

IMPBA DISTRICT XIII BYLAWS

“Our Goal” is to promote radio controlled powerboat racing in and around IMPBA District 13. We will provide a place where people interested in the construction and safe operation radio controlled powerboats can come together and enjoy fellowship and fair competition.

District 13 shall organize and operate yearly race series as participation allows. Series particulars will be determined by participation and interest in the different IMPBA legal classes.

OFFICIALS

A. The **DISTRICT DIRECTOR** will organize and conduct District 13 meetings and submit proposals on District 13 issues.

1. District Director elections shall be in accordance with IMPBA rules.
2. The District Director shall appoint assistants as he deems necessary.
 - a. These positions may be revoked or added by the District Director during his/her term.
 - b. The District Director and his/her appointed assistants do not have voting rights on proposals. Voting rights are reserved for DXIII Club Presidents. Each Club President within the District has one vote. ** The Club Presidents represent the District Director and all assistants as far as votes are concerned. For them to have a vote would give certain Clubs an advantage over others*

Positions Appointed by the District Director

- Assistant Director(s)
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Scale Director
- Offshore Director
- LSG Director
- Tunnel Director
- Fast Electric Director

3. The District Director shall represent District XIII at IMPBA Board Meetings.
4. So that District members may have a say in the happenings of the IMPBA the District Director shall work in conjunction with the Club Presidents to ensure all DXIII members are notified of pending ballots published on the IMPBA website <https://www.impba.net/> . We understand discussions at IMPBA meetings may lead in different directions, but it will be necessary for the District Director to have a general understanding of where DXIII members stand on issues so that he/she may represent the District on their behalf. The District Director may poll the Club Presidents by phone or e-mail to gain insight on certain issues.
5. Up to \$100 per year in District funds may be used for promoting the hobby.

B. **CLUB PRESIDENTS** shall represent IMPBA listed District XIII Clubs and are encouraged to attend meetings, vote on District XIII issues and submit proposals.

1. If a Club President cannot attend a President’s meeting, he/she may send a representative in his/her place. The Club President must inform the District Director beforehand the person attending the meeting on their behalf has the authority to vote in their place.
2. Presidents shall attempt to hold Club meetings and keep Club members informed via mail, e-mail, or phone.

3. Presidents should see that each club member receives a copy of the District XIII bylaws yearly (or as needed).
- C. “**THE BOARD**” shall consist of the District Director, the people the District Director appoints, and the Club Presidents.
- D. The **SECRETARY/TREASURER** may not vote on District XIII proposals and issues, but should attend all meetings, participate in discussions and record the minutes of the meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer should:
 1. Submit proposals & record the outcome of proposals.
 2. Update the bylaws as necessary and provide an up-to-date copy to each Club President.
 3. Keep an account of District XIII funds/expenses and submit a report at each meeting (and as requested by the District Director or Club Presidents).
 4. Use District XIII funds for District related expenses approved by The Board.
 5. Keep race series score totals for each year.
 6. Purchase annual awards for race series winners.
 7. Receive \$150 per year to offset District related expenses (ink, toner, paper, etc...)
 8. Have entry fees waved at all series events for up to 3 entries. This benefit may be passed to a family member.
- E. **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR(S)** may not vote on District XIII proposals and issues, but are encouraged to:
 1. Attend meetings.
 2. Participate in discussions.
 3. Submit proposals.
 4. Stay in touch with the members that race in his/her classes.
 5. Make an effort to find sponsors for the District awards.
- F. The District Director and Secretary/Treasurer shall not be in the same household.

THE GRAND PRIX SERIES

- A. Only IMPBA sanctioned events will be allowed to participate in the series.
- B. The race schedule and class roster for the upcoming season shall be determined and distributed to the District membership before the beginning of each calendar year, so Clubs and members have adequate time to prepare.
- C. Clubs will be allowed to keep their race dates and race names for future years if they wish, so long as they continue to use them. If they go 2 years without using a date or a name, either may then be used by another Club.
- C. Clubs are not limited to one race per year.
- E. No sanctioned events will be approved in conflict with another sanctioned event in the District XIII race series. In the case of a request which constitutes a conflict, the following rules shall apply:
 1. No club may schedule a race date which conflicts with a date that has been previously used, and is still being used by another race.
 2. In the case of two different races being requested for the same date, the first request submitted shall have precedence.
 3. It is recommended that, if possible, no 2 races be scheduled any closer together than 3 weeks apart.

