

The following option and cleanup item was adopted by the Board at the 2018 Annual Meeting as a 1-year trial rule for the 2019 season:

TWO-MINUTE CLOCK OPTION



Members will have the 2019 season to assess this rule and it will be voted on by membership ballot in December 2019.

SECTION G **CONTEST and RACING RULES**

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II – HEAT RACING

A.

B. General Heat Racing Procedures

1. There must be a minimum of three entries on compatible frequencies to make a class.
2. Each heat race shall consist of three distinct phases:
 - a. **Pit Time**
 - b. **Clock Time**
 - c. **Course Time**
- ~~3.~~ The heat starts with the first phase – a two minute period of Pit Time for starting engines, launching, and releasing boats. A start clock, placed in full view of all drivers and requiring thirty seconds to complete one sweep, will be started.
- ~~4.~~ Contestants will mill on the course in a designated milling pattern until the end of the Clock Time. Drivers should pace their boats during Clock Time so as to start at the Starting Line at full throttle simultaneously with the expiration of the Clock Time, which constitutes the start of Course Time. Cutting the course during milling is not permitted.
- 3. A Start Clock either digital, audio, or sweep shall be placed in full view of drivers.**
- 4.** Right of way as per "Course Driving Rules" in this section.

C. Heat Racing Rules

1. **Pit Time**
 - a. A Pit Time of two minutes is allowed for the starting of all engines and to allow all boats to be launched. **Once a boat passes the entrance buoy, there will be no re-launch.**
 - i. An optional Pit Time of one minute and 30 seconds may be used.**
 - b. If no entrants have started engines and are under way at the expiration of Pit Time, the heat shall be declared "No Contest". It will not be rescheduled.
2. **Clock Time**
 - a. Clock Time **of 30 seconds** will be initiated at the expiration of Pit Time and no boats may be launched or released after commencement of Clock Time. In the interest of safety, if a boat is started before pit time has expired, it shall be allowed to be launched at the discretion of the Pit Manager.
 - b. Milling procedures during Pit Time and Clock Time.
 - i. Boats on the course awaiting the expiration of Clock Time will adopt a milling pattern in a clockwise direction around the course. In the interest of safety, course milling is required. **Cutting the course during milling is not permitted.**