

NAMBA DISTRICT 19 RULES

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By Laws:

- 25-12a Non Year-end District Meetings process
- Members must have 25 days prior notice of meeting to be posted on the district web site.
 - Meeting to take place at a District 19 Heat Race, on Saturday after the conclusion of races.
 - Meeting time will be limited to 45 minutes.
- 25-12b Non year-end district rule proposal process
- Proposals sent to District Director.
 - 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).
 - Proposals will be posted on the district web site 21 days before meeting.
 - 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.
- 1-24 All District Sanctioned Races will have 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
- 3-25 The person who applies for a sanction within the NAMBA Portal is also responsible for receiving and paying District fees collected at their Sanctioned Race Event. **A Race Profit/Loss statement will accompany the fees sent, outlining total income and expenses.** 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 weeks 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.
- 2-24 The District Treasury will be used only for expenses incurred by the District for awards, webpage, district related software, and merchandise. 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:

- 5-24 Any driver or pit person drinking alcoholic beverages before he/she has finished participating for the day, shall be disqualified with loss of all points earned for the day. There shall be no alcohol in the hot pits during any open water periods and/or until the racing for the day is completed.
- 6-24 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 points for a DNS or DNF as appropriate.

- 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.
- 7-24 At all sanctioned races, each canopy/personal pit area must have a Class ABC or CO2 fire extinguisher on display. The host club will also ensure that a fire extinguisher of the same rating will be in the hot pit area.

Entries:

- 10-24 District 19 entries shall be \$40.00 for first boat entered, \$25.00 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 clubs will be responsible for providing 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.
- 9-24 The deadline for entering a District Heat race will be 9:00 PM Sunday preceding the race, unless otherwise advertised. All entries received after deadline will be considered late and accepted at the Contest Director'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.
- 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.
- 12-24 In case of a point tie upon completion of the day's rounds for a trophy position, the positions will be determined by who has the fastest heat time in that class. If times were not recorded for each heat in the given class, the tie will be broken by flipping of a coin.
- 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.
- 1-25 There can be at least one Double Point Race each year. The District Director and Assistant District Director will mutually select the race(s) for the Double Point Race. The selected race(s) will be announced and posted publicly on social media and the district webpage at least 45 days prior to the race(s).

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.
- 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.
- 20-24 Engine rule violations will be tracked per racer and class. If a second violation within the same class should occur within a 12-month period, the racer will not be allowed to compete in that class for the next 12 months.
- 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.
- 4-25 The MYLAPS transponder based, electronic timing and scoring system is to be utilized at all district races within NAMBA District 19. The District Director may make exceptions to this for specific races due to issues with the site (i.e. site does not allow mounting equipment to be setup in the lake, new site where not yet determined how we can setup the equipment, etc.).
 - 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).
 - The contestant must have transponder registered and activation verified before entering water for open practice on Friday, or racing Saturday/Sunday.
 - The transponder shall be located whenever possible within or on top of the radio box. The transponder may be relocated to another location if direct "line of sight" from it to the timing wires is impeded by exhaust or other objects capable of electronic interference.
 - Transponders must be a Mylaps RC4 (3 wire) or RC4 Hybrid (2 wire).
 - It is the racer's responsibility to ensure that the transponder is working prior to the start of racing each day. If the racer's transponder is not working during a race, their laps may be tracked manually.
 - If the transponder pickup lines are displaced at any time during a race such that they impede the boats racing, the race will be stopped and order of finish/results will be established by the Race Announcer and/or judges

based on the running order and penalties at the time the line was displaced. If the lines are displaced prior to all racers crossing the starting line, it will be deemed a non-start and the heat will be rerun with all boats that were still running at that time.

2-25 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.
- 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.

17-24 The monitoring of jump starts within the MYLAPS system will be handled by someone other than the Race Announcer.

18-24 Once a racer scratches a class for the day they cannot re-enter/un-scratch that class later in the day.

6-25 If a boat strikes any waterfowl at any time during the mill, race, or afterward, the racer will be disqualified from that heat. If the incident occurs during the race, the driver must safely bring the boat to shore as it exits turn two, keeping the boat parallel to the shoreline at all times.

Gas Specific:

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.

Outboard Specific:

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.

9-91 Teardowns shall be mandatory at all OPC events. Teardowns shall affect finished positions 1 through 3.