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SECTION A

01. GENERAL APPLICATION TO ALL EVENTS

Unless otherwise specified the following General Racing Rules apply to all WPPA Races/events, and Special Events and time/speed trials.

A Race is defined as from start of Registration time on Day 1 to end of Final Day closure of Race Administration, unless stated otherwise within the WPPA Rules.

All stated numbers of days for any post race correspondence is considered to be in accordance with the International dateline and not the race/event local time.

02. GENERAL PRE-RACE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCT OF EVENTS

Event Participation - Teams are encouraged to participate in all media opportunities, autograph sessions, sponsor parties, parades, etc.

03. COMPLIANCE WITH WPPA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Race Teams must comply with all WPPA rules and regulations established for each particular Event, including speed zones, testing times, and testing only in designated areas, if applicable. The teams shall be solely responsible for checking with the appropriate WPPA Officials at the Event during registration as to the applicable rules and regulations for testing at the event. The team must obtain the Race Instructions.

Any telemetry/locator GPS/Data or TV/Video recorder(s) required by the WPPA to be fitted to the race boats must remain in place and removed or its content reviewed only with the permission of the Technical Director.

Violation of this rule may result in penalties including, but not limited to, fines, time penalties, disqualification and suspensions of not less than 30 days.

Ignorance of the rules is no excuse for not complying with the rules.

04. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

In all cases not foreseen by the international rules or seemingly inaccurately defined, any decision has to be taken bearing in mind the spirit of the rules. Decisions on interpretation will be taken by the Race Director and /or the Race Jury or the WPPA.

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Any telemetry/datalogging device or GPS transponding and/or TV/Video equipment required by the WPPA to be fitted to all competing race boats is deemed to be the official technical recording of the race. Team owned devices are not accepted as evidence.

Television/Video evidence may be used for either the correction of a race decision, or implementing a change to provisional results up to 5 days after the posting of results.

05. AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY

No prize money shall be distributed to any driver until protests have been completed and the official order of finish is posted by the race committee in that class.

Any boat which receives prize/start money and has an outstanding debt with WPPA/IOTA will have that debt taken out of the prize/start money that is due them. If fees are paid by cheque at the race site, prize/start money may not be paid until the cheque clears.

The sponsoring organisation may designate special awards for outstanding performance.

A minimum prize fund may be established and announced in the Race Instructions.

Any Class 1 awards provided by sponsors have to be agreed with IOTA.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers in each class. It is the responsibility of the competitor to accept their trophy at the awards ceremony or have a representative accept on their behalf. WPPA will not be responsible for the trophy after the event.

All rules in the rule book, and all requirements of sponsors must be met, in order to participate in the prize fund or start monies.

06. PAYMENT OF FINES

All fines must be paid to the WPPA by the end of the race. If the fine has been issued in conjunction with penalties qualifying for appeal, then the appeal must be written and properly filed within the specified time limit for appeals. Fines that remain unpaid after 14 days shall be subject to additional penalties. Post race/event issued fines must be paid within 14 days of notice being issued or will become subject to additional penalties.

07. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

No contestant shall participate in a race or practice, nor shall any official serve in an official capacity, while under the influence of intoxicants, or any dangerous drug, which shall include narcotics, depressants, stimulants, or hallucinogenic drugs. The race officials (Officer of the Day or the WPPA Chief Commissioner) shall suspend for minimum of six (6) months any competitor or official whom he believes to be under the influence of intoxicants or dangerous drugs as defined above or during the time the competitor arrives at the race site, on race day, until the competitor has been cleared through post-race inspection and for one hour after the race is over. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed until one (1) hour after the unofficial results are displayed. No contestant or official participating at a WPPA event may evade this rule by withdrawing his entry or by resigning his duties while at the event. Ceremonial champagne or equivalent usage in the winner's circle shall be permitted provided that only minor consumption occurs.

A competitor shall, if requested by an authorised officer, submit to an alcohol test. Written notification of selection for testing will be handed to a competitor by an authorised official. Refusal or failure to do so may be taken as if a positive test had been ordered and dealt with accordingly.

Testing when carried out shall be using an Alcometer.

For International Races, any competitor found to have more than BAK 0,15 0/00 (0,15 g/L blood // AAK 0,075 mg/L air) 1 hour before and during testing or race shall be immediately suspended and disqualified from the whole event. A format report shall be forward to the N.A. of the competitor.

If in an organising country, the legal requirements of the above numbers are lower, then these numbers have to be announced in the advance regulations and will prevail.

Any competitor found to have an alcohol level more than 50% of that permitted by the Road Traffic Act governing domestic motoring regulations of the country which is organising the race shall be immediately suspended and disqualified from the whole event. A formal report shall be forwarded to the National Authority of the competitor.

If no limit is specified by the country organising the race in that country, then the level should be zero +. Note: This final figure of zero + is to be clarified by the WPPA Medical Commission which is responsible to the WPPA for these "specialist definitions".

08. ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS

The Anti-doping regulations are in line with the World anti-doping code (CIO list) and are available as a separate publication.

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09. INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN EVENT

Releases - All participants in each event must execute a liability release to WPPA, prior to racing. No owner, driver, contestant or his representatives or any race official shall hold any other owner, driver, competitor or his representatives or any race official liable for any personal injuries or damage resulting from an accident occurring during a sanctioned race, except as the result of a deliberate collision or premeditated act of unsportsmanlike conduct. The interpretation of this shall rest with the WPPA Race Commissioner subject to review by the WPPA.

