

Euro Skim Tour

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CHAPTER 1: EST Introduction and Operations

I. About the EST and this Rulebook

- A. Recognized by the European Surf Federation (ESF), the Euro Skim Tour Organization (EST) is the European Governing Body for Skimboarding and all related activities. It has been running Open Division European Championships since 2023 (EST) and Sub-18 European since 2023.

The EST Organization includes the skimboarding event organizers from 3 countries (France, Portugal and Spain) and territories on one continent (Europe).

The EST Executive Committee (EST ExCo) includes six members, Eric Cestari (SPA), Eric Sylvestre (FRA), José Costa (POR), Mathieu Taxy (SPA), Sergio Gil (SPA) and Thomas Laisney (FRA).

This Rulebook was issued by the EST ExCo on June 20, 2025, with immediate effect. This version replaces any prior versions.

II. EST Recognized Groups

A. EST Recognized Associations

The EST may recognize one National Skimboarding Association, if constituted, for each of the countries organizing EST Rounds. EST National Associations may organize competitions in accordance with EST Rules and shall have as one of their main objectives to collaborate with the EST for the development of skimboarding and related activities in their region.

B. EST Recognized Organizations

The EST may formally recognize certain skimboarding-related Organizations seeking affiliation from the EST. An EST Recognized Organization has the right to publicize its status and has access to EST communications and programs. An EST Recognized Organization may attend EST Annual General Meetings or events and shall be entitled to speak, but shall not be entitled to vote.

III. EST Championships or Sanctioned Events and Frequency

A. Season Events

France	Open Européen Skimboard	[Annual]
Portugal	Internacional Skimboard	[Annual]
Spain	Trafalgar skim contest	[Annual]

For the purposes of these rules, European Championships organized by the Recognized National Surf Federations in accordance with EST Rules shall also be considered EST Events.

EST events are for skimboarders who are members of affiliated National Surfing Federations, in good standing with the EST Organization.

IV. Bids to host EST events

Bids to host any EST sanctioned event must be submitted in writing 2 months before each contest in accordance with the EST Invitation to Host document on the official letterhead of the applicant organization or entity and addressed to the EST ExCo. Such bids must be signed by the authorized individual and will be evaluated by the EST ExCo for final decision. The EST Invitation to Host document, as well as hosting agreements and questionnaires, are subject to change and may be revised from time to time by the EST ExCo.

CHAPTER 2: EST EVENT ADMINISTRATION

I. Section 1: Organization requirements

A. Legal Requirements

1. Official authorization from the ESF as well as local sea authorities permissions.

B. Rights

1. Organization Rights
 - a) Assigning the name of the event, unless being conditioned by the existence of a sponsor for the whole circuit.
Exploitation of advertising spaces in the contest area. Exploitation of television and radio images.
Registration prices.

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2. European Surf Federation Rights

a) Validation of each contest name.

Possibility to include the following statements in the event name if necessary to reference the sponsor of the tour, as for example "Powered by...", "Awarded by".

Rights to disseminate and develop marketing strategies throughout TV and Video images at a local, national or/and international level, aiming to announce EST information and judges/coaches official FPS training courses.

Rights to sell official ESF products at the contest sites.

C. Logistics and Infrastructure

1. Staff Shelter

If possible, a shelter of reasonable comfort, resistant to the adversity of the climate (rain and wind), ideally equipped with electric power source, a minimum of 4 tables and 6 chairs, properly fenced to the public and athletes looking forward providing good conditions of visibility to the competition area.

2. Sound System

Sound system good enough to inform athletes during competition about relevant information (heat time, number of waves, eventually scores), interact with the public and announce official decisions.

3. Lycra T-Shirts

2 Sets of 4 jerseys of different colors, which will have to be included in the following list: Red/Orange/Pink; White; Yellow/Green or Black/Blue.

4. Computer and Media Systems

If possible, a system that allows judges to insert scores directly and remotely, allowing the head judge to globally control the scores and the speaker to inform athletes about the current scores, and needed scores for next position.

5. Scoreboard

A Panel to post results, scoreboard with proof organization chart and other public announcements, near the staff cabinet and/or near the competition area.

6. Shelter

If possible, a container or tent for athletes and technical personnel.

7. Podium

If possible, to be used during the award ceremony.

8. Trophies

Minimum 4 - for the finalists of each contest/category.

9. Marking Flags and Delimitation of the Competition or Take Off Area

Minimum two flags for the definition of the competition area or take off zone. These flags must be format-sized that are easily identifiable by all agents involved in the race, athletes, judges, public, etc. May be a promotional / publicity way to announce partners / sponsors.

10. Sanitary Facilities

Ideally and only if the local zone authorities and environmental regulations of the area allow it.

11. Waste Collection Containers

Ideally and only if the local zone authorities and environmental regulations of the area allow it.

12. First AID Box

II. Section 2: Eligibility

A. New Contest Submission

The EST ExCo will accept submissions of new organizations willing to celebrate a sanctioned contest for the Euro Skim Tour prior to February of each EST season year.

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B. Calendar Closure

The calendar for each season will be closed no later than June 15th each year.

C. European Age Categories for Events

The contests categories sanctioned for the EST season are the following:

Open Men: Male of any age

Open Women: Female of any age

U18 Junior: Boy or Girl 18 years and younger

- The EST is open to Europeans and non Europeans citizens.
- Every competitor must have its country surf/skimboard federation license with the subsequent insurance that safeguards the needs of medical assistance for the practice of skimboarding and participation in events within the framework of surfing.
- In case of no affiliation to a national surf/skim federation, the competitor must take out a 3-day sports insurance to be able to compete in the event.
- If there's the option, the organization may have the possibility to provide insurance to the athlete during the competition days.
- An Under 18 competitor may not turn 19 between January 1st and December 31st of the year in which they are competing in this Division. Proof of the age of Under 18 competitors must be submitted with a copy of passport or birth documentation is required.
- All under-aged skimboarder [Under 18] must have adult appointed supervision.
- Any skimboarder under the age of 12 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- An Open Skimboarder is a Skimboarder of any age.
- Passports or proof of citizenship will be verified by EST officials or event organizers prior to the start of all EST Events.

III. Section 3: Event Registration Policy and Procedures.

A. Fee Structure

The event registration fee shall be decided by the organizer of the event and is applicable to all participating athletes excluding judges. The registration fee is to be paid to the event organizer. A skimboarder competing in more than one division is required to pay the registration fee for each division entered. Late submission of registration fees may attract a penalty to be decided upon by the organizer.

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B. Registration / Entry Process

1. Registrations must be made through the website/Email provided by the organization and only contestants affiliated in their country's surf/skimboard federation or those with insurance will be allowed to participate.
2. Placements are not guaranteed until ALL documentation has been received (payment and registration forms) by set deadlines. Partial registration does not guarantee athletes spot (for example, payment received but no submission of required documentation or required registration forms).
3. If/when registration entries are limited, participation will be guaranteed on a first-come-first-serve basis only to athletes that have completed all registration requirements (submitted payment and online registration).
4. Changes to seeding order for confirmed registered athletes will be permitted up to 1 hour prior to the start of the event. Those competitors who have been scheduled to compete at this point are the final starters for the event and any no-show competitor for the first Main round will forfeit their right to compete in that round. Once the initial draw has been made no redraws will be made to account for no-show competitors.
5. When a competitor is a no-show for their heat, they will receive a zero point total and DNS (Did Not Start) as their placing.
6. When a competitor is a no-show for their heat due to injury, they will receive a zero point total and INJ (Injury) as their placing. If they are injured and unable to compete in the later main rounds, they will rank according to the result position of its latest score and heat classification.

