



## NCSA Rules & Regulations 2009-2010

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### NATIONAL COLLEGIATE SKIM ASSOCIATION

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The NCSA exists to promote the growth of college skimboarding nationwide.

#### ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE

1. The National Collegiate Skim Association is a non-profit organization established in Florida.
2. The purpose of the NCSA is to promote the sport of skimboarding at the college level, organize competitions and other skimboarding-related events, and to provide a positive atmosphere where student-athletes can represent their school.
3. The NCSA is governed by the terms within the Bylaws of the Association.
4. The day-to-day operations of the NCSA in conformity with the Bylaws and policies set by the officers, will be managed by the NCSA President. The NCSA President will supervise and regulate all events put on by the Association.
5. NCSA procedure and program inquiries can be directed to Jesse Lash, NCSA President, at Jesse@CollegeSkim.org.
6. The NCSA logo may be used only to promote NCSA events. Uses by NCSA sponsors are subject to sponsor agreements. All other usage must be approved by the NCSA President.

#### COMPETITION/EVENT STRUCTURE

1. **Set-Up**
  - a. Competitions and events can only be set up by an NCSA officer.
  - b. Competition Director – Shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the competition, including event coordination, staffing, schedules, and competitors' scores. Reports directly to the NCSA President.
  - c. Event signage – NCSA event sponsors must be announced and/or prominently displayed at the event.
2. **Staffing**
  - a. Competition Director – is responsible for making sure the event runs on schedule according to the NCSA rules and that the staff is not making errors. The Competition Director is the only person who can give an exact schedule of events, however information provided by other NCSA officers and heat board will be considered official. If another NCSA officer or staff member gives wrong information causing a contestant to miss a heat or another problem, the competitor has no form of protest. If the Competition Director gives

wrong information resulting in missing a heat or a problem, then a re-skim must occur. The Competition Director must also make sure that every participant has turned in an entry form/fee and has signed a waiver. The Competition Director reports directly to the NCSA President.

- b. Head Judge – is in charge of the staff of judges at the event. The Head Judge is to also keep track of the number of waves caught by each competitor, call the rashguard colors of each contestant in each heat, and keep the judging panel alert and attentive to each competitor. Reports directly to the Competition Director.
- c. Judge – is responsible for scoring each contestant’s rides in accordance with the NCSA competition rules and for providing correct wave counts. Reports directly to the Head Judge.
- d. Announcer – is responsible for calling out heats and providing each competitor with the correct color of rashguard. The Announcer is also responsible for timing each heat correctly.
- e. Tabulator – is responsible for tabulation of each heat and advancements, as well as team advancements. The Tabulator shall also update the Heat Board within a reasonable time.

### 3. Scoring

- a. The top competitors from each division will be scored as follows:

#### Professional:

1st: 10  
2nd: 8.5  
3rd: 7

#### Competitive:

1st: 10  
2nd: 9  
3rd: 8  
4th: 7  
5th: 6  
6th: 5  
7th: 4  
8th: 3  
9th: 2  
10th: 1

#### Recreational:

1st: 5  
2nd: 4.25  
3rd: 3.5  
4th: 2.75  
5th: 2  
6th: 1.25  
7th: .75

## COMPETITOR OBLIGATIONS TO EVENTS

### 1. Membership Fee/Form Requirements

- a. Competitors and participants who are members of the NCSA will receive full membership benefits and discounted entry fees into NCSA events.
- b. Non-members will not receive any membership benefits, but will still be allowed to compete in NCSA events.
- c. NCSA membership and/or entry forms must contain a waiver for the NCSA’s protection that must be signed by each participant prior to skimming in any NCSA event.
- d. Membership/Entry forms will be completed online.
- e. Each member is responsible for turning in his/her entry form and fee before the specified deadline. Competition Directors may have to limit entries due to beach permit regulations and/or may have to close entries due to participation numbers.

### 2. Entry Fee Requirements

- a. Entry fees are set by each competition according to its operational budget.
- b. Competitors must turn in all entry fees and forms by the deadline stated for each event.

