

2022 VANS PIPELINE MASTERS® SURF CONTEST

Sponsored by: Vans, a division of VF Outdoor, LLC, 1588 South Coast Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 USA

Official Rules

OPEN ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INVITED BY VANS TO PARTICIPATE AND WHO ARE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WITH PROFICIENCY IN THE SPORT OF SURFING AND ARE ABLE TO PHYSICALLY BE ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU DURING THE EVENT PERIOD AND TIMELY COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.†

IF NOT OF LEGAL AGE OF MAJORITY IN JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF HIS/HER/THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN *BEFORE* REGISTERING FOR THE CONTEST.

†RESIDENTS OF ANY JURISDICTION SUBJECT TO U.S. EMBARGO OR SANCTIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST AS SURFER. SUCH JURISDICTIONS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: CUBA, CRIMEA REGION OF UKRAINE, IRAN, NORTH KOREA, SUDAN, SYRIA AND VENEZUELA.

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST AS A SURFER (“SURFER”), YOU (IF A MINOR IN YOUR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE, YOUR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN) AGREE TO THESE OFFICIAL RULES AND THE DECISIONS OF SPONSOR AND JUDGES (AS DEFINED BELOW), WHICH ARE FINAL AND BINDING IN ALL RESPECTS AND NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

EACH SURFER IS AWARE OF, UNDERSTANDS, AND WILL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, ORDERS, REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL RULES, REGULATIONS, ORDERS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND OTHER VIRUSES. YOU ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISK OF ENGAGING IN THE CONTEST AND THE SPORT OF SURFING WHICH IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY; SUCH RISKS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO INJURY (WHICH MAY BE PERMANENT), PARALYSIS, DISFIGUREMENT OR EVEN DEATH.

1. Contest Overview and Objective.

- A. Vans ushers in a new era for the most renowned surfing event in the world, the Pipeline Masters, in December 2022, with a live Specialty Invitational contest sanctioned by the World Surf League. The evolved Pipe Masters will feature some of the world’s best male and female tube-riders/aerialists from Hawaii and around the world, competing for US\$420,000 in prize money. In addition to tube-riding, judging will reward progressive surfing above the lip and on the wave.

- B. The contest will consist of a Leaderboard style event with all participants surfing in one (1) heat per round for three (3) rounds in search of their top three (3) highest scored rides at Banzai Pipeline and Backdoor as determined via judging by The Association of Surfing Professionals LLC d/b/a World Surf League (“**World Surf League**”). The top four (4) male and top four (4) female surfers with the highest combined 3-wave total after three (3) rounds will advance to the finals and surf for a chance to win a portion of the prize purse. The final will be tallied on each surfer’s top 2 rides posted in the final. The Contest will recognize progression, disruption, and radical expression at the Banzai Pipeline and Backdoor.
- C. The minimum age for participants is sixteen (16) years of age and the Contest is invitation only. Vans reserves the right to require valid proof of date of birth.
- D. This Contest is separate and apart from the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing and any permitted, live, video submission, digital, online or in-person event that might take place during the Event Period or otherwise. A wave that is surfed or recorded during or related to the Pipe Masters may NOT be submitted as a video entry for any part of the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing competition.

2. Contest Schedule.

- A. Registration Period:

Opens: October 12, 2022 at 6:01 a.m. U.S. Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time (HST)/October 12, 2022 at 4:01 p.m. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Closes: October 26, 2022 at 11:59:59 p.m. HST/October 26, 2022 at 9:59:59 a.m. GMT.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE/TIME.

- B. Event Period: December 8-20, 2022.
- C. Location: Banzai Pipeline (lefts) and Backdoor (rights), North Shore, Oahu, Hawaii.
- D. Contest will be held across 4-6 days (maximum 32 hours of competition) when waves are deemed best by the competition committee.
- E. Winners will be awarded on location following the final heat and subject to these official rules.
- F. Sponsor’s computer is the official clock for all purposes of the Contest.

