



This 2024-02 Competition Directive was initiated by H1 Chairman Mike Denslow with the intent of eliminating one lap penalties for the 2024 racing season.

A Special Committee comprised of Chairman Denslow, Chief Referee Jonathan Abbott, Assistant Referees Sam Houghtaling and Matt Yarno and Competition Committee Representative Steve Compton convened on June 23, 2024 to identify, discuss and change multiple areas in the H1 2024 Racing Rules where a one lap penalty is listed.

In addition, there was a clarification made on H1 video which excluded the on-board video as a tool for the referees to make calls in a timely manner.

A third item covered was allowing teams to use transported fuel to trailer fire so as not have to wait on the fuel truck.

Following are the affected rules:

GENERAL RULES

C. OFFICIAL RESULTS AND ORDER OF FINISH

1. The "official" winner and final order of finish shall be subject to the review of the Data Box (including conformance with the minimum speed rule) for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Boats, which, absent extenuating circumstances beyond the control of Race Officials, should be determined **within 15 minutes** after the final Heat.

New Rule:

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Narrative: *With no 80 MPH rule any longer, there is no need to reference a minimum speed.*

RACING RULES

Defined Terms of Racing Rules

"Video" is any recording made by Camera, Drone or "GoPro" type on-board devices that is authorized by H1 Unlimited.

Narrative: *H1 felt it was necessary to have the definition included in the Terms*

Narrative:

H1 is doing away with one lap penalties and replacing them with a time penalty

A. STARTS

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(b) Enforcement. If a boat, or boats, misses a buoy, or crosses (“jumps”) the Score Up Buoy prior to the predetermined time, the Referee will advise the driver via radio notification by way of the Corral, and will be told to decelerate and move to an outside lane. If there are multiple violators, the Referee will communicate which lanes the violators are to occupy.

(i) If a boat does not comply with the Referee’s instructions, as in (b) above, by the entrance buoy of turn two (Commitment buoy), a one-minute penalty will be assessed on the offending boat(s).

6. A Boat shall not cross (“jump”) the Start/Finish Line until the official start of a Heat (0.0 which is represented as - - - on the official starting clock). Any boat crossing the Start/Finish line with 15.0 or more seconds remaining shall be required to run a complete lap before making a legal start. Any boat crossing the Start/finish line between 14.9 and 3.0 seconds remaining shall be disqualified and will be instructed to leave the course and return to the pit dock. Any boat crossing the Start/Finish line between 2.9 and .1 seconds remaining, will have “jumped the gun”, will be assessed a one-minute penalty. The Start/Finish line is crossed when the tip of either sponson completely passes the Start/Finish Line buoy as shown in **Appendix A** attached hereto. Video of the Start/Finish Line may be used by the Race Officials in making such decisions. Such video shall be (a) shown to the Drivers’ Representative, if requested, and/or (b) released to the public (at the discretion of the Chief Referee) after the day of racing is complete.

D. NAVIGATING THE COURSE / RIGHT OF WAY

10. Race Officials may, at their sole discretion, use any tools at their disposal to make decisions regarding this **Rule D**. Any recorded H1 video, excluding on board video, so used shall be:

- (a) shown to the Drivers’ Representative, if requested, and/or
- (b) released to the public by Race Officials, at their sole discretion, the day after racing is complete.

E. PENALTIES

1. STARTS (Racing Rule A)

e) A boat committing a Flagrant Speed violation (as set forth in Racing Rule A5) shall be disqualified and receive no points or placing in such Heat—**DELETED**



- d) **is now c)** Any Boat "jumping" the Start/Finish line under **Racing Rule A6** (or a Trailer Boat under **Racing Rule D9(f)**) **will be assessed a one-minute penalty** (and be placed and scored accordingly).

3. Navigating the Course (Racing Rule D).

- a) A Boat that misses a buoy during a Heat (including after establishing its lane at the Commitment/Score-up Buoy per **Racing Rule D3**) **will be assessed a one minute penalty** (and be placed and scored accordingly).
- (b) A Boat that strikes and thereby damages, dislodges or destroys, a buoy, during a Heat (including during any Warm-up Period) **will be assessed a one-minute penalty** (and be placed and scored accordingly).
- f) An Encroaching Boat or any Boat that fails to maintain its required lane under **Racing Rule D**, including any Boat interfering with another under **Racing Rules D8** **will be assessed a one-minute penalty** (and be placed and scored accordingly); Trailer Boats (**Racing Rule D9**). Any Trailer Boat violating any provision of **Racing Rule D9** (a) – (e) **will be assessed a one-minute penalty** (and be placed and scored accordingly).
4. Any boat **penalized two (2) or more minutes** under **Paragraph 3**, immediately above, shall be **disqualified** and receive no points or placing in such Heat.

TECHNICAL RULES

C. ENGINE and FUEL

3. FUEL

- d) ~~All~~ **Any** fuel transported by a Race Team from a Race ~~shall be consumed and/or discarded prior to arrival at the next Race.~~ may be used for trailer firing only. If there is any fuel remaining after trailer firing, it must be a maximum of two inches (2") at the point of measuring the tank with a measuring stick with the boat as level as possible. If the measurement exceeds the two-inch mark, fuel must be removed into a container of the teams choice for storage/transport. For testing, time trials, qualifying or competition heats, fuel provided as stated in paragraph a) above must be used. This rule does not supersede rule **B.4 MINIMUM WEIGHT** where it is required for the boat to have no fuel in the tank for weighing.

Approved by:



Michael Denslow
H1 Chairman of the Board
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