C. Official EST Event Protocol

1. Participating Persons
 - a) Official Participating persons must be approved by the corresponding Organizer and shall be considered as event personnel. Event personnel include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) All Athletes participating in the event, whether skimboarding or serving as a athlete associate
 - (2) Team Manager and supporting persons, whether staff or volunteer
 - (3) Athlete Coach(es) and supporting persons, whether staff or volunteer
 - (4) Persons providing services to athletes and their assistants, such as physiotherapists, masseuse, medical persons, chaperones

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- (5) Media specialists accompanying athletes or organizer to provide services
 - (6) Officially recognized “associated” persons accompanying athletes or organizers.
 - (7) Healthcare crew
 - (8) Security crew
 - (9) Invited sponsors
 - (10) Federations crew
 - (11) Associations crew
 - (12) Organization personnel
- b) An integral part of the Host Organizer’s responsibilities, which are audited by the EST, is to provide various services to the EST and its athletes during these events. These services are set out in the official hosting agreement and include, but are not limited to, discounted and special accommodation and meals; facilities for athletes on the beach; provision of opening and closing ceremonies which provide athlete participation in various ways; communication access during the event and provision of various meetings and special event activities.
- c) For persons accompanying athletes to avail themselves of these special services and opportunities of involvement in official activities, they must be identified as an Official Participating person and are required to be registered by the athletes in order to receive event benefits.
- d) Official Protocol for Participating Persons.
- (1) Only athletes, athletes associates or organizing crews can use free or paid services provided by Organizers, including but not limited to ground transportation, special hotel rates, etc.
 - (2) Only athletes, athletes associates or organizing crews are to be allocated official Wristbands and have the right to enter “designated areas” at the event site and other associated activities.
 - (3) **NOTE:** Payment of registration fees for this event, official participating status, identification and security are linked together in these EST events.
 - (4) Associated Persons may include, but not limited to: Supporter Groups, family of team members, friends, etc.
 - (5) On a case by case basis, official dispensation may be given by the EST ExCo or Organizer to other associated persons to participate in official event activities, provided application is made in writing to the EST ExCo or organizer and sufficiently in advance of the activity, so the EST ExCo may properly assess the situation and

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plan for the change. This decision is at the discretion of the EST ExCo.

- (6) EST recommends any promotional items and clothing provided to supporter's groups by athletes or organizer's crew, be clearly labeled as such.

D. Official Language

1. The EST official languages are English, French, Portuguese and Spanish with official and event announcements also to be made equally in English and the local language whenever possible. Event announcements in other languages besides English and the local language are not mandatory.

IV. Section 4: Contest Rules and Procedures

A. General

1. Rules of Competition: Coverage and Authority.
 - a) The rules of competition as set out in the EST rulebook must be applied by each national event organizer. This is particularly relevant to those nations that are hosting EST sanctioned events.
 - b) Amendments to these rules are the prerogative of the EST ExCo. The EST ExCo will advise all member nations once any amendments have been made and approved by the EST ExCo.
 - c) These amendments, once approved, will be applied to EST contests as long as they are circulated to athletes prior to the start of the first specific season event.
 - d) In case of an international or national health crisis, global pandemic or other force majeure event, the EST ExCo may adopt special competition regulations and specific emergency countermeasures aimed at protecting the health and safety of all athletes and participants. Every effort will be made to communicate these special regulations in a timely manner prior to the start of the Event.
 - e) Any proposals for changes to the Rule Book must be submitted in writing, with reasons for requesting the change, to the EST ExCo at least 90 days before an Annual General Meeting.
2. Format of Events
 - a) The contest will consist of a format decided by the EST ExCo. The competition and the Finals may be held at different venues/spot or at the same venue/spot.

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- b) Where, for any reason it is not possible to hold or complete the Finals, the Contest Director may determine division winners from the accumulated places of the contest. If required by the Contest organizer, the last competition day will be set-aside for the Finals.
- c) In extraordinary circumstances where registrations for EST events may fall below 6 and the application of the contest heats format is unfair, the Chief judge, in association with the Contest Director, may customize an alternative draw for that specific situation that incorporates multiple rounds and points for places.
- d) Seedings
 - (1) Any registered rider not ranked in the current standings should be ranked based on its previous year's EST standings.
 - (2) Any registered rider not ranked in the previous year or current EST standings should be ranked based on the contest director's criteria (other events placings, general skills level, order of contest entry submission, etc.)
 - (3) Chief judges and Contest director must force the seeding and bracketing of the top 2 Euro Skim Tour ranked seeds to meet in the final if they both win all of their respective heats.
 - (4) Within the competition, participants who progress through the heats will be seeded into each successive heat according to the position that they obtained in the previous heat.
 - (5) The event should be designed to accommodate a minimum progression rate of 50% in case of heats of 2 or 4 riders and 66% in case of heats of 3 riders for the advancement to the next round.
 - (6) In the event of there being only two skimboarders in a heat that was seeded for three or four skimboarders, the heat will not take place and the riders will be given positions based on their points scored in the previous round or contest, according to their seedings in the case of a first round heat.
- e) Points and awards
 - (1) In case the championship hosts 2 events, all placings count toward each skimboarder's final total points.
In case the Euro Skim Tour hosts 3 contests the best 2 placings count toward each skimboarder's Euro Skim Tour final total points, being mandatory to compete on all three tour championships. In this case, third result points can only be counted as a tie-breaker.
In case the championship hosts 4 events, the best 3 placings count toward each skimboarder's final total points.
In case the championship hosts 5 events, the best 4 placings count toward each skimboarder's final total points-

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- (2) Final Euro Skim Tour results should be ranked in order from first to last place, reducing or eliminating ties where possible.
- (3) If the Euro Skim Tour is hosting only 3 qualifying events and aiming to avoid multiple draw situations in the final rankings, the competitors must be ranked from the first to the last, thus achieving an overall competitors standings.

To determine overall final ranking:

- (a) If two or more competitors finish the Euro Skim Tour with the same total points, the tiebreaker will be applied as follows, without altering the order:
 - (b) - One result will be deducted from the total, and so on. If three best results are counted and there is still a tie, the two best results will be compared; if the tie persists, the best single result will be considered to break the tie.
 - (c) - If the tie remains, additional results will be progressively considered until a tiebreaker is achieved. If three best results are counted, then four best, five best, and so on, until the tie is resolved.
 - (d) - If the tie persists and it is necessary to declare a champion, the result from the event with the highest number of participants in the category will be analyzed, awarding the title to the competitor who obtained the best result in that event.
- (4) **NOTE:** Not ranked athletes: To those riders not participating in the total mandatory events to be ranked and in case of participating in more than one event, the registered points in the Euro Skim Tour will be assumed with the rider's best placing scores removing the lower score obtained. In case of participating in just one event, the points obtained will be registered as the rider's score for statistical purposes.
- (5) In applicable EST events, each competitor will accumulate points according to the place he/she finishes in the contest. The EST Points Allocation Table will be used, beginning with 1000 points for each division winner (please refer to the EST Official Points Allocation Table for subsequent placing-point ratios). The total points will be distributed amongst the available places. The winning rider of each division will be that rider with the highest sum of points. Where division places are equal, then the highest of the possible points for those places will be allocated to each competitor.

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- (6) In the Open Men Division, individual points for all riders, irrespective of their nationality, will count towards the EST. The winning rider will be named the season's EST Champion in the Open Men division and will be awarded accordingly.
 - (7) In the Open Women Division, individual points for all riders, irrespective of their nationality, will count towards the EST. The winning rider will be named the season's EST Champion in the Open Women division and will be awarded accordingly.
 - (8) In the U18 Division, individual points for all riders, irrespective of their nationality, will count towards the EST. The winning rider will be named the season's EST Champion in the U18 division and will be awarded accordingly.
 - (9) In the Open Men and Open Women divisions separately, individual points for all riders, only for European Riders, will count towards the European Best Skimmer Award. The winning rider will be named the season's European Best Skimmer in its division and will be awarded accordingly.
- f) Official Meetings
- (1) The Contest Head Judge, will hold Judge and rider Meetings prior to the commencement of all EST events. Attendance at these meetings is compulsory for ALL relevant participating persons. Suitable prior notice of these meetings must be given by the EST in consultation with the Contest Coordinator.
 - (2) The purpose of such meetings is to inform officials of the arrangements for the competition, clarify operational questions from riders, and manage the judging process and other event requirements.
 - (3) All functions, meetings, etc. are to be held near the contest site and at a reasonable time.

3. EST Event Code of Conduct and Ethics

- a) The EST Code of Conduct and Ethics Declaration is to be completed and signed by each participating official in any EST Event. Failure to comply with the EST Code of Conduct Declaration may result in disciplinary action by the EST in accordance with the EST Discipline Policy contained herein.
- b) The following EST Code of Conduct will be applicable to riders competing, parents, coaches and the whole community attending any EST event:

These are the expectations for conduct from athletes, parents, and coaches at the EST Events. We hold athletes, parents, coaches, and community members to a high standard of sportsmanship. Enforcing this Code of Conduct allows the EST organization to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun skimboarding experience for our entire community.

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Please read the code of conduct below carefully before registering for each season. Each participant, parent and/or coach is required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct online before the season begins, and must abide by the Code of Conduct throughout the entire season.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action including suspension - either temporarily or permanently as determined by the EST ExCo.

(1) Code of Conduct for Riders

- (a) I will be a good sport to riders, coaches, officials, opponents, and parents at every contest and practice, no matter win or lose.
- (b) I will learn the value of commitment by participating in as many events, rounds, heats or free sessions as I can.
- (c) I will encourage my colleagues and praise good efforts.
- (d) I will be honest, fair, and respectful to others at all times.
- (e) I will aim to learn all I can from skimboarding.
- (f) I will arrive at the events, heats or rounds on time and be ready to dedicate my attention to the contest personnel and EST ExCo principals.