3. Contest Registration.

- A. During the Registration Period, go to www.vanspipemasters.com (“**Contest Website**”), and follow these steps to register:

Register to Compete for Men's/Women's Pipe Masters

- i. Each invited surfer (“**Invitee**”) will receive an official Invitation with personalized registration link on or around October 12, 2022.
- ii. Registration will open on October 12, 2022, at 6:01 a.m. U.S. Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time (HST)/October 12, 2022 at 4:01 p.m. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), and close on October 26, 2022 at 11:59:59 p.m. HST/October 27, 2022 at 9:59:59 a.m. GMT.
- iii. After receipt of an Invitation, all Invitees must log onto the Contest Website during the Registration Period and complete the registration form with all required information to be considered eligible to compete, including name, date of birth, country of residence, resident of Hawaii, if applicable, gender, telephone number and e-mail address.
- iv. Any Invitee who fails to validly register before the deadline will be replaced immediately by an Alternate Invitee.
- v. Successful registrants will be asked to complete a list of fields and create a Competitor Profile. The following information will be visible to the general public: name, social media handles, sponsors and nationality.
- vi. Check the boxes corresponding to each of the following statements - you will NOT be able to register unless all of these boxes are affirmatively checked:
 - *I have read, understand and agree to the Official Rules.*
 - *I have read, understand and agree to VANS' Privacy Statement.*
 - *I have read, understand and agree to the Waiver and Release of Liability and Express Assumption of Risk, Grant of Media Rights and COVID-19 Release.*
- vii. Each participant is responsible for any and all expenses incurred in conjunction with participation in the Contest, including, without limitation, costs of travel to/from and lodging and transportation on Oahu, Hawaii as well as any COVID related costs and expenses (such as testing and quarantine) and any equipment required to participate in the Contest.

CAUTION: DO NOT REGISTER FOR OR PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST UNLESS YOU ARE AN EXPERIENCED SURFER AND READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO ENGAGE IN THE SPORT OF SURFING ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU IN TYPICALLY CHALLENGING CONDITIONS. BEFORE DOING SO, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CONFIRM WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL THAT YOU ARE IN SUITABLE PHYSICAL CONDITION TO ENGAGE IN THE SPORT OF SURFING.

BEFORE ENGAGING IN THE SPORT OF SURFING, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDICAL

ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF ACCIDENT OR OTHER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES IN CONJUNCTION WITH SURFING.

VANS AND WORLD SURF LEAGUE HAVE NOT SECURED LIFE, DISABILITY OR OTHER INSURANCE OF ANY KIND IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST. IF SUCH INSURANCE IS DESIRED, IT IS YOUR SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE SAME AT YOUR SOLE EXPENSE.

Any violation of these Official Rules or intent to defraud Sponsor will result in disqualification as well as possibly constituting tampering as per Rule 12 below. Notification of receipt of registration is not otherwise binding upon Sponsor under any legal theory.

Contest registration is limited to sixty (60) Surfers in the aggregate: forty (40) male registrants and twenty (20) female registrants. Once this threshold has been reached for each gender category, registration will be “closed” and no further registrations will be accepted (unless Sponsor allows for the transfer of unfilled registration slots, as discussed below). A notice to such effect will be posted on the Contest Website. Out of the sixty (60) available spots for registration, Vans is reserving twenty (20) male and ten (10) female registrations for surfers with Hawaii residency.

In addition to the official invitees there will be a short list of invited alternates. In the event that Sponsor receives fewer than forty (40) male registrations and/or twenty (20) female registrations, Sponsor will contact “alternates” in the order received. Once contacted, an “alternate” will have a designated period of time to register for the Contest. IF AN “ALTERNATE” FAILS TO TIMELY RESPOND TO SPONSOR’S CONTACT AND COMPLETE HIS/HER/THEIR REGISTRATION, SPONSOR SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY TO SUCH “ALTERNATE” UNDER ANY LEGAL THEORY AND SPONSOR SHALL PROCEED TO THE NEXT “ALTERNATE” ON THE LIST. “ALTERNATE” STATUS IN NO WAY GUARANTEES THAT A GIVEN INDIVIDUAL WILL BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER FOR OR PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST; AND, ALMOST ALL (IF NOT ALL) “ALTERNATES” WILL *NOT* BE ACCEPTED AS CONTEST REGISTRANTS AND SURFERS FOR THE EVENT.

