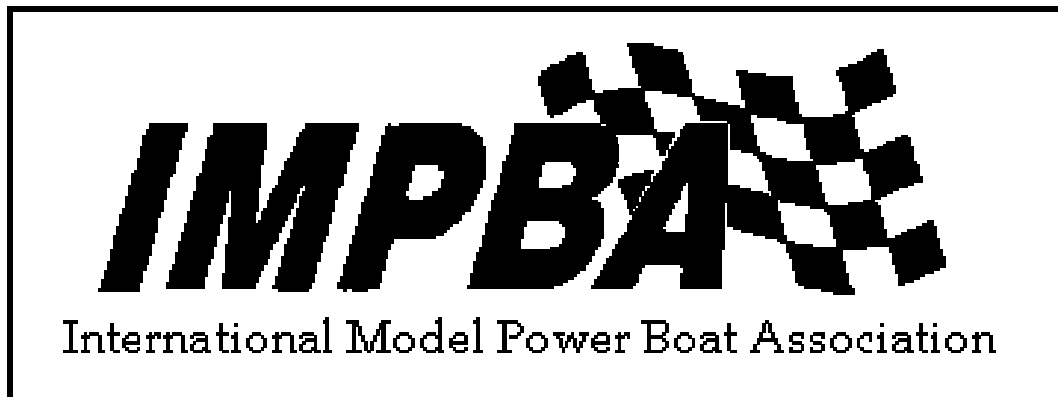


IMPBA OFFICIAL RULE BOOK



“B” Constitution

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INTERNATIONAL MODEL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

This Association shall be known as **INTERNATIONAL MODEL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION**, and herein called **IMPBA**

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

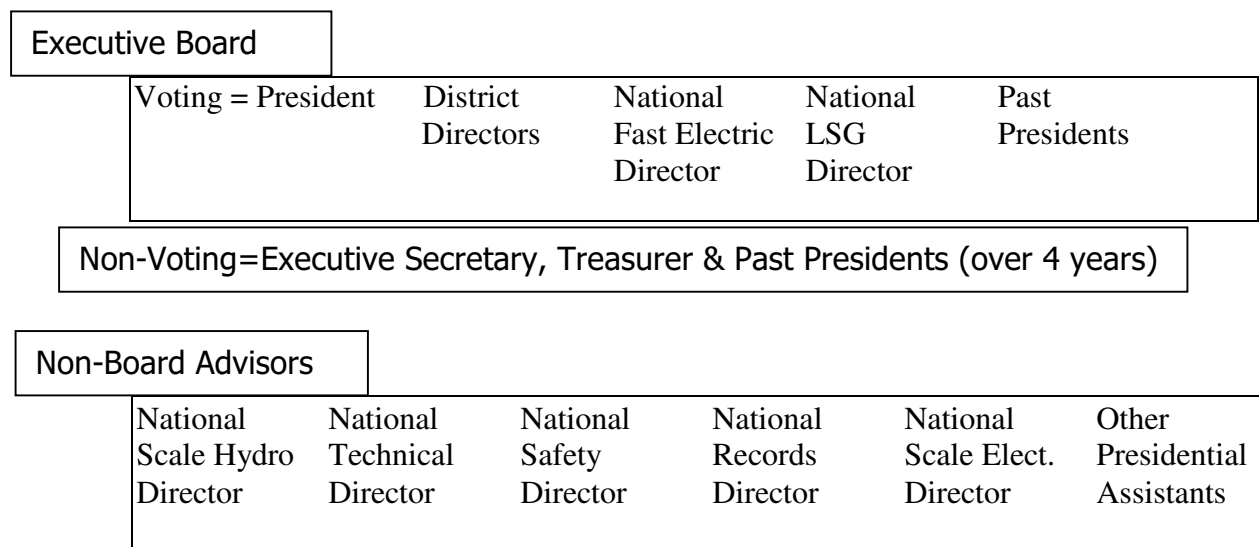
The objectives of **IMPBA** shall be:

- A. The fostering of Model Power Boat Building.
- B. The co-ordination of member clubs, to the end that there shall be uniform rules and classes of boats.
- C. To encourage and assist in formation of clubs and similar associations.
- D. The recognition of Records established within the rules of the **IMPBA**.
- E. The **IMPBA** shall be a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership shall consist of clubs and individuals interested in the advancement of **Model Power Boat Racing**.
- B. All countries with a sufficient number of active members, as determined by the Executive Board, shall be divided into districts. The boundary lines shall be established, and may be altered by the Executive Board.
- C. Each member shall automatically become a member of the district in which he resides.
- D. There are fourteen (14) districts in the United States and Canada in accordance with the official **IMPBA** map.

ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION CHART



ARTICLE V OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1

The Executive Board shall be made up of the President, District Directors, National Fast Electric Director, National Large Scale Gasoline Director, and past Presidents effective with the President in office as of January 1, 1974.

- A. The office of President shall be limited to two (2) terms for any one person.
- B. Each member of the Executive Board shall have equal voting rights provided requirements of Constitution, Article V, Section 3, Paragraph D are complying.
- C. Appointments of past Presidents to the Executive Board shall be for life with voting rights limited to the two following terms of office, or for four (4) years.

SECTION 2

The following officers shall be elected by and from the membership.

- A. President
- B. One Director from each district
- C. The National Fast Electric Director shall be elected by the members participating in fast electric events. Such Director shall have a voting position on the Board for a 3-year term.
- D. The National Large Scale Gas Director shall be elected by the members participating in large-scale gas events. Such Director shall have a voting position on the Board for a 3-year term.

SECTION 3

- A. The President shall hold office for two (2) years. He shall have been a member of the **IMPBA** for at least three years and be at least 25 years old. District Directors are exempt from the age and time requirement qualifications.
- B. Each district shall be limited to voting for and electing only its own District Director and the President. The Director's term of office shall be for three (3) years.
- C. Directors shall be elected for three years: Districts 1, 4, 6, 8 & 13 in one year, Districts 2, 5, 9 & 10 in a second year, and Districts 3, 7, 11, 12 & 14 in a third year.
- D. The elected Director must represent a minimum of 15 primary **IMPBA** memberships (family and junior memberships do not count). Members within an ineligible district may elect a Director; however, he will have no voting rights until his district has the required number (15) of primary members. He will handle the passing on of proposed changes and the funneling of information of the district members the same as a full voting member. Voting rights of each District Director shall be based on the number of members in their district. District Directors with 15 to 100 members will have one vote; Directors with 101 to 200 members will have 2 votes. Directors with 201 to 300 members will have 3 votes. Their total votes will continue to increase by one with the addition of each 100 memberships in their district. The membership count will be based on total membership at year-end.
- E. In the event of a tie vote, each District Director will vote with each district counting as one vote. If the vote is still tied the current **IMPBA** President will decide the issue with a single tie-breaking vote.
- F. Each registered club shall appoint or elect a representative to correspond with their District or National Director as required.

SECTION 4

Any member in good standing, except those of minor age, shall be eligible for the elected office of District Director. However, to avoid a possible conflict of interest, the member cannot hold an executive position in another national or international model boating organization.

SECTION 5

- A. An Executive Secretary shall be appointed or dismissed by the President with approval of the Executive Board.
- B. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Board from within, or a past elected Director or officer.
- C. The President will name a Vice President from the current elected voting members of the Board, with the Board's approval.
- D. Any Director appointed by the President must be approved by the majority of the Board.

SECTION 6

A. Impeachment of Officers

Any assistant or other person appointed by any Director, **IMPBA**, or officer serves at the pleasure of the person appointing him/her, and may be relieved of his/her duties by the person so appointing. Any elected officer of the association, and those assistants or persons appointed by or approved by the Board of Directors only, may be impeached and removed from his/her office or position for good cause by two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors after written notice has been given to such officer or person and a hearing conducted; at which hearing such officer or person and his/her representative may present oral and/or written evidence and make a statement. The President shall determine the time and place for this hearing. If a petition signed by 10% of the membership (for impeachment and removal of the President) or 10% of a district's membership (for impeachment and removal of said District Director or any Assistant Director) a vote must be taken in regards to this officer or person subject to the petition. The IMPBA board shall take action within 30 days.