- c. There will be no entry fee refunds unless a doctor's note is provided to the Competition Director.
  - d. No phone entries will be accepted.
  - e. The entire entry fee must be paid before you can be placed into a heat.
  - f. You must be present at the competition Sign-In to compete in the event. If you miss the event Sign-In, your position in any heat will be forfeited, and you will not receive an entry fee refund.
  - g. No beach entries will be accepted.
  - h. Payment must be made online through PayPal or through mail by check or money order. Bounced checks will require payment for the amount plus twenty dollars before the member is allowed to participate in any NCSA event. Checks will not be accepted by anyone who has previously bounced a check.
  - i. Upon entering any event, if a competitor chooses not to compete for any reason other than illness or serious injury, a refund will not be given unless a doctor's note is provided.
- 3. Academic Rules and Requirements**
- a. Each member of the NCSA must be currently enrolled in a college or university whose main campus is located in the USA. Student-athletes who are studying abroad may still compete in NCSA events.
  - b. All members and competitors must be full-time students enrolled in a minimum of twelve credit hours each semester.
  - c. Non-compliance in the academic requirements by any NCSA member will result in total loss of NCSA membership privileges.
- 4. Beach Rules**
- a. The contest area must be completely cleared of people prior to the start of the first heat. Any person skimming in the contest area who is not in the current heat will be told to leave the contest area and will not be able to compete in the event and/or any future events as determined by the NCSA Competition Director and/or NCSA President.
  - b. Competitors who are not present at the event Sign-In will forfeit their position in any heat for the event and will not receive an entry fee refund.
  - c. If a competitor misses their heat for any reason without notifying the Competition Director in advance, he/she will not be allowed to compete in any following heats and will not receive an entry fee refund unless a doctor's note is provided.
  - d. It is the competitor's responsibility to understand all competition rules during the event, including wave count, timing, heat start, etc. It is also the competitor's responsibility to check-in with the Announcer when their name is called for a heat and to notify the Competition Director with any problems that result in the contestant not competing in the event.
  - e. The NCSA reserves the right to refuse participation to any individual or group whose conduct is not consistent with improving the image of the sport of skimboarding.

## JUDGING

- 1. Selection of Judges**
- a. Professional judges will be selected by the NCSA staff, and will judge throughout the day. The judges selected must have a proven reputation as a leader in the sport of skimboarding, be knowledgeable about the intricacies of the sport and the technical maneuvers it involves, and be willing to judge for the entirety of the event in an unbiased, professional manner.
- 2. Wave Scoring**
- a. Wave scoring will be based on a 1-10 scale including half points to prevent ties.
- 3. Criteria**
- a. The criteria that follows has been borrowed from SkimInvasion.com.
    - i. A score of 1-3 will be used if a rider fails to complete a ride. For example, if a rider completes a wrap and attempts a shove-it and misses, he would get said scoring. No more than a 3 will be given.
    - ii. A score of 3.5-6 will be given to a rider who completes a wrap and does not fall. No tricks involved, just a wrap. 3.5 being a shaky looking wrap and a 6 being a well executed wrap.
    - iii. A score of 6.5-9 will be for rides that are completed to include liners, wraps to any trick, liners to any trick, air re-entries to the wave, and other wave riding combinations. Remember they must be completed successfully to count.

- iv. A score of 9.5-10 will only be given in the event that a skimmer nails a sick, crucial, amazing, multi-combo trick, or just plain best ride you have ever seen. You will know it when you see it.
- v. Tricks that are attempted and/or made “in the flats” when waves are present will not be given more than a score of 4. This also goes for “out the back” airs.

#### 4. Missed Waves

- a. If a judge misses a wave, or part of a wave, he/she should place an “M” in the square on the Judge’s Sheet. The judge should then contact the Head Judge and have the wave included into his/her sheet on the basis of comparison to the previous rides on the other Judges’ Sheets.
- b. If a judge cannot consult with the Head Judge on a missed ride, the tabulator will compare and average the ride in relation to the other judges’ scores and place a score in the box marked “M”.

#### 5. Officials and Judges Behavior Requirements

- a. No NCSA official or judge may pass comment on a skimmer’s chances in any event to the public, media, or other contestants, or they will be dismissed from the panel.
- b. Only the Head Judge may discuss an interference call with the offending skimmer.
- c. Only the Head Judge may discuss scoring issues with a competitor, unless he/she designates another judge to do so.
- d. Judges and officials are subject to the NCSA Discipline Policy.
- e. Judges and officials must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and are responsible for their actions throughout the competition. Violations of NCSA rules and/or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the NCSA.
- f. Judges, officials, and event employees are expected to use courtesy and act responsibly and maturely.

