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The Competition Rules

THE
COMPETITION RULES
OF THE
POWER DINGHY RACING CLUB INC

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100. GENERAL

- 105 The Power Dinghy Racing Club Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the club) has complied these rules to be known as the Competition Rules of the PDRC (hereinafter referred to as “These Rules”).
- 110 These Rules shall govern all PDRC Competitions.
- 115 The Specifications are considered to be part of the Competition Rules.
- 120 These Rules shall come into force on the 01st day of April 2013 and supersedes all previous issues.
- 125 The Secretary shall have a copy of these Rules at all meetings and events of the PDRC.

200. DEFINITIONS

205 ALLOY CLASS

A class of Power Dinghy Racing in which the boat is constructed of aluminium alloy (except the transom and tow point) and in which the cost of participation is intended to be kept to a minimum in an effort to encourage class numbers to grow.

- 210 **APPROVED**
Shall mean approves by a properly constituted General Meeting and published in the Club Newsletter.
- 215 **BEACH LANDING**
A landing shall be defined as a beach landing if the as a result of that landing more than 50% of the craft is clear of the water's edge.
- 220 **BOAT**
Any boat, dinghy, inflatable including all parts of the transom (excluding motor).
- 225 **BOATAKHANA**
An event including only heats designed to test the acceleration and manoeuvrability of the craft and the skill judgement of the driver and co-driver.
- 230 **CIRCUIT RACE**
A race on a course involving any corners or departures from a straight path.
- 235 **CO-DRIVER**
The person other than the driver carried in a Power Dinghy during an event.
- 240 **CRAFT**
Any power dinghy, boat, inflatable vessel and its motor.
- 243 **MINIJET**
A marine jet powered craft that meets all the Specifications 1200 - 1291
- 245 **DRIVER**
The person in control of the steering of the craft during an event.
- 250 **EVENT**
A competition or race in which a craft takes part and which is given a competitive nature by the publication of results. An event may consist of a series of heats e.g. Circuit events.
- 255 **NWR**
Navigable Waters Regulations.
- 260 **OUTBOARD MOTOR**
All parts including the power head, gears, shafts, casings, mounts, covers, handles etc. As supplied by the manufacturer. Parts carried in the boat during an event are considered part of the Outboard Motor for this definition.
- 270 **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**
Regulations supplementary to these rules are compiled by the organiser with the object of explaining the details of an event.
- 275 **TEAM**
The driver, the co-driver, the craft and the support crew. A team may include more than one entry.

300. COMPETITORS

305. MINIMUM NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The minimum number of competitors in each craft in an event is:

Class 1:	10hp Sports	Two
Class 2:	10hp Standard	Two
Class 2a:	10hp Super Standards	Two
Class 3:	8 hp Sports	Two
Class 3a:	10hp Novice and past racers	Two
Class 4:	Formula 8 Men's	One
Class 5:	Formula 8 Ladies	One
Class 6:	Formula 8 Rookies	One
Class 7:	Formula 10	One
Class 8:	Solo	One
Class 9:	Bathtubs	One
Class10:	Bathtubs Tens	One
Class 11:	Adventure	Two
Class 12:	MiniJet	Two (only)

306 The same competitor(s) shall be in the craft throughout the event.

310. MINIMUM AGE

311 The minimum age of a competitor in the solo class is eighteen years.

312 A formula 8 event may include a "Rookie" class in which the minimum age for competitors is ten years of age.

Note:Marine transport craft proficiency certificate or AYF TL3 has been replaced with the "skipper ticket" which is a requirement in rule 2203 "Requirements"

TYPE OF COMPETITION	AGE OF < 14 Years	Competitor 14 to 16 on or before the 31st Dec of the calendar year of event.	Turning 17 on or before the 31st Dec of the calendar year of event	Minimum grade of Licence
Avon Descent	No	No	Yes with driver 17+	General
Blackwood Classic	No	No	Yes with driver 17+	General
All other river races and practice/ training days	No	Yes with 17+	Yes	General and Novice

All Power Dinghy Circuit Races	No	Yes	Yes	Novice
Formula 8 Formula 10	No except for rule 312	Yes	Yes	Novice or rookie See 312
Estuary events (Swan Marathon or Mandurah race or similar	No	Yes if driver is general licence holder	Yes	General and Novice

315 JUNIOR COMPETITOR TO BE ACCOMPANIED

A junior competitor shall be accompanied by a competitor over the age of seventeen years unless the event is under constant visual supervision by the Race Official in which case two junior competitors may compete together.

330 AGE AS AT THE DATE OF THE EVENT

Unless stated otherwise, the age of a competitor is their age as at the date of the event

335 INDEMNITY

A competitor under the age of eighteen years shall have an indemnity form signed by their parent or guardian. This shall be produced to the entry receiving officer before the start of the event.