Suspension, Expulsion - No individual who has been expelled from the WPPA or its events or who is currently under suspension by WPPA shall be permitted to officiate, serve as a race committee member, act in any capacity of assistance, or participate as a boat owner, driver or crew member in any sanctioned racing event. No boat belonging to that individual shall be allowed to compete, nor shall it be chartered or otherwise transferred except by final sale to render it eligible for a sanctioned race. The WPPA also reserves the right to deny future membership to anyone who has previously been expelled or suspended from any category of WPPA.

Medical / Rescue, Tow and Patrol Boat Coverage - LIFE JACKETS/ BUOYANCY SUITS - During all official times, all assistance / safety / rescue boat teams and all teams in support boats must wear life jackets.

The race organiser may or may not provide medical and rescue coverage for testing prior to the race event. If medical and rescue coverage is to be provided, a schedule will be posted at Race Registration detailing times and specific location of covered testing.

SECTION C

10. WPPA RULE CHANGE SUBMISSIONS PROCEDURE

- a) The WPPA Council and Committees, Classes run under the WPPA jurisdiction, UIM Offshore Committee and Member National Authorities may make submissions.
- b) A submission, proposal to the WPPA shall be addressed to the Secretary General at the address of the WPPA Secretariat and shall be delivered in writing by hand, post, fax or Email.
- c) A submission from a Member National Authority shall be signed by the President, Vice - President, Chairman or Secretary of that Member.
- d) A submission from an International or Recognized Class Association shall be signed by the President, Chairman or Secretary of the Class Association.
- e) A submission or proposal shall state the proposal, the current position, any Article, Regulation or Rule considered to be affected, the reasons or justifications for the proposal, and the proposed date of implementation and the duration.

In a submission or proposal to change the Article, Regulations or Rule, the current Article, Regulation, or Rule shall be quoted in full, and the proposed changes be set out with the exact words to be inserted and/or deleted.

- f) Regulations approved by Council without changes to the text as recommended to the Council by the WPPA Committee shall be effective on the date of approval unless a later date is stated in Council's decision.
- g) Where appropriate, the Chairman of the Committee may certify that the changes to the text have been approved either:
 - where there is sufficient time to do so, by the members of the WPPA Committee after discussion by email or other electronic means; or
 - where a change is proposed at a Council Meeting, by those members present at that meeting.

- h) Submissions or proposals shall be received at the WPPA Secretariat in respect of:
- the Annual WPPA Meeting, by 1200 hours UTC on 1 August except Class Rule change submissions by Classes run under the WPPA jurisdiction, which shall be received by 1200 hours UTC on 1 September.
 - the Mid-Year meeting or other meetings, not less than eight weeks before the meeting at which it is considered. Only urgent submissions may be considered at a Mid-Year meeting.
- i) The Executive Committee shall determine whether a submission is urgent. A late submission may only be considered upon the approval of the President or in his absence of one of the Vice-Presidents and then only when he considers that a matter of urgency is involved.
- j) Any other late submission shall be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of the General Assembly, Council, or Committee (as the case might be), if the person or body which made the submission so requests.
- k) The Council shall not resolve any matter or substance unless it is based upon a submission which has been received in accordance with these regulations or is otherwise on the agenda of a committee of the Council.
- l) A notice or submission shall be deemed to have been given or made on the date of receipt at the office of the WPPA.
- m) The Secretary General shall keep a register of addresses of all members of the WPPA, the members of the Council and members of the Committees. Notices from the WPPA shall be deemed to be properly delivered if dispatched by post, telex, fax or Email to the appropriate registered address. Notices to be given by the Secretary General shall be dispatched not less than one calendar month before the meeting to which they relate, provided that under exceptional circumstances failure to dispatch a notice in proper time shall not invalidate such notice or preclude the subject matter of such notice being placed on an agenda and resolved, if the General Assembly, Council or Committee (as the case might be) so decides.
- n) All notices and circulars sent to Members shall be sent to the members of the Council for information.

- o) All submissions or proposals shall be placed on the agendas of the appropriate Committees.
- p) The procedure for deciding on submissions as received and summarized as in Regulation will be as follows:
- during their meeting the 'reporting committee' shall allow representatives from those responsible for the submission make representation;
 - those submissions which affect WPPA regulations and articles will be included on the agenda of the WPPA council members who will be required to give their input on any such changes;
 - before the Council meeting, the WPPA staff will prepare a 'recommendations paper' detailing the recommendations on each submission from the reporting committee and the opinions from the 'other committees'.
- The Chairman of each committee will be asked to authenticate that the 'recommendation paper' shows an accurate record of the committee's discussion on submissions allocated to their committee;
- in making recommendations on submissions, committees may not recommend a substantial change;
 - the chairman of the reporting committee for a submission will be invited to give their verbal recommendation to Council on the submission;
 - the opinions of 'other committees' may be required in writing as part of the 'recommendations paper'.
- q) The procedure for deciding on Committee recommendations not based on official submissions shall be as follows:
- recommendations that are either pending from previous Committee Meetings or new items deemed urgent and requiring an immediate Council decision may be presented to Council;
 - Council may decide to make a decision on such recommendations or defer the matter to the next Council meeting;
 - any recommendations from the WPPA Council which bring about a change to the Regulations may be deferred to the following Mid Year or Annual meeting by the Council.

