

2023Feb RULE CHANGES(partial excerpt)

Minimum Age – CS/QS

- The minimum age for CS/QS will be increased from 12 to 13 to surf within the region.
- Any surfer who is under 18 at the start of the Event must have a parent or legal guardian onsite.

Challenger Series Formats

- 12 men and 7 women from the CT who did not make the Mid-Season Cut
- 10 men and 5 women from the previous year's Challenger Series rankings
- 3men and 2 women who were CT surfers that did not requalify for either the CT or the Challenger Series
- 49 men and 30 women as allocated by the seven WSL regions (APAC, Asia, Africa, Europe, Hawaii/Tahiti Nui, North America, and Latin America)
- 2 World Junior Champions
- 5 men's and 3 women's wildcards per event

Athlete Sponsorship Restrictions/Limitations

● General Standards

- All surfer sponsorships must be tasteful and in accordance with standards of decorum expected of professional surfers. Sponsorships that may reflect adversely upon the image and reputation of the WSL, cast the WSL in an unfavorable light, insult or offend the community or any group within the community or be viewed as hateful, abusive, obscene or divisive, as reasonably determined by the WSL, are prohibited.
- All names, brands, logos and other marks and identifiers on a surfer's apparel, headwear, and surfboard must be in good taste as to size, location and quantity, as reasonably determined by the WSL
- All sponsorships of products that are illegal are prohibited.
- All sponsorships of tobacco, drugs that are prohibited under WADA, weapons, and adult products are prohibited.
- All sponsorships of gambling companies and products are prohibited without the prior written consent of the WSL (i.e., such sponsorships will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis).

● Wetsuits & Bathing Suits

- Wetsuits may not contain the branding for any company other than the company that manufactured the wetsuit; provided that the company is in the regular business of manufacturing wetsuits for sale to consumers (e.g., Billabong, Quiksilver, Roxy, Patagonia, Body Glove, Buell, Vissla, XCEL, AXXE, Roxy, Sistrevolution, ROARK, Outerknown, O' Neill, Hurley) (a "**Consumer Wetsuit Company**"). The only exception to this rule will be for an apparel company (e.g., Lululemon) that arranges for the manufacture of a wetsuit

for the surfer by a third party. In which case, the branding of only that apparel company may be included on the wetsuit as follows:(1)branding on the left OR right chest – no bigger than 2” x 2”, AND (2) branding on the left OR right shoulder – no bigger than 2” x 2” AND (3) branding on the left OR right calf – no bigger than 2” x 2” (i.e., three brand locations).

- The branding on all wetsuits and bathing suits of any Consumer Wetsuit Company that are worn in competition must be consistent as to size, number and location as the branding wetsuits and bathing suits that are available for sale to the general public; provided that wetsuits and bathing suits that contain special branding of the Consumer Wetsuit Company for the surfer that are visible outside the competition jersey are permitted if they are in good taste as to size, location and quantity, as reasonably determined by the WSL.

- **Surfboards**

- Surfers may not bring their surfboard onto the awards podium.
- Surfers may not hold their surfboards in post heat interviews. WSL will make a surfboard stand available directly next to the post heat interview backdrop and surfers may place their boards in the stand and WSL will ensure that the surfboards are shown on the broadcast.

- **Post Heat Interviews and Awards Podium**

- The current rules restricting wearing hats and holding bottles/cans with brands that are not sponsors of the WSL on the award podium **WILL NOT** be extended to (1) sunglasses **OR** (2) Post-Heat Interviews.