

District 9 Rule Book - 2015 - NAMBA₍₀₂₋₁₅₎

District 9 is one of the subordinate organizations of the North American Model Boat Association (NAMBA) and shall operate under the influence of the NAMBA Official Rule Book.

The District 9 Rules shall function and be subservient to the NAMBA Rule Book and are supplemented as necessary. The District 9 Rules contained herein are to be used for all District 9 activities and will provide the foundation, guidance and directions to meet the District 9 Objectives.

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The masculine words appearing herein shall include the feminine gender

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DISTRICT RULES

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- ARTICLE A – DISTRICT FUNCTIONS

Section 1. Organization/Officers

- A. (04-10) The District 9 Executive Board shall be composed of District 9 Club Presidents in good standing and the District 9 Director. The board shall be responsible for all District 9 decisions in regards to:
 - 1. Disciplinary actions of District 9 Members or Clubs
 - 2. District 9 Major projects
 - 3. Extraordinary District 9 monetary expenditures

- B. (2-71R) The District Director is authorized to acquire bids and expend funds for the District 9 Annual Championship Awards.

- C. (6-03) The District Director, Asst. Director, Secretary or Treasurer may not reside at the same residence.

- D. (2-74R) The District Director has authorization to be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses he/she incurred during the year in support of District 9, i.e. postage, telephone.

- E. (07-15) The name of the District executive body shall be: **District Executive Board.**

All references to District Board of Directors are to be changed to: District Executive Board.

1. The District Director is elected by the District membership through NAMBA and is the only Elected District Officer. He shall be its Chairman and shall vote normally, but when a tied vote develops he shall vote to clear the tie. The other District Officers shall be the Assistant District Director, and the District Club's Presidents. The District Secretary and District Treasurer are board members without voting privileges. The District Chairmen are appointed positions.

Section 2. Finances

A. (15-00) The District is to provide for the reimbursement of monies spent for "Kids are Boaters Too" gifts. This reimbursement shall be limited to five dollars per child entered. To receive reimbursement the club must provide the District Director with a detailed receipt for money spent on said gifts.

B. (3-01) District 9 heat racing fees shall be \$10.00 per adult entry and \$5.00 for juniors with \$3.50 per adult entry and \$2.00 per junior entry going to the District 9 fund.

C. (19-00R) The District is authorized to fund and maintain a District 9 Web Site with pertinent racing information, rules, contacts, points, race schedules, items for sale and email addresses. Each year the District Director will appoint a web master to perform the maintenance of this site.

D. (05-12) A Junior boater who has won the Junior Trophy is no longer eligible to win the Junior Trophy. The Junior boater will be eligible to accumulate points earned for particular events but will not be eligible to accumulate points for Annual Junior District Awards. However, he/she will only have to pay Junior Boat Fees (\$5.00 per boat).

Section 3. Meetings

A. (5-76) There will be no proxy voting, written or otherwise, at any District 9 Business Meeting.

B. (1-86R) All Contest Directors' names appearing on the race sanction request, will be required to attend the District Contest Directors meeting prior to the commencement of the racing season. This meeting will include a discussion of the existing rules, rule changes that will take effect that year and how to informally apply the rules. No new rules can be proposed or voted on at this Annual Contest Directors Meeting unless it is a safety issue.

C. (5-87R) In the event a Contest Director does not attend the Annual Contest Director Meeting (rule 1-86) without good reason, the District Director can move that Club's Contest Sanction to an alternate club.

D. (02-11) The District Awards Meeting and Banquet will be held at a central location after the last Points Race but before December 31st.

Section 4. Classes

A. (8-01) If a class is voted out of the district, it will not be removed from the race schedule until the following year.

B. (3-03) To Add a Class in District 9:

1. A new boat class must be proposed through the District 9 Rule Proposal process. Upon being approved, the class will run as a probationary class for one season. District 9 entry fees will be collected by the contest directors Points and trophies will be awarded. The sponsor of the class may contribute a Perpetual Trophy.

2. Qualification Criteria: The probationary class must have 4 boats present at 3/4 of the scheduled District 9 Points Races. If the probationary class meets these criteria, the class will be offered as an Established class in the next District 9 points racing season with a District perpetual trophy.

3. If the probationary class does not meet the criteria, it will not be included in the next District 9 points racing schedule.

C. (02-06) "Established Classes" must continue to be offered at all District Points Racing Events even though they may no longer be supported by contestants within the District.

D. (05-06) Sport 40 I is no longer a District 9 "Established Class" and will not be part of the District 9 Points Races.

Section 5. Timing records

A. (1-71) At the end of the racing season, District 9 records are to be retired with new ones to be reset each year.

Section 6. District assets

A. (10-02) District 9 shall provide 2 retrieval balls and boat pole to recover dead boats in the PIT Launch and Recovery area.

