USA Surfing
COVID-19 Event Protocol

Competitors -
- Communication to all competitors via email and text that social distancing must be followed. A six feet apart if not from the same family.
- Competitors must not come to the event if they are feeling sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms, including any fever over 100 degrees.
- Competitors must not come to the event if someone in their household tested positive within the last 10 days.
- Competitors are encouraged to come by themselves or with a parent or guardian. No spectators allowed.
- Competitors must check in, one by one, at the beach marshal 20 minutes before their heats.
- Jerseys will be soaked in a water/bleach solution recommended by the manufacturer to avoid transfer of germs between users.
- Jerseys must be taken from the beach marshal and returned to the tub with bleach/water solution at end of heat.
- Competitors must wear a mask at all times they are out of the water. Wear your mask checking in and while walking to the water’s edge. Leave your mask with your towel at the water’s edge. Put on your jersey. Surf your heat. Come back to your towel and remove your jersey and put your mask back on. Return your jersey.
- Competitors are advised to arrive at the event no more than an hour in advance of their heat. Competition is invitation only and all competitors must register online and sign our COVID-19 release of liability and our competitor release of liability waivers. Heats are 20 minutes with only one heat in the water at a time.
- Depart once you have lost.
- Do not congregate at the event site in between heats. Announcer will ask groups congregating on the beach to disperse. If groups do not disperse, lifeguards will ask you to leave the beach.
- Tents for competitors will not be set up on beach to avoid congregating.
- No food, water, or sunscreen will be provided.
- A new bar of surfboard wax will be provided to any surfer that needs it. Beach marshal will distribute with jerseys.
- All competitors will sign the COVID-19 release of liability and the USA Surfing General Release of Liability.
- Finalists will receive awards on the beach socially distanced.
- Schedule and heat draws will be emailed and text messaged to competitors and available on USASurfing.org.
- Results and live scoring will be available on the STACT App and not at the beach marshal to avoid congregating around the heat boards or results board.

Staff -
- Staff must not come to the event if they are feeling sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms, utilizing the self-screening checklist provided.
- Staff agrees to have their temperatures taken via digital forehead thermometer. If staff member has a temperature of more than 100 degrees they will be sent home and not allowed in the staff scaffold.
- Staff must not come to the event if someone in their household tested positive within the last 10 days.
- Plastic barriers will be erected between judges.
- Head judge will maintain minimum of 6 feet distance from sitting judges.
• Judges will keep their same judging tables and their same seat throughout the event. Breaking judge will sanitize chair and table before and after their judging session with the provided EPA approved against COVID-19 sanitizing wipes.

• Announcer will be 6 feet from other staff and have a clear plastic barrier between themselves and other staff.

• Announcer will use their own microphone throughout the event, sanitized at the end of each day. Substitute announcer will have their own microphone and sanitize the chair and surfaces in the announcer area before and after substituting for announcer.

• Meals for staff will be individually packaged servings - no buffet. Food will be prepared at local fast food restaurant and eaten at workstation or outdoors.

• Common areas will be sanitized throughout the day - handrails, tables, chairs, etc. with CleanSmart Hospital Grade Disinfectant, Kills 99.9% of Viruses and Bacteria, Hypochlorous Acid Technology, EPA Registered, (HOCL)

• Beach marshal tent will have clear plastic curtain walls where jerseys and wax are picked up. Wax is set out on table in individually wrapped packages for competitors to insure “no touch” interaction between persons.

• Staff will wear masks at all times.

• Staff will sanitize hands frequently.

• Signage will be onsite instructing everyone to physical distance, wear masks, wash and sanitize hands frequently and to not congregate with non-family members.