340 HOLD A COMPETITION LICENSE

Each competitor shall be the holder of a current PDRC competition license.

345 EXCHANGING ROLES

Competitors may exchange roles as Driver and Co-Driver during an event provided they hold the required grade competition license.

355 REQUIREMENT TO WEAR

When a competitor is in a craft on the water they shall always correctly wear the following items that meet the requirements of the PDRC Specifications:

- a). an approved lifejacket (Personal flotation device) PFD.
- b). an approved helmet.

C1). An approved wetsuit.

C2). Approved wetsuits are optional at circuit events

d). Footwear.

400 SUPPORT CREW

405 If specified in the supplementary regulations each craft shall in an event have a support crew of at least one adult person.

410 The support crew of a team need not necessarily be members of the PDRC.

415 If specified in the supplementary regulations the support crew vehicle shall display the number of the craft it is supporting.

420 Motorbikes shall not be used as support crew vehicles.

425 Each member of the support crew shall make themselves acquainted with these rules and with the supplementary regulations of an event.

500 IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

- 505 Upon becoming a full financial member or junior member of the club the member may bid for an identification number of their choice.
- 510 Providing that the number is between 001 and 299 and has not been issued to another member the club will upon payment of the fee issue and authorise that identification number for use by the member.
- 515 The club shall keep a record of all identification numbers issued showing to whom the issued and date of issue.
- 520 The identification number issued to a member is for their exclusive use for all types of racing and shall be retained by them indefinitely provided the annual fee is paid or unless they decide to change it for a vacant number or unless it becomes vacant as specified in rule 525.
- 525 The identification number issued to a member shall become vacant may be bid for should that person cease to be a member of the club. (NB If a member ceases to be a member of the club if the annual membership subscription is not paid by the 01st January of each year).
- 530 A vacant identification number must be offered to the previous holder before being allocated to another member.
- 535 There shall be only one craft displaying a particular identification number in any event.
- 540 Identification number do not determine the order of start unless so stated in the supplementary regulations.
- 545 The required colours, dimensions and placement of identification numbers are listed in the PDRC specifications.
- 550 The identification number 169 shall not be issued in remembrance of Mario Ambrosino.

600 EVENTS

605 GENERAL

The Management Committee shall be responsible for scheduling all events.

610 CLASSES

The number of classes in an event shall be decided by the Management Committee.

615 NUMBER OF CRAFT IN A HEAT

- 616 The maximum number of craft in a heat shall be decided by the Race Director.
- 617 The Race Director may decide to conduct a heat in more than one group of craft.
- 618 Craft shall interchange between these groups according to performance with the last two craft in Group 1 being relegated to Group two and the first two craft from Group two being promoted to group one (see also rules 1820 – 1828 inclusive).

620 ENTRY

- 621 Entry in an event is restricted to holders of valid competition license.
- 622 The organiser has the right to accept or reject any entry in an event.
- 623 The entry fee for participation in each event shall be decided by the Management Committee before the first event of the State Championships.
- 624 The entry fee for an event shall be stated in the supplementary regulations.
- 625 A craft may be entered more than once in an event.
- 626 An entry in an event presumes that a competitor is aware of the competition rules, the specifications and the supplementary regulations of that event.
- 627 An entry in an event shall be received by the closing date and time stated in the supplementary regulations.

- 628 Members who have not previously competed in the Avon descent shall be required to:
Compete in two (2) PDRC vents.

OR

Participate in ALL three Below (A, B, and C)

- a) Participate in a recognised PDRC Training Day (July)
- b) Complete in the Official Avon Descent Time Trail Event. (Two Sundays prior to the Event weekend)
- c) Participate in the Official Avon Descent practice weekend on either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.

NOTE. If you compete in 1 (one) PDRC event prior to the Avon Descent, then you will need to complete only (2) of A, B, or C.