(2) Code of Conduct for Parents

- (a) I will put the emotional and physical well-being of participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- (b) I will respect riders, coaches, officials, spectators, and families at all times.
- (c) I will respect the decisions of officials or coaches.
- (d) I will not engage in any violence or verbal threats or use any profanity.
- (e) I will not yell advice to my child during a game.
- (f) I will model good sportsmanship for all participants.
- (g) I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a skimboarding event—in public, private, in-person, or online.
- (h) I will do my part to keep skimboarding fun and positive for every participant.

(3) Code of Conduct for Coaches

- (a) I will coach with the goal of creating a positive learning experience for athletes. Winning contests is secondary to

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building a positive skimboarding experience for my riders, parents of my riders, and opposing riders.

- (b) I will put the emotional and physical well-being of participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- (c) I will follow all safety protocols of the contest.
- (d) I will under no circumstances engage in an argument with a referee or official. Any discussions or conversations with officials or referees will be in a respectful tone.
- (e) I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a skimboarding event-in public, private, in person, or online.
- (f) I will treat opposing coaches and athletes with respect and represent my community in a positive manner.

4. EST Concussion Protocol

- a) The EST reserves the right to adopt a concussion protocol based on international standards and the healthcare personnel assigned in any every event and, in the event of a trauma, and based an assessment on site by the EST assigned Medical Officer or his/her representative, the athlete may be removed from the competition in the interests of his/her health and safety.

5. EST Discipline Policy

- a) Misbehavior - Several areas for disciplinary action follow and all other areas not as yet defined will be adjudicated by the EST ExCo as special cases arise.

Competitor / Official or Participating Person - Official Misbehavior, Unsporting Conduct or bringing an EST event or the EST itself into Disrepute.

The EST Executive Committee has agreed that, “a skimboarder or team member that violates the Code of Conduct, causes willful destruction or damage to property, makes public displays of aggressive behaviour [ie. Loud aggressive comments or actions in public about judging decisions, refusal to leave the official contest areas when first directed], or damage to the image of skimboarding directly at an EST event or on social media will be subject to disciplinary action and a possible immediate fine and /or disqualification, suspension or other appropriate penalties imposed by the Contest Director after consultation with the Head Judge and Technical Director.”

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The EST Executive Committee has the power to review any such decision. All fines under this category will be issued to the sanctioned person.

Fines levels imposed will range from 20€ to 500€ with, in addition, a possible disqualification and/or suspension of the individual concerned for the event and/or future events, which will also affect points calculations. For multiple offenses over one or more events, fines will move to the higher level. These fines must be issued by the end of the day on which the fine was imposed and paid before the start of the event on the following day. If the fine is issued on the last day of the event and is not paid before the end of the event, the responsible may be subject to additional penalties. Penalties may be supplemented by the Executive Committee.

- b) Judging Discipline - Judges, once selected, must remain on the official contest areas for the duration of the event. If a judge forfeits his/her position on the panel, he/she will be reviewed and may be suspended for a period determined by the EST Contest Director, and may also incur other penalties.
- c) EST Penalties & Infringements
 - (1) EST Infringements are listed below, but are not limited to the list below.
 - (2) Penalties for infractions, other than those associated with the use of banned substances, will be determined on the spot by the Contest Director based on the attached scale. The competitor has the right to appeal the decision at a meeting of the Jury of Appeal.
 - (3) All fines will be billed to the sanctioned person. These fines must be paid before the start of the event on the following day (or the next day of competition if applicable) or the skimboarder in question will lose the points that would accrue to its score.

INFRIGEMENTS

- Assaulting (a judge, event staff, other competitor, team official, media, or the public)
- Derogatory, rude gestures or comments to judges, team officials, event staff, media, and public
- Entering the judging area to complain/protest without approval from the Technical Director or Head Judge
- Destruction or abuse of judging sheets or heat sheets
- Approaching any Judge (Head Judge, Scoring Judge, Priority Judge) at any time inside or outside the Event Area regarding scores, interference, priority, or results without approval from the Technical Director and/or Contest Director

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- Abuse of contest equipment or event property
- Abuse of own equipment during event or in contest areas
- Damage to property in event locality
- Damage to the sport of skimboarding due to misbehavior
- Unsporting conduct
- Any finalist who fails to attend an Event awards presentation without prior approval
- Violation of the EST's or host country's Health and Safety Plan
- Using profanity, offensive commentary, and/or or public/political messaging whether on competition clothing and/or equipment on
- the broadcast or media interview of the Event , as per Competition Rules
- Failure to comply and/or violation of the anti-doping process and testing
- Replacement of Registration Wristband/Accreditation without return of the old wristband/accreditation
- Illegal obtainment of Registration Accreditation

TECHNICAL INFRINGEMENTS

- Knowingly catching a wave in excess of wave count
- Knowingly wearing contest vest incorrectly
- Skimboarding in contest area during heats
- Outside Assistance (third party helps competitor, ie. return board to lineup, unauthorized transportation assist, etc)

The Contest Director in consultation with the Head Judge and Technical Director may decide to impose a suspended penalty ("yellow card") based on the severity of the infringement. This would be a first warning.

Behavioral infringements (such as Unsporting Conduct, Damage to the Sport, Assaulting an Official, etc) will be decided in consultation with the Technical Director, Contest Director, Head Judge (when applicable), and the Executive Director (and/or President if present).

Other infringements not specified above may attract a warning, a fine, disqualification and/or suspension

- d) Disqualification - In the case of disqualification (DSQ) during or after an event, the rider will lose ALL allocated points and the following process will be applied.

If the skimboarder is DSQ during the event, he/she will be immediately withdrawn from the remaining heat schedule. No points will be allocated against the skimboarder's name for the aggregate points. The skimboarder's name will appear in the final event ratings list in last place and annotated "DSQ". The respective skimboarder will also be DSQ from ALL OTHER DIVISIONS in which he/she has entered at that contest.

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- (1) If the skimboarder is **DSQ after the event and occupies individual places 1 - 8:**
 - (a) Then he/she will be required to return any awards received for reallocation to upgraded placegetters.
 - (b) The skimboarder's name will appear in the final event ratings list in last place and annotated "DSQ".
 - (c) Points allocated to the DSQ skimboarder will be deducted from his/her aggregate score.
 - (d) Points for the upgraded top seven skimboarder will be reallocated and eighth place points will be deleted from the points allocation.
 - (e) If the 8th place skimboarder is DSQ, there will be no change of positions for the top seven skimboarders, and the 8th place position will be unallocated.
 - (f) This process will be applied irrespective of the number of DSQ skimboarders affected.
 - (g) The aggregate points rating will then be re-calculated. This process may result in a change in the skimboarder rated order and if so, awards must be returned and reallocated.
- (2) If the skimboarder is **DSQ after the event and occupies an equal place 9 onwards:**
 - (a) The skimboarder's name will appear in the final event ratings list in last place and annotated "DSQ".
 - (b) Points allocated to the DSQ skimboarder will be deducted from his/her aggregate score.
 - (c) No points or places will be reallocated in this situation.
 - (d) This process will be applied irrespective of the number of DSQ skimboarders affected.
 - (e) The aggregate points rating will then be re-calculated. This process may result in a change in the skimboarder rated order and if so, awards must be returned and reallocated.
- (3) Where the **DSQ is after the event** then the skimboarder will additionally be **DSQ from ALL ENTERED DIVISIONS AT THAT EVENT.**
 - (a) All awards received by the DSQ skimboarder for any division must be returned to the Contest director, irrespective of any changes of skimboarder standings.
- (4) **Appealing a DSQ:**
 - (a) DSQ as a result of a positive drug test: The appeal process is identified in the anti-doping code of every national organisation

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- e) Anti-Doping – The EST is unequivocally opposed, on ethical and medical grounds, to the practice of doping in sport and fully supports the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in the fight against the use of banned substances and methods.

As a signatory to the WADA Code, the EST implements a strict adherence to the Code as a way to ensure a clean, healthy and fair sporting atmosphere for all athletes. By conducting both in-competition and out-of-competition testing, the EST confirms proper testing and results management methods are administered throughout the sport.

