



Gold Coast Classic Ocean Race

Race Rules

1. Water Start. Competitors to be placed between two buoys placed beyond break. All Ski, SUP & Prone competitors must be in seated position prior to race start. Communication will occur from land and Jet Ski. A hooter will signify the start of the race.
2. Finish. Once ashore, competitors must beach their boards/ski (board/ski to be left completely out of the water) and then run through the marked transition area to the finish line carrying their paddle (boards/ski must NOT be carried through the finish line). Each paddler must cross finish line to receive a finish time and placing. Competitors must remain in the finish area until their place, name and number, is recorded by the race timer.
3. Board Certification. All boards/skis will be measured and signed off. Boards must in accordance with the board specifications on the Event Entry page. Board measurements will be conducted prior to the race. Boards will not be measured within 15 mins of the start of the race. Race marshal will sign off certified boards.
4. Board Classification. Please see the board specifications on the Event Entry page for all specifics.
5. Competition Shirts. All competitors must wear their competitor shirts at the start, duration and finish of all events. Failure to so at any point will result in disqualification. The beach marshal will distribute competition shirts during athlete registration. (This is subject to how many participants)
6. Race Director. The Race Director will be responsible for officiating the race start and finish. The Race Director is the head official for all events at the Event as a whole (including racing events) and has the final say in disqualification rulings, finishes and race protest filings.
7. Protests. A written protest must be filed within 15 minutes of the last competitor finishing the event. Protests must be filed with the Race Director. The Race Director, Race Marshal and associated event officials will determine the outcome of any protests filed.

8. Course. Basic course options are on the following page (race course are not limited to only these options). The course has multiple options with wind conditions depicting which course is chosen. The course will be predominantly downwind. All race competitors must keep outside of the race buoys. Directions and chosen race is confirmed and personally explained on race day at the race registration. Any competitor failing to round all buoys will be disqualified from the race. Paddlers must complete each leg of the course once and then return to the finish line. There will be directional assistance on the water.

9. Five Stroke Rule. If a competitor falls, he/she will be allowed 5 strokes to get back on his or her feet and stand up. This rule is in effect so a paddler does not achieve an advantage by not standing up. All competitors must complete the course in a standing position on their board. (If conditions suit this may alter on race director's decision).

10. Jostling/Hassling. Any jostling/hassling (involving contact) for position in transition area at finish line will cause disqualification. At no time during the race may a competitor impede another competition and un-sports man like conduct/actions will result in disqualification.