

Course) must observe the earned numbers of racers at these events – and visa versa.

- 8.2.4 **Racing Outside the U.S.:** All riders competing outside the United States must display the national code for their home country in front of their racing number. The code is “US” for the United States. Letters must be a minimum of 6 inch in height and must be the same color as the racing numbers.

## **RULE 9 - POINTS SYSTEMS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **9.1 RIDER POINT SYSTEM**

- 9.1.1 The official rider point system will be in effect for all APBA sanctioned events unless announced to racers on the web sites or in a press release. For tabulating series points promoters have the option of utilizing the standard APBA points system or offer a special points scale. Promoters can take the top “X” number of events when tabulating overall championships, drop rounds, or offer double points at certain events.
- 9.1.2 Points are awarded for final event positions only. No points are awarded in heats, last chance qualifiers (LCQs), semi-finals or exhibition events. Points will not be awarded to riders who are disqualified or have not been scored on at least one lap in a final event.
- 9.1.3 **Points Tiebreaker for Class Championships:** The points tiebreaker for individual class championships based on Closed Course, Supercourse, Slalom or other points earned (e.g., Expert Runabout 1200 Limited Closed Course, Novice Ski Stock Slalom, Pro Freestyle, etc.) is the greater number of first-place finishes in the class. If still tied, the rider with the greater number of second-place finishes will receive the higher ranking, and so on. If still tied, the rider with the better finish in the final event of the series will receive the higher ranking.
- 9.1.4 **Points Tiebreaker for Overall Championships:** The points tiebreaker for a combined overall championship based on points earned in Closed Course added with points earned in Slalom (e.g., Expert Ski Limited Closed Course points combined with Expert Ski Limited Slalom points, etc.) is the rider with the greater number of Closed Course points. If still tied, the rider with the greater number of first place Closed Course finishes will receive the higher ranking. If still tied, the rider with the greater number of second place Closed Course finishes will receive the higher ranking, and so on. If still tied, the rider with the better finish in the final Closed Course event of the series will receive the higher ranking.
- 9.1.5 **Moto Scoring:** When the number of entries in a class is less than or equal to the maximum number of watercraft allowed on the starting line in that class the Moto Scoring system may be used. The Moto Scoring system uses the combined results of two separate races to mathematically determine the overall finishing order for riders in a class. Overall results are determined by adding the finishing positions from each of two motos together. The rider with the lowest sum will receive the higher ranking. In case of a tie, the rider with the better finish in the second moto will receive the higher ranking. A DNR (did not race) in one

of the two motos will be scored as the number of riders entered in the class plus two. A rider must complete at least one lap to be scored as being in the race and receive points for a moto.

9.1.6 **Scoring a Disqualification in a Two-Moto System:** If a rider is disqualified from either a technical or behavioral violation in either moto the disqualified rider will receive no points. If the rider is disqualified from the first moto, the disqualified rider is to be removed from the first moto results, and all other riders positions are to be rescored as if the disqualified rider did not race. If a rider is disqualified in the second moto, the disqualified rider is removed from the second moto, and the second moto is rescored as if the rider did not race. The disqualified rider is then to be removed from the first moto, however, the first moto results are not rescored. The results from the two motos can then be added together to determine final positions. If a rider is disqualified from either a technical or behavioral violation in the first moto the rider is not eligible to race in the second moto.

9.1.7 The APBA official Closed Course point system is as follows:

Pos.	Points	Pos.	Points	Pos.	Points
1 . . . .	.60	8 . . . .	.30	15 . . .	14
2 . . . .	.53	9 . . . .	.27	16 . . .	12
3 . . . .	.48	10 . . .	.24	17 . . .	10
4 . . . .	.43	11 . . .	.22	18 . . . .	8
5 . . . .	.39	12 . . .	.20	19 . . . .	6
6 . . . .	.36	13 . . .	.18	20 . . . .	4
7 . . . .	.33	14 . . .	.16		

9.1.8 The APBA official Slalom/Freestyle point system is as follows:

Pos.	Points	Pos.	Points	Pos.	Points
1 . . . .	.20	6 . . . .	.11	11 . . . .	6
2 . . . .	.17	7 . . . .	.10	12 . . . .	5
3 . . . .	.15	8 . . . .	.9	13 . . . .	4
4 . . . .	.13	9 . . . .	.8	14 . . . .	3
5 . . . .	.12	10 . . . .	.7	15 . . . .	2

9.1.9 For Supercourse, Endurance, and Offshore events Promoters have the option of using the 60 point system or the 100 point system below for tabulating points for their regional series.