- F. Any IMPBA member, in good standing, may participate in our series.
- G. IMPBA registered clubs that are located outside District XIII may have their sanctioned race included in the District XIII series, provided they agree by the District XIII series format and the rules listed in these bylaws.
1. Clubs outside District XIII will have to request to join our race series and pass a vote by the Presidents.
 2. If passed, the Club President would then become a District XIII Club President and receive the right to vote at District XIII meetings as long as they are a part of our race series.
- H. All clubs will be required to list all series classes on their race flyers.
- I. Clubs are allowed to add any additional classes to their race, however, classes not approved by The Board for the year will receive no awards from the District.
- J. Clubs are required to run classes in the District series with at least 3 boats entered.
- K. The Board will decide, before the end of each calendar year, which classes will be competing for District awards in the following year.
- L. New classes may be added to the series by submitting a proposal for a vote by the Board.
- M. A class may not be added to the series after the first race of the season.
- N. Classes may be dropped from the series by the Board for the coming year at the yearly President's meeting if lack of participation deems it appropriate. This action requires a proposal and a vote.
- O. Award Certificates will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers at each sanctioned Grand Prix event.
- P. A season long points championship will be run each year as part of the Grand Prix series with awards presented to the top 3 point earners in each class.
- a. The overall winner in each class will be presented with a custom embroidered jacket (see eligibility requirements below)
 - b. The 2nd and 3rd place finishers will receive an awards certificate.
 - c. *Note: If an individual wins more than one class championship they will not receive more than one jacket.*

Eligibility Requirements: In order for a class to be eligible for a jacket at the end of the season the class must make at 4 out of the 5 sanctioned Grand Prix events. "Make" is defined as the class having 3 boats (legal for that class) entered and participating in the event. If less than 3 boats (legal for that class) enter and participate in the event then the class did not make at that event and it does not count as one of the 4 out of 5 required events.

NOTE: If for any reason one or more of the Grand Prix events is cancelled then the eligibility requirement for the jacket moves from 4 out of 5 races to 3 out of 4, 2 out of 3, etc...

For classes that do not make in 4 out of the 5 events award certificates will be presented for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers at the end of the season.

Points for the season long championship are awarded as follows: Each contestant will be awarded "Place Points" for his or her finishing place in each class at each event. *Example: If you win B Tunnel for the event, you acquire 400 series points in that class (regardless of your actual point total for event).*

- Q. In the event of a tie:
1. For a tie at the end of the year for points championship:
 - a) If both contestants and their boats are present at the last race, a run-off will be held.
 - b) If one or both contestant is not present, the tie will be decided by the total heat racing points accumulated for the year.
- R. The District will receive a \$3 fee for each boat entering any Grand Prix race in District XIII. The amount of this fee will be changed as necessary, by a vote of the Presidents. It is the intention of The Board to only collect what money is necessary to cover the operating expenses of the District.
1. The host Club will be responsible for collecting the money for each boat that enters their race as part of the entry fee.
 2. Within 10 days after each GP event the host club will provide the following to the District 13 Treasurer:
 - Their score sheets that were used during the race, including point totals and place scores.
 - All money collected as part of the \$3.00 per boat fee.
 3. Extra classes that Clubs offer outside the approved series classes are not exempt from the \$3 per boat donation.
- S. In the interest of keeping racing affordable for individuals and to promote family interest, series races shall not exceed entry fees of \$15 for the first boat and \$12 for each additional boat.
- T. Clubs should seek sponsors for each class to offset the cost of awards. Sponsor fee should be \$50 per class.

AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSALS

- A. Additions, deletions and changes that do not conflict with IMPBA rules can be made to these by-laws by submitting proposals to the District Director.
1. The District Director will submit the proposal to The Board for consideration.
- B. Club Presidents shall vote on District 13 issues. A 3/4 majority is required to either pass or defeat an issue.
- C. Proposals may be voted on by mail, e-mail or phone if needed.
1. Time will be given for Presidents to discuss issues with their club members and other officers if needed.
 2. Coordinating votes will be the job of the District Director or his/her appointed representative.
- D. A Presidents meeting will be held at least once a year.
- E. Any District business will be proposed, discussed and voted on.
- F. The races and classes for the coming year will be discussed and adopted.
- G. District 13 meetings may be held at any time that there are issues that need to be discussed. It is recommended that a meeting be held in the latter part of the year so that most of the races for the year have already been run and any problems have already developed.
- H. The District Director is responsible for setting the time and location for a meeting, making the

- agenda, notifying all Presidents and conducting the meeting.
- I. Club Presidents should send a representative in their absence. The District Director must be informed in advance of the meeting that this person has the authority to vote for their Club.
 - J. The meeting agenda should be sent to all officials prior to the meeting for review.
 - K. Proposals for changes should be given to the District Director in writing.
 - 1. Proposals may be mailed or e-mailed.
 - 2. Proposals may be brought to the meeting.
 - 3. Copies should be available for all at a meeting.
 - 4. To avoid wasted time, issues should be discussed with club members and other officials before submitting proposals for vote to find out if an issue is worthy of being amended or adopted and to avoid issues that have no chance of being amended or adopted.

DISTRICT XIII BOARD MEETINGS

- A. All meetings shall start with a roll call.
- B. Previous issues will be discussed as “Old Business”.
- C. New proposals will be discussed as “New Business”.
- D. Proposals may be altered by officials at a D13 meeting is needed.
- E. After all discussions are over, a motion must be made and then seconded to either:
 - 1. Vote on this proposal
 - 2. Dismiss this proposal
 - 3. Table the proposal for further information or evaluation before it is voted on
- F. Passed proposals will be given a starting date and the Bylaws amended.
- G. “Tabled” proposals will be discussed at the next meeting as “Old Business”.
- H. Series format and classes will be adopted.
- I. Race schedule will be adopted.
- J. All votes will be recorded and kept on file with meeting minutes.