



**Rules of the El Buey Santos del Mar 2024  
International Championship**

## **1. Introduction**

The 2024 El Buey Santos del Mar International Championship, in collaboration with the Regional Government Corporation of Arica and Parinacota, the Municipality of Arica, and the Maritime Government, presents its fourth edition. The event will take place between June and August 2024.

## **2. Organization**

- a. The organizing committee will be responsible for resolving any unforeseen difficulties not covered in these bases or the regulations. Any situation not considered in these bases will be resolved by the organizing committee, and their decisions are final.
- b. The competition format will span two days, during the peak wave intensity period.
- c. For aspects not specifically mentioned in these internal regulations, the BWT Rule Book will be used.
- d. In case of accidents, the organizing committee will provide first aid services on-site and, if necessary, transport the athlete to a medical center, as determined by the athlete's competition form. The athlete is solely responsible for the costs or documentation of the medical center.
- e. The tournament organizers are not responsible for any theft or loss that may occur during the competition.
- f. Athletes will receive a detailed schedule of competition activities, including the TRIAL day and the two main competition days. This schedule includes the inauguration, TV and radio interviews, interactive talks, photo sessions with children from various schools, and other community activities. A designated area will be provided for these activities.
- g. On-site registrations will be 50% more than the original fee.

## **3. Categories**

The event categories are Open, for both men and women.

## **4. Registration**

All athletes wishing to participate in the international championship can register as long as there are available slots, they have the necessary equipment, and experience. Registrations will be accepted only through the website [www.buey.cl](http://www.buey.cl), adhering to the site's specific requirements. The registration fee is 110,000 Chilean pesos for each competitor.

Registered riders are entitled to participate in the two days of the event, receive event-related meals, a folder with the best photographs of their participation, and all event merchandise. The event winner is guaranteed a spot in the "La Vaca Gigante" championship in Santander Cantabria, Spain, and the grand final (to be confirmed) of the Big Wave Tour.

Participants wishing to stay at Hotel Arica can avail of a discounted rate during the event days. Participation requires each competitor to promote the event on their personal social media profiles (Facebook and Instagram).

The portal will serve as the registration and selection platform for competitors, a process in which Santos del Mar does not intervene. Selected athletes will be notified via email and must confirm their availability a week in advance during the waiting period from June to August. By registering, competitors acknowledge the rights and obligations of participating in such a large-scale event.

### **5. Competition Format**

- a) The competition will be held over two days, following BWT regulations.
- b) Brackets will be published 12 hours before the start of the first heat of the event.
- c) A trial for locals from Arica will be held to select the top three competitors for the main event.
- d) The daily event schedule must be published at least 12 hours before the start of the day's first heat.
- e) The Competition Director will create the heats, choosing the formats based on the number of entrants in each category, using BWT's reference brackets.
- f) Heats will consist of six competitors with a duration of 45 minutes each, with a 5-minute interval between heats.

g) Once formats are decided, and brackets are drawn and published, no modifications will be made. However, vacancies in the brackets can be filled on-site in case of justified withdrawals.

## **6. Competition Rules**

a) Heats can last up to 45 minutes at the discretion of the Competition Director in consultation with the Chief Judge.

b) Competitors must adhere to championship criteria to avoid penalties if they surf a wave after their heat has ended and the next heat has begun.

## **7. Additional Support**

### **I. Support Units**

1. First Aid An ambulance with paramedics and/or a doctor will be required at all events for immediate emergencies and subsequent transfers.
2. Jet Ski A jet ski may be required by the Maritime Authority. This must be specified in the permit to avoid the risk of event cancellation.
3. Security 24-hour security personnel will be provided to safeguard the entire championship area, especially the competitors' belongings, surfboards, and access to the main stage to prevent interference with the judges.

### **II. Materials**

4. Competition Shirts (Lycra) A minimum of four sets of competition shirts, each set with four different colors (recommended colors: red, black, green, yellow, or light blue), all short-sleeved and of the same color. The colors must be bright, and the lycra quality should prevent transparency and withstand the rigors of the championship.

It is important to highlight that this is the fourth edition of the El Buey Santos del Mar International Championship, a tradition for the surfing community, supported and trusted by the Arica community and government institutions. We are environmentally conscious and aim to preserve ancestral cultures for future generations, ensuring the sustainability of the El Buey event.

## **8. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded in cash during the award ceremony, totaling \$5000 in cash and prizes.

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