B. (1-77R) If allowed by local regulations any contest having 75 or more entries will be required to have a minimum of two (2) operational retrieve boats on both days.

Section 7. Rule Proposals/Balloting

A. (18-00R) The District Director is to mail/send a current copy of the District 9 rules, Race Schedule, and official Entry Form to all NAMBA District 9 members no later than February 1st each year.

B. (7-01R) The District Director shall not revise, delete or rewrite any District 9 proposed or approved rule. He/she may correct spelling and grammatical errors.

C. (03-10) The District Director shall ensure that all returned ballots are brought unopened to the District 9 annual meeting.

1. All returned District 9 Rule ballots shall be opened and counted at the annual District 9 meeting in the presence of the District 9 club presidents and members that are present.

2. All returned rule proposals ballots shall be available to any club president for recounting purposes or inspection at the District 9 annual meeting prior to any rule proposal being adopted as a District 9 rule.

3. If ballots are not presented at the District 9 meeting to meet the above criteria.
- a. The District 9 Executive Board can resend the currently proposed rules (without modification) to the membership for a special vote.
 - b. The District 9 Executive Board can appoint a new Rules Chairman.
 - c. Ballots from the special vote will be opened and counted at an announced open District 9 meeting.

D. (03-12) Rule Proposals

1. Any current member or club of District 9 may submit rule proposals.
2. Proposals will be e-mailed to the District 9 Rules Chairperson prior to August 1st.
3. The Chairperson may assist the author to help clarify the intent, wording, grammar, etc. of the proposal.
4. The Chairperson will publish a report that includes the current version of each proposal, the reason it was submitted and may include an assessment (perspectives and impact).
5. This report will be made available to the membership no later than the last District Points Race of the year.
6. The Chairperson will forward the qualified proposals to the District Director so they can be prepared for balloting.
7. The District Director will mail/send the rule proposal ballot to each District 9 member no later than two weeks before the Annual District Meeting.
8. Each District 9 member may vote only once for each proposal and must return the completed ballot (by U.S. Mail) to be received by the published deadline.
9. A proposal will pass by simple majority of the votes returned by the deadline.
10. The results of the membership vote will be announced at the District 9 Annual Meeting.

E. (01-15) Rule Change Proposals

Changes to District 9 Rules shall be initiated with the submission of a completed Rule Change Proposal for deletion, revision, or new rules. The proposal form, below, shall be used to present the contents of the proposal and should be included within the applicable dockets. The proposal shall address only one subject and one existing rule. (Note: In the event the author received assistance from the District Rules Chairman, the revised proposal shall be identified as "REVISED").

Purpose: *Give current rule number or "New" and what action is expected to be taken, i.e. revise and/or delete.*

Reason: *Describe problem being experienced.*

Current Rule: *Larger sized rules may show only that portion which includes the area to be changed or indicate "None".*

Proposed Rule: *That portion thereof with the proposed change integrated into the current rule above. Italics may be used to accentuate changed text or “New” Proposed Rule complete in its entirety.*

Author’s Assessment: The Author is given their opportunity to present their impressions of:

- *the impact when proposed change is incorporated*
- *the impact upon rejection of proposal*

Chair’s Assessment: *Allows Chair to reveal situations that may not have been presented in authors input. (03-12, 4)*

F. (08-15) District 9 will maintain/publish the District 9 Rules in both the Classic Format (Rule number sequence by date) and the NAMBA Format (Sorted by topic).

- ARTICLE B – CLUBS

Section 1. Organization/Officers

A. (10-10) Each club in the District must have 5 registered members in good standing with NAMBA International.

Section 2. Actions

A. (2-78) All clubs holding a District 9 points race must use the grid supplied by the District Director for setting up heats.

B. (3-91) A race day, round, or heat may be canceled or postponed for any reason (i.e. because of inclement weather) only after taking a vote of NAMBA members entered and present at that day's contest, i.e. Saturday's classes. A simple majority will determine the outcome. The club sponsoring the race will communicate if and when the canceled event will be rescheduled for a later date. Race date changes must be approved through the District Director.

C. (11-00) All clubs using a pre-recorded countdown for the starting clock shall use the official District 9 tape or compact disk supplied by the District Director.

