

New rule proposal for 2010

Rule proposal #1

- 1) Modify Rule 3-91

From:

A race may be canceled or postponed (because of inclement weather) only after taking a vote of NAMBA members entered and present at that day's contest. 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.

To:

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.

Reason;

This clarifies what is already in practice for District 9 Races

Rule proposal #2 Add

- 2) New rule

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

Reason;

This formalizes the current District 9 race day process

Rule proposal #3 Add

The District Director shall ensure that all returned ballots are brought unopened to the District 9 annual meeting.

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 open and counted at an announced open District 9 meeting.

Reason: As with any origination made up of members, votes are made open for review by a governing body for review to avoid improprieties or the illusion of improprieties. This allows for checks and balances in our organization.

Rule proposal #4 Add

The District 9 executive board shall be composed of District 9 club presidents in good standing and the District 9 Director.

- a. This board shall be responsible for all District 9 decisions in regards to:
 - i. Disciplinary actions of District 9 Members or Clubs
 - ii. District 9 Major projects
 - iii. Extraordinary District 9 monetary expenditures
 - iv. Rule interruptions

Reason: This makes formalizes the process that exists in District 9 today. It also puts elected club presidents on the board so that members have a voice in the extraordinary operations of the District. This does not affect the District Director from running normal District 9 business or operations.

Rule Proposal #5 modify Rule 09-09

A double points race will be randomly selected by drawing at the end of the season and racers will drop their worst race points.

To read:

A double points race will be randomly selected by drawing at the end of the season.

Reason: This statement: "and racers will drop their worst race points" makes the rule too confusing and also eliminates the unnecessary computation of a contestant's accumulated points. Keeping the "double points race randomly drawn by the District Director at the end of the season" portion of the rule promotes contestants wanting to compete for the year end championship, to go to all of the races.

Rule proposal #6

Remove rule 09-09

A double point's race will be randomly selected by drawing at the end of the season and racers will drop their worst race points.

Replace with

No Double points races in District 9

Reason: This rule is confusing and is not clearly defined if one boat for each class on different races or all boats on one day. This rule in my opinion is unfair to a racer one who works hard and is doing well thought out the year, a person could have one good day and win the season. It also penalizes a racer who attends all races and then gets points taken away that may be needed to win the season. This rule also makes keeping track of points complicated

Rule proposal #7

Remove rule 05-09

All participants at an event must stay to cleanup at the end of each event unless released by the CD or forfeit his or her points for that event

Rule Proposal #8 Add

At District 9 points races all participants must assist with the setup and/or clean up of the District 9 event.

- a. If a participant does not assist with the setup or clean up of the event day that they are entered.
 1. The participant will only lose points for the event day that they left early.
- b. The participant will be excused from this rule by if they notify the CD before the end of the event day and are released.

Rule Proposal #9 Add

If a contestant is called for “Unsportsman Like Conduct” at a contest or District Nine 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.

Reason: This rule will give a consequence for actions that are deemed inappropriate for NAMBA District Nine members.

I.e.: Inappropriate actions: deliberately running into another boat, disabling or tampering with another contestants boat or gear, 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.

Rule Proposal #10 add

Each club in the District must have 5 members registered members in good standing with NAMBA International.

Reason: Follows the guidelines set forth by NAMBA .

Rule Proposal #11 add

The District shall put on the heat racing championship series. All moneys and entries will be sent to the district. The district shall pay the hosting group and or club the sum of \$300.00 for setting up the race course and providing the race facility, any expenses shall be absorbed by the district. (i.e.) gas for the generator, trailer storage and expenses to bring the district trailer to the event, any repairs of the district property (trailer, generator, retrieve pole, gas and electric motors and batteries, medical kit, Fire extinguishers and buoys.)

Rule Proposal #12 add

New class:

Jersey Skiff (following the specs of NAMBA International)

This class to be added to the Saturday schedule

Twin Gas Rigger Following the specs of NAMBA International)

This class to be added to the Sunday schedule

Reason: Because we are losing nitro classes these classes will fill the gap,

Also keeping with the other districts in competition.