



COMPETITION DIRECTIVE

2023 – 003

MINIMUM SPEED RULE

The Board of Directors of H1 Unlimited met in a special session on July 17 to discuss the current application of the “80MPH Rule”, and recent penalties levied in connection therewith. The Board determined that Race Officials should retain more discretion in enforcement of the Rule but only when no starting advantage is taken or gained by the offending Boat; and that the following change be made:

Racing Rule A.5.(b) shall be deleted and replaced with the following: (b) *Enforcement.* Whether or not a Violation has occurred shall be determined by the Race Officials’ review of GPS Data during or following each Heat. Race Officials shall disregard any Violation that does not result in a starting advantage to the offending Boat. Race Officials shall also disregard any Violation relating to: (i) Getting Under Way or (ii) reasonable mechanical or environmental problems. All determinations under this subclause (b) are final and not subject to protest or appeal.

Such change shall have immediate effect. Counsel to H1 is directed to incorporate such change into the Racing Rules at the earliest opportunity, but no later than any update to the 2024 Racing Rules.

The Board believes this rule change to be consistent with the 10 Principles of Rulemaking in Unlimited Hydroplane Racing.

Approved by:

Timothy L. Austin
H1 Chairman of the Board
Date Approved: **07.17.23**