B. INVITEES

Selection

- The goal of the Pipe Masters selection panel is to select from among the best tube riders and aerialists - men and women - from around the world and will include both contemporary and “next-gen” talent.
- Invitations will be issued to selected potential competitors on or around October 6, 2022.
- Invitees will be selected as follows:

2022 Men’s Pipeline Masters Field (40 spots):

- 2021-22 Vans Triple Crown champion (1)
- 2021-22 Vans Triple Crown Pipeline venue champion (1)
- 2021-22 Vans Triple Crown Pipeline venue 2nd place (1)

- 2021-22 Vans Triple Crown Pipeline venue 3rd place (1)
- 2022 WSL Championship Tour champion (1)
- WSL seeds (4)
- Stab High Lakey Peak winner (1)
- Competition Panel selection (30)

2022 Women's Pipeline Masters Field (20 spots):

- 2021-22 Vans Triple Crown champion (1)
- 2021-22 Vans Triple Crown Pipeline venue champion (1)
- 2021-22 Vans Triple Crown Pipeline venue 2nd place (1)
- 2021-22 Vans Triple Crown Pipeline venue 3rd place (1)
- 2022 WSL Championship Tour champion (1)
- WSL seeds (2)
- Competition Panel selection (13)

Alternates

- In the event that an official Invitee is unable or unwilling to utilize their Invitation to the 2022 Vans Pipe Masters or fails to timely and validly register, they will be replaced, in order, from a shortlist of validly-registered Alternates.
- International (non-Hawaii resident) Invitees will be replaced by an International Alternate.
- Hawaii Invitees will be replaced by a Hawaii Alternate.
- In the event that any one or more of the Vans Triple Crown Pipeline venue champion, 2nd or 3rd place, WSL World Tour champion or the Stab High Lakey Peak winner, as applicable, qualifies two or more times based on the selection criteria above, the excess invitation(s) will go to the next in line (based on eligibility) from that specific qualification path, or as far down the results list as necessary based on eligibility.

4. Competition Format.

Men's Pipeline Masters

- 20 international (non-Hawaii resident) surfers and 20 local Hawaii surfers.
- This is a LEADERBOARD style competition, with Surfers surfing in one (1) heat per round, in each of three (3) rounds, with the top four (4) men based on the total of their top three (3) scored rides advancing to the finals.
- As each round progresses, Surfers are ultimately looking for their three (3) best scored waves. It is possible for the top three scored rides to come from a single round, one score from each of the three rounds, or a combination of rounds (e.g., two scored rides from one round and one scored ride from another round).
- Each round will be comprised of ten (10) x 4-man heats (approximately 30 minutes duration each + brief heat transitions).
- Each round is scheduled to take no more than five (5) hours 18 minutes to complete.
- Organizers will seek to offer each Surfer similar scoring potential based on conditions and time of day but cannot guarantee such opportunities.
- The top four (4) scoring Surfers at the conclusion of three (3) rounds - based upon their best three (3) highest scored waves (in the aggregate) surfed will advance into one Final heat to determine the overall winner, minor placings and prize money. The final heat will be a minimum of 45 minutes and a maximum of 60 minutes with the final

determination as to duration made by the contest director based on surf conditions, schedule and other relevant factors. The final will be tallied on each surfer's top 2 rides posted in the final.

