

- If from one year to the next two classes get combined into one class, the class with the higher skill level earns the right to run their earned numbers. Riders in the lower skill level must choose a number from 51-999.
- 8.2.3 **Supercourse and Sprint Racing:** The APBA also awards earned numbers for Supercourse racing based on the APBA National Highpoints system. Sprint numbers are earned from a points total on the RPM Sprint series. These earned numbers are only valid for those events. Racers racing different disciplines (e.g., Supercourse and Closed 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, 3Slalom or other points earned (e.g., Expert Ski Limited Closed Course, Pro Freestyle, etc.) is the greater number of 1st-place finishes in the class. If still tied, the rider with the greater number of 2nd-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 2009 National Champions in all classes and the riders national ranking and earned national number that the racer can run on their boat during the 2010 season. 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 nine (9) 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.

9.2.3 The points racing season will be from September 3, 2008 through September 1, 2009.

9.2.4 Points will be tabulated using the rider's top six (6) event scores for all regional class and top eleven (11) for the ten National Tour classes. The rider with the most points will be the #1 rider in each respective category.

9.2.5 A rider may race in any region and at any APBA sanctioned event to earn National High Points.

9.2.6 A rider MUST participate in at least one (1) moto of competition to receive points for that particular event. 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.

9.2.8 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).

9.2.9 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				

- 9.2.10 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

- 9.2.13 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 APBA recognized Highpoints classes for Closed Course racing and 4th - 10th place will receive plaques. The Closed Course awards will be awarded at the APBA Watercross Nationals. If the rider wins a National Highpoints awards and does not attend the Watercross, 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.

- 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 recognized Watercross Nationals classes. Plaques will be awarded to the fourth 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 are 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 INDIVIDUAL SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 9.4.1 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.

9.5 APBA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

- 9.5.1 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, 2008 until October 31, 2009. 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.
- 9.5.2 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, 2009 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.