D. (1-03) The sponsoring club at District 9 Points Races will provide Starting Tables and Prop Guards in the Hot Pits.

Sections 3. Meetings

ARTICLE C – - RACING -

Section 1. Organization/Officers

Section 2. Meetings

Section 3. Schedules

- A. (06-15) (2-04) The following event schedule will be followed by all District 9 points races:
1. Saturday-A,B,C Mono, G1 Mono, G-1 Crackerbox, 1/8 Scale Unlimited, Sport 40 II, A MOD Tunnel, Classic Thunderboat, P-LTD Offshore, P-LTD Sport Hydro and “Kids are Boaters Too”;
 2. Sunday- A,B,C, X Hydro, Sport 21, BOPC, B Mod Tunnel, G-1 Hydro, G1 Sport Hydro P-LTD Hydro, P Sport Hydro and G-1 Cat.
- B. (08-06) The Heat racing Season will be between February 1st and November 30th .
- C. (08-07) The race schedule will be drawn from a lottery at the Contest Directors Meeting for the current race year.

Section 4. Inspections

- A. (6-87R) At District 9 Points Races the District Director (or delegate) has the right to hold random inspections of boats/engines in any given class.
- B. (4-00) OPC INSPECTION- If a driver is found to have illegal components a second time in the same class in the same racing season, that driver shall be disqualified and zero points given for that class. In addition, that driver's total year-to-date points shall be reset to zero.
- C. (04-06) In the event of protest or record application, the duties of the District Technical Chairman will include:
1. Engine teardown and measurement for class compliance;
 2. Hull inspection for class compliance;
 3. Completing the appropriate record forms.

Section 5. Racing requirements/Restrictions

- A. (2-83) All contestants shall use no more than one hull in any class. Unlimited repairs may be made to the originally entered boat only. Outrigger hydro sponsons may be changed only if damaged. Only one driver per hull shall be allowed in any class.
- B. (3-86R) Only the driver shall operate the prime steering and throttle controls on the transmitter during a heat.
- C. (2-88R) Team Racing is allowed in District 9. The team will consist of any two NAMBA members. Each member will drive the boat two of the four heats. Team members may not change during racing season. Scoring is to be listed by Team, then last name and recorded as a single entrant.

D. (7-95R) The “Kids are Boaters Too” event will include a minimum of 2 mini enduros lasting 3 to 5 minutes. Contestants entered in the “Kids are Boaters Too” event may not race in any other class. The class will be run with one or more contestant(s) present.

E. (14-95) Limit the number of boats per heat to six (6).

F. (2-98R) The mill pattern in district 9 shall be:

1. After a boat is launched from the pit area, it is to go around turn one and turn two.
2. After completing these turns, it must continue until it passes the Start/Finish Buoy.
3. It may then be driven across the course or continue around turn one.
4. It may not cut the course between the exit of turn two and the Start/Finish buoy or cut from the back straight to the front straight at any time.

G. (9-00R) All boats must not exceed a Maximum of 90dB measured by a dB meter placed at the edge of the shoreline and inline (as practical) with the start/finish buoy. The meter will be mounted on a tripod and not be set up under an awning or overhang. For accurate dB measurements, boats may come no closer than 50 feet to the meter, no other boats should be running and there should be no obstructions between the meter and the boat being measured.

H. (5-01) G-1 Hydro boats may not run in X-Hydro as long as there is a G-1 Hydro class offered in District heat racing.

Section 6. Race fees

A. (01-12) If a District Race Entry Form with the associated Entry Fees is not postmarked or given to the Contest Director by Race Entry Deadline, the contestant may be assessed a \$5.00 Late Fee per boat. Although the Contest Director can waive the requirement of Entry Fees being paid with the Race Entry Form, the Fees must be paid before the contestant is allowed to race.

B. (03-15) (14-12) Prepaid entries whose class has been cancelled by the Contest Director will be refunded or credited to the contestant if the contestant wants a credit. A contestant can cancel up to the cutoff date, after that no refund can be issued. The cutoff date shall be 1 week before the scheduled race.

Section 7. Judging/Announcing

A. (1-81R) All race officials will use the following terminology in identifying the location of any obstacle on the racecourse: “ENTRANCE TURN 1, POINT TURN 1, EXIT TURN 1, BACK STRAIGHT, ENTRANCE TURN 2, POINT TURN 2, EXIT TURN 2, FRONT STRAIGHT.”

B. (3-98) Judging during heat racing:

1. The assigned judge is solely responsible for his/her boat.
2. The announcer is responsible for announcing the infraction before another lap has been completed from the point of infraction.

3. The ruling of the judge is final unless he/she does not correctly interpret the appropriate rule.

4. If for some reason the assigned judge does not see the infraction, the judge can allow the announcer to make the decision.

C. 04-12 To judge a District 9 Points Race, a person must be a NAMBA member and at least 14 years old. A NAMBA member under the age of 14 years may be trained to judge with the assistance of a NAMBA member over the age of 14 years old.

