

## Courtney Conlogue | Professional Surfer



Courtney Conlogue is a two-time runner-up to the World Title (2015, 2016) with a deep love of the pro surfing game. She's best known for her gritty determination, incredible work ethic, and an arduous pursuit of perfection that may never be obtained. These were traits she learned to love as a 4-year-old student of martial arts while growing up in landlocked Santa Ana, California, 30

minutes from the coast. Fortunately, her ocean-loving family made up for lost water time on weekends with sessions that lasted six to eight hours. When she was old enough, she and her brother would ride nearly 20 miles on their bikes to catch a few waves in Huntington Beach, their adoptive home break. She won the first contest she ever entered when she was 10, which kick-started a rapid rise through the amateur ranks. By 14, she'd already earned a wildcard into the Maui Pro at Honolulu. Watching Layne Beachley dominate in the flawless conditions was all the inspiration she needed to chase her dream. In 2009, while still a star member of her track team back at school, she won the US Open of Surfing in front of her home crowd, paving the way for her graduation to the Championship Tour, where her peers adore her goofy personality and an insatiable curiosity as much as her determination and drive. She bagged a couple wins during her first few years on Tour and finished in the Top 10, but her transformation into a contender happened in 2015 when she won events in Western Australia, Brazil and Portugal. Unfortunately, a heartbreaking loss in the final event of that season cost her the title. While she's been in the hunt every year since, early in the 2018 season, Courtney suffered a foot injury and was forced to withdraw from four critical events. Despite the setback, she went on to win the Vans US Open at her home wave as well as the Roxy Pro France. She finished off the season in the No. 8 spot on the Jeep Leaderboard, showing zero signs of slowing down. Courtney claimed her 12th career Championship Tour win at Bells in 2019, which was the third Bell win in her career! However, 2019 had its challenges. Courtney sustained three concussions throughout the season. The first two in Australia at Snapper Rock and Margaret River and the third in Portugal at Super Tubes, which led to recovery and rehabilitation for several months. This ended her 2019 season and caused her to miss the last event of the year in Maui. True to form however she's as motivated than ever by the process, the challenges and the journey. Her commitment to her ultimate goal of being World Champion remains undiminished as it was when she hit the elite tour back in 2011.

For more on Courtney, go to the [World Surf League web page](#) or her [Instagram page](#).