Women's Pipeline Masters

- 10 international (non-Hawaii resident) surfers and 10 local Hawaii surfers.
- This is a LEADERBOARD style competition, with Surfers surfing in one (1) heat per round, in each of three (3) rounds, with the top 4 women based on the total of their top three (3) scored rides advancing to the finals.
- As each round progresses, Surfers are ultimately looking for their three (3) best scored waves. It is possible for the top three scored rides to come from a single round, one score from each of the three rounds, or a combination of rounds (e.g., two scored rides from one round and one scored ride from another round).
- Each round will be comprised of five (5) x 4-woman heats (approximately 30 minutes duration each + brief heat transitions)
- Each round is scheduled to take approximately two (2) hours 38 minutes to complete.
- It is possible for all three rounds AND the Final to take place over one or two days.
- Organizers will seek to offer each Surfer similar scoring potential based on conditions and time of day but cannot guarantee such opportunities.
- The top four (4) scoring Surfers at the conclusion of three (3) rounds - based upon their three (3) highest scored waves (in the aggregate) surfed from any of the three (3) rounds in the competition - will advance into one Final heat to determine the overall winner, minor placings and prize money. The final heat will be a minimum of 45 minutes and a maximum of 60 minutes with the final determination as to duration made by the contest director based on surf conditions, schedule and other relevant factors. The final will be tallied on each surfer's top 2 rides posted in the final.

Conditions & Rounds

The Vans-appointed Contest director:

- may designate official warm-up sessions during the Event Period
- will look to select the most optimal days and times for waves.
- may run both a men's round and women's round on the same day.
- may run all three women's rounds on the same day.
- may choose to run one or both Finals on the same day as Round 3 of the Contest.

Priority, Interference & Wave Count

- This Contest will comply with WSL's **Non-Priority Rules** as outlined in the WSL Rule Book, linked [here](#).
- Interference Rule: Should a surfer interfere with or drop in on another surfer, the interfering surfer will lose half of their top wave score. The penalty sticks with a surfer throughout the event, even if they get their best wave before or after the interference is called (i.e., their top scoring ride at any point of the competition will be halved from the moment the interference is applied). If such surfer receives an interference penalty prior to the finals but makes the finals, the interference will not carry over to waves surfed in the finals. If the surfer incurs one or more interference penalty(ies) in the finals, the rule will apply to wave scores in the finals.

- There is no limitation to the number of waves that a rider can surf in a single heat.

Seeding

- There are NO eliminations in this Contest, so seeding does not impact a Surfer's opportunity.
- Surfers will be grouped into heats of four (4) Surfers and will remain in that grouping through all 3 rounds.
- Heats will be seeded by a panel of Pipeline experts who are not competing in the Contest.
- Each heat will be seeded for excitement value and will include 2 non-Hawaii Surfers + 2 Hawaii Surfers in each heat. Where possible, the order of heats will be alternated throughout the rounds to share morning, midday and afternoon surf times and conditions.

Judging

- The use of the entire wave will be considered in the overall score.
- Surfers are encouraged to utilize the whole wave to its fullest potential, including tube-riding and **progressive** maneuvers above the lip line and on the wave.
- There will be three (3) WSL-accredited judges on the judging panel, as well as a presiding WSL International Head Judge.
- Each scoring judge will award points for each ride based on a maximum perfect score of 10 points.
- Each of the three judges' scores awarded to a Surfer's ride will be added for an aggregated final wave score out of 30 points.
- The four (4) Surfers to reach the Final will have accumulated the three highest individual wave scores, each with a maximum potential of 30 points, for a 3-ride total maximum of 90 points. The four (4) surfers who score the closest to the perfect score of 90 points across each round will qualify for the Final.
- Judges will be guided by the below **Judging Criteria** breakdown:

General:

- **Commitment and degree of difficulty-** Are Surfers consistently demonstrating high levels of commitment and riding/performing maneuvers on the heaviest and most critical sections. This will be highly rewarded.
- **Combination of major maneuvers-** Utilizing the waves full potential
- **Style:**
 - Combining major maneuvers with a seamless flow, maximizing speed and power.
 - **Body language -** Takes into account everything from smooth and fluid to wild and erratic, physical control.

Approach:

- **Creative Self-Expression-** Does the Surfer consistently demonstrate a unique individual approach to riding and executing maneuvers on a wave that stands out.
- **Wave selection -** How critical and risky was the performance based on wave choice?
- **Progressive Innovative Maneuver -** Rewards a new or unseen approach to a particular maneuver; one that defies the status quo.

