

STANDARDS AND JUDGING CRITERIA FOR BGSR COMPETITION GRADES *February 2008*

BEGINNERS – JUNIOR & ADULT (Board length – any size)

Standard

The surfer is learning to stand up on and control a surfboard on broken waves.

Judging Criteria:

- Speed to feet
- Amount of control
- Length of ride

In the Junior Beginners may need to be accompanied by an adult in the water. If so, supervisors may hold the board of the surfer but should not 'push' the surfer into the wave. This may result in a lower score than a surfer paddling themselves into the wave.

INTERMEDIATE B (Board length – under 8 ft)

Standard

The surfer can consistently catch broken waves and smaller 'green' (unbroken) waves and keep control for the length of the wave.

Judging Criteria

- Size of wave (more points for catching green waves)
- Control
- Length of ride
- Riding the correct direction of the wave e.g. left or right

INTERMEDIATE A (Board length – short board less than 7ft)

Standard

The surfer can consistently catch green waves in most surf conditions, with control, and is beginning to do small turns on the face of the wave.

Judging Criteria

- Size of wave (catching broken waves that do not develop a green face will not be scored higher than a 1 regardless of length of ride)
- Turns – size, number and speed
- Functional length of ride (as per ASA judging criteria)

ADVANCED (Board length – short board less than 7ft)

Standard

The surfer can consistently catch green waves in all surf conditions and undertake radical manoeuvres in the most critical sections of the wave.

Judging Criteria

As per the ASA judging criteria as follows:

Committed, radical manoeuvres in the most critical sections of a wave, completed with style, speed and power. Innovative and progressive surfing will be taken into consideration when rewarding points for committed surfing. The surfer who executes against these criteria with the highest degree of difficulty and control on the better waves shall be rewarded with the highest scores. Surfers will only be scored on completed manoeuvres. If a surfer falls off before completing a manoeuvre then that manoeuvre does not score.

LONGBOARD (Malibu Style Board – 8ft or over)

Standard

The surfer can consistently catch green waves on the Malibu in the surf conditions and control the Malibu for the length of the ride.

Judging Criteria

As per the ASA judging criteria as follows:

Longboard surfers are judged on a combination of 50% traditional and 50% modern manoeuvres with control being a major factor. Points are awarded for traditional surfing manoeuvres such as nose riding, walking the board, bottom turns, full rail or tail turns, cut backs, top turns or re-entries, as well as modern manoeuvres such floaters.