

NAMBA DISTRICT 19 RULES

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By Laws:

- 25-12a Non Year-end District Meetings process
- a. Members must have 25 days prior notice of meeting to be posted on the district web site.
 - b. Meeting to take place at a District 19 Heat Race, on Saturday after the conclusion of races.
 - c. Meeting time will be limited to 45 minutes.
- 25-12b Non year-end district rule proposal process
- a. Proposals sent to District Director.
 - b. The District Board will determine which proposals merit voting on at Non Year-end Meetings, all other proposals will be held for the Year-end meeting. Non year-end proposals cannot be for changes to classes or matters that would affect previously earned points (i.e. make something illegal that previously was legal).
 - c. Proposals will be posted on the district web site 21 days before meeting.
 - d. The author or their representative of the proposal must be present at the district meeting in order for the rule to be modified.
- 2-12a A District Awards Banquet and Meeting will be held on the first or second Saturday of December, assuming facilities are available.
- 1-12 Year-end District rule proposal process:
- All rule proposals have to be sent to the District Director before November 1st.
 - Proposals will be posted on the district web site by November 15th to allow ample time for voting members to review prior to the meeting.
 - The author or their representative of the proposal must be present at the district meeting in order for the rule to be modified.
- 29-12 For both Non Year-end Meetings and Year-end meeting, all current NAMBA District 19 members will be able to vote on proposals. Member must be present at the meeting to vote, no proxy voting. There must be a minimum of 25 members voting in order to vote on proposals. Voting will be by a simple majority, with ties settled by the District Director
- 2-19 Sanctioned District Points races shall start no sooner than the 2nd weekend of January and end no later than 2nd weekend in November.
- 1-19 At all district races the drivers' meeting will be held at 7:30am with racing starting at 8:00am, unless there is a restriction in place by the park/city that requires motors to not start until a later time.
- 1-23 All race sanctions must be submitted and approved by the District Director within the NAMBA Portal 30 days before the start of the next racing season.
- 4-21 All sanctioned events shall have at least one Handicap Accessible restroom facility available, whether permanent or portable. Facilities must be clean. Failure to provide a facility will result in being denied a sanction for the following year.
- 7-21 All District Sanctioned Races will have On Site Security on site licensed and bonded security provided by the host club. Security will be provided Friday and Saturday nights from dusk to dawn. The security provided will need to meet the race sites requirements and will not be NAMBA members camping on site
- 2-22 The person that applies for a sanction within the NAMBA Portal is also responsible for receiving and paying District fees collected at their Sanctioned Race Event. Said fees must be paid to the NAMBA District 19 Treasurer within a 2 week period after the sanctioned race event occurs. If the person does not pay District fees to the District Treasurer within the 2 week time period of the Sanctioned Event, that person will not be able to race in any District Sanctioned Events or receive any District points until the District fees have been paid.
- 1-82 There will be a fund to pay the District Director for all reasonable expenses incurred. This will include postage, telephone, and other necessary expenses.
- 3-18 The District Treasury will be used only for expenses incurred by the District for awards, webpage, newsletter, merchandise, and expenses by the District Director as written in the District by-laws. The Treasury will not be used to cover expenses or be a loaning Institution for race sites. Those expenses will be the responsibility of the CD of those sites, whether prepaid in advance or due upon race day.
- 3-23 Each year a minimum of one District heat race will be called the "District 19 Benefit Race". All income, excluding expenses for conducting the race will go to the District treasury. The District Director and the Contest Director will mutually select the selected race sites.

Safety:

- 1-86 Transmitters must conform to FCC, AMA, and NAMBA rules. No vision obstructing flags may be attached to antennas. Frequency ID must be attached to the transmitter body or antenna base.
- 3-98 Rubber bands will be allowed on transmitters to hold the throttle down in the "off" position only.
- 8-89 Any driver or pit person drinking alcoholic beverages before he is finished participating for the day, shall be disqualified with loss of all points earned for the day. There shall be no alcohol in the PIT AREA prior to the awards ceremony.
- 3-89 Any boat hitting a safety net or going ashore out of control at ANY TIME during a race, CANNOT be re-launched and will only receive 0/25 points as earned.
- 6-86 For safety purposes only, a pit person may momentarily assume driving responsibilities during a race if the driver becomes incapacitated. If the driver cannot resume his position within 1 lap, the boat shall be brought in and 0/25 points awarded as earned.
- 7-86 A heat may be restarted prior to the start of the 30 second clock should a safety or course obstruction be present. No records may be set on the restart.
- 4-23 Each registered participant at any sanctioned race will be required to own, and have on display in their pit area a Class ABC or CO2 fire extinguisher. The host club will also ensure that an additional fire extinguisher of the same rating will be located in the hot pit area.

