

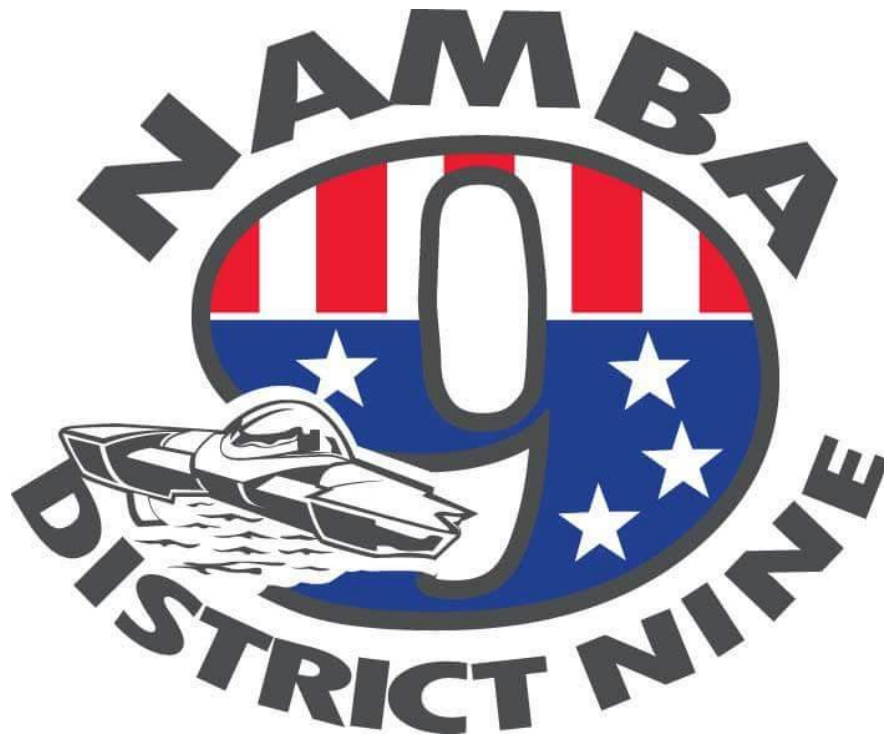
District 9 Bylaws and Rule Book

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

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

PREFACE

The masculine words appearing herein shall include the feminine gender



NAMBA DISTRICT 9 BYLAWS AND RULES

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DISTRICT RULES AND PROCEDURES

– ARTICLE A – BYLAWS

Section 1. Organization/Officers

A. District Officers:

1. District Director: Elected by the District membership pursuant to NAMBA Rule Book 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.
2. Assistant District Director: Appointed position
3. Secretary: Appointed position
4. Treasurer: Appointed position

B. District Chairmen: Non-officer appointed positions

C. District Executive Board: Shall be comprised of the Presidents of District Clubs, subject to the requirements set forth in Section 2 of this Article, and the District Director. The Executive Board shall be responsible for all District decisions regarding:

1. Major projects
2. Extraordinary monetary expenditures above \$500
3. Additions or changes to the Bylaws

D. The District Director, Assistant Director, Secretary or Treasurer may not reside at the same residence.

Section 2. Clubs

A. Each club in the District must have 5 NAMBA members in good standing to be deemed a District Club in good standing.

Section 3. Finances

A. Heat Racing Fees:

1. Adults: \$26.00 for the first boat entered and \$10.00 for each boat thereafter.
2. Juniors: \$16.00 for the first boat entered and \$5.00 for each boat thereafter.
3. For adults, \$7.50 for the first boat and \$3.50 per boat thereafter; and for junior entries \$6.00 for the first boat and \$2.00 for each boat thereafter shall be paid to the District fund.

B. The District Director is authorized to acquire bids and expend funds for the annual Championship Awards.

C. The District Director shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses he incurs in support of the District.

D. The District Treasurer shall collect all entry fees for each event and will be responsible for any distribution of proceeds.

Section 3. Meetings

A. The District Awards Meeting and Banquet will be held at a central location after the last Points Race but before December 31st.

B. Intra-Year Meetings

1. Members must have 25 days' prior notice of a meeting. Notification will be sent via email and posted on the NAMBA D9 Website and Facebook closed group.
2. Meetings to occur at District 9 Championship Points events on Saturday afternoon after the conclusion of racing.
3. Meeting time will be limited to 45 minutes.