- (1) Participants should carefully review both the Anti-Doping Rules and the Anti-Doping Code of every national organization.
 - (2) All athletes competing in EST Events shall be subject to In-Competition Testing at any time, with or without advance notice. “In Competition” refers to the period of time from the start of Opening Ceremony until the end of Closing Ceremony. An athlete is subject for In Competition testing during that window regardless if they are no longer competing.
 - (3) All athletes in every division are subject to testing.
 - (4) Any Adverse Analytical Finding resulting from an athlete’s sample will undergo the Results Management Process as outlined in the EST Anti-Doping Code.
 - (5) Any coach, trainer, medical practitioner, sports scientist or psychologist who aids, abets, counsels or is knowingly involved in an athlete’s breach of doping regulations will face sanction.
 - (6) All EST drug testing samples shall be taken by a national organization appointed agency and analyzed by a laboratory accredited by the national organization in accordance with the national organization regulations.
- f) EST Dispute Settlement - Court of Arbitration for Sport
- (1) Any dispute, any controversy or claim arising under, out of, or relating to the EST Rule Book, bylaws or agreements or any subsequent amendments of or in relation to the EST Rule Book, bylaws or agreements including but not limited to, its formation, validity and binding effect, interpretation, performance, breach or termination, as well as non-contractual claims, shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Arbitration Rules. The language to be used in the arbitration shall be English.
 - (2) Where a settlement of the dispute is not reached within 90 days of the commencement of the arbitration, or if, before the expiration of the said period either party fails to participate in the

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arbitration, the dispute shall, upon the filing of a request of Arbitration by either party, be referred to and finally settled by CAS arbitration pursuant to the Code of Sports related Arbitration. When the circumstances so require, the arbitrator may, at his own discretion or at the request of a party, seek an extension of the time limit from the CAS President.

- (a) An athlete, coach or team member, in violation of the EST By-Law, Constitution or agreement and / or its policies will be penalized according to the gravity of the violation. An athlete, coach or team member loses all rights during the period of suspension, i.e., the right to submit resolutions, to take part in meetings and to enter competitors in EST competitions, unless otherwise decided by the EST Executive Committee.
- (b) An athlete, coach or team member in violation of the EST Rule Book / or policies which continues to do so after having been previously warned or suspended may be expelled from the EST.
- (c) Disputes between EST and one or several of its athletes, coaches or team members which are not settled by a decision of EST, may be submitted for arbitration by either of the parties to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), to the exclusion of any other domestic tribunal. Any decision taken by the said court shall be without appeal or recourse to ordinary courts, and is binding on the parties concerned.
- (d) The EST Executive Committee shall have the following powers:
 - (i) to suspend the athlete, coach or team member or to modify its submission to provisional status until the next meeting of Congress
 - (ii) to suspend athlete, coach or team member from EST events; until the next meeting of Congress
 - (iii) to caution or censure an athlete, coach or team member;
 - (iv) to reinstate an athlete, coach or team member which was previously suspended
 - (v) before the EST Executive Committee may use its power of suspension, the athlete, coach or team member must have been sent notice in writing of the alleged infringement, at least one month before the next EST Executive Committee

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meeting, at which the athlete, coach or team member will be afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

- (e) Unresolved disputes between an athlete, coach or team member and the EST Executive Committee howsoever arising, shall be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for final and binding determination, to the exclusion of any other domestic tribunal.

B. Event Officials: Job Description and Selection

1. Technical Director (TD)

To be appointed by the EST ExCo to manage the beach presentation and other aspects of the event. TD reports to the EST ExCo. The TD is the highest event official. The TD may modify or define an unclear interpretation in the rulebook or situation at an EST Event. The TD works closely with the Contest Director to manage the event delivery on a daily basis. The Contest Director and all other event officials, report to the Technical Director. The Technical Director and Contest Director positions may be combined at EST events at the discretion of the EST ExCo.

2. Contest Director (CD)

To be selected by the EST ExCo based on Professional, International and National criteria.

- a) To work with the Head Judge in all aspects of the running of the event (see duties of Head Judge and Contest Administration Rules).
- b) To apply the Rules of Competition as laid out in Sections 2 & 3.
- c) To seed the skimboarders competing in the event in accordance with these Rules.
- d) To apply the Contest Format, as determined by the Executive Committee.
- e) To maintain a daily updated competitor's points total and to communicate them to all participants, EST officials and media by 20h00 at the end of each day of competition.
- f) To convene officials, judges and managers meetings when necessary.
- g) To apply the penalties as laid out in the EST Disciplinary Code (Section 11) and to impose the appropriate penalties as indicated in this code.

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3. Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal shall be composed of the EST Technical Director, EST Contest Director and EST ExCo, or his representative, and shall be convened upon request by one of its members. The EST ExCo shall have the right to appoint additional members to the Jury of Appeal on site, at his discretion. The Jury of Appeal may be called to hear questions of penalties, infringements of the rules, disqualifications or other non-Anti-doping related matters.

4. Head Judge[s]

Top judges will be selected by the EST and ratified by the EST ExCo as Head Judges after receiving recommendation from the EST ExCo. Selection and the number of Head Judges is determined solely by the EST ExCo. Head Judges will receive honorarium agreed with the contest organizer.

5. Judges

The EST ExCo recommends the Judging Panel based on Professional, International and National criteria.

- a) Judges will be selected by the EST ExCo using the EST Judges database to appoint the most appropriate International and/or National Judges. Nations may supply names and CV of Judges they consider appropriate for EST level Judging duties. EST ExCo will review. Upon the decision of the EST ExCo, each Judge will be notified of their appointment directly. No additional judges can be added to or dismissed from the EST selected panel by the EST Head Judge unless specific agreement is received from the EST Contest Director after consultation with the EST ExCo.
- b) Selection of Judges for EST Events is based on the following criteria:
 - (1) Appointed Judges: A selection of three (3) to five (5) appointed Judges bringing the total number of judges to 4 - 6 (including 1 Head Judges), will be approved by the EST ExCo. Appointed Judges will be paid a salary as outlined by the contest organizer. EST Appointed Judges will be appointed based on their demonstrated judging qualities and experience.
- c) Selection of Judges for Two skimboarding take-off zones is based on the following criteria:

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- (1) Appointed Judges: A selection of six (6) to ten (10) appointed Judges bringing the total number of judges to 8 - 12 (including 2 Head Judges), will be approved by the EST ExCo. Appointed Judges will be paid a salary as outlined by the contest organizer. EST Appointed Judges will be appointed based on their demonstrated judging qualities and experience.

6. Tabulator

Duties vary according to the presence of a scoring computer. If a scoring computer is being used then the Tabulator will check the typing input from the judge's personal heat sheet to the computer printout immediately after the heat concludes. Any irregularities are brought to the attention of the Head Judge or Technical Director.

If a manual system is being used then the process is as follows:

- a) On receipt of the completed Judges' sheet at the end of a heat, the Tabulators will immediately check to see if:
 - (1) All the Judges' sheets have been handed in and completed legibly on paper.
 - (2) That the correct number of waves has been scored on each sheet for each skimboarder.
 - (3) That any interference calls have been recorded.
- b) If the ride has been missed an attempt will be made to identify the missing ride by referring to other Judges sheets, under the direction of the Head Judge.
- c) If the ride is identified to the satisfaction of the Head Judge then a score is given to the missing ride:
 - (1) Averaging the scores awarded by other Judges for the ride.
 - (2) Taking this average score and adjusting it, if necessary to bring it into line with the scoring scale that the errant Judge used.
- d) When the Head Judge is satisfied that the best attempt has been made to establish correct value of the missed ride, this value will be written on the Judging Sheet and signed by the Head Judge.
- e) Where interference is called by the majority of the judges, then the interference is tabulated by applying the provisions of the applicable Rule.
- f) On completion of these formalities, the Judges' sheets may be totaled.
 - (1) The TWO best scoring waves will be circled and the total entered in the total column.
 - (2) The heat places are then calculated and entered on the Judges' sheet. The skimboarder with the highest score will receive 1st place, the second highest score 2nd place, and so on.

