000 Total Prize Money AUD 50,000 (Deducted 20% local tax)& seed points.
- c. WQS5,000 Total Prize Money AUD 50,000 (Deducted 20% local tax)& seed points.
- d. The Qualifying Series is a set of seven independent regional tours that determine which up-and-coming surfers qualify for the global Challenger Series. The most promising athletes from all seven regions, Africa, Asia, Australia/Oceania, Europe, Hawaii/Tahiti, North America, and South America, compete in local events to get just one step closer to qualifying for the Championship Tour.

11. COMPETITION/ Competitor

- a. Protests 10.7 (P.67)

Judges' decisions in Events that involve judgment, such as, but not limited to, the score for a Ride, are final. No Surfer may protest any such judgment decisions. If there is a reasonable belief that a Judges' decision in an Event is in conflict with the rules in this Rule Book, a Surfer may appeal the decision and ask that a correct ruling be made. The process for lodging a protest is as follows..... (b) For CS, QS, WLT, LQS, WJC, and Regional Junior Series Events: (i) A Surfer must fill out a protest sheet, which is available from the Beach Marshal. (ii) A Surfer must return the completed protest sheet to the Beach Marshal. (iii) The Beach Marshal will provide the protest sheet to the WSL Head Judge. (iv) The WSL Head Judge will discuss the matter under protest **with the Surfer at the end of the day for up to thirty (30) minutes.** (v) The WSL Head Judge will then consider the matter under protest and render a final decision. There will be no further review of the matter under protest.
- b. Other Miscellaneous Violations and Penalties: The following table is a general guideline for miscellaneous violations which may not be covered in the other Rules of Chapter 14. However, some violations described below may also be considered violations of the

Rule 14.02 or Rule 14.03 and in such circumstances, the violation penalty shall be the greater of the two (2) possible penalties. Suggested guideline penalties followed by “*” indicate violations for which Suspension and/or expulsion are possible penalties given either the severity or the repetitiveness of the violation.

- c. The requirements of WSL’s AntiDoping Policy and the sanctions for violating that Policy are addressed separately in that policy
- d. Media Obligations by Surfers (a) If requested to attend, the press conference for the QS/Challenger Series Event is compulsory for all Surfers. (b) All finalists must attend the on-site presentation immediately after the final of QS/Challenger Series Event is held.

12. Competitor Important note :

- A. Check in- 6th November 2023 ___TBD___ am , possible start ___TBD___ °
Location : Contest site , Jinzun Harbor, Taitung, Taiwan
- B. Members Login - As an EXISTING MEMBER, you can view your Membership History, renew your Membership, entry events and pay online as well as manage your Personal Profile, surfer must login in order to register for the event.
- C. Insurance
 - a. This event includes public liability insurance.
 - b. If you are competing outside your country of residence, you must purchase an insurance product as your usual government or private health coverage will not apply. If you are surfing in QS events, you should purchase (or upgrade to) a QS Event insurance. Click link for more information
<https://wsl.memberpro.net/main/body.cfm>

13. Cancelling and Event Entry

Email cancellations@worldsurfleague.com to send an event cancellation notice. Be sure to include surfer’s name, event name, and reason for cancellation.

14. WSL Covid-19 Updates

- a. The health and safety of our athletes, staff, and the local communities we visit are of the utmost importance, and we have a strong set of procedures in place at every event to keep everyone safe. The WSL continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and work closely with government partners and local health authorities to make the best decisions for our athletes and the sport. All events and dates/locations remain subject to restrictions on global travel and public gatherings.
- b. Each competitor should provide the "Confirmation of Contestant's Participation Health" letter and signed before your heat start to the beachmarshall. If surfers have

not completed the statement will not be allowed to compete or check in.

15 · If there are any unresolved matters in this regulation, the WSL English version of the Rule Book is the final reference, and WSL has the right to make final adjustments to this event.

APPENDIX A

The set heat draw will be adjusted according to the actual number of competitors.

2.08 Formats: The following format will be applied to all men’s Challenger Series Events (except men’s Challenger in Hawaii, which will use Format A2):

(b) Men’s QS5,000 Events

For Combined Events, or when there are time constraints due to poor surf conditions, the Round of 16 can be run as four (4) Surfer Heats For Combined Events, Round of 160 can have heat times of twenty (20) minutes at the discretion of the Surfing Director, the WSL Tour Director and the Head Judge.

FORMAT B	Heat Numbers	Heat Time(mins)	Seed Placements
Round of 160	16 heats of 4	25 mins	64 Seeds
Round of 128	16 heats of 4	25 mins	32 Seeds
Round of 96	16 heats of 4	25 mins	32 Seeds
Round of 64	16 heats of 4	25 mins	32 Seeds
Round of 32	8 heats of 4	25 mins	
Round of 16	8 heats of 4	25 mins	
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 mins	
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 mins	
Final	1 heat of 2	Recommended 35 mins but Head Judge can make call on time.	

(B)Women’s QS5,000 Events

QS5,000 must allow for a minimum of seventy-two (72) Surfers using Format E and allow for a minimum of three (3) days running time.

FORMAT E	Heat Numbers	Heat Time(mins)	Seed Placements
Round of 72	4 heats of 4	25 mins	16 Seeds
Round of 64	16 heats of 4	25 mins	56 Seeds
Round of 32	8 heats of 4	25 mins	
Round of 16	8 heats of 2	25 mins	
Quarter Finals	4 heats of 2	25 mins	
Semi Finals	2 heats of 2	25 mins	
Final	1 heat of 2	Recommended 35 mins but Head Judge can make call on time	

For Combined Events, or when there are time constraints due to poor surf conditions, the Round of 16 can be run as four (4) Surfer Heats.

For Combined Events, Round of 72 can have times of twenty (20) minutes, at the discretion of the Surfing Director, the WSL Tour Director and the Head Judge.

2023 WSL QS5000 Wildcard Allocation Table

外卡資格配給對照表

Event Format	Number of Wildcards 可配給外卡 總額度	Wildcards Selected by WSL WSL 配給	Wildcard Selected by Event Licensee 在地主辦配給	Round 配給外卡 位置	備註
Men and Women QS5000					
Men 男子					
128+person	6	3	3	1 WSL / 1 Event each in round 64, 96 and 128	1 位-128 輪 1 位-96 輪 1 位-64 輪
Women 女子					
60+person	4	2	2	1 WSL / 1 Event each in Round 48 and 72	1 位-72 輪 1 位-48 輪