B. Recall of a District Director

Any duly elected Director may be recalled for good cause only by a majority vote of those members voting in the district he or she represents, and only after a majority of the entire Board of Directors has approved presenting a recall proposal to the members of the Director's district, or upon receipt of a recall petition signed by 10% or 10 members, whichever is greater, of the members of the Director's district. Before any recall proposal is voted on by the Board of Directors, written notice shall be given to the Director and a hearing conducted; at which hearing the Director and his/her representative may present oral and/or written evidence and make a statement. The President shall determine the time and place for this hearing. The Board shall take action within 30 days.

ARTICLE VI NOMINATIONS

SECTION 1

Nominations of any elected officer shall be accompanied by a petition signed by five (5) members in good standing and a declaration of acceptance by the nominee. Write in votes will not be allowed unless there are no official nominees received by the IMPBA Office. If write-in votes are to be used they will be counted and totaled in the same manner as for an official nominee provided the write-in candidate meets the eligibility requirements for the President. See Article V, Section 3-A of the Constitution. The secretary shall receive nominations for all elected officers no later than July 31 each year.

SECTION 2

The Executive Secretary will mail ballots to all individual members by October 1 of each year. The ballots shall be returned to the outgoing President or previous President as indicated on the ballot. Voting results will not be announced until two weeks after the dead line. The ballots must be postmarked by October 31 to be considered valid. Only senior members, and spouse who are registered with a family membership may vote.

SECTION 3

Elected officers term of office shall start January 1 following the election.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

- A. The Association shall hold one formal meeting, annually at the International Regatta. A Treasurer's report and a brief synopsis of the year's accomplishments will be presented.
- B. The President may call Executive Board meetings at any time he deems necessary, or any District Director may request a meeting of the Executive Board. If necessary, such business may be conducted by mail, all members of the Board receiving copies of all correspondence.
- C. Directors may be polled by phone.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

The Constitution, By Laws, Procedures, and General Rules of Competition shall be amended in the following manner:

- A. Proposed amendments must be submitted to a District Director in writing and signed by ten (10) members of the Association. Said amendment must be accompanied by fifteen typewritten, legible copies and a \$5.00 filing fee. A District Director or the President may also submit proposed amendments with no filing fee.
- B. All rule proposals regarding the Constitution, By Laws, Procedures, General Rules of Competition, Contest & Racing Rules and those pertaining to classes and courses, (except those that deal with safety of financial solvency of the organization), will be reviewed during any meeting of the Executive Board.

Meetings of the Executive board will occur as described under Constitution, Article VII Meetings. All rule proposals will be submitted to the **IMPBA** office 30 days prior to these events or March 1st, or July 1st, whichever is longer. The rule proposal will be distributed to the Executive Board for discussion at the next Board meeting. All rule proposals under the following sections supported by the Executive Board will automatically undergo a trial period for one year.

Rule proposals under the following sections, which are not supported by the Executive Board, will be for review. Send a ballot on rule changes to all members as well as to clubs. If supported by the membership, it will be designated for a trial period at the next Executive Board meeting.

The sections affected are **IMPBA** Racing Rules, Classes and Courses, Laps, General Racing procedures, Racing Rules, Pit Time, Clock Time, Start, Buoy infractions, and **IMPBA** Approved Courses. All other rule proposals may be subject to a trial period to be determined by the Executive Board at their semiannual meeting. After discussing the pros and cons of the rule proposals, the Executive Board may elect to submit amendments to and along with the original proposal. After the Executive Board meetings, all rule proposals dealing with the Constitution, Rules of Competition and Racing Rules, Classes, and Courses will be distributed to **IMPBA** membership with a ballot that will require a head count for and against the proposal. It shall be returned to the respective District Director within the time stipulated on the ballot for a vote. The final decision on the proposed change and Executive Board's vote will be effective with the next quarterly report.

ARTICLE IX THE ROOSTER TAIL

- A. The official **IMPBA** newsletter shall be known as the **Roostertail**. It shall be published quarterly.
- C. The President shall be responsible for editorial policy.
- D. Official **IMPBA** business reported in the Roostertail, such as world records, results of voting, minutes of meetings, etc., shall be considered official notification to the membership.
- D. The results of the Executive Board action shall be listed by district in the Roostertail.