Entries:

- 2-14 District 19 entries shall be \$30.00 for first boat entered, \$20.00 for each additional. Entry fees for juniors shall be \$5.00 per class. \$5.00 per entry goes to the NAMBA District 19 fund. Additional entry fees can be charged. Any additional fees will be posted on the race entry form. Host form, host clubs will be responsible to provide the additional information on extra fees to the District Director (60) days prior to their race so that it may be communicated to the racers.
- 8-18 Unless advertised otherwise, the accepted deadline for entering a District Heat race will be 9:00 PM Sunday preceding the race. All entries received after deadline will be considered late and accepted at the CD's discretion. Entrants entered in classes that did not qualify have the option to cancel all their entries on Monday after the deadline without having to pay; canceling of any entries as a result of this will not change qualified classes.
- 13-12 In the interest of running the most popular classes and completing four rounds of racing at an event, by the entry deadline date there must be a minimum of five entries on compatible frequencies to make a class and/or race. The Rookie classes will be the exception to this, where only a minimum of two entries are required.
- 9-12 A Nitro/Electric Rookie Class will be offered at all District Heat races. You may run a Mono, Catamaran, or tunnel hull. For Nitro boats they must meet A or B engine specifications, and for Electric powered boats they must meet P Limited specifications.
- 6-08 Rookie class may use a Mono or Catamaran hull only. Any engine from 15 to 26cc maybe used. No GX Motors allowed. Tuned pipes or canister mufflers may be used. Engines may be either air or water cooled.
- 6-12 Open Offshore: This is an OPEN CLASS open to any legal NAMBA hull/engine combo. When possible, course should always be set with (2) left hand turns using outside buoys to create an "M" and using the interior of oval course and the start/finish buoy for the 2nd left. When this course is not possible a "lazy 8" course should be utilized. It is the goal in offshore to create a more difficult course with left turns, a driver's course per say. Standard District 19 mill pattern will be run. Cutting the start/finish buoy during the mill is a one lap penalty. 6 lap race running the offshore course.
- 5-12 Open Oval Class will include all legal NAMBA boats regardless of power.
- 1-83 Any individual entering a race and not paying the entry fees will NOT be allowed to enter, race or receive District points at ANY event until the entries are paid.
- 7-98 If it is discovered that a boater raced without current NAMBA membership at a sanctioned event, that boater will not be allowed to participate in any District 19 sanctioned events for one year from the date of discovery.
- 10-13 Once a District 19 heat race has been scheduled at the year-end district meeting, it has to be run on that date or eliminated completely. Changing of location is allowed.

3-95 Team Entries at District races

- A) A team may be composed of as little as one person and may contain as many members as desired.
- B) The exact team name, as well as the names of all members who will actually be participating as drivers at any time during the season must be provided to the district scorekeeper, in writing before the first heat of the first race in which the team competes as an entity. Members of the team who will only be competing in a pitting capacity need not be named.
- C) All racing points earned by the team during the season will be kept under the team name. It is the team's responsibility to enter a race as the team in order for the team to earn points at the event. It is also the team's responsibility to make sure that the entry is correctly designated on the day's heat sheets and master score sheets. It will not be permissible to alter the name under which the points were earned after the start of the day's racing.
- D) No driving members may be added or deleted from the team after the first time the team competes as an entity. Any Change in team makeup constitutes a new team which will earn racing points entirely separate from the original team.
- E) All driving members must be present at each race in which the team competes as an entity. If the team is not participating in a particular event, the individual team members may participate as an individual or as another team. Points so earned will be kept under that name and may not be combined with those earned at other events by the original team. When a team is participating in an event, any driving member, whether driving that day or not, is not permitted to participate as an individual driver or as a member of another team in the same class.
- F) There shall be no changing of driving members within a particular heat.
- G) It is not imperative that all team members originally designated as driving members actually drive at some time during the season, as long as Part E above is adhered to.
- H) Any team meeting all of the above criteria will be permitted to compete and earn racing points and year-end awards. Only one appropriate year-end award will be supplied by the District. Should the team desire duplicate awards for each of the members, it is the team's responsibility to provide and pay for these additional awards.