Judging Scale:

The following scale may be used to describe a Ride that is scored:

0 – 1.9 = Poor.

2.0 – 4.9 = Fair.

5.0 – 6.4 = Good.

6.5 – 7.9 = Very Good.

8.0 – 10.0 = Excellent

Tie-Breaking

In the event of a leaderboard tie between Surfers in the running for a place in the finals at the conclusion of all three (3) rounds, the top single ride of each Surfer will be counted and the Surfer with the highest scoring wave will be granted the split decision. In the event that Surfers are still tied after reviewing their top score, judges will review the top second score, and so on, until the tie is broken. If necessary, Judges will look beyond a Surfer's top three rides in the Contest.

5. Contest Entry Restrictions.

No equipment, machinery, motors, self-propelled boards, props, assistance or apparatus may be used by any Surfer (other than a surfboard). Paddle-in surfing only – no personal watercraft or tow-ins are permitted. Surfers may ride the surfboard of their choice, but no foil boards or stand-up paddleboards are permitted. Scored waves will be scored based on the judging criteria and not choice of surfboard.

6. Grant of Rights.

- A. In exchange for the opportunity for Surfer to enter the Contest, as good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Surfer (if either is a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, his/her/their parent or legal guardian) agrees as follows:
- i. To grant to Sponsor and its designees (including Sponsor's media partners) the non-exclusive, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, sublicenseable right and license to use, publicly perform and display, exhibit, reproduce, modify, create derivative works of, distribute, transmit, broadcast, upload, download and/or otherwise exploit the Surfer's name, image, likeness, social media handles, country of residence, responses to questions about the Contest, scores, interviews or other video or written content provided by Surfer, and prize information in any manner and in any and all distribution channels, venues or media now known or hereafter devised, without further notice or any compensation to Surfer (if either a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, or to his/her/their parent or legal guardian);
 - ii. To execute any additional documents so as to effect, record or perfect the grant of rights contemplated herein as requested by Sponsor and/or its designees without compensation of any kind;

- iii. That Sponsor and World Surf League each have wide access to ideas, stories, designs and other literary/artistic materials submitted to each party from outside sources or being developed by its own employees and that such ideas/stories/designs/literary/artistic materials may be competitive with, similar to (or even identical to) the information or content provided by Surfer and that Sponsor (and/or World Surf League, as the case may be) shall have no liability to Surfer (if a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, or to his/her/their parent or legal guardian) or any third party in conjunction therewith; and
- iv. That Sponsor and World Surf League do not have any duty of confidentiality or other fiduciary duty to Surfer (if a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, or to his/her/their parent or legal guardian) relative to the information or content provided or made available by Surfer on the Surfer's public profile.

7. Winner Determination & Notification.

- A. Potential prize winners will be required to complete and sign an Affidavit of Eligibility, a Liability Release and a Publicity Release (where lawful). This document must be returned within five (5) days of notification. (If potential prize winner is a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, his/her/their parent or legal guardian must sign the applicable document).
- B. In the event of noncompliance with these requirements, if potential prize winner cannot be reached for any reason (including failure to timely receive/receive at all or timely respond to winner notification telephone call for any reason); if Surfer and is determined to be ineligible or otherwise in violation of these Official Rules, such Surfer shall be disqualified and forfeit the corresponding Prize(s) without compensation of any kind. In case of prize forfeiture, Sponsor will select an alternate potential prize winner (that is, the runner-up in the applicable gender category), in the manner set forth above.

8. Prizes

- A. Pipe Masters Prizes (8 in total, 4 per gender category): US\$210,000 each for the male category winners and the female category winners, US\$420,000 in total), as follows:

Men's Pipe Masters

<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize (US\$)</u>
1 st	\$100,000
2 ^d	\$60,000
3 rd	\$35,000
4 th	\$15,000

Women's Pipe Masters

<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize (US\$)</u>
1 st	\$100,000
2 ^d	\$60,000
3 rd	\$35,000
4 th	\$15,000
<u>Total: \$420,000</u>	

B. Awards:

- **Van Doren Air Award.** Recognizes progression, disruption, and radical expression using Airs at Pipe/Backdoor (2 total, one man and one woman). US\$10,000 each for the male winner and the female winner, US\$20,000 in total.
 - An awards ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the Contest and all Finalists will be required to attend.