C. Contest Directors Meeting

1. All Contest Directors 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.
2. In the event a Contest Director does not attend the Annual Contest Director Meeting without good reason, the District Director can move that Club's Contest Sanction to an alternate club.
3. Requests for District 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 4. Classes

A. If a class is voted out of the District it will not be removed from the race schedule until the following year.

B. To Add a District Class:

1. A new boat class must be proposed through the District Rule Proposal process defined herein. Upon being approved the class will run as a probationary class for one season. Usual and customary entry fees will be collected by the Contest Directors and points and event trophies will be awarded if provided by the host club. Year-end awards for a probationary class will be at the discretion of the District Director based on participation.

2. Qualification Criteria: The probationary class must have four (4) boats present at 3/4 of the scheduled District point races. If the probationary class meets these criteria, the class will be offered as an Established class in the next District points racing season.

Section 5. Rules Management, Proposals and Balloting

A. The District Rules, Race Schedule, and official Event Entry Information shall be made available on the Official District website and electronically upon request no later than February 1st of each year.

B. Rule Change Proposals

1. Any current District member or club may submit a Rule change proposal.
2. Proposals will be e-mailed to the District Rules Chairperson
3. The Rules Chairperson may assist the author to help clarify the intent, wording, grammar, etc. of the proposal.

C. Year-End Meeting Rule Proposal Process

1. Proposals shall be sent to the District Director and Rules Chairman before November 1st.
2. Proposals will be emailed to District 9 members in good standing and posted on the District Website and Facebook closed group by November 15th.

D. Intra-Year Meeting Rule Proposal Process

1. Proposals shall be sent to the District Director and Rules Chairman
2. The Executive Board will determine which proposals merit voting on at intra-year meetings. All other proposals will be held for the year end meeting.
3. Proposals will be emailed to District 9 members in good standing and posted on the District Website and Facebook closed group no less than 21 days before being voted upon.
4. Intra-year proposals cannot be for changes to classes or subjects that would impact previously-earned points.

E. The author or their representative must be present at a District meeting where a rule proposal is considered for vote.

F. All current District members in good standing will be able to vote on proposals. A member must be present at the meeting to vote on proposals.

G. There must be a minimum of 25 members voting in order for there to be a vote on a proposal.

H. Voting will be by a simple majority with ties settled by the District Director.

I. Rule Change Proposals Format:

Changes to District Rules shall be initiated with the submission of a completed Rule Change Proposal for deletion, revision, or new rules. The proposal format 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*

Rules Chairman's Assessment: *Allows the Rules Chairman to reveal situations that may not have been presented in authors input.*

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– ARTICLE B – RULES

Section 1. Schedules

- A. The following event schedule will be followed by all District 9 points races:
1. Saturday: A,B,C Mono, Sport 40- II, A Mod Tunnel, 1/8th Scale Unlimited Hydroplane, G-1 Mono, G-1 Crackerbox, , Classic Thunderboat, P LTD Offshore, P LTD Sport Hydro, and “Kids are Boaters Too”;
 2. Sunday: A,B,C, X Hydro, Sport 21, B OPC Tunnel, B Mod Tunnel, G-1 Rigger, G-1 Sport Hydro, G-1 Catamaran, GX-2 Sport Hydro, GX-2 Rigger, P LTD Hydro, and P Sport Hydro.

Section 2. Racing Requirements/Restrictions

- A. Team Racing is allowed. The team will consist of any two NAMBA members. Each member will drive the boat two of the four heats. No driver changes may occur after launch in a heat.
- B. The “Kids are Boaters Too” event will include a minimum of 2 mini endure races 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.
- C. The maximum number of boats per heat is limited to six (6).
- D. The mill pattern 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 in regular racing lanes until it passes the Start/Finish Buoy.
 3. Execute 1/2 course mill by turning as soon as reasonably possible after passing the Start/Finish buoy until all boats are launched and the Contest Director announces full course mill.
 4. At no time may a boat cut the course between the exit of turn two and the Start/Finish buoy or cut from the back straight to the front straight.

Section 3. Judging/Announcing

A. To judge at 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 4. Penalties

A. 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.

B. 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 5. Racing Points

A. 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.

B. District Championship Points will be awarded by using the entrant's final finishing position in a class at a District point race to 8th place. An entrant must complete at least one heat in that class at the event to receive District Championship Points. An entrant will throw out their lowest points from one (1) race per class per year and a race not attended will count as zero point and eligible to be thrown out. The Championship Points will be awarded as follows:

1st	400 Points
2nd	300 Points
3rd	225 Points
4th	169 Points
5th	127 Points
6th	96 Points
7th	72 Points
8th	54 Points
* Each entrant will receive 18 Points for each entrant that scored at least 25 points on the day in their class	

There shall be no double points races.

- C. A class must have four (4) boats present at 3/4 of the scheduled District point races to be eligible for non-trophy year-end awards. If a team earns a year-end award, only one award will be provided to that team.

- D. A minimum of three rounds must be completed to make an official District 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.