Scoring:

- 2-06 At any sanctioned Heat Race, should there be a point after the start of a heat where only 1 boat is remaining, the remaining boat shall receive a Default Win and Will Not be compelled to complete remaining laps.
- 4-80 Dropping of heats is NOT allowed. (i.e. best 4 out of five)
- 7-12 In case of a point tie upon completion of the day's rounds for a trophy position, the tied boaters will have the option to run an additional round (runoff) to determine the winner. Any runoffs will be run according to heat racing rules. There will be no points awarded for the runoff.
- 4-96 One trophy/award shall be presented for each five boats in a class, with a minimum of one trophy/ award per class at all District 19 Heat Races.
- 12-12 In determining District points, a contestant must finish at least 1 heat in a class to receive points for it - this does not apply to the "Rookie" classes. Contestants shall receive the total points they earn for the day towards year end points.
- 11-12b An equivalent Annual Award shall be presented at the District Banquet to the High Point Junior. Juniors may earn Junior Points for each boat competed in a season, with only the highest scoring boat counted at year-end.
- 6-98 All classes excluding "Rookie" classes must have at least a total of 25 paid entries at the year's events to be eligible for the District Championship awards.
- 5-18 All NAMBA District 19 races will run the following round schedule: Saturday and Sunday will run 4 rounds. On Sunday after round 2 a vote will be taken of the racing participants to decide if 3 or 4 rounds will be run.

Racing Rules:

- 8-80 Maximum allowable noise limit shall be 92 dB measured by the District dB meter placed 50 ft. back from the shoreline.
- 1-94 Number of boats run per heat will be determined by the CD with the lake size in mind.
- 1-02 Boaters that have been called to the start tables will not be allowed to pre-start their motors prior to the start of the race. If a heat race is in progress, boats not participating in the heat, or boats that did not get started in the time provided, will not be allowed to start their motors while on the start table.
- 2-13 All engine upgrades and/or changes by the manufacturer must be available to the general public before the changes become legal.
- 5-23 At all District Heat Races the CD is required to procure a capable retrieve boat with two outboard engines/motors and/or a set of oars/paddles. The retrieve boat must also have the required personal floatation for each person in it at any given time per local regulations.

- 26-12 Engine rule violation penalties:
- a. First offense: Done for the day in that class and loss of points in that class on that day.
 - b. Second offense: 4 race suspension in all classes and loss of all points in the class that they were caught to be illegal in.
 - c. Third offense: 12 month suspension from all D-19 Heat Races.
- 6-23 The CD must enforce that the drivers finishing 1st and 2nd place in a heat must judge for the next heat. If they cannot judge they must get someone to judge for them. If they fail to do so a 100 point deduction from the previous heat will be assessed. For the first heat of the day two random judges will be selected.
- 4-14 Any Buoy that has been dislodged from its anchor is no longer part of the course in any way; this includes the anchor, tether, and tether floatation.
- 7-18 The top three finishers in any class may be inspected at any District race at the CD's discretion. Inspection will be limited to removal of cylinder and carb only. New base and carb gaskets will be supplied to the finishers by the host club.
- 10-18 Spot engine inspections may be conducted prior the start of round one for any class but are limited to what can be checked with only the removal of the spark plug to check stroke and what is visual from the exterior of the engine. Engines will be tagged once inspected. If an engine needs to be replaced during the day it is the driver's responsibility to have the new engine inspected. When engines are tagged, validation that the tag is present may occur throughout the event. If the tag is missing during a heat the boat will be disqualified from that heat resulting in zero points.
- 7-23 A transponder based, electronic timing and scoring system is to be utilized across all classes within NAMBA District 19, for a one-year trial period, starting for the 2024 season.
- Contestants will be required to have a registered transponder for each class of boat, per day. "Hot swapping" the transponder between different boats, or contestants, on the same day is prohibited. Transponder may be moved to a different class boat from one day to another. (ie. Saturday versus Sunday boat). Contestant must have transponder registered and activation verified before entering water for open practice on Friday, or racing Saturday/Sunday.
 - Transponder shall be located within (or on top of) radio box, with numbers facing "up" as if readable from outside the boat's radio box (direct "line of sight" with timing wires above the racing surface) not to be impeded by exhaust or other objects capable of electronic interference.
 - Transponders to be used shall be Mylaps RC4 (3 wire) or RC4 Hybrid (2 wire) only and will be available through the District 19 representative or alternatively from store.livetimescoring.com.
 - It is the racer's responsibility to ensure that the transponder is transmitting. Times for testing will be provided during open water and prior to each event in the morning. If the racer's transponder is not working the officials will do their best to track the laps manually.
 - If transponder pickup lines are displaced at any time during a race, the Race will be stopped and order of finish/results will be established by the CD and/or corner judges.
- 10-22 Milling Procedure
- A two minute clock will be used with 1 minute and 30 seconds of Pit time followed by 30 seconds of Clock or Mill Time.
 - The Contest Director will randomly place a Safety Launch Buoy marker between the shoreline (launch area) and lane one of the race course. Any boat traveling between the Safety Launch Buoy and the shoreline (launch area) during the 2 minute clock will be assessed a one lap penalty.
 - During a heat, boats will launch and go around turn one and follow a full course mill.
 - There shall be no cutting of the course unless the CD during a heat indicates the course may be cut for course interruption.
 - All boats must adhere to the lane they are currently established in at the exit of the right hand turn to the Start Line upon the expiration of Mill Time

