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APBA Explains the 2007 Championships and Titles, Points Systems and Awards Programs

EASTPOINTE, MICH. – The American Power Boat Association (APBA) today announce the details on many different titles, championships, and awards racers can earn for the 2007 race season. While every racer will not have a chance at winning all titles, racers can plan their season and set their goals on the championships and titles that they can earn based on their ability to travel and their racing budget. Below is the list of championships and titles racers can earn.

2007 APBA TITLES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

APBA National Highpoints Champion

APBA Watercross Nationals Champion

APBA National Tour Champion

Divisional Championships – APBA Western, Central, and Eastern

Regional Championships – Top Racer in Each Region

Series Championships – Winners of Individual Promoters Regional Series

Single Event Championships

- **APBA Supercourse National Championship**
- **APBA Offshore National Championship (Long Beach to Catalina and Back)**
- **APBA Team Endurance National Champion (Mark Hahn Memorial Havasu 300)**
- **Can-Am Cup Championship**
- **APBA Sprint Nationals (Long Beach Sprint Nationals)**

APBA NATIONAL HIGHPOINTS

APBA National High Points is the APBA's national ranking system that will determine riders national ranking and earned national number that the racer can run on their boats during the 2008 season. A National High Points system has been used in all other APBA boat racing categories for decades, as well as many other different sports like MX and BMX racing. There are several benefits to having to the APBA National High Points system. The National Highpoints system provides a goal for racers, helps increase participation at events, and rewards racers for their accomplishments based on consistency and an entire season's worth of accomplishments. With this system riders can go to a race in any region and earn points.

APBA National Highpoints Scoring System Highlights

At all events throughout the year, riders can accumulate points towards their APBA national ranking in their respective racing classes. APBA has a system set up for both Closed Course and Supercourse. A select number of “big events” events throughout the year could be weighted higher (i.e.: The Watercross Nationals and Supercourse Nationals are worth double points). To make the program fair to the racers, a maximum of six (6) events/rounds will count toward National High Points. Racers will also receive bonus points for each racer that is in their class. Racers can attend as many as they want, but APBA National High Points will be based on their top 6 event scores.

- 1 The points racing season will be from September 4, 2006 through September 3, 2007.
- 2 Every full APBA member will receive APBA National Highpoints. Riders that purchase single event membership will not receive APBA National Highpoints. While single event members will not receive National Highpoints, results are scored with the single event rider included for distribution of points.
- 3 Points will be tabulated using the rider’s top six (6) event scores. The rider with the most points will be the #1 rider in each respective category.
- 4 A rider may race in any region and any APBA sanctioned event to earn National High Points.
- 5 A rider MUST participate in at least 1 moto of competition to receive points for that particular event.
- 6 Any rider that has qualified to a main event will receive APBA National High Points respective to his/her actual finish position within that event. No points are awarded for qualifying events or LCQ’s – only final positions.
- 7 Racers will receive one bonus point for each rider in his/her class. The bonus points are added to the points scale below (example: a win with 10 riders in a class would be 60 points plus 10 bonus points totally 70 points).
- 8 Points will be scored with the points scale listed below:

	Regional Events		National Tour Events		Watercross Nationals	Divisional Events	
	Full Points	< 5 Riders	Full Points	< 5 Riders		Full Points	< 5 Riders
1st	60	55	90	60	120	75	60
2nd	53	50	80	53	106	67	53
3rd	48	45	72	48	96	60	48
4th	43	41	65	43	86	54	43
5th	39		59		78	49	
6th	36		54		72	45	
7th	33		50		66	41	
8th	30		45		60	38	
9th	27		40		54	34	
10th	24		36		48	30	
11th	22		33		44	28	
12th	20		30		40	25	
13th	18		27		36	23	
14th	16		24		32	20	
15th	14		21		28	18	
16th	12		18		24	15	
17th	10		15		20	13	
18th	8		12		16	10	
19th	6		9		12	8	
20th	4		6		8	5	

- 9 **NEW - A special trophy will be awarded to the top 3 riders in each of the 25 APBA recognized Highpoints classes for Closed Course racing and 7-10 will receive plaques. For Supercourse the #1 rider will receive a special trophy in each recognized class 2-5 will receive plaques.** The Closed Course awards will be awarded at the APBA Watercross Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee. The Supercourse awards will be awarded at the Supercourse Nationals in Texas. If the rider wins a National Highpoints awards and does not attend the Watercross or Supercourse Nationals, the racer may obtain his award after he/she send the APBA a fee to cover the shipping and handling for the award to be sent to the racer. For a nominal fee, racers that finished higher than 10th place may purchase a plaque from the APBA. The APBA US-1 decals will also be awarded to the #1 rider in each class.
- 10 In the event of a tie between two or more racers for APBA National Highpoints, the following will be used to break the ties.
- A. Most first place finishes
 - B. Most second place finishes
 - C. Most third place finishes
 - D. Most fourth place finishes, etc.

APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS

The APBA Watercross Nationals is APBA's season finale for Closed Course racing and Amateur and Pro Freestyle. The APBA Watercross Nationals Championship trophies will be awarded to the top 3 riders in each of the 31 recognized Watercross Nationals classes. Plaques will be awarded to the top ten riders showing their overall finish at the Nationals. This is not the racers earned number and national ranking. National ranking and numbers area awarded based on the APBA National Highpoints system. Racers that attend the APBA Watercross Nationals will have an advantage for National Highpoints, as all classes will be weighted as double points. While a riders overall ranking will be based on the APBA National Highpoints system, the rider that places #1 at the APBA Watercross Nationals will earn the right to run a red #1 on their boat for the 2007 season in the class that the number was earned.

Amateur and Pro Freestyle

Amateur and Pro Freestyle will earn their National ranking from their finish at the APBA Watercross Nationals.

APBA WATERCROSS NATIONAL TOUR

The APBA Watercross National Tour Champion will be crowned from points earned at the 8 National Tour rounds and the APBA Watercross Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee counted as double points. The APBA Watercross National Tour Championship trophies will be awarded to the top 3 riders in each of the 11 recognized National Tour Classes. Plaques will be awarded to the top ten riders showing their overall National Tour ranking. This is not the racers earned number and national ranking. National ranking and numbers are awarded based on the National Highpoints system. Racers following the National Tour will have a points advantage in the 10 recognized National Tour closed course classes as these classes will be weighted higher (see National Tour points scale). Racers must attend at least 6 rounds of the Tour to be eligible for an overall award.

2007 APBA National Tour Classes

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| 1 Pro-Am Ski Open | 7 Women Runabout Limited |
| 2 Pro-Am Runabout Open | 8 Expert Runabout Open (NEW) |
| 3 Pro-Am Ski Stock | 9 Expert Ski Limited |
| 4 Pro-Am Runabout Stock | 10 Expert Runabout Limited |
| 5 Pro-Am Women Ski Limited | 11 Freestyle * |
| 6 Pro-Am Runabout 800 Open | |

* Amateur and Pro Freestyle will earn their National Championship at the Watercross Nationals in Nashville. Freestyle will be one class on the National Tour.

APBA DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (NEW)

For 2007, the APBA has created Divisional Championships. Winners of the event would be crowned the APBA Western, Central, or Eastern Divisional Champion and receive some special awards. The events will be weighted slightly higher for APBA National Highpoints (see Divisional points scale). All 3 events will take place on July 29-30. The events will be double round events. Divisional champions will be determined by the points totals both events on that weekend.

Western Division – Benicia, California (Regions 1, 2, 3 and 11)

Central Divisional – Kansas (Regions 4, 5 and 9)

Eastern Divisional – Celina, Ohio (Regions 6, 7 and 8)

INDIVIDUAL SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Racers will also have the opportunity to win individual series championships. Titles such as the Surf & Turf Promotions Champion or Monster Energy Midwest Watercross Tour Champion can be earned. Most regional promoters present overall awards to the riders based on points earned from their individual series. Regional series championship awards are the responsibility of the individual regional promoters. Not all promoters offer series championship awards and this is not an APBA requirement. Contact your regional promoter or check the promoter's website for more information.

APBA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

The APBA is pleased to announce the return of the APBA Regional Championship program. The APBA will award Regional #1 championship plaques to the top rider in each region. **NEW – The top ten event scores (rounds) will count toward regional championships from events that have taken place from October 31, 2006 until October 31, 2007.** Only the recognized APBA regional classes will be awarded APBA Regional Championships. There must be at least 3 races in a region for that region to be awarded regional #1 plates.

The APBA will send the Regional #1 championship plaques to the regional promoter that has the last event of the season before the October 31, 2007 date. If a rider does not attend the last race of the season in their region, and is the regional champion for that region, he/she may have their award sent to them after they have paid the cost for shipping and handling of the plaque to the regional promoter.

OTHER EVENT TITLES

There are several single event titles that riders can earn. Some of the single special events will determine the national champions in some of the other APBA PWC racing disciplines such as Supercourse and Offshore racing. Others are special events that will offer awards and titles for a single special event.

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