## COMPETITION RULES

### 1. Format

- a. Any student-athlete may compete in any NCSA event once they have paid the entry fee and turned in all required forms by the specified deadline.
- b. Competitors must wear their competition rashguard in the water at all times until their heat is over and it is returned to the Announcer.
- c. Photographers who wish to enter the contest area may only do so with approval of the Competition Director. The Competition Director has the authority to disallow photographers in the contest area if they feel it poses problems to the competitors.

### 2. Wave Count/Timing

- a. The Announcer will announce when the heat starts and countdown the last ten seconds until it ends. They may also give a three minute and one minute warning.
- b. Preliminary heats will be start at 5 minutes in duration for the very first round of heats in the event. Each heat after the first round will be 7 minutes in duration. Final heats will be 10 minutes in duration, unless otherwise indicated by the Competition Director.
- c. Top 3 waves will be scored in all preliminary and final heats, unless otherwise indicated by the Competition Director.
- d. Extraordinary wave/beach conditions in any NCSA event could dictate changes in wave count/timing, etc. Only the Competition Director can direct any changes to be made.
- e. There will be no time extensions once a heat has started and the first wave has been ridden in that heat. If a heat is interrupted for any reason (i.e.: fog, lightening, etc.) it be stopped by the Competition Director or Head Judge and will be resumed with all skimmers in that heat at the time it stopped and will run for the remaining time of the originally set period. The Head Judge may make an exception to rerun the entire heat if he/she feels the altered conditions made it impossible for the judges to score fairly.

### 3. Tabulation

- a. All completed Judges’ Sheets will be given to the Tabulator after each heat is run.
- b. It is the Tabulator’s responsibility to keep the Judges’ Sheets neat and organized once they are received from the judges.
- c. To decide a winner, the Top 3 waves in all preliminary and final heats of each competitor will be averaged for each of the Judge’s Sheets completed for that heat. The average scores from each of the Judges’ Sheet will then be added together to determine the final score for each competitor.

- d. If there is a tie, the skimmer who received the highest scoring wave(s) will receive the higher placing.
  - e. To determine who advances after each heat, all scores will then be lined up in order after the first round of heats, and a certain percentage of the lowest scores (i.e. the lowest 15%) of competitors will be eliminated. This will vary per contest based on the number of competitors.
  - f. The Tabulator is to maintain the Heat Board and post results from each heat within a reasonable time.
  - g. The Tabulator is to only post advancements for each heat on the Heat Board under the correct bracket.
  - h. The Judges' Sheets are to be stapled to the Heat Board at the time the results for each heat are posted.
  - i. For team scores, the Tabulator is to add the points given to each of the Top Placing skimmers from each team.
- 4. Event Schedules**
- a. The Competition Director and/or Announcer are the only people who can give the exact schedule of events. If any other employee gives wrong information resulting in missing a heat, there is no form of protest.
  - b. If the Competition Director and/or Announcer gives wrong information that results in missing a heat then a re-skim can occur.
- 5. Protests**
- a. Protests must be written and signed by the pertaining skimmer. The protest shall contain all pertinent facts and rules involved.
  - b. The written protest shall be given to the Competition Director and/or Announcer within fifteen minutes after the results of the heat in question have been announced and the Judges' Sheets made public.
  - c. After consulting with the Head Judge, only the Competition Director may rule on a protest.
  - d. Only the Head Judge and/or Competition Director may discuss an interference call with the protesting competitor. No other judges or officials are to be approached over any calls or a suspension will be imposed on the offending skimmer.
  - e. Tabulation errors will always be corrected regardless of time elapsed. Written protest not required.
- 6. Shorebreak Rules**
- a. Because the sport of skimboarding is based off of wave riding, competitors will be expected to ride waves. Performing inland tricks "in the flats" while rideable waves are present will result in a lower score by the judges.
  - b. If conditions do not allow for shorebreak riding, the Competition Director will make the announcement at the beginning of the heat; otherwise skimmers are expected to ride waves.
- 7. Team Requirements**
- a. All team members must be currently enrolled in the participating team's institution.
  - b. Teams must also pay the team entry fee for select NCSA events.
  - c. Combined teams may only consist of one major university and one neighboring community college within 20 miles from the participating university.
  - d. Combined teams cannot have more than 25% of their team members from campuses other than their main campus or from community colleges.
  - e. Teams may be made of NCSA members and non-members.
  - f. Teams may only consist of a minimum of 2 members.
  - g. In the event of a team point tie, there will be a team skim-off. Each team will select 3 skimmers from their team to compete. The tiebreak time duration will be determined by the Competition Director. Team skimmers must have participated in the event to be eligible for the tiebreak heat.
  - h. All team members are expected to have sportsmanlike conduct and good manners. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in suspension of NCSA privileges, which includes not being able to compete in the rest of the event.
  - i. If there is any attempt to mislead any team information including school attendance, team member impersonation, or misrepresentation of any kind could result in immediate suspension of associated team and member NCSA privileges for a minimum of one year. There will be no refunds of any team or individual membership fees.
- 8. Postponed or Cancelled Events**
- a. Competitions may be postponed or cancelled due to natural causes including weather and wave conditions.
  - b. Only the Competition Director has the authority to postpone or cancel an event.
  - c. Once a skimmer has competed, entry fees are non-refundable if the event is postponed or cancelled.
  - d. All dates and times of events are subject to change.