Gas Specific:

- 31-12 General Engine Rules
1. No +2mm stroked cranks in Zenoah motors are allowed in G-1, GX-1 and G-2.
 2. +2mm cranks in Zenoah motors are allowed in GX-2 & Open classes.
 3. Zero drag seals will be allowed in all classes except Classic Thunderboat.
 4. No 3rd crank shaft bearings are allowed in G-1 or G-2 unless the engine came from the manufacturer with them installed.
- 9-18 Sportsman classes will follow engine specifications for G-Ltd, as noted in the NAMBA Rulebook.

- 11-18 Entrants in a particular Sportsman class will be exempt from running in any of the corresponding hull type classes during that event with the exception of the G-Limited class.
For example if you enter/race Sportsman Mono, you will not be allowed to enter/race in G-1 Mono, G-2 Mono, GX-1/GX-2 Mono, Open Oval, or Open Offshore at the same event, but would be allowed to enter/race in G-Ltd Mono.
- 1-22 For G-Limited classes, all engine specifications noted in NAMBA rule 27.B.3.a apply except for rule ix under it. For district purposes rule 27.B.3.a.ix reads as follows:
Any standard type of shaft collet nut may be used. A belt starting pulley (i.e., Geezer Wheel) is allowed, weight of pulley & shaft collet nut assembly, not to exceed 3.0oz.

Outboard Specific:

- 8-91 Every driver participating in the OPC Stock Class shall be responsible for the construction and dimensional fit of his/her motors, to ensure that each engine does not exceed the allowable maximum tolerances for each class.
- 3-97 A maximum hull length of 40 inches will be allowed in 11 OPC Tunnel.
- 4-85 No legal OPC Tunnel may compete in the Outboard Hydro class. Removal of the driver does not change the hull.
- 6-91 Outboard Committee: The District 19 Outboard Chairman shall be responsible for engine inspections at all District 19 OPC races. It will be his duty to appoint an Outboard Committee consisting of 6 to 8 members plus himself, who have extensive knowledge in this area, to conduct inspections and make decisions regarding the legality of any boat or engine. The Outboard Committee will decide the details of the inspection procedures. The Outboard Chairman shall make sure at least 2 inspectors from this group attend each race. The inspectors will notify the contestant of an illegal boat or engine and will inform the Contest Director of their decisions.
- 7-91 OPC Inspection: If a driver is found to have illegal components a second time in the same class in the same racing season, that driver shall be disqualified and zero points given for that class. In addition, that driver's total year-to-date points shall be reset to zero.
- 9-91 Teardowns shall be mandatory at all OPC events. Teardowns shall affect finished positions 1 through 3.