

RULE 20 – MANAGEMENT

20.1 RACE COMMITTEE

20.1.1 All races and all watercraft taking part therein shall be under the control and direction of a Race Committee, consisting of a Race Director, Chief Scorer, Technical Director and the Promoter of the event. Matters shall be subject to its approval and control, and all questions and disputes that may arise shall be decided by it. Its decision may be overruled by the Race Director, from whose ruling an appeal may be carried to APBA National Headquarters.

20.2 RACE PROMOTER AUTHORITY

20.2.1 The Race Promoter is the person that is ultimately responsible for the coordination, setup and operation of the race. Prior to the race it is the Race Promoters' job to make sure all details and assignments are taken care of. It shall be the responsibility of the Race Promoter to effectively organize the racing event and to implement appropriate safety measures before the event begins. The Race Promoter does not actually operate the race, but guides and assists all the officials (registration officials, inspectors, starters, timers, scorers, course marshals and Race Director) and other staff members and volunteers in performing their specific tasks. The Race Promoter has the authority to act on behalf of the APBA in the performance of his/here duties and can only be overruled by the Race Director or APBA representative on-site. The Race Promoter is ultimately responsible for making sure that all monies collected are reconciled and all finished paperwork and results are sent to APBA Headquarters. **The Race Promoter is responsible for insuring that the Risk Management Race Site Checklist gets completed and sent to APBA National Headquarters following each event.**

20.3 RACE DIRECTOR AUTHORITY

20.3.1 Once the race begins, the ultimate authority of the race is transferred to the Race Director. An APBA Race Director has a wide variety of responsibilities; however, the safety of the competitors and spectators is foremost. At many events the Race Director and Race Promoter are the same person.

20.3.2 When an APBA representative, directly from APBA National Headquarters is not on site, the Race Director shall be the Chief Representative of the APBA at all sanctioned events.

20.3.3 It shall be the responsibility of the Race Director to effectively run the racing event and to insure appropriate safety measures are being met.

20.3.4 The Race Director shall conduct the Riders' Meeting and insure that all questions regarding rules, safety requirements, conduct of the race, site rules and regulations and conditions of awarding posted prizes is explained to the racers.

20.3.5 The Race Director shall be responsible for the conduct of the race. He shall have the right to make the final determination concerning all aspects of the race and the race facility and track design.

- 20.3.6 The Race Director shall have the voice of authority to discipline the participants, owners, pit crew members and/or sponsors for violation of the rules. Such discipline will be limited to disqualification of a participant and/or exclusion from an event, and/or fines.
- 20.3.7 The Race Director shall have the authority to remove any official or assistant at any time who in the opinion of the Race Director, fails to perform satisfactory.
- 20.3.8 The Race Director may cancel any race or the entire event for reasons of safety regarding competitors or spectators, and in such case shall determine the awards, if any. The Race Director may shorten the race for any reasons of safety but must give riders adequate notice in advance.
- 20.3.9 The Race Director may stop any race in progress if a potential hazard to the participants or spectators exists. If a race has been stopped all rules governing restarts shall apply.
- 20.3.10 Disciplinary action by the Race Director other than a disqualification or prescribed fines will be under the authority and review by the APBA Executive Committee.
- 20.3.11 Official race results shall be approved by the Race Director.
- 20.3.12 The Race Director shall forward to APBA National Headquarters, as soon as feasible after an event, a report that shall include details on any accidents, details on any protests or appeals received by the Race Director and any decisions which may have been rendered in connection therewith, any action or penalties imposed, and any other material that the Race Director deem appropriate or as the National Headquarters of APBA may request.
- 20.3.13 Race Directors may not have a vested interest in the events in which they act in an official capacity. They may not work in an official capacity when they have a vested interest in that class.
- 20.3.14 Race Directors may compete in events other than those in which they officiate.
- 20.3.15 A Race Director may judge the mechanical integrity of all timing equipment.
- 20.3.16 The number of competitors that can be safely on the course at any one time will be determined by the Race Director.

20.4 TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AUTHORITY

- 20.4.1 In APBA racing events, the Technical Director shall supervise the technical aspects of the competition. The Technical Director may appoint a committee to assist with the duties if technical inspection.
- 20.4.2 To conduct before, during and after a competition such inspections and examinations of the equipment entered in such competitions as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to determine compliance with all and supplementary rules and regulations applicable.

- 20.4.3 To supervise and maintain control of the inspection areas during the course of an event.
- 20.4.4 The Technical Director shall carry and be responsible for the official specifications and certain instruments for measurements concerning verification and control of contestant's machines.
- 20.4.5 The Technical Director shall prepare and deliver to the Race Director immediately following each competition any reports of infractions or violations of the rules that take place during an event.
- 20.4.6 The Technical Director may not work in official capacity when he has a vested interest in that class.

20.5 CHIEF SCORER AUTHORITY

- 20.5.1 The eyes and ears of APBA Headquarters from a paperwork standpoint is the Chief Scorer of an event. Without the proper flow of paperwork and information, an event can undoubtedly come to a complete stop.
- 20.5.2 The Chief Scorer shall be in charge of registration and scoring and shall be responsible for maintaining only qualified personnel to assist in the duties of the same.
- 20.5.3 The Chief Scorer shall obtain, accurately compile, and record all necessary timing and scoring information for each racing competition.
- 20.5.4 The Chief Scorer is responsible for reviewing and submitting all APBA paperwork including summary sheets, event results, entry blanks, waiver and releases, minor release forms, and any other paperwork to APBA Headquarters or prepares the information for the Promoter of the event to return to APBA Headquarters.

RULE 21 – RULE INFRACTIONS

21.1 GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 21.1.1 All infractions of the rules reported by an official pertaining to a watercraft or rider, whether or not resulting in disqualification and/or fine, may be noted in the involved rider's APBA membership file.
- 21.1.2 The Race Director may, with or without a protest, disqualify any watercraft, should it come to his knowledge before the awarding of prizes, that the contestant(s) has committed a breach of the rules.
- 21.1.3 Failure of the Race Committee, Judges, or any other official directly or indirectly connected with the handling of a race or any other details, to carry out any provisions of the rules or regulations, shall have no bearing whatsoever on the right of any contestant or upon a contestant's duty to obey all rules.
- 21.1.4 Should any boat or owner commit a breach of the rules, which is of a minor or technical nature, and in the judgment of the Race Director has had no direct effect on the relative position of the boats at the finish, the Race Director shall have the power to decide whether or not such boat shall be disqualified.