Junior Summer Series 2016 / 2017 Information

Surfing is not like any other sport - it is not a sport it is a lifestyle!
It is for this reason that when you come to join the Mandurah Board Riders, we ask that all members get involved and help where they can. MBR is driven by dedicated members that are passionate to see all of our juniors grow to enjoy and experience the thrills that the ocean can deliver. Your assistance will allow us to continue to grow this club to be a safe and nurturing environment where our children can learn to build confidence in and around the ocean and their peers. It enables a safe development of their surfing ability but also their general awareness of the ocean and their social skills.

Vision Statement:
To provide a safe environment where our young local surfers can experience the thrill of competitive surfing. To do so in a fashion where making friends and developing of surfing ability is more important than winning. But also teach our kids the value of good sportsmanship and that placings are a future goal to strive and improve towards as they progress with their surfing ability.

Rules

Age groups / Divisions
Children MUST be under the age group specified as per the date of our last calendar function in the junior series (25th March 2017) - Proof of age is required and membership will not be accepted without this proof (Birth Certificate)

Child can only compete in one selected division - That division must be selected prior to surfing in their first event of that particular season.
A surfer may wish to surf up into an older division as their one selected division, in order to push their surfing ability but never a younger division.

Acceptance Area
All new members wanting to join the club, MUST be a Mandurah local resident to be a member of the MBR junior club. This is due to numbers of accepted applicants being capped and time it takes to run each event and the nature of the prizes given, there has been a massive influx of interest from people wanting to be members, we have had to put boundaries around this and the post code is the easiest way to ensure that our local resident surfers are given preference. This rule must be adhered to strictly. Proof of residency may be ask for and must be provided to ensure we are consistent with this ruling and fair to all.
All Existing Junior members will be accepted as long as they meet the age group criteria.

Parent Assist
Parent assist division is Under 8 only
At the contest director’s discretion under 10s may be able to have parental assist if deemed to be for safety reasons and ability of the individual participants
All parents entering the water must check in and report to the head judge of the peak you are competing at, as their child checks in for their heat to notify of intention and who is in the water with the child.
Maximum of one adult per child in the water.
Children who have been deemed to be assisted will be judged accordingly, Children paddling in and surfing under their own merit **WILL** be judged at a higher level. That said the surfer who is deemed to be performing to the highest degree of difficulty, will be rewarded with the higher scores.

Participants paddling into a white water wave under their own merit is deemed to be more difficult than being pushed into White water waves.
Participants being pushed into a green faced wave and riding **with confidence** is deemed to be harder than catching white water under their own merit.
*A child, paddling into a green faced wave under their own merit is deemed to be the most difficult* and will be rewarded accordingly.

**Results**

Divisional Winners are decided out of the following scenarios:

- **Five contests run** - Best three results
- **Four contests run** - Best Three Results
- **Three contests run** - Best Two Results
- **Two Contests Run** - Best Two results
- **One Contest Runs** - Best One result

If we do have to cancel a contest we will endeavour to find a replacement weekend, this cannot be certain that it will not clash with another event on a state rated surfing event run by Surfing WA. Or even moved to a day where it may clash with a child's other sporting commitments (Saturday). The MBR committee and contest director will do everything in its power to run on the scheduled, displayed dates. But will not be held accountable for affecting end of season results in making a decision to run, or cancel an event based on the best interests of the overall club.

A contest will be cancelled due to the following reasons:

1. Conditions are flat and there is no waves to run an event in - this is a surfing competition and there must be enough waves to fairly hold a competition to get a fair result.
2. Safety concern - this could include a number of scenarios - Waves too large for certain divisions to run / Shark Sighting / Weather (Lightening) / Beach not adequately suited to run certain division safely.

   Again the committee will make these decisions based on the overall ability of the children in this division and **WILL NOT** make decisions based on individuals competing in the event. The safety of all competitors is paramount and the contest director's call is final.

The Contest Director will have the final say on making the call for where the event is to be held and what divisions run on that day and in what order at each and every single event based on conditions and all contributing factors present on the day.

If a certain age group is to be cancelled due to concerns to the ability of that division in conditions presented. Children **WILL NOT** be able to participate in an older age group that may be able to run on a scheduled event date. Once an age group is selected at the start of the season that is the only division that surfer can compete in for the duration of that season.

