

in an area, completely free of obstructions, which provides adequate and safe run-off areas at the end so competitors may slow down and exit safely. All rider entry fees must be paid before a rider may use the designated tune-up area.

- 6.5.2 All riders and pit crew in said tune-up area must have signed the Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement and be wearing the event specific wristband.
- 6.5.3 All appropriate safety gear and tethers are required in the tune-up area.

## **RULE 7 - PRIZES AND AWARDS**

### **7.1 PRIZE AND AWARD POLICY**

- 7.1.1 The amount of cash prizes and how it is to be divided will be specified on the race flyer, the promoter's web site, posted on the pit board, or announced at the Riders' Meeting. Any other type of prizes will also be listed on race flyer, the promoter's web site, posted on the pit board or announced at the Riders' Meeting.
- 7.1.2 No prizes shall be presented for a protested event until all protests that might affect the prizes have been decided. In a sanctioned event, if any owner or rider gives notice of his intention to appeal from any decision of the Race Director or Race Committee, the awarding of the prizes in that event shall not be made until said appeal has been decided.
- 7.1.3 Any promoter that requests the return of any trophy, prize, or prize money, shall be required to put said demand in writing and mail it to the contestants involved by registered mail, return receipt requested, with a copy to APBA National Headquarters.
- 7.1.4 Should any contestant refuse or fail to return any trophy, prize, or prize money so demanded by any Promoter, he/she shall be immediately be suspended from all racing. Should the award need to be shipped, it is the responsibility of the Promoter to bear the cost for any shipping and handling fees to ship the award back to the promoter if it was the Promoter's mistake.
- 7.1.5 All prizes, awards and paybacks shall be presented to the official winners or their appointed representatives at the close of the event day unless another time and place for awards is specifically advertised.
- 7.1.6 Riders will not be required to attend award banquets or ceremonies to receive prizes and awards, although they are encouraged to attend as a courtesy to the Promoter and/or sponsors. Riders that do not attend the awards ceremony must claim their award within 60 days or forfeit the award. Should the award need to be shipped, it is the responsibility of the racer to bear the cost for any shipping and handling fees to ship the award to the racer.

### **7.2 RIDER PAYOUT**

- 7.2.1 A rider cash payout is up to the discretion of the Race Promoter. The promoter may determine which, if any, classes will receive a cash award. If the event will have a cash payout, the cash payout, or the system in which the cash payout will be determined, should be published on the pit board, on the promoter's web site, or announced at the Riders'

Meeting. Payout is normally based on the number of rider entries in each paying class. Payout will generally be for Pro, Pro-Am, and Expert classes only – if offered.

- 7.2.2 Any rider with over \$600 in winnings from an individual promoter or the APBA at the end of the calendar year will be issued a 1099 tax form for the following year for tax purposes.
- 7.2.3 It is the rider's responsibility to know what manufacturers and other sponsors contingency program requirements are and to follow up on all necessary procedures to collect on these programs.

## **RULE 8 - BOAT NUMBERING SYSTEM**

### **8.1 NUMBERS AND BACKGROUNDS**

- 8.1.1 Racing numbers and backgrounds should be color-coordinated according to rider classification.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Background</u>
Junior.....	Black.....	Orange (PMS 021)
Novice.....	Black.....	Orange (PMS 021)
Expert.....	Black.....	Yellow (PMS Process Yellow)
Pro.....	Black.....	White

- 8.1.2 Racing number backgrounds must be clearly located on the hull on the left and right hand sides of the watercraft. Racers should make sure to not place them in a location that will obscure them from the scorers (e.g., they should not be placed in the footwell or on a horizontal surface). Only numbers can appear on the background. Racers with backgrounds in a location that make reading the number hard for the Scorers will be required to fix the problem before they will be allowed to race. If the numbers and backgrounds are not the correct size and color, and the Scorers can not read the numbers, the rider will not be scored.
- 8.1.3 Race number backgrounds size minimums are as follows:

<u>Racing No</u>	<u>Background Size</u>
One digit .....	8 inch high by 6 inch wide
Two digits.....	8 inch high by 9 inch wide
Three digits.....	8 inch high by 12 inch wide

- 8.1.4 Racing numbers must be a minimum of 7 inch high and spaced at least 0.50 inch apart. Standard block type numbers without shading or outlining must be used. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that the numbers are easy to read. Racers with numbers that make reading the numbers hard to read will be required to fix the problem before they will be allowed to race. If the numbers can not be read by the Scorers, the racer will not be scored. See Appendix D for number placement.
- 8.1.5 **Penalty for Improper Numbers: Use of improper numbers and running other racers earned numbers has been a huge complaint by the membership. Because of this it was voted to implement a penalty to help stop the reoccurring problem. For the 2009 the following fines will be imposed for those running improper numbers. First offense is a warning. The second offense is a \$100 fine. The 3rd offense is a**