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Board of Directors passed proposal:
- Add review of racing rule proposals by Class Chairmen prior to sending out to membership for vote.

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A. RULE MODIFICATIONS

1. Non-Racing Rules and Safety Regulations

- a. May be amended by the Board of Directors as deemed necessary to provide for the smooth operation of NAMBA and for the safety of its members as well as compliance with current insurance guidelines.
- b. This action by the Board of Directors can be accomplished by a vote by phone, mail, or email, and may occur at any time during the year.
- c. All board members must be notified of any proposed changes prior to a vote, and must be given ample opportunity to cast their vote. Proposals will be approved by a simple majority of the Board.
- d. Should the Board decide that the change under contemplation has a significant effect on the day to day boating of the members, they may elect to place the item before the membership for a general vote.

2. Racing Rule Additions, Deletions, or Changes

- a. The NAMBA General Membership shall vote by ballot on proposals regarding Racing, Racing related issues, or Competition topics.
- b. Proposed rule changes must be submitted to the District Director in the district in which the submitting member resides.
- c. Upon receipt of said proposal, the District Director will put the matter to a vote within his district. This vote can occur at any time during the year as deemed appropriate by the Director but should be handled in a timely manner. The exact method of said vote can be handled in whatever manner is normally followed for voting within that particular district.
- d. Upon successful passage of the proposal within the district, the district director will forward the proposal to the NAMBA office along with a statement by the District Director that the proposal has passed within his district and that the district desires to have the proposal sent to the general membership for voting.
- e. Proposals may be submitted to the NAMBA office at any time during the year as long as the previous three steps have been adhered to.
- f. After receipt of a proposal by the NAMBA office, it will be sent to the NAMBA Board of Directors. The Board will review the proposal to insure proper wording and consistency with other already existing rules.

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- g. Once the NAMBA Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the proposal, the Executive Secretary will send a copy of that proposal to the appropriate Class Chairman/Chairmen for further review.
 - i) The Class Chairman/Chairmen will review the proposal and determine if it is proper in scope as to being verified and enforced capably.
 - ii) Once the Class Chairman/Chairmen has reviewed the proposal he/they will file a report to the Executive Secretary.
 - (a) If the report supports the rule, the Executive Secretary will send it to the membership for a vote via process described in rule A.2.h below.
 - (b) If the report finds that the proposal cannot be properly verified or enforced, the original proposal along with the report will be sent to the NAMBA Board of Directors for further review. The rule may be then returned to the District proposing the rule change and that District will have the opportunity to revise the proposal and make it workable.
- h. After the Board of Directors and Class Chariman/Chairmen have reviewed the proposal the NAMBA office will send out the proposal to the membership for voting. The proposal will normally be sent out with the next regular mailing of the newsletter, but special mailings may be utilized if deemed necessary. In addition, the proposals and ballots may be made available to the membership by publication on the NAMBA web page.
- i. Members will be given adequate time to receive the ballot, consider the propositions, and cast their votes. Normally a period of 45 days from the date mailed would be considered ample time for this to take place.
- j. Only members in good standing at the time of the vote will be permitted to vote. All classifications of members will be permitted to vote, including adult members, family members, and junior members.
- k. Members will be permitted to return their votes to the NAMBA office by mail, fax, or email as long as it is able to be adequately determined that the vote is coming from a member in good standing and as long as the vote is received by the voting deadline.
- l. The NAMBA office will receive and compile the votes. The NAMBA office may designate another entity to receive and compile the votes should this be deemed necessary.

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B. MEMBER NOTIFICATIONS

1. The NAMBA office will inform the membership of the result of the vote by publication in the next newsletter and by publication on the NAMBA web page.
2. Updated rules will be posted on the NAMBA web page and updated pages of the rule book will be sent as defined in Section 5 - rule A.2.

C. EFFECTIVE DATES

1. Proposals which have been approved will take effect immediately after they are published by NAMBA on the web page or in the Propwash, unless it is deemed by the Board of Directors that such immediate action will have an unfair effect on the members. In such cases, ample time will be given before implementation for the members to comply with the new requirements.
2. New classes will be eligible for inclusion in district and national events as soon as they have been approved by the membership and published by NAMBA. All categories of NAMBA records may be set in these new classes as soon as the rules have officially been implemented.