

The following was adopted by the Board as a 1-year trial rule for the 2018 season:

OPTIONAL FE RACE START (Launch & Mill Time)



Members will have the 2018 season to assess this rule and it will be voted on by membership ballot in December 2018.

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G. Race Starts - Oval

An official IMPBA clock, audiotape or stop watch (starting device) may be used to time the start of a race. The time to the start of a race will consist of two, 30-second consecutive time periods. The total "clock" time will be 60 seconds and will consist of Launching and Mill time. When an official IMPBA clock is used it may be placed on shore or in the water.

When an audio tape or stop watch is used as the starting device, time remaining to the start of race must be announced in 10 second increments from 60 to 20 seconds followed by 1 second increments for 19 to 1 second. At zero, any kind of announcement may be made to indicate the start of the race. Example: 50, 40, 30 (no more launch), 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, race.

1. Launching Time - 60 to 30 seconds

This is the "launch window" time and will last for 30 seconds this is when all boats must start running on the water before this time expires. Failure for a boat to start running in this time period will result in a "Did not start". Milling will be by full course mill, observing all heat racing rules.

2. Mill Time – 29 to 0 seconds

The last 30 seconds of time is the "mill time" where all boats are running on the water. Full course mill will continue observing all heat racing rules to the start of the race. Once clock time has counted down to zero, the race has officially started. As a boat crosses the Start/Finish line it is

now eligible to receive points for the heat. Any boat that jumps over the Start/Finish before clock time has expired must complete one lap and recross the Start/Finish line for a legal start. The starting device at zero will either: flash a strobe, sound a horn/whistle, switch to the five minutes of racing time, announce Race, a CD verbal start, or any combination of the above.

3. Optional Launch and Mill Time

As an option in FE only heats, the total "clock" time will remain 60 seconds, but may consist of 40 seconds of Launching time and 20 seconds of Mill time.

Submitted by the following members:

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