

## **RULE 6 - REGISTRATION/ENTRY RULES**

### **6.1 REGISTRATION POLICY**

- 6.1.1 All entries made on the official form provided by the Race Committee and must be filed with the Race Committee within the specified time on the race flyer and/or as posted on the promoter's web site. No entry shall be considered official until the rider has displayed proof of his/her current APBA racing membership card. A rider may enter as many classes as he/she wishes.
- 6.1.2 Persons wishing to compete in an APBA sanctioned event may purchase a SINGLE EVENT membership in accordance with APBA membership fee structure. Such members shall not, however, participate in a National Tour or National Championship event. There shall be no other privileges to Single Event members and they shall not be eligible to participate in elections or committees.
- 6.1.3 In addition to race entry fees, additional fees may be required for the participant to participate in an event (i.e.: gate fees, parking fees, camping fees, etc.). Gate admission fees for rider and crew members will be regulated by the promoter.
- 6.1.4 The competitor must complete the official entry blank in full and submit it to the appropriate person by the deadline listed thereon. Acceptance of an entry is at the discretion of the APBA and the Race Committee and may be refused.
- 6.1.5 The Race Committee may, if it considers it expedient, refuse any entry or set penalty for entries received after a specified closing date as stated on the race flyer or promoter's web site.
- 6.1.6 No refunds of entry or other fees will be made at sanctioned events after competition has begun, unless the event is officially canceled or rescheduled by a ruling of the Race Committee or at the discretion of the Race Director.
- 6.1.7 If a competitor competes in an APBA sanctioned event without having a properly submitted and fully executed entry, the competitor nevertheless is subject to all APBA Rules, Amendments, and Special Rules, as well as all statements, releases, and obligations appearing on the official entry blank, as if he/she has submitted a fully executed entry.
- 6.1.8 A competitor in an APBA sanctioned event shall have no claim for damages or recompense of any kind for any advertising, exploiting his/her name, picture, or the picture of his/her watercraft, or exploiting the achievements of any product used by the competitor's participation in the event.
- 6.1.9 An APBA sanctioned event is a competitive sporting event, the conduct of which is governed by APBA officials in accordance with the APBA By-Laws and Rules, as may be amended from time to time; any Special Rules that may be published by APBA specifically for the event; and any applicable agreement to which APBA is a party. By submitting his entry application and taking part in any activity relating to the event, a competitor agrees to abide by the decisions of those officials relating to the event, except as provided in the By-Laws and Rules. Such a competitor further agrees that it is his obligation to inspect the racing area to determine that it is in a safe, raceable, and usable condition, and that he voluntarily assumes the risk of, and has no claim for damages

against APBA, its promoters or their officers, directors, officials, agents or employees by reason of damage to, the watercraft, driver, and/or pit crew. ALL such competitors assume full responsibility for any and all injuries sustained including death and property damages, any time they are in the racing area or en route thereto or there from.

- 6.1.10 Any competitor who competes in an event for which he is not eligible, while under suspension, probation, or for any other reason, shall forfeit all prize moneys and points won in the event, and shall forfeit all championship points won in previous events, and may be subject to a fine and/or suspension.
- 6.1.11 A rider placed in the incorrect class by the Race Committee shall so advise the committee in advance of the race and shall not start in a race in which he/she is not entitled to run. If a rider has questions regarding class determination, it is his/her responsibility to check with the proper official for clarification.
- 6.1.12 The Race Director must limit the number of boats starting in any heat to the number specified in the category rules. The Race Director may, when limitations on certain courses so demand, to insure good starting and the safety of contestants, further limit the number of boats starting in any heat or race. In such event, the Race Committee must run elimination heats for any class in which there are more entries than the permissible number of starters.
- 6.1.13 The final standing in any event necessitating qualifying heats will be determined in accordance with the point system outlined and herein contained. All trophies, merchandise, and cash prizes shall be awarded according to the total point standings as accumulated in the qualifying and the final heat, or as per the category rules.
- 6.1.14 Any class except freestyle can be eliminated when there are less than five entries at the close of registration (freestyle requires just one entry). In the event of minimum entries per class, classes may be combined to create an event. Riders will be scored separately and trophies/prize money may be paid at the option of the Promoter.
- 6.1.15 The schedule of events will be regulated by the Promoter.

## **6.2 RIDER CHECK-IN**

- 6.2.1 All riders and crew members are required to check in, sign a Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement, and WEAR a release wristband on the appropriate wrist.
- 6.2.2 Crew members not signed in by the end of rider check-in will be required to pay for gate admission and a pit pass.
- 6.2.3 Everyone who is in the pit area must be wearing a wristband on their wrist. Riders or their pit crew caught in the pit area without a wristband, switching wristbands, or using old wristbands could subject the rider to disciplinary action, fines, and possible qualification.
- 6.2.4 Riders must be checked in by the appointed time.
- 6.2.5 No rider, entrant or mechanic shall enter and/or sign the waiver and release with an assumed and/or fictitious name or give inaccurate information (e.g., age, date of birth, etc.).

## **6.3 RIDERS' MEETING**

- 6.3.1 It is compulsory that all participants attend a Riders' Meeting at the published or announced time. The Race Director must see to it that roll is called to verify the presence of each participant. In the case that a participant cannot attend the Riders' Meeting as scheduled, because of very extenuating circumstances, it shall be the privilege of the Race Director to permit the participant to be excused and have a private meeting. Participants may be subject to a fine or other penalty for failing to attend the Riders' Meeting.
- 6.3.2 The Race Committee may change the courses or amend the instructions provided notice of such alteration is given at the Riders' Meeting.
- 6.3.3 There shall be no departure from the conditions as set forth in the race flyer unless announced to all affected riders by the Race Committee at the Riders' Meeting or in some other manner.
- 6.3.4 The question of how many participants in each class shall be inspected shall be left to the discretion of the Race Director and the Technical Director. During the course of the Riders' Meeting, it shall be the duty of the Race Director to announce how many of the boats in each class shall report to the Technical Director for inspection immediately after the running of their event. The Race Director shall also state the location of the inspection area.
- 6.3.5 At the Race Director's discretion, one representative for all riders in all classes can be appointed and announced at the Riders' Meeting. All racer questions or protests should be directed to him/her, as it will be the racer representative's responsibility to act as a liaison between participants and officials.

## **6.4 POSTPONEMENT**

- 6.4.1 The Race Director may postpone a race or heat.
- 6.4.2 Should unfavorable weather or circumstances make a postponement advisable, a race or heat may be rerun beyond the sanction. The Race Committee, at their discretion, shall decide whether the race or heat postponement shall be considered a new race, and hence open to all entrants or restricted to the valid entries at the time registration was closed.
- 6.4.3 Should it be necessary to postpone a race, the black flag will be displayed at the official starting line and at such points on the race course as are authorized by these rules.
- 6.4.4 If a race or heat has been stopped with more than half the laps completed the event may be scored as complete at the discretion of the Race Director.
- 6.4.5 If a two moto system is used for scoring an event, and an event is stopped due to weather, time, injury or some other circumstance, the event may be scored based on results from the first moto.

## **6.5 TUNE-UP AREA**

- 6.5.1 Tune-up of the engine will be performed in the proper area only when available. Riders must consult with the Race Director to determine the proper tune-up area at each event. The tune-up area should be held