Pos.	Points	Pos.	Points
1 . . . .	100	5 . . . .	.88
2 . . . .	.95	6 . . . .	.87
3 . . . .	.92	7 . . . .	.86
4 . . . .	.90	8 . . . .	.85
5 . . . .	.88	9 . . . .	.84

...and continues in increments of one until the last position.

## 9.2 APBA NATIONAL HIGHPOINTS

- 9.2.1 **Overview:** APBA National High Points is the APBA's national ranking system that will determine the 2008 National Champions in all classes and the riders national ranking and earned national number that the racer can run on their boat during the 2009 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 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.
- 9.2.2 **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, Supercourse and Sprint racing. A select number of "big 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) rounds will count toward National High Points for all classes except the National Tour classes. The top seven (7) rounds will count toward National Highpoints for the 10 National Tour classes. 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.
- 9.2.3 The points racing season will be from September 3, 2007 through September 1, 2008.
- 9.2.4 Every full APBA member will receive APBA National Highpoints. Riders that purchase a 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.
- 9.2.5 Points will be tabulated using the rider's top six (6) event scores for all regional class and top seven (7) for the ten National Tour classes. The rider with the most points will be the #1 rider in each respective category.
- 9.2.6 A rider may race in any region and at any APBA sanctioned event to earn National High Points.
- 9.2.7 A rider MUST participate in at least one (1) moto of competition to receive points for that particular event.
- 9.2.8 Any rider that has qualified to a main event (final) 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.
- 9.2.9 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 totaling 70 points).

- 9.2.10 The APBA official National Highpoints System for Regional events is shown below. Riders will be awarded the points below plus 1 bonus point for each rider in a class.

Pos. Points	Pos. Points	Pos. Points	If Less than 5 riders
1.....60	8.....30	15.....14	1.....55
2.....53	9.....27	16.....12	2.....50
3.....48	10.....24	17.....10	3.....45
4.....43	11.....22	18.....8	4.....41
5.....39	12.....20	19.....6	
6.....36	13.....18	20.....4	
7.....33	14.....16		

- 9.2.11 The APBA official National Highpoints System for National Tour events is shown below. These points will be awarded to recognized National Tour classes ONLY. All other classes offered at National Tour events will receive regional points. Riders are awarded the points below plus one (1) bonus point for each rider in a class.

Pos. Points	Pos. Points	Pos. Points	Pos. Points
1.....90	6.....54	11.....33	16.....18
2.....80	7.....50	12.....30	17.....15
3.....72	8.....45	13.....27	18.....12
4.....65	9.....40	14.....24	19.....9
5.....59	10.....36	15.....21	20.....6

- 9.2.12 The APBA official National Highpoints System for Divisional events is shown below. All classes will receive Divisional points. Riders are awarded the points below plus 1 bonus point for each rider in a class.

Pos. Points	Pos. Points	Pos. Points	If less than 5 riders
1.....75	8.....38	15.....18	1.....60
2.....67	9.....34	16.....15	2.....53
3.....60	10.....30	17.....13	3.....48
4.....54	11.....28	18.....10	4.....43
5.....49	12.....25	19.....8	
6.....45	13.....23	20.....5	
7.....41	14.....20		

- 9.2.13 The APBA official National Highpoints System for the Watercross Nationals and Supercourse Nationals is shown below. Riders are awarded the points below plus 1 bonus point for each rider in a class.

Pos. Points	Pos. Points	Pos. Points	Pos. Points
1.....120	6.....72	11.....44	16.....24
2.....106	7.....66	12.....40	17.....20
3.....96	8.....60	13.....36	18.....16
4.....86	9.....54	14.....32	19.....12
5.....78	10.....48	15.....28	20.....8

- 9.2.14 **National Highpoint Awards:** A special trophy will be awarded to the top 3 riders in each of the 28 APBA recognized Highpoints classes for Closed Course racing and 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> place will receive plaques. For Supercourse racing the #1 rider will receive a special award in each recognized class. 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 sends the APBA a fee to cover the shipping and handling for the award to be shipped to the racer. The APBA US-1 decals will also be awarded to the #1 rider in each class.
- 9.2.15 In the event of a tie between two or more racers for APBA National Highpoints, the following will be used to break the ties.
- Most first place finishes
  - Most second place finishes
  - Most third place finishes
  - Most fourth place finishes, etc.

