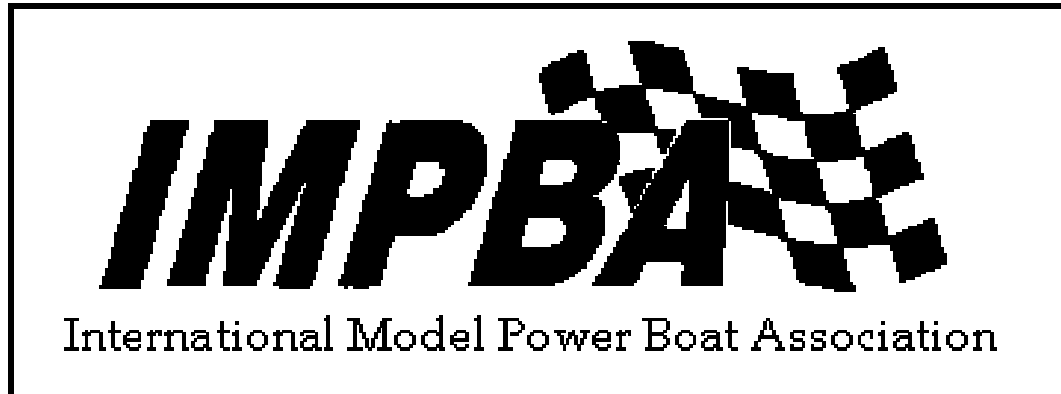


# **IMPBA OFFICIAL RULE BOOK**



## **“E” IMPBA Procedures**

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## **IMPBA PROCEDURES**

### **SANCTIONED REGATTAS**

#### **SECTION 1 - Definition**

1. A Sanctioned Club Regatta shall be defined as a race where prizes or awards are given to competitors for participation in a race in accordance with section F, **IMPBA** Rules of Competition and section E, Procedure Insurance.
2. A "Record Trial" shall be defined as an attempt by an individual to attain a world record in a class at a Sanctioned Record Trial.

#### **SECTION 2 - Sanction restrictions**

No **IMPBA** sanctions will be granted the weekend prior to, or the weekend of the International Regatta, within a 500-mile radius of the host site of the International Regatta.

#### **SECTION 3 - Entitlement**

- A. A sanction is an authorization or approval of an event, which binds the holders of the event to comply with the **IMPBA** rules and regulations and guarantees that the results of said events will be recognized as official. Sanctions will only be granted to clubs holding events on waters covered by the **IMPBA** insurance policy. No sanctions will be issued to clubs unless they have previously obtained an **IMPBA** insurance certificate covering their waters.
1. No person may participate as a contestant in an **IMPBA** sanctioned event unless he/she is a paid member of **IMPBA** in good standing.
  2. Contest Directors listed on sanction form must have successfully completed the CD test.
- B. The granting to a sanction does not include any obligation on the part of any **IMPBA** officers to be present at any regatta or to officiate thereat. The entire obligation remains within the local club and the club's officials.
- C. The sanction is protection to the contestants. It is an assurance to them that the rules and regulations will be impartially enforced.
- D. It shall be customary to protect clubs who have fulfilled all sanction obligations for the corresponding dates in subsequent years.
- E. Sanctions will not be granted on the same dates for events within such distance of each other that the sanctioning officials have reason to believe that success of either regatta or race might be jeopardized.
- F. Sanctions will only be granted to clubs officially registered with **IMPBA**, who have paid the club registration fee for the calendar year the race is sanctioned.
- G. Sanction request forms will be forwarded upon receipt of club registration fees.
- H. No club shall use the word "Nats" or "nationals" in the name of their race without Board approval. Clubs that held a race in 1990 using such names shall be excluded from needing approval.

## SECTION 4 - Fees

- A. Racing sanctions will cost \$20.00. A sanction form and point's compilation form will be issued to the Host Club.
- B. Record trial sanctions will cost \$20.00 for one or two-day events held at the same pond. A sanction form, current World Record listings, and Record Application forms will be issued to the Host Clubs for each sanctioned event upon receipt of the pond survey. See section F, Records in Rules of Competition, General.

## SECTION 5 - Purpose

- A. The purpose of sanctioned events is to allow all **IMPBA** members an equal opportunity to participate. For this reason, sanctions must be published to the general membership in either the "Master Schedule" or "Quarterly Report" well in advance of sanction dates. This will allow ample time to plan attendance.
- B. All sanction requests must be submitted to the **IMPBA** office by January 31 to be included in the Master Schedule. All sanction requests require the approval of the District Director who has the responsibility of coordinating all activities in his or her district. A copy of the Master Schedule will be included with the first Quarterly Report in March of each year.
- C. For additional Record Trial sanctions to be granted, they must be published in a "Quarterly Report" prior to the date of the sanction. Sanction requests not in the Master Schedule will require approval of the District Director and must be received by the **IMPBA** office by the date shown on the left column to be valid for the month in the right column.

