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- A.2: Electric Only Nationals information

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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.

## 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.

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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 \$2,000 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.

## D. SPECIAL CLASS CONSIDERATIONS

### 1. Scale Unlimited Hydroplane

- a. All unlimited boats entered will have a photograph showing the general configuration and paint scheme of the boat being modeled when it ran.
- b. Any exception to the above must be approved in writing by the National Scale Chairman prior to the event being run.
- c. Any unlimited boat that does not comply with a. or b. above will not be allowed to race and will forfeit the entry fee.

### 2. Kids "R" Boaters, Too

- a. Because the Kids "R" Boaters, Too class is designed for the beginner with little or no previous model boating experience, entrants in this class will not be permitted to enter any other class at the Nationals.

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## E. AWARDS

### 1. General

- a. One award will be given per each five entries, always rounding up to the next multiple of five, with a minimum of three awards given in each class. (see chart below for examples)

Number of Entries	Number of Awards
up to 15	3
16 – 20	4
21 – 25	5
26 – 30	6
31 – 35	7
36 – up	etc.

- b. The hosting club/district will provide a list of the top three finishers in each class to the NAMBA office within 30 days of the end of the Nationals.

### 2. Kids “R” Boaters, Too

- a. All entrants will receive a trophy that is equally representative in size and quality of the other class awards.

### 3. Scale Unlimited Hydroplane

- a. Trophies will be awarded to all entrants who qualify and compete in the Unlimited Finals heat (main).

### 4. High Points Champion

- a. The High Point Champion award, if presented, will be given to the contestant who has accumulated the most points based on all the classes he entered.
- i) For those classes that run a ‘Love Plan’ (where a concluding round which consist of a Consolation and Main is run) only the points earned in the previous four rounds will be added to the points.
  - ii) No points will be added for participation and/or finishing order for any Team Marathon class.
- b. No contestant may use any points accumulated from any class which he entered after the start of the first heat of the Nationals.
- c. No contestant may use any points accumulated from any class that he has switched names with a fellow contestant in order to increase the number of classes entered.

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#### 5. District Club Team

- a. Teams will be limited to a minimum of four and a maximum of eight members. They must all be from the same district. They must be registered as a team before the beginning of the first race.
- b. The entry fee for the team will be \$2 per member.
- c. Districts may enter as many teams as they wish.
- d. The winning team will be the one with the highest average points per boat. Average is determined by taking the total number of points earned by all boats entered and dividing it by the number of boats entered.
  - i) For those classes that run a 'Love Plan' (where a concluding round which consist of a Consolation and Main is run) only the points earned in the previous four rounds will be added to the points.
  - ii) No points will be added for participation and/or finishing order for any Team Marathon class.
- e. No team may use any points accumulated from any class which they have entered after the start of the first heat race of the Nationals.
- f. NAMBA will present the District Club Team patch to each member of the winning team.