

Rules for the

Southeast Scale Hydroplane Championship

Starting the Race:

- 1.) Contestants can start their engines when the CD announces that they are "on the clock"(beginning of pit time). There will be no starting of any boats before this time in the hot pits.
- 2.) Full course mill, no cutting of the course.
- 3.) All boats must be launched by the 30 second mark (beginning of mill/clock time).
- 4.) Any boat striking a buoy during the mill or the race shall be assessed a one lap penalty for each infraction.
- 5.) A one lap penalty will be assessed for a lane infraction, if an offending boat causes a non-offending boat out of it's lane to avoid either a collision or is washed down with the offending boats' rooster tail. During the run to the start, all boats must hold their lanes from the exit buoy of the right turn to the starting buoy.

The Race:

- 1.) Any boat striking a buoy or cutting inside a buoy shall be assessed a one-lap penalty. The only exceptions are if a non-offending boat is forced out of it's lane by an offending boat and the offending boat is penalized for a lane infraction. If a boat cuts a buoy to avoid an imminent collision with another boat (or debris) that has just overturned, spun out, ect., The Contest/ Director/Referee may not assess a penalty if in their judgment, that cutting the buoy was the proper course of action to avoid property damage or compromising safety.
- 2.) Lane changes/Right-of-way. A boat must have a rooster tails lead over another boat before it can move into another boats lane of travel. This applies at all times. It shall be deemed a lane violation if a boat on the inside of another boat in a turn does not maintain the lane of travel it possessed when it entered the turn, (the start of the turn being determined by the entrance buoy). Boats transitioning from the straightaway to a turn must hold their lane, unless they have a rooster tail's lead.
- 3.) Cutting the course at the end of a heat will not be permitted without the permission of the Contest Director (any points earned in that heat will be forfeited) Boats must be brought to the shore parallel to the beach.

Protests and Appeals:

The Contest Director/Referee shall have the sole responsibility for the conduct of the regatta. All judgment calls by the Contest Director/Referee are final and may not be appealed.

Unsportsman-like Conduct:

- 1.) Every boat owner, driver and crew member shall be subject to disciplinary action for unsportsmanlike conduct. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall be defined as any act that: a. Brings racing into disrepute. b. Endangers persons or property by not following event safety rules. c. Constitutes dangerous, careless or reckless operation of boats or other equipment.

The Contest Director/Referee shall have the sole power to impose any penalty that he deems appropriate for unsportsmanlike conduct. If the Contest Director/Referee imposes a penalty, he shall notify the offending party of their penalty as soon as possible.

Hitting Dead Boats:

Hitting a declared dead boat in either practice or in the race can result in immediate disqualification from the event. As always the CD will have final say in the penalty...

Inspections:

When a boat has gone out of control for any reason, or has been beached said boat must be inspected by the Contest Director or his designee before returning to the race course. The inspection shall include a radio range check. Boats that return to the race course without said inspection are subject to disqualification. It shall be incumbent upon the boat owner to seek out the Contest Director or his designee for said inspection. It shall be the responsibility of the inspector to notify the Contest Director of said boats status to continue or discontinue in the regatta. The inspector shall make safety the paramount issue on whether allowing a boat to continue.

Race Stoppages:

Any heat may be stopped if in the Contest Directors judgment, an unsafe condition prevails on the race course or along the shoreline. Any boat that has gone dead after the heat was stopped will be eligible to restart the heat, as long as the said boat was not the source of the race stoppage.

Points:

A point system as follows will determine placement in heats, consolation races and the final heat:

1st = 400, 2nd = 300, 3rd = 225, 4th = 169, 5th = 127, 6th = 96. DNF=25, DNS=0

*** A boat that loses cowlings, wings, fake engines or leaves debris upon the race course shall be awarded 6th place points, no matter their order of placement. The exception would be if said boat was involved in a collision that was not the fault of said boat and the offending boat in the collision has been assessed a penalty.

***If an offending boat causes another boat to go dead on the race course, the offending boat shall be disqualified from that particular heat, and the non-offending boat shall be awarded fourth place points.

The Pits:

- 1.) There shall be no open flames or smoking in the hot pits.
- 2.) Alcoholic beverages are expressly forbidden in the park.
- 3.) There shall be no open toed shoes allowed in the hot pits.

Definition of Terms:

- 1.) Holding a lane=running a boat parallel to the buoy line.
- 2.) Penalty. A penalty may be a one lap penalty or disqualification. Any boat receiving more than two penalties during a heat, will be ordered off the course and be awarded a DNF for that heat.