

## Pro Tandem Rules from the ITSA

### 1. WELCOME:

- Spirit of Aloha must be exhibited at all times.
- At no time can the contestants enter the judging booth or speak to judges.
- Any complaints or grievances must be handled by filling out a Grievance Form.
- Grievance forms will be available at the beach marshal.
- All heats will contain a maximum of 5 teams for a period a time determinate by the organization, only semis and finale will have to be over or equal 25min.

### 2. WEIGH-IN:

- Weigh-in is held at Buffalo Beach, Hilltop. 7pm.
- The female partner cannot weight less than half (50%) of her partner. (e.g., a 200 lb man can have a partner 100 lb or more).
- Teams must both wear bathing suits or what they will be wearing in the water (wetsuits). No weight add will be allowed (weight belt).

### 3. PARTNER:

- The same male and female partner must complete all heats together.
- The tandem partners must be a male and a female.
- If one partner is injured and cannot perform, the team will have to forfeit.
- The points are awarded to and travel with the TEAM to determine seeding for future events.

### 4. 3-SECOND HOLD:

- All lifts must be held for \_\_\_\_ seconds. (3 is default; 2 due to terrible conditions)
- The count starts when the lift reaches its full execution.
- The count stops if the team falls or transitions to the next lift.
- The lift is considered complete after three seconds if:
  - a. The girl's feet come down to the board.
  - b. The girl transitions into the next lift

### 5. WAVE COUNT:

- The top 2 out of 10 (max number of waves) will be counted

### 6. SCORING:

- All waves will be judged on three criteria:
  - **Surfing** is 1/3 of overall score and is judged on the same criteria as longboarding, but the score is higher if the "surfing" is done in a lift.
  - **Sequence** is 1/3 of overall score. The only 4 best lifts performed are part of the sequence points.
    - a. The first two rows of the lift sheet = 1 point;
    - b. The second two rows of the lift sheet = 2 points;
    - c. The third two rows of the lift sheet = 3 points
    - d. They are added together by the Head Judge.
    - e. The Head Judge takes that score, plus and minus 1, and gives that range of points to the Surf Judges.

- f. The Surf judges determine which value of that range to award based on their own subjective opinion.
- g. In case of very close team's score, the head judge can decide to give sequences score by half a point every row (1<sup>st</sup> row= 0,5pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> row=1pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> row=1,5pts,etc) but have to tell the team before the heat.
  - The **highest lift** is the final 1/3 of the complete score. The highest lift is divided by 4.5 to determine the actual score.
- Lifts that are not held for 3 seconds and are not completed receive no score.

#### 7. INTERFERENCE:

- Interference will be called and the team's top wave will not count if there is any "hopping" or "snaking", or paddling in the way of a riding team.