## 1. Snaking

- a. Snaking will not be tolerated. If a competitor is caught snaking, as determined by the Head Judge, their highest scoring wave during that heat will not be counted. Snaking is considered any action to cut off, block, or steal a wave from another competitor that has already started running for a wave.

## 2. Free Skimming In Competition Area

- a. Free skimming in the competition area is prohibited. Any person free skimming in the contest area who is not in the current heat will be told to leave the contest area and will not be able to compete in the event and/or any future events as determined by the NCSA Competition Director and/or NCSA President.

## NCSA DISCIPLINE POLICY

### 1. Misbehavior/Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- a. Any skimmer that causes any willful damage or destruction to property or damage to the image of the sport of skimboarding will be subject to disciplinary action and possible immediate penalties imposed by the NCSA President after consultation with the Competition Director and/or Head Judge.
- b. Unsportsmanlike conduct (includes but is not limited to rude gestures, foul language directed at a competitor, judge, official, or spectator, and any interference of the event in progress) may result in suspension from the event and of NCSA privileges as determined by the Competition Director and/or Head Judge.
- c. Skimmers must be aware that the definition of unsportsmanlike conduct is broad, and they must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner that is positive for the sport of skimboarding.
- d. There is no list of penalties for every situation, but the list of "General Guidelines" for penalties is meant to cover the most common situations. If there is any doubt about what act or activity will constitute misconduct, the skimmer should ask the NCSA President or Competition Director.

### 2. Penalties

- a. Penalties for infractions could involve immediate suspension from an NCSA event and/or NCSA privileges.
  - i. Some of the penalties are as follows:

Assaulting any NCSA event staff	Suspension from ALL privileges
Rude gestures to judges or officials	Suspension from event
Swearing out loud to judges or officials	Suspension from event
Ripping up or writing on Judges' Sheets	Suspension from event
Damage to event property	Suspension from event (plus costs)
Free skimming in contest area	Suspension from event
- b. Suspension from an event can only be determined by the Competition Director.
- c. Termination of NCSA membership can only be determined by a majority vote by the NCSA Board of Directors except in the case of academic requirements in which membership can be immediately terminated by the NCSA President.
- d. Penalties can only be appealed if they involve the termination of NCSA membership. The offending skimmer may appeal to the NCSA President. All appeals will be discussed by the NCSA Board of Directors.
- e. Drug Abuse
  - i. The NCSA opposes the use of illegal drugs and alcohol consumption by a minor to uphold the image and good name of skimboarding. Penalty for infractions associated with illegal drug use and/or consumption of alcohol by a minor will result in immediate suspension for all NCSA privileges and membership for a period to be determined by the NCSA President. Valid evidence of illegal drug use and/or consumption of alcohol by a minor by any NCSA member must be submitted to the NCSA President.