

# Information "The OffShore Surf Open 2019"

- Unofficial Swedish Championships in Indoor Surfing -

## Classes

### Open

This class is open to all participants, ie both men, ladies and young people regardless of age. The class is also open to foreign citizens.

### Ladies

This class is only open to women. However, it is open to women / girls of all ages. The class is also open to foreign citizens.

### Youth

This class is open to young people under 16 regardless of gender. One must not be 16 years old or older when the competition is carried out on Saturday, February 2, 2019. The class is also open to foreign citizens.

## Number of participants

Open = max 16 participants

Ladies = max 8 participants

Youth = max 8 participants

## Fees

### Entry fee

Open = 300 sek

Ladies = 300 sek

Youth = Free

The fee includes being able to train on the wave Friday afternoon / evening and Saturday morning. See heading training and competition schedule.

## Competition license

In order to participate in competitions sanctioned by the Swedish Surfing Association, you must solve the competition license. It is SEK 100 / year and can be paid on site. If payment has been made we have received the invoice for payment with and shown to the competition management in connection with registration.

## Registration

The registration is made via a special form on Salusand soulsurfers official website

[www.salusandsoulsurfers.se/anmalan](http://www.salusandsoulsurfers.se/anmalan)

Registration including payment must be received by the competition management no later than 2019-01-22.

The registration is binding and entry fees are not refunded.

The number of participants is limited in each class and therefore it is the principle "first come, first served" based on the time when the registration including payment of the participant fee is made. Should the registration and payment be made when the competition is already fully booked, the paid participation fee will be refunded. The competition management will continuously inform about how many vacancies there are in each class.

## Conditions for participation

The competitions are open to everyone regardless of age, gender and citizenship. Competitors must be a member of the Swedish wave surfing association / Swedish surfing association (SSA) through membership in the association that is affiliated with SSA. Participation fee and competition license must be paid before the competition starts.

## Competition

### Open

All 16 participants compete in the first round, Round 1 in the so-called Main event. Round 1 consists of 4 heats with 4 surfers per heat. 1st and 2nd in the respective heat advances to the next round etc. As long as you come 1st or 2nd in a heat in the Main event you are left in the Main event and finally reaches the final. The 3rd and 4th in the respective heat goes on to so-called recharge where you can surf to a place in the B-finals which in turn can give a place in the final. In the finals, 4 surfers compete.

### Ladies

All 8 participants compete in the first round, Round 1 in the so-called Main event. Round 1 consists of 2 heats with 4 surfers per heat. 1st and 2nd in the respective heat advances to the next round etc. As long as you come 1st or 2nd in a heat in the Main event you are left in the Main event and finally reaches the final. The 3rd and 4th in the respective heat goes on to so-called recharge where you can surf to a place in the B-finals which in turn can give a place in the final. In the finals, 4 surfers compete.

### Youth

All 8 participants compete in semi-finals for two heats with 4 surfers per heat. The 1st and 2nd in the respective heat goes to the final. The 3rd and 4th in the respective heat are excluded from the competition. In the finals, 4 surfers compete

## Competition heat

A competition heat, whether final or not, as follows.

In the classes Open and lady, each heat is 15 minutes long. In the youth class, each heat is 10 minutes long. Before the heat starts, the competition management by lot has determined the order of the competitors participating in the heat.

Surfer # 1 gets to surf the wave for a maximum of 30 seconds. Speaker shouts when time starts and when it is 5 seconds left (countdown 5,4,3,2,1,0). Surfers step off the wave.

Surfers no. 2, 3 and 4 surf the wave in turn for a maximum of 30 seconds each. Then it's the surfer #1's turn again etc.

If every surfer is in his 30 seconds, you can have 30 rides in 15 minutes (applies to Open and Dam), which means about 7 rides per competitor. But when surfers stretch their limits to perform well on the scale, it is very common for surfers not to stand on the wave more than about 10-20 seconds before they fall. In practice, therefore, every surfer gets about 10 waves each during a competition heat. It is a very high pace in the competition as there is no time for longers between the surfing waves. However, some delay may occur to be able to have a high security if a surfer falls and has difficulty getting out of the pool for any reason or if a surfboard gets stuck in the pool. The next competitor must not jump on his wave until the one who has been on the wave before (including surfboard) is out of the pool and the speaker / competition management has given the go-ahead.

