

RULE 1 - MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 **About the American Power Boat Association (APBA):** The American Power Boat Association (APBA), founded in 1903, celebrates a phenomenal 105 years of organized boat racing competitions. Whatever your need for speed, APBA is sure to have a place just for you. Competition, thrills, victory and honor can be found in all 13 of APBA's racing categories, comprising a broad selection of inboard and outboard engines and countless hull configurations. From Offshore and Unlimited powerboats to Personal Watercraft, APBA is the place to be.
- 1.2 **How to Join:** An APBA Competition Membership allows you to race at any APBA sanctioned Personal Watercraft Racing (PWR) event, provided you have the appropriate entry and waiver forms completed and submitted by the appropriate deadlines. An APBA Membership may be purchased at sanctioned race events from one of the APBA race promoters, online at the APBA web site or by mail by sending payment and completed membership application to APBA National Headquarters.
- 1.3 **Types of Memberships:** There are two types of APBA competition memberships. A full membership is good for 12 months of racing from the time you have signed up and a single event membership is good for a single event (a weekend of racing). National Points are only awarded to racers that have purchased a full membership and single event memberships are not available for purchase at APBA National events.
- 1.4 **Membership Card:** Each member will be issued a membership card after joining and paying the appropriate fees. An APBA membership card must be available for officials' inspection when requested and at on-site event registration.
- 1.5 **Waiver and Release:** All racers must sign the Agreement of Release on the back of the membership application before being able to compete. An APBA membership card, rulebook and membership packet will not be mailed until a signed copy of this release is received at APBA National Headquarters.
- 1.6 **Minor Release Form:** All participants that are under the age of 18 must have their parent or guardian sign a Minor Release form. A minor release form must be signed at least once a year and each time a riders renews a membership application.
- 1.7 **Birth Certificates:** All Junior class racers and all other racers under 18 years of age are required to submit a copy of their birth certificate with their membership application and at the first race that they race each calendar year. The APBA reserves the right to verify age through a third party age verification service. **If a birth certificate is found to have been altered or falsified, the racer in question will receive a one-year suspension and all points and titles stripped.**

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact APBA National Headquarters at 586-773-9700.