



COMPETITION DIRECTIVE

2026 – 02

This 2026-02 Competition Directive was initiated the H1 Board of Directors with input from the H1 Rules and Competition Committee to establish a new race format for the 2026 racing season.

It was agreed that because the new format was untested, the changes would be implemented in the form of Competition Directives rather than a complete re-write of the rule book. This way the changes are more segmented and can be more readily identified than being buried within the rulebook itself.

----- GENERAL RULES -----

A. RACE

4. Preliminary Heats ~~Draw.~~

- a) Boats shall be assigned to the sections based on total event points. if any, of preliminary Heats based on a blind draw.
  - (i) Total Weekend points are defined as the sum of qualifying point and heat points.
- b) Although random in nature, should the blind draw in any subsequent round of preliminary Heats be identical to the results of the immediately preceding Heat draw, such Heat shall be re-drawn, once.
- (b) Total points earned during the event will determine which order teams will choose their lanes. Heats will be determined in an odd/even place position, then inverted. (e.g. 7-5-3-1 / 8-6-4-2)
- (c) In the first section (1A, 1B etc) the lowest Time Trial points in that heat will choose first, next highest second and so on.
- (d) Section placement in subsequent sections (2A, 2B, 3A, 3B etc) will be determined by total accumulated points for the event and will follow the odd/even format, inverted.
- (e) See General Rule A.6.c for placement in the Final

The schedule below is an example of an eight-boat field (TT=Time Trial)

Lane Choice	1A	2A	3A
1st	7th TT Place	7th Event Points	7th Event Points
2nd	5th TT Place	5th Event Points	5th Event Points
3rd	3rd TT Place	3rd Event Points	3rd Event Points
4th	1st TT Place	1st Event Points	1st Event Points

  

	1B	2B	3B
1st	8th TT Place	8th Event Points	8th Event Points
2nd	6th TT Place	6th Event Points	6th Event Points
3rd	4th TT Place	4th Event Points	4th Event Points
4th	2nd TT Place	2nd Event Points	2nd Event Points

6. Final Heat.

- a) The final Heat field shall consist of those Boats accumulating the highest combined point totals from the Time Trials and the preliminary Heats. (Note: Points from Time Trials and preliminary Heats include points transferred between Hulls per **General Rule J4** below.) Time Trial ranking

shall be used to break any ties on points for determining eligibility for the final Heat (including any Trailer Boat).

- b) The maximum number of Boats competing in the final Heat (and whether there may be an additionally designated Trailer Boat) shall be announced by Race Officials at the drivers' meeting.
- c) Lane choice will be determined by total weekend points with the boat with the highest accumulated points choosing first, second highest points choosing second, and so forth.
- d) The boat that accumulates the most weekend points may **choose lane one once, and lane two once in the final heat per season.**
- e) Should the number of Boats starting on the first row be reduced for safety reasons, those moving to the second row shall be the Boat(s) with the lowest point total(s) (as described above). Any Boat assigned to the second row shall be treated as a Trailer Boat under the Racing Rules.
- f) **If the final heat is stopped, and not completed per Racing Rule C.2, the trailer boat moves to the front row and lanes are re-chosen per General Rule A.6.(c)**
- g) Once the final field has been established Race Officials **may** designate a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate for the final Heat from the remaining Boats – using the same eligibility formula as above.
  - (i) The alternates shall be allowed to compete in the event of the withdrawal, disqualification, or inability of an otherwise eligible Boat to compete.
  - (ii) The 1<sup>st</sup> alternate may be allowed to leave the dock at the five-minute gun and remain on the course until all Boats are on the course at which time, the alternate shall return to the Pit dock prior to the one-minute gun.
- h) Drivers finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final Heat shall report to the H1 designated awards stage and podium (in their Driver's uniform) immediately following completion of the final Heat; as well as the Owner (or official Owner's Representative) of the winner of the final Heat (all in appropriate Race Team attire).

## F. TESTING & TIME TRIALS

### 5. Time Trials – Prizes, Points and Minimum Speed:

- c) At the completion of the official Time Trial period, Race and national high points shall be awarded based on the Time Trial ranking, according to the following:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	<del>100</del> 200
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	80 180
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	70 160
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	60 140
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	50 120
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	40 100
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	95
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	90
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	85
10 <sup>th</sup> Place & beyond	-5 points from above

Note: Race points awarded from Time Trials are counted in determining eligibility for the final Heat.

Approved by:

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Darrell Strong - H1 Board Chair

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