Rockaway Surf Beach Rules

Rules of Paddling:
• When paddling out for a wave, the surfer who is closest to the peak has the right of way
• A surfer already on a wave has the right of way
• Stay away from the jetty
• Never ditch or let go of your board
• Avoid sitting too far inside the takeoff lane of other more experienced surfers
• When paddling out, it’s your responsibility to avoid other surfers
• Respect others, but don’t be afraid to ask for help
• Don’t drop in. If it happens, apologize.
• Don’t snake waves; there will always be more opportunities
• Always come to the aid of others in danger

For your safety:
• Surf at your own risk, there are no lifeguards on duty at the surf beaches
• There is an emergency call box at Beach 90th Street
• The Surf Beach is open year round from dawn until dusk

In addition to these special rules, the standard Beach Rules also apply:

Beach and Boardwalk Rules Prohibit:
• Littering and all glass containers
• Rummaging through trash receptacles
• Unleashed dogs at any time
• Barbecuing or open fires, and erecting tents or shelters
• Alcohol
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- Amplified sound, except by permit
- Vending, engaging in commercial activity, and performing or other rallying, except by permit
- Solicitation or panhandling
- Feeding birds or squirrels
- Unauthorized motor vehicles, ATVs, or scooters
- Snorkels, fins, rafts, unauthorized watercraft, and other flotation devices
- Fishing, except in designated areas
- Bike riding or rollerblading allowed except between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays between May 1 and September 30
- No dogs on sand or boardwalk from May 1 to October 1.