C. Prize Money Payment:

- Where required by US Law, tax will be withheld from a Surfer's prize money.
- Sponsor will determine the method of payment of Prizes.
- Winners are solely responsible for all taxes on value of Prize(s) as well as for all unspecified expenses in conjunction with acceptance and use of Prize(s).
- Winners will be issued an IRS 1099 Tax Form or similar form if non-U.S. resident for the value of the Prize(s) won. Non-U.S. resident winners may also be responsible for foreign withholding tax levied by the U.S. and perhaps by their jurisdiction of residence.
- No prize substitution. Prizes are not transferable.

9. Releases.

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST, SURFER (IF SURFER IS A MINOR IN HIS/HER/THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE, HIS/HER/THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN) RELEASES AND AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS SPONSOR, WORLD SURF LEAGUE, OCEAN PROMOTION, LLC AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARENTS, AFFILIATES, DIVISIONS, RELATED COMPANIES AND SUBSIDIARIES; AND THE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, JUDGES, REPRESENTATIVES, SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS; AS WELL AS THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, THE STATE OF HAWAII, ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, FACEBOOK, INC./INSTAGRAM AND TWITTER, INC.; FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM THE CONTEST OR ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION,

RECEIPT OR USE/MISUSE OF PRIZE(S), AS APPLICABLE. THE PRECEDING INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE WAIVER OF ANY CLAIM, CAUSE OF ACTION OR OTHER RIGHT OF ANY KIND IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY INJURY OF ANY KIND INCURRED BY SURFER, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY REASON OF PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST AND ANY RELATED ACTIVITIES.

Except where prohibited by law, Surfer (if a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, his/her/their parent or legal guardian) agrees to the use of their name, likeness, photo, video, voice, biographical information, responses to questions provided as part of the Contest registration, content and information uploaded or submitted in connection with Surfer's profile or submission, social media handles, image and other indicia of his/her/their persona/identity by Sponsor and its designees (including World Surf League and Sponsor's media partners for the Contest) in perpetuity for advertising/publicity/trade/editorial purposes related to the Vans Pipe Masters without compensation or notice.

10. Conditions of Participation.

- A. Employees, officers and directors of Sponsor and World Surf League and each of their respective parents, affiliate, divisions, related companies and subsidiaries; persons in any way participating in the development, implementation or administration of the Contest; and immediate family members (parents, children, siblings, spouse), regardless of where they live, or members of the same household (whether related or not) of any of the above are not eligible to register for the Contest.
- B. Sponsor and its agencies (as well as World Surf League) are not responsible for registrations or communications (whether sent by or to Surfer) that are late, lost, garbled, incomplete, are of poor visual quality, cannot identify the Surfer, inaccessible/blocked, corrupted, jumbled, misdirected, delayed or damaged, incomplete, regardless of cause, all of which are void; or for technological, programming, electronic, or other error/malfunction/failure of any kind which interferes with the advertising/offering/administration of the Contest in any respect (including, but not limited to, accessibility and/or availability of Contest Website or venue).
- C. This promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. World Surf League is not a sponsor of the Pipeline Masters and is not responsible for the conduct or administration of the contest or fulfillment of prizes.
- D. Sponsor's failure to enforce any provision of these Official Rules in a given instance shall not constitute the waiver of such provision.
- E. If any provision of these Official Rules is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be replaced by a substitute provision that most closely approximates the original intent of Sponsor and is valid, legal and enforceable. The invalidity/illegality/unenforceability of a given provision shall not affect the remainder of these Official Rules.