### 9.3 APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS

- 9.3.1 **Highlights:** The APBA Watercross Nationals is APBA's season finale for Closed Course racing and Amateur and Pro Freestyle. The APBA Watercross Nationals trophies will be awarded to the top 3 riders in each of the 31 recognized Watercross Nationals classes. Plaques will be awarded to the forth through tenth riders showing their overall finish at the Watercross Nationals. This is not a 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.
- 9.3.2 **Amateur and Pro Freestyle:** Amateur and Pro Freestyle will earn their National ranking from their finish at the APBA Watercross Nationals.

### 9.4 APBA WATERCROSS NATIONAL TOUR

- 9.4.1 **Overview:** The APBA Watercross National Tour Champion will be crowned from points earned at the 10 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. 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 point's 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 National Tour to be eligible for an overall award.

#### 9.4.2 **2008 APBA National Tour Classes**

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Pro-Am GP Ski            | 7 Women Runabout Limited   |
| 2 Pro-Am Runabout Open     | 8 Expert Runabout Open     |
| 3 Pro-Am Ski Spec 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 |                            |

9.4.3 NOTE\* Amateur and Pro Freestyle classes will earn their National Championship at the APBA Watercross Nationals. Freestyle will be one open class on the National Tour.

### 9.5 **APBA DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

9.5.1 For 2008, the APBA will continue the Divisional Championships. Winners of the event would be crowned the APBA Western, Central, or Eastern Divisional Champion and receive some special awards. These events will be weighted slightly higher for APBA National Highpoints (see Divisional points scale). The events will be double round events. Divisional champions will be determined by the points totals both events on that weekend.

#### 9.5.2 **2008 APBA Divisional Events**

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

Central Divisional – El Dorado, Kansas (Regions 5 and 9)

Eastern Divisional – Celina, Ohio (Regions 4, 6, 7 and 8)

### 9.6 **INDIVIDUAL SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

9.6.1 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 web site for more information.

### 9.7 **APBA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**

9.7.1 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. The top ten event scores (rounds) will count toward regional championships from events that have taken place from October 31, 2007 until October 31, 2008. 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.

9.7.2 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, 2008 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.

## **RULE 10 - GENERAL SAFETY RULES**

The following General Safety Rules will apply to all APBA sanctioned events and classes. All APBA members and other event participants, including but not limited to owners, mechanics, pit crew, sponsors, and promoters are deemed to be fully aware of all safety rules and will be expected to abide by them at events.

### **10.1 RACE COURSES**

- 10.1.1 The American Power Boat Association (APBA) does not certify or inspect every course used at APBA sanctioned events. Participants are responsible for their safety at APBA sanctioned events, and the participant should determine their own ability and skill level regarding being able to negotiate each particular race course, as well as their watercraft being suitable for racing. Participants that have concerns about the safety of the race course, doubt the competence of the officials, doubt the competence of fellow participants, doubt their own ability to compete or their watercraft, should not participate in the event and request the return of their entry fee before competitive activity of the event begins.
- 10.1.2 APBA sanctioned events take place on public waterways that may use routes used by other boaters. The APBA and its event promoters are not responsible for the conditions of the waterway or for the actions of other individuals that may be using the public waterway.
- 10.1.3 The APBA does not attend each and every race that is run under its sanction. The Promoter of the event is solely responsible to ensure that all rules relating to safety and compliance with APBA General Safety Rules are followed and to organize a safe competition. The Promoter of the event is responsible for purchasing the required insurance through the APBA's official insurance carrier.

### **10.2 SAFETY GEAR**

- 10.2.1 It is the responsibility of the participant to select a helmet and other safety equipment that will provide adequate protection during competition. The APBA does not endorse or guarantee specific products or manufacturers of safety equipment. Riders must rely on their own judgment in the selection of safety equipment to be used in competition for safety and durability.
- 10.2.2 A rider, his/her mechanic, and any pit crew members, when operating registered equipment bearing APBA numbers or designation at any time while at a sanctioned event, must wear complete safety equipment including helmet and like jacket at all times while on the water.
- 10.2.3 Helmets -
- a. A properly fitting helmet that meets the current Department of Transportation (DOT) or current Snell standards is required to be worn at all times in competition.