- 629 Members who have not previously competed in the Blackwood Classic 250 and wish to enter shall be required to compete in the following:
- a) Compete in 1 (one) PDRC River Race.
 - b) The Management Committee reserves the right to refuse entry, in the Blackwood Classic 250, to a crew they determine is not of sufficient proficiency to safely enter the event.
- 630 A competitor who is considered by the Management Committee to be of sufficient proficiency may be allowed entry to the Avon Descent even though they may not comply with rule 628.
- 635 **OFFICIALS**
Each event shall have the following officials:
- Organiser
 - Race Director
 - Judge/Timekeeper/Lap Counter
 - Scrutineer
 - Starter/Finish Marshall
 - Handicapper (if required)
- 636 **PLURALITY OF DUTIES**
If so decided by the organiser a person may fulfil the role of more than one of the above listed officials (see also 865).
- 640 **RESCUE / RECOVERY**
A rescue/recovery craft shall be available at each event.
- 642 The rescue craft shall fly a green and white flag.
- 645 **PIT AREA**
- 646 Each event shall have a pit area that shall be clearly defined and signposted.
- 647 Pit Area Rules
- No Smoking in Pit area.
 - No Alcohol consumption in pit area.
 - A hot area or power tool area will be organised separate to pit area for all repairs requiring power tools.
 - Timed repairs to a motor are restricted to the pit area or allocated repair area Only.
 - Any tools may be used in the repair. Cordless tool allowed.
 - Two (2) people only are allowed to use the tools to repair.
 - One (1) person on the tools has to be from the crew that race that craft.
 - One (1) Person is allowed to help in passing parts or tool in aid to help but not be able to do any of the repairs. (Summary 2 people on tools 1 person only helping)
 - All work to motors will be timed and filmed in area designated for the worked to happen with an exclusion zone organized by race director or scrutineer for public viewing.
 - In replacing or repairing of part you will be timed continuously in the removal and replacement of that part no stopping of time. Multiple repairs may be able to be stopped depending on the repair, Scrutineer or race directors call.
 - Stopping of time only for people who have to do repairs to a part that requires it to be taken away from the pit area then returning to reinstall or refit shall have an additional time penalty added to the time regardless how long it takes to repair that part from the pit area. E.g. (time to remove part 45sec stop clock to refit time 40sec total 1min 25sec Plus time breach 5 min total = 6min 25 sec.)
 - Timed repairs will be an allocated time and place for that event by the race director and scrutineer.
- 648 Consumption of intoxicants is restricted (see section 1100) and may further restricted by the supplementary regulations of the event.
- 649 The details of the right to enter and remain in a pit area shall be stated in the supplementary regulations of an event.
- 655 **HANDICAPPING**
- 656 An event or heats in the event maybe conducted on a handicapping basis.
- 657 The method of handicapping shall be at the discretion of the organiser.
- 658 Competitors shall be advised of the method of handicapping in the supplementary regulations.

659 If any modifications are made to increase the speed of a craft after handicaps have been allocated the handicapper shall be advised before the next heat of the event.

700 CLASSES

705 There shall be THIRTEEN (13) classes of competition:

CLASS ONE: 10 HP SPORTS CLASS

Power dinghies subject to all PDRC specifications and powered by motors by power heads up to and including 10hp.

CLASS TWO: 10HP STANDARD CLASS

Power dinghies subject to all PDRC specifications except 1, 3 & 4 and powered by motors with power heads up to and including 10hp.

CLASS TWO A: 10HP SUPER STANDARD CLASS

Power dinghies subject to all PDRC specifications except 1, 3 & 4 and powered by motors with power heads up to and including 10hp.

CLASS THREE: 8HP SPORTS

Power dinghies subject to all PDRC specifications except 2, 3 & 4 and powered by motors with power heads up to and including 8hp.

CLASS THREE A: 10HP STANDARD – NOVICE AND PAST RACERS

Power dinghies subject to all PDRC specifications except 1, 3 & 4 and powered by motors with power heads up to and including 10hp. This class is only available in the Avon Descent.

CLASS FOUR: FORMULA EIGHT MENS

Power dinghies subject to all PDRC specifications except 1, 2 & 3 and powered by motors with power heads up to and including 8hp and driven by a male.

CLASS FIVE: FORMULA EIGHT LADIES

Power dinghies subject to all PDRC specifications except 1, 2 & 3 and powered by motors with power heads up to and including 8hp and driven by a female.

CLASS SIX: FORMULA EIGHT ROOKIES

Power dinghies subject to all PDRC specifications except 1, 2 & 3 and powered by motors with power heads up to and including 8hp and driven by a rookie

CLASS SEVEN: FORMULA TENS (SPORTS)

Craft conforming to the specifications of a Formula eight except that they maybe powered by motors up to and including 10hp.

CLASS EIGHT: SOLO

Craft subject to all PDRC specification's except 1, 2 and 4 and powered by motors with power heads up to an including 8hp.

CLASS NINE: BATHTUBS

Bathtubs subject to all PDRC specifications and powered by motors with power heads up to and including 8hp.

CLASS TEN: BATHTUBS TENS

Craft conforming to all the specifications of bathtubs except that they may be powered by motors up to and including 10hp.

CLASS ELEVEN: ADVENTURE CLASS

Craft conforming to all the specifications of The Specifications Document and powered by motors up to and including 15hp.

CLASS TWELVE: MINIJET NOVICE

Craft conforming to all the specifications of The Specifications Document including that they may be powered by PDRC approved jet ski motor (including jet pumps).

CLASS THIRTEEN: MINIJET EXPERT

Craft conforming to all the specifications of The Specifications Document including that they may be powered by PDRC approved jet ski motor (including jet pumps).