If any contest is to be cancelled during the running of an event due to the above mentioned reasons or any other contributing factors, deemed in the best interests of all competitors safety. Then all points will evenly be split across all remaining competitors in that division at that point in time. If the division has not entered the water and has yet to complete at least the first round of competition in full then the division will deemed to not have run and we will classify as a cancelled contest and will revert to the above mentioned ruling on Divisional Winners. If another contest cannot be scheduled and run successfully...
All points will be allocated per placing in each division and will be displayed where we can.
All contests heats will be seeded accordingly to the child’s overall points placing going into the next contest.
The initial contest will be seeded as per the placings of the paddle race on the paddle sign up day, as we deem this as a day to look and accurately assess each child’s ability to handle and their strength in paddling a surfboard.

Judging
Where possible your child will be judged using the MBR new computer judging / scoring system.
Although due to high volume numbers expected we will again be looking to double bank (two contest areas) to get through each and every event as smoothly and as quickly as possible. The judging system will be used on the main peak designated on the day and the older divisions will have the first priority to use this system.
Younger age groups will be run on the second bank and although the adjudicating panel of judges will be made up of the same calibre of volunteers, the paper version of recording these results will be used.
Where we have a computer malfunction on the main peak we will also revert to the paper version of judging system.

Judging panels are made up of the following:

1 X Head Judge - where possible this will be one of the accredited judges we have in our club that have experience at a Surfing WA level. If one of these individuals are not available for whatever reason we will revert to the more experienced surfers within our club recognised as a fair and equal alternative.

3 X Judges - all volunteers and this is an excellent way for you to learn what we are looking for when judging competitive surfing. You will not require any previous experience. If you have never judged before please make yourselves known to the contest Director who can introduce you to the head judge in the appropriate division / peak for you to best sit and learn and assist.

We cannot run with any less than this and the contest will go on hold until these critical positions are filled.

A parent or guardian / family member of the children in the water cannot judge or be in the judging tent while their child is competing.
If you are asked to remove yourself from this vicinity by the head judge or contest director than you must do so immediately to ensure we can continue to run the event smoothly.
The Head Judge in each tent will be responsible for allocating who is on each panel for each heat to ensure fairness to all competitors in the water.

Judging Criteria:

“A surfer must perform radical controlled manoeuvres in the critical sections of a wave with power, speed and flow. Innovative and progressive surfing as well as the combination and variety of repertoire (of Major manoeuvres) will be taken into consideration when rewarding points for a surfer’s performance. The surfer who performs to the criteria above, exhibiting the maximum degree of difficulty and commitment on the waves shall maximise his/her scoring potential.”

Judging is really simple when you break it down and do not over think it. Basically the outcome is to get the competing colours in the correct order based on the above criteria.
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When Judging remember the following elements when scoring waves:

- Commitment and degree of difficulty
- Innovative and progressive manoeuvres
- Combination of major manoeuvres
- Variety of manoeuvres
- Speed, power and flow

Judging scale:
0.0 — 1.9: Poor
2.0 — 3.9: Fair
4.0 — 5.9: Average
6.0 — 7.9: Good
8.0 — 10.0: Excellent

All competitors’ parents/guardians MUST come and volunteer on one of the job roles for the day. This could include: Judge a heat / set up / pack up tents and equipment / Cook on the BBQ or generally get involved and assist where you can to your best capacity.

Equipment used:
To keep the competition as fair as possible (including the paddle registration day) all competitors MUST have a board under 6’6” in length.
Foam surfboards are allowed
For age groups above the under 10’s division it is suggested that competitors start to compete on a fibre glass surfboard
Foamy surfboards can be of benefit in small conditions and the judging panel will take this into consideration when judging the events
All competitors MUST be wearing a leg rope during all times of competition.
If a surfer wishes to wear a helmet or use a shark shield for personnel protection they are free to do so. Any other equipment that wishes to be used needs to be approved by the Contest Director on the day, to ensure we keep a fair and level playing field.

All competitors and parents must be aware and signed the following documents to compete at our events:

- Mandurah Board Riders code of ethics
- Emergency information and
- Participant Waiver Form

All of these documents have been prepared and are in line with our governing body Surfing Australia. For more rules and regulations you can view these at www.surfingaustralia.com

No child will be allowed to participate without paying membership prior to entering the water to ensure they fall in line with our clubs insurance policy.

No Child will be allowed to participate without a parent or guardian on the beach and present.

We welcome you to the MBR Junior club and we hope you that you and your child enjoy and benefit from the experience.

For any other information feel free to contact

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