Section 8. Penalties

A. (2-76R) Anytime during a race, any boat hitting or going ashore will not be re-launched.

B. (3-81R) A driver whose boat hits;

1. A called Water Fowl, Animal, or dead boat will be disqualified for that heat.

2. A called detached portion of a boat, i.e. cowl, driver, sponson, hatch, wings, etc. will not be penalized or disqualified.

C. (13-95R) If, in the opinion of the Contest director, a contestant turned ON or left ON a transmitter without having the proper frequency clip, the Contest Director has the authority to disqualify that contestant for the day.

D. (10-09) If a contestant is called for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” at a contest or District 9 event, the District Director or residing official may ask the contestant to leave the contest or event and forfeit his or her points for that contest weekend, i.e.

1. Inappropriate actions:

2. Deliberately running into another boat,

3. Disabling or tampering with another contestant’s boat or gear,

4. Deliberately interfering with contest officials or disrupting meetings by showing a disregard or disrespect for the official(s) or person(s) in charge of that event.

E. (01-11) The Contest Director or Official Designee may stop a heat prior to the 30 second clock (and later restart it) if a boat goes out of control causing a safety or race hazard. The judges for that heat will determine which boats are eligible for restart.

Section 9. Racing points

A. (1-75) The dropping of heats is not allowed, i.e. best four out of five.

B. (1-78R) At District 9 Point Races, Scores and first place heat times will be posted and visible to the contestants after each round.

C. (2-80R) Scoring of Point Races will follow the NAMBA scoring system to tenth place.

D. (4-85R) A Junior driver may count the points accumulated by only one boat at a sanctioned district contest. The driver must select which boat entered him or she wishes to have counted when checking in at the race. This will in no way affect the points for other District Class Racing or Championships.

E. (2-91) Single event members/contestants will be eligible to receive awards for places earned during the particular single event they entered. They will not be eligible for District Points being accumulated for year-end District Awards.

F. (07-06) District 9 will use the “Cumulative Scoring System” to determine Annual Class Championships. This System totals the points earned for every heat during the District 9 Points Racing Season.

G. (13-08) District 9 current and accumulated racing points will be published on the District website within 10 calendar days after a point race.

H. (09-09) No double point's races in District 9.

I. (02-10) A minimum of three rounds must be completed to make an official District 9 race day and District points will be awarded. If the fourth round is started and not completed, points will be awarded as accumulated by the end of the third round.

J. (02-12) Requests for District 9 Points Races shall be submitted in writing to the District Director no later than the Annual District Contest Director Meeting. The National Sanction Fee, Sanction Application and proof of club registration for the current year must accompany the request.

Section 10. Safety

A. (4-76R) Each Contest Director shall have an official to check in transmitters. During the contest, transmitters will remain in the designated impound area. Transmitters may be removed from the impound area if the contestant is in possession or is in the process of getting possession of the appropriate frequency clip/pin. However, a contestant, not in possession of the frequency clip/pin, may take his/her transmitter from the impound area if the transmitter is not capable of interfering with another radio and it is being removed from the Contest Site.

B. (6-85) District 9 will use channel numbers instead of frequency numbers

C. (7-02) Smoking is not allowed at the Drivers Stand, or at the Judging Tables, Hot Pits or near RED GAS containers. Smoking is allowed only in designated and approved areas.

APPENDICES

Appendix I – Rule Numbering (04-15)

The text of current rules as a whole will remain unchanged, but their location only will be rearranged from their straight line chronological order to an indented outline form by subject in accordance with the Table of Contents under an Article, then Section, then specific subject.

A. Rules not changed because of balloting and have only one subject will not have their numbers changed. They will be relocated in accordance with the Table of Contents.

B. Rules not changed, but contain more than one subject, will have their contents rearranged by subject and the contents shall be relocated in accordance with the Table of Contents using new rule numbers. The number of the displaced rule segment will be exhibited next to the new number and shall be preceded by the letter “K”. This will indicate that it was extracted from a specific former rule and relocated.

C. New or revised approved rules shall be located in accordance with the Table of Contents and assigned new numbers.

D. Where new numbers are issued, the former rule number shall be exhibited next to the new number for reference, as applicable.

E. The current notation of assigning a two digit number, followed by a hyphen, followed by a two digit number representing year of implementation will continue to be used, i.e. 01-15.

F. Revisions to rules will require the rule number be changed. The immediate past rule number will be exhibited as a reference following the new number for historical collection. Previous rule numbers to the above will be deleted.

Appendix II A. Cross Index, (05-15) Classic to find NAMBA (See below – attached)

Appendix II B. Cross Index, (08-15) NAMBA to find Classic (See below – attached)

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