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- (3) If a Judge ties two or more skimboarders, the places awarded to each of the tied skimboarders will be the average of the affected placing points added together (e.g. If 3rd, 4th and 5th are tied: $3+4+5=12$. Divided by 3 placed giving and average placing of 4).
- g) When no further calculations are required on the Judges' sheets the results are transcribed onto the Master Tabulator Sheet, which is completed in the following way:
 - (1) The Competitor's names are entered on the tally sheet.
 - (2) The Judges' numbers are entered across the page at the top of each column.
 - (3) Heat placings are copied down beneath each individual Judge.
 - (4) The highest and lowest placings are crossed off for each skimboarders (when applicable).
 - (5) The placings that remain are added and entered into the total in the total points column, then;
 - (6) The competitor with the highest total points wins the heat (second highest is second, etc).
- h) If at this point a tie situation occurs on the Master Tabulator Sheet, the Tabulator will proceed to break the tie as indicated in the Tie Break Rule.
 - (1) Ties must be broken by a general judging consensus using the third best wave on the judging master sheet.
 - (a) Highest third wave wins the tie.
 - (b) In the case of a three-way tie, the third wave is used to find the top two skimboarders, then used again to split these skimboarders.
 - (c) If it is not possible to break the tie with the third wave, it will use the highest four wave and so on until the tie is broken.
- i) NOTE: Section B.6 is applicable if an officially endorsed contest computer system is not used. If the computer system is used and breaks down, the Head Judge may choose to switch to the manual tabulations described here (Section B.6). This will be adopted at the point designated by the Head Judge and Technical/Contest Director.
- j) The procedure for calculation of the skimboarders's final wave scores using the contest computer system is as follows:
 - (1) The judge with the higher score and the judge with the lower score for each wave will be deleted. The average of the other three judge's scores (in a 5 judge panel) will be the "wave score average".
 - (2) The Heat Total of the wave score average on the two best scoring waves of each skimboarder will decide the heat places. Highest Heat Total is first place, second highest Heat Total is second place, and so on.

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- (3) In the case of a Tie for a place(s): In the case of ties in the sum of the best two waves the tie will be broken as follows (applied only to the skimboarders directly involved in the tie):
 - (a) Consider just "the wave score average" for the THIRD Best Wave. If the tie persists, then;
 - (b) Consider the "total of the wave score averages" for the FOUR Best Waves. If the tie persists, then;
 - (c) Consider the "total of the wave score averages" for the FIVE Best Waves, and continue this procedure until the tie is broken.
- (4) If the tie still remains after averaging all of their waves, the result will be decided by:
 - (a) Consider the wave average with all Five Judges for the TWO Best Waves.
 - (b) Consider the wave average with all Five Judges for the THIRD Best Wave.
 - (c) Consider the wave average with all Five Judges for the FOUR Best Waves, and continue this procedure until the tie is broken.

NOTE: In the case of ties and interferences where the computer has corrected down to TWO decimal points in numbers with more than TWO decimals (i.e. : 3,335 = 3,34 , or 3,666666666 = 3,67) and this arrangement results in potentially different places to that using extended decimal calculations, the computer correction to two decimal places will be taken as the official score.

7. Media Director

Is responsible to the Contest Director / Event Co-ordinator for the preparation and implementation of a media plan for the event, which will consist of pre, during and post event elements, together aimed at maximizing interest in the event, promoting the participation of all stakeholders [generally in order of importance] and the distribution of factual information and results to targeted and general audiences.

8. Beach Announcer[s]

Primary responsibility is to present the event to the spectators and competitors in an entertaining and instructive fashion and to lead the Assistant Announcer in bringing the skimboarding information from the bio sheets and scoring computer to the audience and skimboarders. The

Head Announcer must provide consistent live scoring updates to the skimboarders at appropriate times and situations. The Head Announcer reports to the Contest Director / Event Co-Ordinator.

The Assistant Announcer manages the flow of information from the computer and bios to the Head Announcer and directly reports to him.

9. Beach Marshal[s]

They will ensure that all competitors are checked in for their heat, that they have the correct lycra contest vest color and that they have been personally informed of the heat rules [maximum number of waves that can be ridden by each competitor, number of waves to be included in the score, duration of heat, timing disc colors, horn blasts [one blast to start and two to finish heat], remaining time and starting point. Competitors must be requested to wear their contest vest from collection at the Beach Marshall before their heat to the return of it after their heat.

10. Scoring Computer Operator

The scoring computer will provide real time results after calculating the wave scores punched in by the individual judges. This information is used by the Announcer to inform competitors in the current heat. Scores allocated and scores needed to progress are available. The Operator will provide terminals for each judge and headjudge, a central scoring management computer, and TV monitors for the Head Judge, Technical Director, Announcer, media and VIP areas as required.

11. Timers, Disk Operators, Spotters

Work on a roster operating timing disk, priority / interference disk[s] and calling colors for the judge panel.

12. Security

All official areas must be kept free from unauthorized entry. Personal safety of contestants as they move to and from the water for their heats is essential. The Judging Podium must be secure with access to event personnel only. Overnight security is necessary for events with facilities.

13. Judges' Video Replay Operator

The Judges' Video Replay Operator will provide real time video replays as requested by the Judging Panel, Head Judge, Contest Director, or Technical Director.

14. Judges' Replay Camera Operators

The Judges' Replay Camera Operators shall capture every wave skimboarded in any given heat, which will feed into the Judges' Video Replay Operator's system instantaneously. There should be at least one (1) Judges' Replay Camera Operator per skimboarder in the heat.

C. EST Championship [& sanctioned] Event Administration

1. Awards Allocations

All finalists in divisions of EST events will receive an award according to final placing.

2. EST Open Men / Women / U18

a) Special rules and requirements

- (1) The skimboarding competition is conducted as specified in the "Competition Rules" below.

D. Competition Rules

1. Competition Clothing and Equipment

The EST acknowledges that items worn in the water have an impact on performance and therefore, deems the following items as forms of specialized competition clothing and equipment:

Specialized Competition Clothing:

- Bathing suit top
- Brief/bathing suit bottom
- Boardshort
- One-piece wetsuit
- Wetsuit top
- Watch

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Specialized Competition Equipment:

Skimboard
Pads
Helmet
Earplugs
Wax
Sunscreen

Athletes shall have the independent ability to select their specialized competition equipment.

2. Equipment specifications

- a) Skimboard Design: Finless board.

3. Heat Interruption and Suspension

- a) In the event of any heat having to be stopped due to the occurrence, or potential occurrence, of an extremely dangerous situation as decided by the EST Head Judge and Technical Director (or their designated representative), the following procedures are to be adopted:
- (1) Head Judge to stop heat, announcer to communicate with skimboarders, start continuous horn blasts, and move timing disc system to off or neutral position.
 - (2) If available, communicate with security or beach marshalls to remove skimboarders from the Competition Area to safety.
 - (3) When it is determined by the same event official(s) who stopped the heat that conditions are again safe, the heat will restart with the time left from when the heat was stopped unless the Head Judge deems that conditions have changed or that fair competition between the skimboarders would be compromised. In these situations, the heat will restart for the full time period.
- b) If a skimboarder feels they are in danger due to unforeseen circumstances like extreme weather, lightning, shark or similar risk of animal attack and they leave the water, the Head Judge may stop the heat to warn fellow heat skimboarders even if the Head Judge cannot see the danger.
- c) Where an incident occurs that deems a heat may be re-skimboarded in accordance with a Rule of this Rule Book, the heat will be called as “under review.” The relevant skimboarders (as determined by the Head Judge) will be notified immediately and should a re-skim be declared, the results earned in the heat that caused the re-skim will be substituted by the re-skim heat results for official purposes.

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- d) Where unforeseen circumstances occur relating to a heat, the Technical Director will consult with the Head Judge and Contest Director to determine a resolution, which may include a re-skim of the heat.
- e) The Technical Director in consultation with the Head Judge can suspend a heat (indicated by a single horn blast) at any time to review an incident that may affect the current heat situation. Upon completion of the review and a decision being made, the heat can either;
 - (1) Continue from the time it was suspended; or
 - (2) Restart if the incident was deemed to affect the current heat situation. The Head Judge will consult with the Technical Director or others deemed relevant by the Head Judge at the time, and skimboarders will be notified of (i) or (ii) by beach commentators.
- f) In the event of a sound system failure, the heat can be placed on hold at the discretion of the Head Judge, who will inform skimboarders of the situation. The Head Judge will decide in its discretion whether to restart or recommence a heat once a heat has been placed on hold

4. Timing & Wave Counts

- a) Recommended heat times and wave counts: All Heats including Finals will total the best 2 waves.
Heats and Finals will be
 - 8 minutes with a maximum of up to 8 takeoffs done by each skimboarder
 - 9 minutes with a maximum of up to 9 takeoffs done by each skimboarder
 - 10 minutes with a maximum of up to 10 takeoffs done by each skimboarder
 - 12 minutes with a maximum of up to 10 takeoffs done by each skimboarder
 being decided by the Contest Director after consultation with the Head Judge.
- b) Variations to heat times may be made in cases where there may be insufficient time to finish an Event. Event Technical Director, Event Contest Director and Event Head Judge will decide this at the relevant time.
- c) The Contest Director will consult with the Head Judge for a recommendation on heat times and wave counts. Any alteration during an event must be made known to skimboarders before they enter the water.
- d) Official timing of all heats will be done by the official Timing System and managed by the Commentator, or in the absence of a Commentator, by the Head Judge.
- e) The remaining time of a Heat will be announced by the head judge or designated judge as follows:
 - Start
 - half the time of the heat

