



COMPETITION POLICY

Coaches, Participants, Whanau, Officials, Organisations, Boardriders

Gisborne Boardriders Club ("GBC") desires to ensure quality competition events, for club participants and their whanau. Our Competition Policy defines our rules and responsibilities as a club to provide clarity and transparency for our club members and event participants.

To whom does this Policy apply to?

As a condition of participating in GBC events you and all club members are expected to abide by rules of the Competition Policy.

1. COMPETITION RULES

The GBC Competition rules are as follows

This includes:

1. GBC event competitors and supporting whanau are expected to show respect and courtesy to others and the general public while participating in and around the event.
2. GBC event competitors are expected to understand that the rules apply to everyone and that no one is deemed above or an exception to the rules.
3. A heat must have more than 1 person to be called a competition heat. In the event there is not more than 1 competitor then the heat may be cancelled at the Beach Marshall's discretion.
4. At the beginning of the heat there is no priority. Once the first surfer closest to the peak takes a wave then priority judging may commence.
5. Judging decisions are final and no verbal abuse or harassment of judges or beach marshall will be tolerated. If this occurs the person(s) involved may be asked to immediately remove themselves from the event.
6. Judging criteria for the event will be defined by the head judge. Paid and volunteer judges should follow the criteria to provide fair and accurate scores according to the scoring ranges 0-10. When possible judges are not related to the heat participants to avoid bias. The head judge is responsible for making sure all waves ridden are scored i.e. when hand(s) leave the surfboard deck during a pop-up.
7. Interferences occur are when a surfer drops in or interferes with a surfers ride or potential scoring. A surfer who incurs and interference can result will result in losing of a surfers second score.
8. The Beach Marshall is responsible for advancing surfers into the next heat. They will also inform surfers of their corresponding rash shirt colour. The Beach Marshall and MC are also able to warn free surfers of the competition surfing area and encourage them to leave the area.
9. With 5 minutes left in the heat a large red board will be lifted up onto the Timekeeper table to notify surfers in the water that the heat is nearing a close. The end of the heat participants will be notified by a siren. Any surfer up and riding after the siren sounds will not be scored.
10. Trophies may not always be awarded to every category winner. Only available trophies will be handed out to competitors that have won their respective division. Competitors must return their respective trophies for future events.





- 11. If conditions deteriorate or become unsafe during a heat, the Beach Marshall maintains the prerogative to end the heat at any time. The Beach Marshall will then decide to pause the competition or reschedule to ensure the safety of the competitors. Heats that are interrupted due to a safety issue will be re-started at a time when it is safe to do so and all scores will be set back to zero.**

The GBC recognise the importance of the family/whānau supporting their children and family in the events. Parents are responsible for their children, if in the event they can not be present for the event then they must communicate with other parents to take care/supervise their children on the day. However ultimately if anything is to occur such as an injury/illness or missing person it is still the responsibility of the parent.

The GBC also values when our community, event participants and their whanau help with tidying up after the event and help with packing up of the trailer, disassembling marquees, tables and GBC flags. Removing any rubbish and making the site look as it were before the event.

Investigation and Response

Any adverse events at a Competition will be documented in an Incident Register and may be investigated and discussed by the committee. Severity of the adverse event will determine the urgency and nature of the response.

For lower risk adverse events then the committee will review in their monthly committee meeting and discuss potential ways of reducing or mitigating the risk and any outcome or policy changes. The GBC President will contact the relevant parties involved with the incident and be transparent with decision making.

2. EVENT STAFF

Judges may be paid for their time especially if devoting significant hours and organizing the judging throughout the competition or when prize money is involved in winning of an event and independent judging is required to ensure no favouritism or bias occurs.

The Beach Marshall is available to let event participants know of their heat time, rash shirt for the heat and entering winners in the compusurf app on the Ipad to progress them into subsequent heats and finals.

3. SERIOUS INJURY, ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT AT COMPETITION EVENT

In the event of a serious accident or critical life threatening emergency during an event; GBC coaches, volunteers and whanau should feel confident to immediately contact the appropriate authorities. Depending on the incident this could include contacting Midway SLSC, Wainui SLSC, Waikanae SLSC, [NZ Police](#), St John's paramedics or Fire via 111 and collaborating with them during the response.

As of 13th October 2021 The club has acquired an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) from Zoll Medical known as the Zoll AED 3 Plus. This AED will be located in a protective case inside the RDO's car. It will guide the first aid responder in the event of a cardiac arrest. The instructions are simple that non-medical trained people are able to use the AED. The machine will then analyse the heart rhythm, instruct people to stand back and then provide the shock automatically if there is a shockable heart rhythm. Please note that the chest will need to be wiped dry and wetsuit removed/cut open to expose the chest to place the pads to the chest.