## **Training- and competition schedule** (also see the detailed comp schedule)

### **Friday 1st February 2019**

Training in the surf stream at 16:00 - 21:00

### **Saturday 2nd February**

Exercise at 08:00 - 11:00

Competition Open start at 12:00

Competition Youth starts at 16:50

The competition Lady starts at 17:30

Finals start at 19:20 and finish at about 20:30

## **Registration and information meetings**

Registration for contestants.

Time: Friday at 19:00 - 20:00 or Saturday 08:00 - 09:00.

Location: Himlabadet at the surf stream.

Information meeting on competition arrangements and assessment criteria

Time: Friday at 19:00 or Saturday at 10:00 (same information on both occasions)

Location: Himlabadet at the surf stream

## **Judging criteria** (also see document "Surfing Judging criteria")

Judging and scores goes exactly the same as competitions in real sea waves.

Judges review each surfer's performance on each individual wave based on given assessment criteria.

Points are set based on a 10-point scale where 0.5 points = worst and 10 points = best.

The judges' points are summed up to a total and then divided by the number of judges.

Surfers get points on every single wave, but in the end may only be credited with the two waves where the judge gave the highest score. The score of these two waves is summed up and the surfer who has the highest score wins the heat. The surfer who has the second highest total score on his two best waves comes second in the heat, etc.

### **Exemple**

Three judges have scored the following points on four waves that a competitor surfed during a heat.

Judge 1: Wave 1 = 1.5p. Wave 2 = 8.0p. Wave 3 = 4.0p. Wave 4 = 10.0p

Judge 2: Wave 1 = 2.0p. Wave 2 = 7.0p. Wave 3 = 4.5p. Wave 4 = 9.5p

Judge 3: Wave 1 = 1.0p. Wave 2 = 7.0p. Wave 3 = 5.0p. Wave 4 = 10.0p.

Average wave 1:  $1.5 + 2.0 + 1.0 = 4.5 / 3 = 1.5$

Average wave 2:  $8.0 + 7.0 + 7.0 = 22.0 / 3 = 7.33$

Average wave 3:  $4.0 + 4.5 + 5.0 = 13.5 / 3 = 4.5$

Average wave 4:  $10.0 + 9.5 + 10.0 = 29.5 / 3 = 9.83$

The two waves with the highest score are summed,  $7.33 + 9.83 = 17.16$

The surfer's score in the heat is 17,16.

## The arena and type of wave

The competition will be conducted at Himlabadet in Sundsvall in the Surfstream.

**Open and ladies class:** The competition is performed on the high profile right wing wave (the wave breaks to the right) which means that the person surfing with regular stance (left foot at the front of the surfboard) surfing on the toe with the stomach / chest against the wave and the person surfing with goofy stance (right foot at the front of the board) surfing the heel with the back against the wave.

**Youth class:** To be decided.

## Equipment

Himlabadet provides surfboards. Own surfboard may be used but must be equipped with soft fins. Surfboards must be approved by the competition management before the competition.

Helmets must always be used for safety reasons during heat and training.

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## Values, policies and anti-doping

The competition is an unofficial Swedish championship and is included as a demonstration sport during the Swedish championships winter week in Sundsvall 2019. Competitors, officials, judges, etc. therefore live under the national sports federations' values and policies. It also includes anti-doping, where RF is Sweden's National Anti-Doping Organization. The Swedish doping rules and the anti-doping work are governed by the global rules in "The World Anti-Doping Code".

## Accommodation

Competitors, officials, relatives, etc., provide accommodation themselves during the competitions. A nice place to contact to see if rooms are available is the hotel "Södra Berget" in Sundsvall. But there are lots of other hotels in or nearby the town of Sundsvall.

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**Swedish championships winter week:** [www.smveckan.se](http://www.smveckan.se)