



COMPETITION DIRECTIVE

2022 – 04A

2022 SATURDAY MATCH RACES

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in the H1 General Rules or the H1 Racing Rules, the following special rules shall apply to and allow for an alternate racing format in lieu of Saturday preliminary Heats at any Event during the 2022 Racing Season.

1. **SHOWDOWN.** A separate Race (“**Showdown**”) may be conducted on Saturday at each Event, not including the Gold Cup. The Showdown shall consist of three parts:

Part 1: A series of “match races” of two laps each, which may include a “race-in” round due to an odd number of boats.

Part 2: A “last chance Heat” of two laps; and

Part 3: A “final Heat” of three laps.

A 5-minute gun will be used in all Heats.

2. **ELIGIBILITY.**

- a. Prior to the beginning of Time Trials, H1 Officials shall announce the number of Boats eligible to participate in the Showdown and in the final Heat (giving due consideration to the number of Boats in attendance and **General Rule A5**), as well as whether one or two Boats will advance from the last chance Heat to the final Heat.
- b. Eligibility will be based on the Time Trial ladder - at the expiration of the Time Trial period.
- c. Any Boat that is not assigned to a match race (including the loser of any race-in) shall stand-by as an “alternate” (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. - assigned based on the Time Trial ladder) to fill in for **any** eligible Boat that is unable to participate in its assigned match race. Any Boat that is replaced shall become an “alternate” (order based on Time Trial ladder) and may remain eligible for any “last chance” heat (but not a match race).

3. **MATCH RACES.**

- a. Match races shall be paired/seeded based on the Time Trial ladder - at the expiration of the Time Trial period - as follows:

4 Boats			
1st Match Race	A	1	3
2nd Match Race	B	2	4
5 Boats			
Race-In	R/I	5	4
1st Match Race	A	1	3
2nd Match Race	B	2	R/I Win

6 Boats			
1st Match Race	A	3	6
2nd Match Race	B	2	5
3rd Match Race	C	1	4
7 Boats			
<i>Race-In</i>	R/I	7	6
1st Match Race	A	1	3
2nd Match Race	B	2	4
3rd Match Race	C	5	R/I W
8 Boats			
1st Match Race	A	4	8
2nd Match Race	B	3	7
3rd Match Race	C	2	6
4th Match Race	D	1	5
9 Boats			
<i>Race-In</i>	R/I	9	8
1st Match Race	A	1	5
2nd Match Race	B	2	6
3rd Match Race	C	3	7
4th Match Race	D	4	R/I W
10 Boats			
1st Match Race	A	5	10
2nd Match Race	B	4	9
3rd Match Race	C	3	8
4th Match Race	D	2	7
5 th Match Race	E	1	6
12 Boats			
1st Match Race	A	6	12
2nd Match Race	B	5	11
3rd Match Race	C	4	10
4th Match Race	D	3	9
5 th Match Race	E	2	8
6 th Match Race	F	1	7

- b. The slower/lower seeded of the two Boats shall be assigned the inside lane for each match race.
- c. H1 Officials may adjust the order of the match races for continuity.

4. FINAL AND LAST CHANCE HEATS.

- a. Any Boat winning a match race (excluding a race-in) shall be eligible for the final Heat.
- b. All other eligible Boats (including the 1st alternate if there is one) shall participate in a last chance Heat. Any additional alternates shall stand-by and may be assigned to fill in for any Boat that is unable to participate in the last chance Heat.
- c. The winner of the last chance Heat (*and possibly the second place Boat as determined by H1 Officials pursuant to Paragraph 2a above*) shall be eligible for the final Heat (and may be assigned as a Trailer Boat(s) by Race Officials, but only if warranted for race course safety). The remaining

Boats shall stand-by as alternates for the final Heat, based on match race speed (then Time Trial ladder for those Boats not participating in a match race). If no last chance heat is held (due to circumstances) the fastest remaining Boat or Boats (as described immediately above) shall assume such position(s).

- d. The winner of the final Heat shall be the winner of the Showdown.
- e. Other than as set forth in **Paragraph 1** above, the final and last chance Heats will be run according to the Racing Rules (i.e., fight for lanes).

5. NATIONAL HIGH POINTS.

- a. Match race points shall be awarded according to **General Rule B** (e.g., 1st = 400; 2nd = 300).
- b. Race-in points shall be similarly awarded (1st = 225 points; 2nd = 169). (See **5f** below for potential adjustment.)
- c. Final Heat points shall be awarded according to **General Rule B** (e.g., 1st = 400; 2nd = 300; 3rd = 225; 4th = 169; 5th = 127; 6th = 95; 7th = 71)
- d. Last chance Heat points shall be similarly awarded but shall be based on placings below the number of Boats **completing** the final Heat. (e.g., 3rd = 225; 4th = 169; 5th = 127; 6th = 95; 7th = 71; 8th = 53; 9th = 40; 10th = 30; 11th = 23; 12th = 17).
- e. Any Boat participating in both the last chance and final Heats shall receive only the higher number of points earned.
- f. Any Boat participating in both the race-in and a match race chance shall receive only the higher number of points earned. If the winner of the race-in receives points in its match race, the loser of the race-in will receive 225 points in lieu of 169.
- g. All such points shall be credited toward both the H1 National Boat and Driver Championships per **General Rule J**.

6. **CHAIRMAN'S OPTIONS.** If necessary to fill the field, Chairman's Options may be used as described in **General Rule F6** to fill eligible positions; however, the limitations of **subsection c)** thereof shall not apply to any Chairman's Options used for a Showdown.

7. **SUNDAY RACE.** At any Event where a Showdown occurs, the Sunday Race shall consist of two sets of preliminary Heats and one final Heat.

8. **TITLE AND AWARDS.** H1 shall award an annual Showdown championship trophy and title to the Boat accumulating the highest number of Showdown points during the Racing Season. There will be no Driver's Showdown championship.

9. SPECIAL RACING AND TECHNICAL RULES.

- a. **Racing Rule A5** (*Minimum Speed*) shall be suspended for the match races (including any race-in); but shall apply to any last chance or final Heats where the Boats fight for lanes.
- b. If both Boats in a match race (including any race-in) violate **Racing Rule A6** (*jump the gun*), the penalty set forth in Racing Rule E1(d) shall be suspended.
- c. If both Boats are determined to have committed a *Performance Violation* described in **Technical Rule 4b** during a match race (including any race-in) the winner shall advance based on placing; but neither Boat shall receive match race (or, if applicable, race-in) points.

10. **CONSISTENCY WITH RULES.** Except as specifically addressed and or modified herein, the H1 Rules and Regulations, including the H1 General Rules and H1 Racing Rules shall continue in full force and effect and shall apply to any Showdown.

This 2022 Competition Directive is issued to allow for an alternate race format on Saturdays during the 2022 season. The H1 Board of Directors shall review this Competition Directive during the September 2022 Board Meeting; at which time, the H1 Board of Directors may: a) terminate this Competition Directive, b) direct the H1 General Counsel to incorporate the terms and conditions hereof into the 2023 H1 General Rules, or c) extend the Competition Directive for the 2023 Racing Season.

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