

IMPBA DISTRICT XIII BYLAWS

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

District XIII 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 XIII meetings and submit proposals on District XIII issues.
1. District Director elections shall be per IMPBA Rules.
 2. The District Director shall appoint assistants as he/she 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 District XIII Club Presidents. Each Club President within the District has one vote. **The Club President represents the District Director and all assistants as far as votes are concerned. For them to have a vote would give certain clubs a voting advantage over others.*
 - c. Positions appointed by the District Director:
 - Assistant Director
 - 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. The District Director shall work in conjunction with the Club President to ensure all DXIII members are notified of pending ballots published on the IMPBA website <https://www.impba.net>. Discussions at IMPBA Board 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 email to gain insight on certain issues.

5. Up to \$100.00 per year in District funds may be used by the District Director for promoting the hobby.
- B. **Club Presidents** shall represent IMPBA listed District XIII Clubs and are encouraged to attend meetings, vote on DXIII issues, and submit proposals.
1. If a Club President cannot attend a Presidents' meeting, he/she may send a representative in their place. The Club President must inform the District Director beforehand the representative has the authority to vote in their place.
 2. Club Presidents shall attempt to hold Club meetings and keep members informed via email, text, or phone.
 3. Club 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 DXIII 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 and record the outcome of each proposal.
 2. Update the bylaws as necessary and provide an up-to-date copy to each Club President.
 3. Keep an account of the District DXIII fund for District related expenses and submit a report at each meeting (and as requested by the District Director and 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 \$150.00 per year to offset District related expenses (ink, toner, paper, etc....)
 8. Have entry fees waived at all series events for up to three entries. This benefit may be passed to a family member.
- E. **Assistant Director(s)**: May not vote on District DXIII 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. Identify sponsors for the District awards
- F. The District Director and Secretary / Treasurer shall not be members of 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 that 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 two years without using a date or a name, either may then be used by another club in the District.
- D. 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 DXIII 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 that 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 races be scheduled and closer than three weeks together.
 - 4. All Clubs shall register with the IMPBA and all races are to be sanctioned no later than January 31st of each year.
- F. Any IMPBA member in good standing may participate in the series.
- G. IMPBA registered clubs located outside of District XIII may have their sanctioned race included in the DXIII series, provided they agree to the District XIII series format and the rules listed in these bylaws.
 - 1. Clubs outside District XIII will have to request to join our series and pass a vote by the Presidents.
 - 2. If passed, the President of the accepted Club would then become a District XIII Club President and receive the right to vote at District XIII meetings (so long as they remain a part of our race series).
- H. Clubs are required to offer all official series classes at sanctioned series events.
- I. Clubs may offer additional classes, however, classes not approved by the Board for the year will not receive yearend District awards.
- J. For the 2022 racing season, clubs will be required to run official classes in the District XIII series with a minimum of four boats entered. The minimum threshold will move to five boats for the 2023 season and beyond.
- K. The Board will decide, before each calendar year, which classes will be competing for District Awards.
- L. A class may not be added to the series after the first race of the season.
- M. To maintain a reasonable number of classes a new class may not be added to the series unless an existing class is dropped.
- N. New Classes may be added to the series by submitting a proposal for a vote by the Board. All new classes will be run as a 1-year trial. To become an official series class, it

will need to make in three out of five events during the trial period. Failure to reach the three-event threshold during the trial period will result in the class automatically being dropped for the following year.

- O. Classes may be dropped from the series by the Board for the next season at the District Meeting if any class fails to make for at least three out of five events. The action requires a proposal and a vote.
- P. Award Certificates will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers at each sanctioned GP Event.
- Q. A season-long point championship will be run each year as part of the Grand Prix Series with awards presented to the top three point earners in each class.
 - 1. The overall winner in each class will be presented with a custom embroidered jacket (see eligibility requirements below)
 - 2. The 2nd and 3rd place finishers will receive an award certificate.
 - 3. *Note: if an individual wins more than one class championship they will not receive more than one jacket.*

Eligibility Requirements: For a class to be eligible for a jacket at the end of the season the class must make four out of the five sanctioned events... "MAKE" is defined as the class having five boats (legal for that class) entered and participating in the event. If less than five boats (legal for that class) enter and participate in the event, then the class did not make it for the event, and it does not count as one of the four out of five required events. Classes in the 1-year trial period are eligible for a jacket only if they meet the requirements outlined above.

NOTE: if for any reason one or more of the Grand Prix events are canceled then the eligibility requirement of the jacket moves from four out of five races to three out of four, two out of the three, etc.

For Classes that do not make it in four out of the five 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 event. *For example: if you win B Tunnel for the event, you will acquire 400 series points in that class (Regardless of your actual point total for the event).* For "Place Points" to be awarded at least two full rounds of the event must be completed. Events not completing at least two rounds will be considered canceled and no "Place Points" will be awarded.

- R. In the event of a tie:
 - 1. For a tie at the end of the year for point 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 contestants are not present, the tie will be decided by the total heat racing points accumulated for the year.
- S. The District will receive a \$3.00 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. The Board intends to only collect what money is necessary to cover the operating expenses of the District.
1. The host Club is responsible for collecting the money for each boat that enters their race as part of the entry fee.
 2. The host Club will have ten days after each GP event to provide the following to the District XIII Treasurer:
 - a. Score sheets that were used during the race, including point totals and place scores.
 - b. All fees collected as part of the \$3.00 boat fee.
 3. Extra classes that a Club offers outside the approved series classes are not exempt from the \$3.00 per boat fee.
- T. In the interest of keeping racing affordable for the individuals and to promote family interest, series races shall not exceed entry fees of \$15.00 per boat.
- U. Clubs should seek sponsors for each class to offset the cost of awards. The sponsor fee should be \$50.00 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 a proposal to the District Director.
 1. The District Director will submit the proposal to The Board for consideration.
- B. Club Presidents shall vote on District XIII issues. A simple majority is required to either pass or defeat an issue. All DXIII Club Presidents will be given the opportunity to cast a vote and a minimum of three club presidents must vote on an amendment or proposal for the vote to be considered binding.
- C. Proposals may be voted on in person, by phone, by email, or by text
 1. If needed, 5 days will be given for Presidents to discuss proposals with their club members and other officers. Failure to cast a vote within 5 days will result in the pass or defeat determination being based on the votes of the Club Presidents responding within the given timeframe.
 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 XIII 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 before the meeting for review.
- K. Proposals for changes should be given to the District Director in writing.
 - 1. Proposals may be mailed or emailed.
 - 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 the club members and other officials before submitting proposals for a 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 DXIII meeting if necessary.
- E. After all, discussions are over, a motion must be made and seconded to either:
 - 1. Vote on the proposal.
 - 2. Dismiss the 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. All votes will be recorded and kept on file with meeting minutes.