<b>Sanctions received by</b>	<b>Published in</b>	<b>Valid for</b>
1 February	1st Quarter Report	April thru December
1 May	2nd Quarter Report	July thru December
1 August	3rd Quarter Report	October thru December
1 November	4th Quarter Report	January thru April*

Note: \* These sanction requests require club registrations for the following year.

## **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL REGATTA**

### **SECTION 1 - Requirements**

- A. The **IMPBA** International Regatta is to be held annually, during July or August.
- B. The **IMPBA** International Regatta shall primarily consist of the National Championships (US-1), which will consist of the three events of 1/16 mile straight trophy trials, 1/3 mile oval trophy trials, and multi-boat racing for AB, CD, E and F Hydro and Mono, and B, D, E, and F Outboard Tunnel and 1/8 Scale Hydro
  - If the host club desires, it may also run special events for such classes as Sport 40, Outboard Hydro and Offshore boats. They must be scheduled at a time that is not in conflict with the National Championships. Example: A participant may have boats entered in the National Championships and in addition may enter boats in the Offshore race, etc.
- C. At the International Regatta, the winner of any event scheduled by the host club and approved by the Board will be awarded the title of National Champion.

### **SECTION 2 – Restrictions**

No **IMPBA** sanctions will be granted the weekend prior to, or the weekend of the International Regatta, within a 500-mile radius of the host site of the International Regatta.

### **SECTION 3 - Applying for**

- A. The International Regatta will be awarded on a rotation basis between the various districts.
- B. Local Clubs will bid for the sanction to hold the International Regatta. Bid packages must include the following information:
  - 1. Survey**
    - a. Survey documents of the 1/16 Straightaway and 1/4 or 1/3 Mile Oval Courses
  - 2. Approval Letters**
    - a. Letters from the landowner, park authorities, Department of Recreation, etc., which control the pond authorizing use of the facility including the hours running will be permitted.
    - b. A letter from the District Director attesting that he has approved the proposed course and a description of the site and facilities.
  - 3. Schedule**
    - a. Minimum acceptable for racing heat racing US-1 class boats will be five scheduled heats of racing.
    - b. International Regatta Trophy Trials consisting of straightaway and oval time runs
    - c. 1/8 Scale Unlimited Hydro
    - d. It is required that the US-1 class events, consisting of 5 rounds of heat racing, Oval and straightaway time trials, be completed before any special event classes are started.

## **SECTION 4 - Acceptance**

The President will review all bids and make his recommendations to the District Directors. Bid approval will require a majority vote of the Executive Board.

## **SECTION 5 - Entries**

"Limitation of Entries", Rule Number G-7 in Rules of Competition, will apply.

## **SECTION 6 - US-1 Scoring**

### **A. National Championship Trophy (US-1)**

Points are awarded based on the contestant's final order of finish in the 1/16th Straightaway, the 1/3 mile Oval and heat racing and requires entry in all three events. Straightaway and oval are of equal point value with double points awarded for heat racing. The point distribution would then be: Straightaway 1/4th, Oval 1/4th, and Heat Racing 1/2. Points are awarded on the same basis as racing, i.e., 400 1st, 300 2nd, etc. (In the timed events, boats completing a time below 9th place shall receive 25 points.) A boat that does not complete an official run in the trophy trials (Oval and Straightaway) will receive zero (0) points for that event only.

If a contestant finished first in all three events, his point total would be 1600. If he finished 2nd in the 1/16 (300), 3rd in the Oval (225), and overall final 5th (254) in racing (points are counted to the 9th place), his point total would be 779. Note that points are awarded in racing for final finishing position, not total points earned by heat, which are used to establish the final finishing position.

### **B. Excellence of performance Trophy**

The Excellence of Performance Trophy is **IMPBA' S** highest honor, and is based on a boater's highest scoring US-1 selected boat. Points are awarded as follows: (All classes are reviewed jointly.)

In the 1/16th and 1/3rd Oval, points are awarded as in heat racing, i.e., 400 - 1st, 300 - 2nd, etc., down through 9th place. You **MUST** complete a timed run to gather points.

For Oval racing, overall finishing points are gathered based on 400 - 1st, 300 - 2nd, 225 - 3rd, etc. Those points earned are doubled. (As an example, if you won D Hydro heat racing you would have earned 400 points. This is doubled to total 800 points toward the excellence of performance calculations.)

In order to reward classes with the largest number of competitors, a weighing system is used. The calculation of this weighing system is based on boats presented for racing, not boats entered. The number of boats presented for racing is totaled for **EACH** class to determine the largest class (designated the scratch class).

