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 - Addition of Member Conduct

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A. NAME AND DEDICATION

1. This association will be known as the North American Model Boat Association International hereinafter called NAMBA International.
2. NAMBA will be dedicated to the progress and expansion of model boating and the aid and development of youth and youth activities through fellowship, sportsmanship, and competition.

B. CLUBS

1. A group of members may register to become a NAMBA club by completing the appropriate form, and sending it with the applicable fee to the NAMBA office.
2. The Secretary and the President of a NAMBA club must be members of NAMBA.

C. MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership will consist of clubs and individuals interested in the advancement and enjoyment of model boating through test running, sport running, and/or racing at organized club, district, or national events.
2. Each member will automatically become a member of the district in which they reside.
3. Membership in NAMBA will be obtained by completing the appropriate form and sending it with the applicable fee to either the member's club or directly to the NAMBA office.
4. In order to retain the same NAMBA number each year, the member must renew before January 1 of the following year. After January 1, all numbers are declared open and may be re-issued.
5. Membership in NAMBA is proof of a right to enter any NAMBA sanctioned contest.
6. The current membership fee will be paid per calendar year and will not be prorated for a portion of a year.
7. Dues will include insurance under the auspices of the current NAMBA insurance plan.
8. Changes in dues will be included in renewal notices each year and will not necessitate a constitutional amendment.
9. Single Event Membership

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- a. This special membership is offered for non-NAMBA members attending a NAMBA event.
- b. The boater desiring this membership will complete a single event membership form and will pay the applicable single event fee. The host club must mail the form and the fee to the NAMBA office immediately following the event.
- c. Single event insurance is valid for the dates of the event only and only on the site indicated.
- d. Single event insurance may only be used once in any calendar year by a specific individual. Should that individual desire to participate in a second event in a calendar year, a full membership will be required.
- e. The single event fee paid at one event will be credited to the price of the full membership should that membership be consummated within the same calendar year.

D. MEMBER CONDUCT

1. GENERAL

- a. NAMBA activities are intended to be enjoyed with conduct from its members that displays proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship among the participants and spectators. The purpose of this section is to define terms used in the NAMBA Official Rule Book relating to member conduct, as well as list the specific actions that will be taken when violations occur.

2. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Conduct that is not fair, respectful, and polite toward other NAMBA members or the public when attending an Event. Examples include, but are not limited to: vulgarity; use of language that is disparaging to race, religion, gender, or sexuality; verbal abuse; physical abuse; and taunting.
- b. **Conduct Unbecoming a NAMBA Official:** Conduct on the part of an elected NAMBA Official that is detrimental or contrary to the best interests of NAMBA, or which may harm his or her standing as a NAMBA Official in the eyes of its members or members of the public in the execution of his or her duties.
- c. **Event:** Any NAMBA National, District, or Club organized activity.
- d. **Offense:** Disqualification from an Event as a result of Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

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- e. **NAMBA Member in Good Standing:** Any person who has fulfilled the requirements for membership in NAMBA, and who has neither voluntarily withdrawn from NAMBA nor has been suspended or placed on Probation.
- f. **Letter of Reprimand:** A letter sent via Certified Mail with return receipt requested from the District Director or other NAMBA Official to a member outlining the issues(s) of unsatisfactory performance or misconduct and action(s) taken as a result. A copy of which will send to the NAMBA Executive Secretary, who will then forward to the Board of Directors.
- g. **Probation:** The process or period of testing or observing the character, conduct, or abilities of a member.
- h. **Suspension:** The temporary removal of a member emphasizing the seriousness of the misconduct.
- i. **Calendar Year:** The space of 12 calendar months calculated from any point.

3. ZERO TOLERANCE CONDUCT

- a. **Verbal threats, physical threats, taunting, causing of bodily harm, or non-competition damage to the property of a NAMBA member or spectator is not acceptable at any NAMBA Event. If such zero tolerance conduct occurs:**
 - i) The member will be disqualified from the remainder of the Event and must leave the Event site immediately and may not return to the Event site until the conclusion of the Event.
 - ii) If the disqualified member does not leave the Event site, the Contest Director, District Director, or organizer of the Event must contact the local authorities to have the member removed.
 - iii) The disqualified member will be placed on Suspension for no less than three months and may exceed 12 months depending on the severity of the infraction.
 - iv) The member will receive a Letter of Reprimand that includes the term of the Suspension with start and end dates, and advisement of their opportunity to be heard as provided in this section.
 - v) The member will receive at least 15 days prior notice of the Suspension.
 - vi) The member will have the opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing, not less than five days before the effective date of Suspension, by a person or body authorized by the NAMBA Board of Directors for additional consideration of the Suspension.

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- vii) If a NAMBA member is disqualified for zero tolerance conduct under this Section twice in a 24-month span, he or she will have their NAMBA membership revoked for the remainder of that year and will not be eligible to renew their membership for an additional 12 months.
- viii) Due to the higher standard of conduct expected of an elected NAMBA Official, Conduct Unbecoming a NAMBA Official may result in a more punitive application of the disciplinary measures.

4. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. Should Unsportsmanlike Conduct occur at a NAMBA Event, the member will be provided a verbal warning from the Contest Director, District Director, or the organizer of the Event to correct the conduct and advised that any further Unsportsmanlike Conduct at the Event will be deemed an Offense.
- b. First Offense within a calendar year
 - i) The member will be disqualified from the remainder of the Event and must leave the Event site immediately and may not return to the Event site until the conclusion of the Event.
 - ii) If the disqualified member does not leave the Event site, the Contest Director, District Director, or organizer of the Event must contact the local authorities to have the member removed.
 - iii) The member will receive a Letter of Reprimand.
- c. Second Offense within a calendar year
 - i) The member will be disqualified from the remainder of the Event and must leave the Event site immediately and may not return to the Event site until the conclusion of the Event.
 - ii) If the disqualified member does not leave the Event site, the Contest Director, District Director, or organizer of the Event must contact the local authorities to have the member removed.
 - iii) The member will be placed on Probation for a term of no less than one month and not to exceed one Calendar Year.
 - iv) The member will receive a Letter of Reprimand.
 - v) During the member's probationary period he or she will not be considered a NAMBA Member in Good Standing.
 - vi) Once the Probation term has been fulfilled the member's full privileges will be restored.

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- d. Third Offense within a calendar year
- i) The member will be disqualified from the remainder of the Event and must leave the Event site immediately and may not return to the Event site until the conclusion of the Event.
 - ii) If the disqualified member does not leave the Event site, the Contest Director, District Director, or organizer of the Event must contact the local authorities to have the member removed.
 - iii) The member will be placed on Suspension for a term of no less than one month and not to exceed one calendar year.
 - iv) The member will receive a Letter of Reprimand.
 - v) The member will receive at least 15 days prior notice of the Suspension.
 - vi) The member will have the opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing, not less than five days before the effective date of Suspension, by a person or body authorized by the NAMBA Board of Directors for additional consideration of the Suspension.
 - vii) During the member's Suspension period he or she will not be considered a NAMBA Member in Good Standing and will NOT be allowed any of the privileges NAMBA offers.
 - viii) Once the suspension term has been fulfilled the member will be placed on Probation for one Calendar Year. During the member's Probation term he or she will not be considered a NAMBA Member in Good Standing.
 - ix) Once the Probation term has been fulfilled the member's full privileges will be restored.
- e. Due to the higher standard of conduct expected of an elected NAMBA Official, Conduct Unbecoming a NAMBA Official may result in a more punitive application of the disciplinary measures prescribed in this section.