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3 minutes

1 minute

30 seconds

Countdown from 10 seconds to end of heat

- f) Siren or horn blasts must be used to start and finish heats. One blast to start and two blasts to finish. The Head Judge will indicate when a heat is to commence.
- g) The commentator must give a five second countdown at the beginning and end of each heat, and when he reaches zero the heat must start or end immediately.
- h) The first of the two sirens must blow immediately when the commentator reaches zero. The official end of the heat is when the siren is first audible to the Head Judge, who will indicate to the judges that no more rides are to be scored for that heat. The siren takes precedence over the timing disc.
- i) In the event of siren failure, the head judge will indicate by voice to the skimboarders the beginning and end of the heat.
- j) During and at the end of any heat the skimboarders must be clearly on the board right after the takeoff takes place for the wave to be scored.
- k) If the Contest Director wishes to use the minimum gap time between heats of 60 seconds a marshaling area in the skimboarding take-off zone must be provided.
- l) Under no circumstances will there be any time extensions once a heat has begun. If a heat is interrupted for any reason, it will be stopped by the Head Judge and will be resumed at the point in time where it was stopped. It will run for its original length of time.
- m) The only exception will be if the Head Judge, in consultation with other qualified officials, feels that the entire heat should be rerun because no skimboarder had a clear advantage at the time of cancellation, or if altered conditions make it impossible for judges to keep to the same scale.
- n) If no skimboarder have had a Ride during the heat the Head Judge may:
 - (a) restart the heat; or (b) postpone and re-run the heat in their sole discretion taking into account all circumstances.
- o) The decision to restart a heat will be made with an analysis of the conditions by the Head Judge in consultation with the Contest Director.

5. Contestable Skimboarding Conditions

- a) There must be a minimum of 12 inches (0,3m) of wave height before skimboard can be deemed contestable. A special allowance may be made on the final scheduled day of an event, if the wave is rideable. This will be determined by the Technical Director / Contest Director and Head Judge.

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6. Start of Heat

- a) All heats are started from the skimboarding take-off zone at the beach, under the Contest Director's direction. The skimboarding take-off zone must be clear and the Contest Director must demarcate the marshaling area and the skimboarding take-off zone by means of flags or other suitable method.

7. Unauthorized Skimboarders in Contest Area

- a) While the contest is in progress any unauthorized skimboarder in the competition area may be penalized.
- b) If a skimboarder in the heat rides a wave out of the competition area, the judges may score that ride. If the judges do not score the wave, or score only score part of it, the skimboarder does not have the right of protest.
- c) Any skimboarder riding one or more waves during a heat in which he/she is not competing may be penalized. In that case, an interference penalty and/or fine may be applicable if skimboarding during the heat results in an interference. Any waves caught before the heat begins won't count for this standard.

8. Protests

- a) At times errors of a special nature may occur with respect to the running of the contest. This includes but is not limited to: heat timing, interference directly attributable to an officiating error, tabulating errors, missed wave, etc. Any competitor, competitor's parent or coach has the right to protest the result of a heat due to any of the above. Protests must be communicated in writing or verbally by the competitor, competitor's parent or coach and must be delivered to the Contest Director by the competitor, competitor's parent or coach within 30 minutes of the official heat results being released.
- b) The merits of each protest will be considered by the Contest Director after consultation with the Head Judge. Qualified observers (off-duty judges, spotter, and senior officials) may be asked for their advice. The Contest Director will rule on the incident and inform the competitor, competitor's parent or coach of the decision.
- c) NOTE: No protest can be lodged against a judging (scoring) decision. Wave scores of the judges are irrevocable. No Head Judge, Scoring Judge, or Priority Judge is to be approached over a score, a decision or the results. If so, a penalty may be imposed by the Contest Director on the individual involved.

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- d) Post event, official written documentation on behalf of the competitor, competitor's parent or coach may be submitted to the EST ExCo, explaining disagreement with particular scoring decisions. This will be reviewed for use in future judging training and a reply made to the competitor, competitor's parent or coach within 21 days.
- e) No third party photos/videos shall be admissible for a protest. Only EST Official photos/videos shall be admissible.

9. Water Photographers

- a) Water photographers will only be allowed into the contest area after checking in with the Contest Director and signing a waiver. Only two photographers will be allowed in the contest designated zone at a time, preferably in different areas of the field of play. They may not use hard boards for floatation and must wear helmets if available. The Contest Director and Head Judge may remove the photographers from the water if they deem fit.
- b) Only sanctioned water photographers will be allowed in the water at EST events. This access is to be approved and controlled by the Head Judge and the Contest Director.

10. Announcements

- a) The Contest Director is the only person who can give an exact schedule of events. There will be no protest against incorrect information received from any other employee at the contest. If however the Contest Director gives incorrect information and a skimboarder subsequently misses a heat then a re-skim of that heat may take place.
- b) The Contest Director must have an official notice board where the daily schedule and contest conditions are posted for all the competitors to see. This schedule must be posted by midday, at the latest, of each day and once posted it cannot be extended.

11. Competition Facilities

- a) All events must have a well-secured sizeable competitor's area that is clearly designated as a "Non-smoking" area.
- b) If possible, an area will be available for competitors and team officials only.
- c) It is recommended that the event supply a training area on the field of play for competing skimboarders one hour before the start of the day and after the day of competition for competitors only.

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- d) Where applicable, parking passes should be made available to competitors, competitors' parents or coaches.
- e) Written information on accommodation and transport services relevant to the tournament should be provided.
- f) Adequate supplies of drinking water must be available at the contest site.
- g) Where possible, a masseur/chiropractor should be made available each day of the event.

12. Event Formats

- a) Heats will be made up of a maximum of 4 skimboarders except in the first round and repechage rounds of any contest where heats of five (5) skimboarders may be launched if circumstances so dictate. A minimum of 40% of the skimboarders in a round will advance to the following round.
- b) The composition of the heats will be decided by the Contest Director after entries have closed. Composition of heats will be based on the seedings of entries, but if no seedings are available then known ratings or a random draw may be used. (If a random draw is used, it is recommended that a repechage round is held after the first round).
- c) Single Elimination format advances a minimum of 50% of the athletes in a heat to the next round. The winners of the heat advance, and the losers are eliminated from the competition.
- d) Double Elimination format uses a Main (or Qualifying) Round and a Repechage Round.
 - (1) A minimum of 50% of athletes in a heat will advance to the next round.
 - (2) In the Main Round the skimboarders who advance in the top 2 places (first and second place) continue to the next Main Round, and the skimboarders who place in the bottom 2 places (third and fourth place) go to the Repechage Round, if applicable.
 - (3) In the Repechage Round the skimboarders who advance in the top 2 places (first and second place) continue to the next Repechage Round, and the skimboarders who place in the bottom 2 places (third and fourth place) are eliminated from the competition.
 - (4) In the final round of the event called The Grand Final, the overall top 2 skimboarders from the Main Rounds will compete against the overall top 2 skimboarders from the Repechage Round. This will determine the final result of the event.

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e) In a double elimination contest, if the original schedule is not possible to complete, the rules are as follows:

- (1) If an interruption is not definite but makes it impossible to follow the original schedule, even if the heat times are reduced to the minimum as stipulated in the Rules, the repechage will run until all competitors in this situation are in the same round. After that the winners will be brought back to the principal bracket, which will continue without repechage
- (2) If it is impossible to continue with the competition, the points still to be decided will be divided among the competitors who are still in the competition. The skimboarders who are in the repechage will be allocated half points.
- (3) Postponement of the competition beyond its original schedule will only be possible with the approval of the organizers, sponsors, and a 75% majority of the teams, which still have at least one athlete competing.

EST OFFICIAL POINTS ALLOCATION TABLE

PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
1	1000	46	255
2	860	47	250
3	730	48	245
4	670	49	240
5	610	50	235
6	583	51	230
7	555	52	225
8	528	53	220
9	500	54	215
10	488	55	210
11	475	56	205
12	462	57	200
13	450	58	195
14	438	59	190
15	425	60	185
16	413	61	180
17	400	62	175
18	395	63	170
19	390	64	165
20	385	65	160
21	380	66	158
22	375	67	156
23	370	68	154
24	365	69	152

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PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
25	360	70	150
26	355	71	148
27	350	72	146
28	345	73	144
29	340	74	142
30	335	75	140
31	330	76	138
32	325	77	136
33	320	78	134
34	315	79	132
35	310	80	130
36	305	81	128
37	300	82	126
38	295	83	124
39	290	84	122
40	285	85	120
41	280	86	118
42	275	87	116
43	270	88	114
44	265	89	112
45	260	90	110

All winners, regardless of the division, will receive 1,000 points.

