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1 - General Organization Information

Remove pages: 1 - 5 (*dated various*)

Insert pages: 1 - 5 (*dated 2/6/22*)

Board of Directors passed proposal:

- Define NAMBA numbers (Rule C.4)


6 - Nationals

Remove pages: 1 - 2 (*dated 6/30/19*)

Insert pages: 1 - 2 (*dated 2/6/22*)

Board of Directors passed proposal:

- Increase loan amount (Rule C.2.a)

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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 online via the Membership Portal or via paper by completing the Membership Application form and mailing it to the NAMBA office. The member will not be insured until all needed information has been provided and applicable fees paid to NAMBA.
4. NAMBA will issue identification numbers to members, which are natural numbers (whole numbers starting at 1). 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.

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9. Single Event Membership

- a. This special membership is offered for non-NAMBA members attending a NAMBA event.
- b. The boater desiring this membership will apply for it online via the Membership Portal providing the needed member and event information and paying the applicable single event fee. This will need to be completed prior to the start of 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.

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- d. Offense: Disqualification from an Event as a result of Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
- 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.

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- 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) 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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A. GENERAL

1. There will be a NAMBA Nationals held each calendar year. It will be a minimum of six-day to a maximum of eight-day meet and offer four rounds per class.
2. An additional NAMBA Electric Nationals can also be held each calendar year, where only electric classes are offered. When held it will be a minimum of three-day to maximum of four-day meet and offer four rounds per class.
 - a. This event will be separated from the NAMBA Nationals by 30 calendar days, unless both event CD's and a majority consensus of the Executive Board decide otherwise.
 - b. When a separate NAMBA Electric Nationals is held, any electric classes offered at the NAMBA Nationals that year will be considered as exhibition only and the winner not be recorded as a National Champion
3. Overall CD, Assistant CD, and all individual event CDs will meet the minimum requirements for a CD as set forth in Section 16 whenever possible. In addition, the District Director for the club or district holding the annual Nationals will certify that these persons are capable of performing the required duties.
4. To be classified as a Nationals a diversified selection of classes will be presented, which will adequately offer as many nationally approved classes that can be run during the event. Emphasis will be made on the classes which are popular in the area/district in which that Nationals is held.
5. Milling procedures will be advertised on the entry form and will be half mill, full mill, or both. One-quarter mill will not be allowed.
6. In case of any controversy involving the Nationals, the Contest Director or President will have the final authority in its disposition.
7. All events, etc. associated with the Nationals will meet all NAMBA requirements.
8. Vendors are not permitted to sell or advertise without the approval of the hosting club/district and payment of the appropriate fee.
9. There must be a minimum of five prepaid entries to make a class, if there are less the class can still be run at the discretion of the host club as exhibition only. In addition to be considered for a national championship there must be at least five boats that attempt to run in round 1 of the class, if less it will be an exhibition class.

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B. BIDS

1. Bids for the next annual Nationals should be received by the President no later than the start of the current year's Nationals.
2. Clubs/districts bidding for the annual Nationals who have never hosted a Nationals should receive preferential consideration.
3. The next NAMBA Nationals will be announced at the current awards banquet whenever possible.

C. FINANCES

1. General

- a. The hosting club/district will remit all single event entry fees and applications to the NAMBA office within 30 days of the end of the Nationals.
- b. Any racer who does not provide adequate funds for payment of entries or fees will be held financially liable and not allowed to compete in any future NAMBA event, district or national, until such debt is paid. This includes bank fees, interest, and any applicable late charges.

2. Loan

- a. NAMBA will provide an interest free loan to the hosting club/district of \$3,000 for use in preparing for the NAMBA Nationals.
- b. Every hosting club/district that accepts the Nationals loan will pay one half back to the NAMBA office prior to the start of the event.
- c. Every hosting club/district that accepts the Nationals loan will pay the balance back to the NAMBA office within 30 days of the end of the event.
- d. If the hosting club/district is unable to repay the loan, they must provide a comprehensive expense report to the NAMBA office within 90 days of the end of the Nationals, to show why they are unable to do so.