- F. **Force Majeure.** If Sponsor determines in its sole discretion that the Contest – in whole or in part – is delayed, prevented, made inadvisable or illegal or cannot be conducted as originally planned due to any cause beyond its control, including, without limitation, war, invasion, act of foreign or domestic enemy, terrorist threats or acts, hostilities, civil disorder, war or rebellion (whether war be declared or not), shortage of adequate power, computer virus/bug, tampering, fraud, natural disaster, beach erosion, ocean or weather conditions, materials, manufacturing capacity or transportation or shipping facilities, disease, sickness, epidemic or pandemic, government order or law, action by any federal, state or local governmental authority (including but not limited to the City or County of Honolulu, the State of Hawaii, or the United States), national or regional emergency, strike, riot, lockout or other industrial dispute, flood, fire, tornado, hurricane, earthquake or explosion, or act of God (each, a “**Force Majeure Event**”), Sponsor may cancel, modify or suspend the Contest and make the prizes available to be won in a manner that Sponsor in its sole discretion determines is fair, appropriate and consistent with these Official Rules. In such event, Sponsor will post a notice to such effect on the Contest Website.

11. **Privacy.**

- A. The collection/use/sharing of personal information in conjunction with Contest participation from Surfer and Videographer is subject to Sponsor’s Privacy Statement at www.vans.com/privacy.html. The collection/use/sharing of California residents’ personal information is governed by VANS’ California Consumer Privacy Statement; the collection/use/sharing of all other U.S. residents’ personal information is governed by Vans’ United States Consumer Privacy Statement.
- B. Persons who are residents of jurisdictions other than the United States (if he/she/they is/are a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, his/her/their parent or legal guardian) consent to have their personal information transferred, processed and stored in the United States and allow Vans to use and collect their personal information in accordance with Sponsor’s Privacy Statement. If a non-U.S. resident is not comfortable with the level of data protection provided by United States law, his/her/their sole recourse is to refrain from participating in the Contest.

12. **Tampering.**

TAMPERING WITH THE CONTEST AS WELL AS INTERFERING WITH THE INTENDED OPERATION OF THE CONTEST OR SEEKING TO DEFRAUD SPONSOR AND/OR WORLD SURF LEAGUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONTEST WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF CORRESPONDING SURFER (WHETHER ACT OF TAMPERING WAS PERPETRATED BY SURFER HIM/HER/THEMSELVES OR ANY OTHER THIRD PARTY ON SURFER’S BEHALF), IF APPLICABLE. SUCH CONDUCT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT ONE’S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE WORLD SURF LEAGUE SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS AND/OR TO ENTER FUTURE SWEEPSTAKES/CONTESTS OF SPONSOR. THE FOREGOING SHALL NOT PREVENT SPONSOR AND/OR WORLD SURF LEAGUE FROM PURSUING LEGAL SANCTIONS AND/OR OTHER AVAILABLE LEGAL REMEDIES AGAINST SUCH PERSON.

13. **Disputes/Choice of Law.**

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Surfer and Videographer (if either is a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, his/her/their parent or legal guardian) each agree that:
- i. any and all disputes regarding the Contest or these Official Rules shall be governed by the internal, substantive law of the State of California, United States (i.e., without regard to choice of law/conflict of law rules of the State of California or of any other jurisdiction);
 - ii. they are subject to the personal and exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Southern Division or California State court situate in Orange County, California, United States;
 - iii. they waive any right of change of venue, inconvenient forum or the like;
 - iv. any action will be brought by Surfer (if a minor in his/her/their jurisdiction of residence, his/her/their parent or legal guardian) individually (NOT as part of a class action); and
 - v. their recovery in any such action is limited to US\$100 with all rights to attorneys' fees and any and all damages (including special, compensatory, punitive, consequential damages) being expressly waived.
14. ***Winners' List.*** Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to "2022 VANS PIPE MASTERS CONTEST WINNERS" c/o VANS, 1588 South Coast Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 USA ATTN: 2022 VANS PIPE MASTERS CONTEST. Non-U.S. residents only may omit return postage. Winners' list requests must be received by January 10, 2023. Winners' list will be available after December 25, 2022.