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13. Beach Announcer Protocol

- a) During the heat, the announcer should not announce the score needed by a particular skimboarder once that competitor has begun to take-off. Situations [wave scores to progress and heat ranking, etc] can only be announced when skimboarders concerned are NOT riding waves. This approach must be a priority of the Beach Announcer.
- b) All announcements of interference must be conveyed to the announcer by the Head Judge or Contest Director before they can be announced publicly.
- c) In all heats and finals computer scores and situations must be given throughout the whole heat.
- d) If the commentator gives a score and it is wrong due to judges putting in the incorrect scores, the commentator giving the wrong score, or for any other reason, then the skimboarders will have no form of protest.
- e) The announcer may not make any announcement or call on any wave conditions (i.e. approaching outside sets, etc) that may benefit one contestant over another.
- f) If any skimboarder requires information from the contest take-off zone during a heat :
 - (1) Time remaining
 - (2) Wave count
 - (3) If contestants hear and understand the above, they must acknowledge by saying “ok” or giving a thumbs up
 - (4) All results/scores provided by Announcers/Officials at the end of each heat are “provisional and unofficial” until all transcription of the scores from the judges’ sheet to computer have been checked to identify possible typing input errors.
If computer input errors are detected and corrected, and this process causes a change in the “unofficial” result of the heat, there is no form of protest by affected competitors.
Competitors are advised to stay on site to witness the posting of the “official” result of the heat.

14. Contest Singlet/Vest

- a) Competitors must wear the competition singlet/vest provided by the organizer from time of issue until returned to the beach marshal at the completion of the heat, and if appropriate, during the awards presentation or a penalty may be imposed.
- b) Competitors are responsible for ensuring they wear the correct colored contest singlet for all heats. A skimboarder in an incorrect color

singlet/contest vest shall have no right to protest if the judges were unable to distinguish his/her rides from the other skimboarder in the heat.

- c) Under no circumstances may an event sponsor force contestants to wear any particular brand of trunks or wetsuits as a condition of their entry into any EST sanctioned event.

15. Mechanical / Electronic Communication Devices

- a) The EST prohibits any mechanical / electronic audio communication device, (including megaphones) that links a competitor in the action of competing with another party during EST competitive events.

16. Judging

- a) Introduction: Judging panel protocols and Rosters
 - (1) If possible, where practicable not more than one Scoring Judge from any given country is to be on any given heat at the same time. This does not include the Head Judge or the Priority Judge of each contest take-off. The Head Judge will manage this situation.
 - (2) Where two take-off zones operate during the event, the judging panel must be rotated between two take-off zones and also its makeup must periodically be varied, but still balanced with experience. No panels or locations are to be constant during EST events. This is the responsibility of the Head Judge and Contest Director.
 - (3) The take-off zones / event Head Judge[s] responsibility is to manage the judging panel selected by the EST ExCo or contest director and maximize its performance. To this end recommendations can be made over performance matters involving judges, but the final decision on the makeup of the panel at any particular time stands with the Contest Director and the event Technical Director. The Head Judge will individually mentor judges in areas of identified weaknesses, will work with the panel to set the heat's scaling waves at the beginning of heats, will manage the video replay system for the judges, will describe waves if required in terms of general categories [poor, fair, average, good, excellent] after wave scores are final, will complete missed waves, and will manage the general conduct of the judging process on their take-off zones. All actions in this area by the Head Judge will be monitored by the Contest Director.

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- (4) Technical Director or Contest Director and Head Judges are responsible for selecting the appropriate judging panel for finals events.
- (5) Video and Replay: A video service with replay will be provided for EST major events. This service will include a cameraman with experience and software able to nominate, find and replay any wave at any time. An LCD or Plasma Screen will be available in a position that all the judges and HJ can see for reference as required. This set up will be operated in BOTH take-off contest zones.
- (6) Daily Judges Meetings post contest: Every day, after the last heat, the HJ will conduct a small meeting replaying and commenting on the waves and situations that occurred during the day. Open discussion of the daily judging performance at this time will highlight comparisons, standards, criteria and process to be followed for the next day's heats. Attendance at such meetings is mandatory for all Head Judges, Judges, Technical Director and Contest Director unless special circumstances for non-attendance exist.

Management of the Panel by the HEAD JUDGE

- To set up a meeting of the Judges on the day before the event begins.
- This should be done in consultation with the Technical Director, Contest Director. Such a meeting will be for the purpose of instruction, education, standardization of procedures and methods, and open communication. The Head Judge is empowered to convene a meeting of all Judges at any time of the contest. The purpose of these meetings will be to update Judges on any changes, and to point out any recurring errors so as to improve performance. It is normal to hold a meeting at the day's start for the judging panel on each respective take-off contest zones, and then conclude the day with a review meeting immediately after the final heat. These meetings are chaired by the take-off contest zone head judge and are aimed specifically at performance and critical onsite processes for the judges.
- Judges whose ability and performance is found to be compromised or sub- standard in the opinion of the Head Judge and Contest Director will be removed from the Judging panel and will not be permitted to judge during the event.
- The Head Judge will organize the Judges into Judging Panels rotating them if the judging roster makes it possible so that Judges will only judge a maximum of 8 consecutive heats.

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- The Head Judge will frequently evaluate the Judges' sheets and will identify those Judges who do not maintain an acceptable judging standard including the evaluation of interferences. He will report these Judges to the Contest Director in the case that further action must be taken.
- While heats are in progress the Head Judge will evaluate Judges' scores to ensure the maintenance of uniform standards and consistency between one heat and the next and the use by the Judges of the full range of scoring options. In addition, although the Head Judge will ensure that the interference rule is fairly and consistently applied, the Head Judge will not interfere with any judges' independent decision in this regard. If the need should arise to inform a Judge that his standards are not compatible with the other Judges, such action would only be taken by the Head Judge between the end of one heat and the commencement of the next heat or at the end of the day.
- The Head Judge may not give guidelines on what points or scores judges should allocate to waves ridden by any skimboarder and may not influence any judge on the panel to alter a score or change a decision. There will be instances during a heat where a judge or judges will not see all or any of a skimboarder's ride. In this case an M must be inserted and the Head judge will show the images from the video replay system if available, and if not available then the Head Judge will nominate the average score for that ride based on previous scoring rides and correct scores from other judges. The Head Judge's role is not to influence the scoring by the judges, but rather to coach, mentor, supervise, control and coordinate. The Head Judge is there to ensure the smooth running of each individual heat through the event.
- The Head Judge will be responsible for maintaining an equal wave count amongst the judges for each heat and ensuring that colors are adequately identified by the spotter for the judges.
- It is the Head Judges' responsibility to attempt to notify any skimboarder who has been interfered with, that he/she has an extra wave. Notification will be made on the public address (PA) system. The responsibility is on the skimboarder to monitor his/her own wave count.

b) Judging Criteria

Skimboarding:

A skimboarder must perform controlled maneuvers and in the critical

sections of a wave, with speed, power & flow to maximise scoring potential.

Innovative and progressive skimboarding, as well as the variety of the repertoire will be taken into account to maximize points.

The functional distance from the time the wave is caught until it reaches the beach must also be taken into account in the awarding of points.

Maneuvers performed from the beach to the wave and from the wave to the beach will be included in the wave's score. Maneuvers executed from the beach to the wave will receive higher scores, as it is considered that the skimboarder takes on greater risks.

The skimboarder who executes the criteria above with the maximum degree of difficulty and commitment on the waves will be rewarded with the higher scores.

NOTES:

1) It's important to note that the emphasis of certain elements is contingent upon the location and the conditions on the day, as well as changes of conditions during the day.

2) Only a competitor who has performed the take-off will be scored.

3) Maneuvers performed or finished backwards from the wave will be considered incomplete.

4) Competitors must start the race within the competition zone : or their wave may not be scored, or only partially scored by the judging panel.

5) It is recommended (within the possibilities and without restrictions) not to face the same wave together with another competitor, since this facilitates the work of the judges and ensures a more effective evaluation.

The Following scale may be used to describe a Ride that is scored:

0.1 - 1.9 = Poor

2.0 - 3.9 = Fair

4.0 - 5.9 = Average

6.0 - 7.9 = Good

8.0 - 10.0 = Excellent

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Definitions :

Take Off: it corresponds to the start of a wave and will be given when the competitor puts both feet on the board.

c) Interference and Priority Rules

(1) **Application of Interference Rules**

- (a) An interference penalty can only be called if a majority of the judging panel marks an interference on their judging sheet.
- (b) The Head Judge will be able to call an interference penalty only if a majority decision could not be reached (taking into account Judges who did not see it cannot vote on the call).

