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**IMPBA OFFICIAL RULE BOOK**

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# **GENERAL RULES OF COMPETITION**

## **I - AMATEUR STATUS**

- A. Participation in an IMPBA sanctioned competition shall be restricted to amateurs.
- B. An amateur competitor shall be defined as one who engages in the operation of model powerboats for pleasure and not for profit.
- C. No member shall receive cash or monetary award as a prize or compensation for competing with a model powerboat or operate a model boat for hire within an IMPBA sanctioned event.
- D. Items A and B above shall not be construed to include compensation received for advertising, design, manufacture, or sale of engines, plans, hulls or complete outfits or writings pertaining to model power boats.
- E. Amateur status may be revoked by Executive Board action, should satisfactory proof be presented to it.

## **II - REQUIREMENTS FOR MODEL POWER BOATS**

- A. The boat shall have positive buoyancy when open compartments are filled with water.
- B. The method of propulsion shall be the type that functions by contact with the water. Inertia reaction devices such as rockets or jets are prohibited, as main source of propulsion.
- C. An engine throttle control will be required of all boats entered in racing or record trials.

## **III – SAFETY AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

- A. All competitors and clubs agree to follow all safety procedures and code of conduct rules outlined in Section S of the IMPBA Rule Book.
- B. Host clubs shall ensure adequate provisions are made for the safety of the contestants and spectators and IMPBA insurance is properly obtained. (see section E- Procedures).
- C. Any boat not considered safe may be denied running privileges. Any site safety issues must be corrected before competition begins or continues.

## **IV - GENERAL**

- A. Sanctioned races will be run in accordance with all the rules in the IMPBA Rule Book. If a club wishes to deviate from these rules, the deviations must be prominently displayed on the race entry form. If a situation arises forcing a change from the established rules, it must be approved by a majority vote of the contestants at the drivers' meeting prior to the race. Under no circumstances may a rule be waived or altered that would reduce the safety of the event.
- B. **Radio Compliance**
  - 1. All radio equipment shall be in accordance with rules and regulations of the communications governing body; i.e. United States shall comply with existing FCC (Federal Communications Commission) regulations.
  - 2. Frequency flags as approved by IMPBA are mandatory at all times to be displayed on the transmitters.
  - 3. All transmitters will be identified by having the owner's name and address thereon, and must be enforced by the Contest Director.
  - 4. Radio on/off switch shall be positioned in such a manner as to prevent its accidental shut off if bumped either during launching, handling, or racing.
  - 5. Same rules shall apply to the switch on all boats.
- C. **Optical Devices**

Optical and/or mechanical devices (other than protective, corrective prescription lenses, or sunglasses) used as navigational aids are prohibited.

## **V - CONTEST PROCEDURE, RACING RULES, COURSES AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

IMPBA has two divisions: Power Division and Scale Division. Refer to the proper section of the Rule Book for the type of event.

## **VI - LIMITATION OF ENTRIES**

- A. The host club shall determine the number of entries per contestant for each sanctioned racing contest or Regatta where awards are won. The restriction shall be specified on the sanction request and in advertising publications.
- B. A boat may be run in more than one engine class by changing engines to comply with cubic inch requirements.
- C. At any event, a boat may run only as a Mono or a Hydro.
- D. No contestant may enter more than one boat of the same hull/engine class in one event. To do so would double his chances of winning an award or trophy.
- E. There shall be no backup boats at any event.

## **VII - RECORDS**

- A. Records shall be established for each hull type and engine or motor class at all approved events.
- B. The IMPBA shall recognize only records made at sanctioned record trials on surveyed courses with IMPBA certified timing equipment as outlined below in paragraphs C-Course and D-Timing Equipment.
- C. **Course**  
To be considered a surveyed course, the course must be set up as outlined in section K, Technical Standards, Setting up IMPBA Approved Courses. In addition, a survey layout or map of the course, buoys, timing points and targets for an approved records course, signed and dated by a Commercial Surveyor or Graduate Civil Engineer, must be on file with the IMPBA office before any record sanctions will be issued. Should any survey markers be removed or destroyed, a re-survey and a new survey document will be required.
- D. **Timing Equipment**
  - 1. Only IMPBA certified electronic timing equipment may be used at sanctioned record trials. Instructions on site preparation, equipment installation, and its usage may be obtained from the Records Director.
  - 2. A \$100 deposit is required from a club holding a record trial before the equipment will be shipped. That deposit will be forfeited if the equipment is not shipped back to the Record Director the first working day after the trial.
- E. To establish a new record, .250 seconds or .250 mph must exceed the previous record whichever is less.
- F. Fill in the application for recognition of a record. It shall be the duty of the member clubs' racing committee to verify the displacement of the internal combustion engine for Nitro/Gas or Cell count and motor type for Fast Electric. The signature of the chairman of the committee shall appear on the application.
- G. Application for world record must be mailed within two days after the record trial on the approved IMPBA Record Application Form.

- H. The IMPBA shall issue certificates of recognition to individuals establishing a world record.
- I. To be eligible for record recognition, the contestant must have been a member in good standing previous to the run. Note: Single-Event fee contestants are not recognized for breaking any record.
- J. Any protests during a record trial must be made not later than thirty minutes after the last run is made. The racing committee shall record these. They shall bear the signature of the complainant and be forwarded to the Records Director.