The scratch class received 100% of his or her points gained in the heat racing and timed events. Each additional class has the following formula applied to determine the value of points earned.

**Example:**

Class	Number Contestants	Number Scratch	Class Percentage
D Hydro	48	48	100%
E Hydro	36	48	75%
F Hydro	12	48	25%

After the Raw Percentage is determined, a factor is applied to weight the class. This is accomplished by subtracting the class value from 100%, 70% of that is added to the Raw Percentage.

**Example:**

D Hydro	100%
E Hydro	$100\% - 75\% = 25\% * 70\% = 17.5\% + 75\% = 92.5\%$
F Hydro	$100\% - 25\% = 75\% * 70\% = 52.5\% + 25\% = 77.5\%$

In no instance can the final handicap percentage exceed 100%.

The total points earned in Heat Racing, Timed Oval & Straightaway Trophy Trials are totaled and applied to the handicap.

**Example:**

**Total Points Earned**

D Hydro Contestant #1	1100	X	100% = 1100
D Hydro Contestant #2	600	X	100% = 600
E Hydro Contestant #1	1000	X	92.5% = 925
E Hydro Contestant #2	1200	X	92.5% = 1110
F Hydro Contestant #1	1600	X	77.5% = 1240
F Hydro Contestant #2	1400	X	77.5% = 1085

The total points earned toward the Excellence of Performance Trophy in this example would have been sufficient for F Hydro Contestant #1 to have won.

In the event of a tie score between contestants at the conclusion of all US-1 events, that tie will be broken by referring back to the contestant with the highest placing (first, second, third, etc.) in US-1 Heat Racing. If a tie score still exists, the contestant with the most number of boats in his/her class being scored for this award will be judged the winner.

## **President's Cup Trophy**

Best single performance of 2 boats in heat racing only.

In the event of a tie score between contestants, the contestant competing against the most number of boats (using the contestant's two pre-chosen classes on their entry form) will be determined the winner. If a tie score still exists, the contestant with the most wins (first places) in these 2 classes will be judged the winner.

## **William E. LeFeber Award**

The LeFeber Award is an award for outstanding sportsmanship and service to the organization. The award will be voted on and presented at the International Regatta each year. The members will do the voting.

## **John Bridge Trophy**

Trophy to be awarded to the individual having the best total score with a multi-engine Hydro in F class, US-1 competition (1/16 mile Straightaway and Oval time trials, and heat racing). This would be a traveling trophy.

## **INSURANCE**

### **SECTION 1 - Summary**

**IMPBA** membership dues include commercial general liability and property damage insurance for individual members, registered clubs, municipal or state park boards or landowners. The **IMPBA** insurance covers property damage caused by model power boats that are operated on **IMPBA** insured bodies of water for which member clubs have submitted the correct application, (on a Club Registration and Insurance Application form), and have been issued an insurance certificate. Since rates or coverage's may vary from time to time, up to date insurance information may be obtained from the **IMPBA** office or the **IMPBA** website.

### **SECTION 2 - Membership Coverage**

Dues also provide **IMPBA** members with medical and accidental death coverage as a result of an accident while racing on an **IMPBA** insured body of water. All members in good standing will be covered at "sponsored, schedule, and supervised activities." This means the coverage is good at sanctioned and club races. **IMPBA** insurance does cover boaters during open water and practice sessions as long as you are following the safety procedures outlined through the **IMPBA**, and such events take place on an **IMPBA** insured body of water only. **IMPBA**'s policy is considered a primary policy and would cover any accidents or property damage that may occur on an **IMPBA** insured body of water.

### **SECTION 3 - Non-Member Coverage**

The insurance does not cover any person who is not a paid member of **IMPBA** regardless of what other club or organization he may belong. Paid members of other boating organizations may pay a one time \$10.00 fee for membership dues **during that event only**. The application and payment must be mailed by the host club to the Executive Office of **IMPBA** the first working day after accepted.

Therefore no person may operate or assist in the operation of a model power boat, or enter the pit area, or operate a retrieve boat at any **IMPBA** sanctioned event on an **IMPBA** insured pond, and be covered by this insurance, unless he is a paid member of **IMPBA**.

### **SECTION 4 - Applied Sites**

No club may apply for insurance for a body of water presently or previously insured by another **IMPBA** Registered Club without the permission of that club.

All clubs applying for insurance on a body of water should submit along with the club application, a signed letter from the pond owner, on letterhead, giving their authorization for your particular club to conduct Model R/C Boat Racing at that particular site.

### **SECTION 5 - Safety**

It is not the intent of **IMPBA** to issue insurance to any organization that does not comply with and foster **IMPBA** Rules and Regulations.

### **SECTION 6 – Signs**

“No Swimming” signs must be located at the race site.