(2) **Priority Rules**

(a) **Right of Way using the Natural Priority System**

Respect between participants will be paramount and skimboarders may not interfere, or disturb, in the attempt of another participant with priority. If this happens, the subject who performs such action will be penalized.

The priority system will determine which skimboarder has priority to a wave at that time.

The skimboarder with priority has the unconditional right of way and can Ride the wave they select. The skimboarder's opponent(s) can Ride the same wave in any direction and be scored providing they do not;

- (i) Hinder the scoring potential of the Ride for the skimboarder with superior priority.
- (ii) Cross in front of or turn around the skimboarder with superior priority causing a hindrance of scoring potential, regardless if the skimboarder is up and Riding a wave or in the process of catching a wave.

If a skimboarder without priority does not comply with Priority rules, Interference Penalty 2 will be called against them.

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If a skimboarder incurs an interference penalty they will lose half of points of its second best wave. It's always the responsibility of the skimboarders to check for the rider with priority in a wave at all times.

(3) Priority and Interference Situations

- (a) INTERFERING will be understood as the fact that the action of a participant without priority does not allow another competitor to squeeze the full potential of the wave: either by proximity, collision, turbulence in the wave, etc...
- (b) The priority will be given by several factors:
 - (i) The fact that will define who is the priority rider will be the first to perform the Take-Off.
 - (ii) If multiple competitors perform the Take-Off at the same time, priority will be given to the one who started the run first.
 - (iii) Interference Penalty: The skimboarder who commits interference on one of the attempts of another competitor with priority will lose half of the points of his second best rated wave. For example: If a skimboarder has a 7.5, and a 6 in his two best waves and commits an interference, the score of the 6 would become 3 and therefore, his final score will be 10.5 points. The rider who has suffered the interference of another competitor will have an extra attempt during that round.
- (c) **Blocking Rule**
 - (i) If a competitor cuts off another's ride and aborts the approach to the wave with no intention of scoring, but solely to obstruct, the judges may issue a warning or call an interference if this occurs during the final minutes on a wave with potential and unsportsmanlike conduct is observed. If an athlete who has already received a warning repeats the action, they will be assessed an interference.

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- (ii) A positioning interference may occur when a skimboarder competing in a heat intentionally stands on the way of another competing skimboarder approaching a wave.

In this case the penalty will be an interference and an additional penalty based in the EST Code of Conduct.

The skimboarder affected will be allocated an additional wave to ride in the same round. If the time is ended, the affected skimboarder will have the right of way to the additional wave right after the end of the heat with a maximum time of 2 minutes.

(4) Interference Penalties

(a) Interference Penalties will be as follows:

- (i) Interference Penalty 1: The value of the interfering skimboarder's second highest scoring Ride will be halved.
- (ii) Interference Penalty 2: The interfering skimboarder's second highest scoring Ride will tally as a zero.
- (iii) Interference Penalty 3: The interfering skimboarder's highest scoring Ride will tally as a zero.
- (iv) Disqualification: The skimboarder will be disqualified from the Heat.

Any skimboarder who has caught their wave maximum, remains in the contest area, and in any way prevents a competitor still competing from catching a wave or hinders the scoring potential of a competitor riding a wave will receive an Interference. The Interference Penalty applied will vary depending on the situation. Interference Penalty 1 will be applied if the action was not intentional (this action will be reviewed by the judges and head judge), or Interference Penalty 3 may also be applied if there was intention by the rider interfering (this action will be reviewed by the judges and head

judge). Further penalties and sanctions may also apply.

- (b) An interference call will be announced by the Beach Announcer only once approval has been received from the Head Judge or Contest Director.
- (c) Any interfering skimboarder must be penalized and once an interference decision is made, it can only be modified by the Head Judge if they deem the decision was made relying on inaccurate technology (video/audio). The Judges will not enter into any discussion over the interference call.

(5) Excessive Hassling in Priority situations

- (a) In the opinion of the judges and Head Judge, if a skimboarder excessively hassles another skimboarder who has Priority, in an unsportsmanlike manner, an Interference Penalty 2 can be called against the interfering skimboarder.
- (b) Using Priority: In the opinion of the Priority or Head Judge, if a skimboarder utilizes their priority in an unsportsmanlike manner to intentionally block another skimboarder with no Priority, an Interference Penalty 2 can be called against the interfering skimboarder.

(6) Serious Unsportsmanlike Interference:

If the Technical Director and the Head Judge determine that an interference during an Event was intentional or unsportsmanlike and results in the injury of another skimboarder, notwithstanding any penalty infringements available, a skimboarder may be fined, disqualified from the Event, and face suspension from future EST events. In addition, the heat in question can be re-skimboarded if determined by the Head Judge that the result was affected by the skimboarder's misconduct referred to within this Rule.

17. Reskimming Heats

a) Incorrect Information

- (1) If the Contest Director gives wrong information and a skimboarder subsequently misses a heat, then a re-skim may occur at the discretion of the Technical Director. In an attempt to

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avoid a re-skim, the Technical Director may also at their discretion hold a skimboarder's heat at an unscheduled time due to the incorrect information being given if it's determined the skimboarder has a legitimate excuse to warrant such an action and all skimboarders in the heat are notified.

b) Incorrect Technical Decision

- (1) Where unforeseen circumstances occur with respect to competition, including but not limited to technical situations relating to priority and timing, a resolution may be determined by the Technical Director in consultation with the Contest Director, Head Judge.
- (2) A judging, scoring or heat result decision once made may only be changed if, in the majority of the opinion of the judging panel, there is enough EST official evidence to consider a re-evaluation. A resolution, including but not limited to a re-skim, score change, or the removal/addition of an interference, may be considered by the Technical Director, Head Judge, and Contest Director at this time depending on the situation. A resolution is only possible while a heat is "under review," "unofficial," or pending the evaluation of a protest.
- (3) The resolution must be based on a clear technical error which created a non-subjective incorrect result between advancing and losing skimboarders which affected the final outcome of the heat.
- (4) The Technical Director has the authority to call a re-skim without the involvement of the skimboarders in the heat if it is deemed appropriate. The Technical Director is to decide who should be involved in a re-skim if applicable and when the re-skim may occur. The Technical Director or Head Judge can delay the start of the next heat or round while a decision is made.
- (5) If any of the skimboarders in the heat have their places unaffected by the technical error, even in the case of an incorrect call, these skimboarders will NOT participate in a re-skim. A re-skim should only involve the skimboarders that have their result affected by the outcome of the technical error.
- (6) If the simple correction of the incorrect technical decision (such as an interference call due to an incorrect priority call) is sufficient to correct the situation, without creating further changes, there will NOT be a re-skim.
- (7) A re-skim shall start from the time in the heat when the incorrect technical decision was made. Official mistake happened. The wrong decision call will be corrected, previous scores up to that

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time will be kept, and the re-skim between the skimboarders involved will happen using the remaining time on the clock. A re-skim for the full time period will only occur if the Head Judge determines that the conditions for the heat have significantly changed or there are special circumstances that require it.

c) Unbreakable Tie

- (1) Only completely unbreakable ties will be re-skimed.
- (2) Only the tied skimboarders will be involved in the re-skim and the heat will be no longer than 10 minutes.
- (3) A re-skim will only happen when an unbreakable tie involves skimboarders involved with qualification and disqualification (advancement to next round). Breaking the tie will be done in the following order:
 - (a) Using the best single score in the heat, followed by the third best, fourth best, fifth best, etc until the tie is broken. (If the tie is between competitors that have two priority interferences and their top two waves are zero, they will not be allowed to use their third, fourth, fifth, etc scores to break the tie).
 - (b) Using the average of all judges on their two best scores to break the tie. If tie still occurs, then use one best score, three best scores, four best scores, and so on until the tie is broken.
 - (c) If the tie still occurs, then there will be a re-skim.
 - (d) If athletes that were tied were both advancing, then the original seed or the scores obtained in the previous round will be used to break the tie and avoid the reskim.
 - (e) If athletes that were tied were both losing, then to avoid the re-skim the two tied skimboarders will share equal 3rd place in the heat (i.e. tie between 3rd and 4th) and the points allocated equally to each one will be the average between the points for the places involved in the tie in that round.
 - (f) If athletes that were tied were both losing and did not compete in the heat (DNS), then to avoid the re-skim the tied skimboarders will share equal 4th place in the heat and the points will be allocated equally.

CHAPTER 3: Appendixes

I. Appendix 1 (Available Upon Request):

A. Code of Conduct Official Forms.

II. Appendix 2 (Available Upon Request):

A. Event Documentation:

- 1.** Judging Sheet
- 2.** Tabulator Sheet
- 3.** Judging Evaluation Sheet
- 4.** Judging Roster examples.
- 5.** Event Format [DE].
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