

H1: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – Rulemaking & Rule Changes

10 PRINCIPLES OF RULEMAKING IN UNLIMITED HYDROPLANE RACING

1. Promote safety in hull design, equipment, and competition
2. Adhere to the H1 Mission Statement: ***To maintain, improve and expand the sport of unlimited hydroplane racing, while being ever mindful of enhancing the fan experience.***
3. Promote fair contests and establish competitive equity
4. Recognize and retain the concept of “Unlimited”
5. Avoid excessive use of rulemaking authority
6. Set objective standards of enforcement
7. Establish standardized and rational penalties
8. Compel timely enforcement
9. Limit disputes, protests and appeals
10. Adhere to community/industry standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct

H1 UNLIMITED RULES AND REGULATIONS. The ***H1 Unlimited Rules and Regulations*** consist of 4 Sets of Rules and 2 Policy Manuals.

H1 Racing Rules

H1 Technical Manual

H1 General Rules

H1 Race Site and Promoter Requirements

Policy Manuals:

- i. ***H1 sUAS Operations Manual***
- ii. ***H1 Medical and Rescue Policy***

RULEMAKING PROCESS (OR HOW A “BILL” BECOMES A LAW)



1. **Initiation.** New Rules (including amendments, modifications or supplements to existing Rules) can be proposed by any of the following parties:
 - a. Any of H1’s paid or (~20) volunteer staff and Officials
 - b. Any currently registered Owner
 - c. Any ‘qualified’ Driver who has raced in the current or previous season
 - d. Any Crew Chief ‘of record’ of a registered Boat
 - e. Any member of the Rules and Competition Committee
 - f. Any member of the Board of Directors
 - g. Each Race Site/Promoter (through its authorized representative)
2. **Competition Committee.** Any new Rules (or changes) affecting the **Technical Manual** or **Racing Rules** should be:
 - a. Submitted to the Chairman of the Rules and Competition Committee for preliminary review & conceptual development by the Committee, but only if warranted by the Chairman or the Committee, including a budget estimate (if appropriate)

- b. Reviewed by H1 Legal Counsel to determine limits on scope and effect
- c. Submitted to the Board of Directors (by the Committee's Board Liaison) requesting authority and direction
- d. If authority is granted, the Committee will research alternatives, and finalize its desired terms, conditions & limits
- e. Once finalized, the Committee Chairman will provide the Committee's requirements to H1 Legal Counsel for editing, conformance review and further drafting (if necessary).
- f. Upon agreement between the Committee Chairman and H1 Legal Counsel as to language, such new Rule (or change) will be placed on the Board of Director's Meeting Agenda, for approval.

The Committee may withdraw any proposal for a new Rule (or change) at any time prior to its approval by the Board.

3. Board of Directors. Any new Rules (or changes) affecting the **General Rules** or **Race Site / Promoter Requirements** should be:

- a. Submitted to the Executive Director, if any (or in lieu thereof to the Chairman of the Board or the Administrative Director) for preliminary review and conceptual development, but only if such is warranted (by such officer).
- b. Reviewed by H1 Legal Counsel to determine limits on scope and effect
- c. Submitted to the Board of Directors requesting authority and direction
- d. If authority is granted, the Board of Directors will either:
 - i. Appoint an *ad hoc* committee to research alternatives and finalize the terms conditions & limits, or
 - ii. Submit such new Rule (or change) directly to H1 Legal Counsel as described immediately below.
- e. Once finalized, the committee chairman will provide the committee's requirements to H1 Legal Counsel for editing and conformance review and further drafting (if necessary).
- f. Upon agreement between the committee chairman and H1 Legal Counsel as to wording, such new Rule (or change) will be placed on the next Board of Director's Meeting Agenda for approval.

4. Timing and Schedule. Upon initial presentation to the Board of Directors under 2C and 3C above, the applicable Committee or Officer shall recommend an *approval and implementation schedule* – which shall be finalized as part of the Board of Directors' authorization described in 2D and 3D above.

5. Competition Directives. If such Rule (or change) is to have immediate effect, it will take the form of a Competition Directive. Any such Competition Directive should include a narrative of its purpose, a list of Rules affected, exceptions from enforcement (if any) and directions to either:

- a. Incorporate such Competition Directive into the Rules and Regulations for the following Racing Season,
- b. schedule a subsequent review of the Competition Directive by the Board and/or Committee (such as after a test period or prototype development); or
- c. include an expiration date.

6. Rule Changes. If such Rule (or change) is to take affect after the end of the Racing Season and prior to the next Racing Season, the Board will direct H1 Counsel to amend the Rules and Regulations



accordingly. Such amended and supplemented Rules and Regulations will be approved by the Board prior to publication, no later than January 31st, prior to each Racing Season. And, if applicable, H1 will include a narrative of such change in any Memo summarizing Rule Changes for the upcoming Racing Season.

- 7. Policies and Procedures.** Policies, procedures and operating manuals (such as the Medical and Rescue Policy and sUAS Operating Manual) will be developed by H1 Volunteer Staff as directed by the Board of Directors or Rules and Competition Committee. Any changes thereto should be submitted for the approval by the Board of Directors, no later than January 31st, prior to each Racing Season.
- 8. Precedence.** If deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may act to approve (or amend, modify or supplement) any Rule or Regulation at any time.
- 9. Outreach.** At any time during discussions or deliberations, the Chairman of the Rules and Competition Committee, the chairman of any ad hoc committee, the Executive Director, if any (or in lieu thereof to the Chairman of the Board or the Administrative Director) may solicit input from advisors, the H1 Family or the fans (including by way of Social Media) on any Rule or Rule change.

Corporate Issues

All issues associated with the Bylaws (corporate operations of the organization) are to be referred to Legal Counsel and the Board of Directors.

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