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Provided there is a minimum of 3 craft on the water to contest a heat or event, the minimum number of craft to constitute a class for points is 2. The Race Director has the final say in the eligibility of the additional craft, if required, that will enter to comprise the 3rd entry.

The additional craft will not be eligible for points, plaques or prizes for that event.

Reduced entry numbers are only applicable for the following classes:

- 10hp Sports
- 10hp Super Standard
- 10hp Standard
- 10hp Bathtubs
- Men's F8
- Ladies F8
- Rookies
- MiniJet

800 OFFICIALS

805 ORGANISER

806 The Management Committee shall appoint an organiser or organising committee for each event.

807 The organiser shall be responsible for all aspects of the event.

810 RACE DIRECTOR

811 The organiser shall appoint a Management Committee approved Race Director for an event.

812 The Race Director shall be responsible for the conduct of the event.

814 The Race Director shall report all protests to the Management Committee as soon as practicable.

820 SCRUTINEER

The scrutineer shall have the ultimate responsibility for the scrutineering of each event.

825 EVENT SCRUTINEER

826 The event scrutineer shall be a member of the rules committee.

827 The event scrutineer shall act on behalf of the scrutineer.

828 The event scrutineer may have assistant scrutineers as required.

829 The event scrutineer shall be responsible for all aspects of scrutineering (not withstanding rule 820) for that event and is a Judge of Fact (see rule 1510) at pre event scrutineering.

830 The event scrutineer shall be a member of the rules committee.

835 STARTER / FINISH MARSHALL

836 The organiser shall appoint a starter / finish marshal for an event.

837 The starter / finish marshal shall have assistant marshals as required.

838 The starter shall the event.

839 The finish marshal shall be present at the finish of an event or nominate an assistant marshal to be present to record the completion of each competing craft.

845 **JUDGE**

846 The organiser shall appoint a judge for an event, if required.

847 The judge may have assistant judges as required.

848 The judge and assistant judges shall decide whether a craft has touched a buoy or passed a line or some other fact as described in the supplementary regulations.

849 The decision of a judge or assistant judge maybe altered only by protest or appeal.

855 **TIMEKEEPER**

856 The organiser shall appoint a timekeeper for an event.

857 The timekeeper shall be responsible for all aspects of timing an event.

858 The timekeeper may have assistant timekeepers as required.

860 **HANDICAPPER**

861 The organiser shall appoint a handicapper for an event if required.

862 The handicapper may have assistant handicappers as required.

863 The handicapper has the authority to reallocate placing should a large discrepancy occur in times.

865 **PLURALITY OF DUTIES**

The organiser may decide that the same person may undertake several of the listed duties (see also 634).

866 **NO ALCOHOL**

Members designated as official at any club event must not consume alcohol whilst any craft is on the water and officials are performing their duties.

900 **SCRUTINEERING**

905 Scrutineering requirements have been designed for the following reasons:

a) To provide safety for all competitors

b) To provide a standard to facilitate scrutineering

c) To comply with the Government Department requirements as stated in the NWR.

d) To aid officials at an event.

e) To allow all competitors to compete on an equal basis with other craft in their class.

910 **PRE EVENT SCRUTINEERING**

911 Each craft entered in an event shall be presented at pre event scrutineering in start line condition.

912 Ant modification, substitution, addition or deletion from such condition shall be passed by the event scrutineer / event scrutineer before the start of an event.

913 At pre event scrutineering each craft shall meet the requirements of the specifications as applicable to the class in which it is entered.

916 A craft shall meet the scrutineering requirements on each day of an event.

917 A craft that fails to meet the scrutineering requirements before the start of each day of an event shall be withdrawn from the event by the scrutineer / event scrutineer until all scrutineering requirements have been met.

920 **POST EVENT SCRUTINEERING**

921 If stated in the supplementary regulations each place winning craft will be impounded for scrutineering immediately it finished the event and is known to be a place winner (see definition of craft in the specifications).

922 Other craft may be impounded for scrutineering at the finish of an event if decided by the organiser / race director.

923 The driver or a nominated representative only shall be present during post event scrutineering.

924 Should the organiser / race director so decide the motor may be stripped to ensure it complies with section 8 and 9 of the specifications and the technical specifications.

930 **PRODUCTION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

If the full technical specifications for a motor are not listed in this manual it is the responsibility of the competitor racing that motor to provide the complete list of measurements required (as a list in the technical specifications section of this manual) fourteen days prior to an pre event scrutineering or make alternative arrangements with the rules committee fourteen days prior to the commencement of the event.

1000 START, FINISH, TIMING, FLAGS AND BUOYS

1005 Start / Finish

1006 The method of starting shall be as stated in the supplementary regulations for an event and if not stated shall be either of:

a) Flying start on the water

b) Standing start from land

1007 A craft shall not cross the start line before the start signal.

1008 A craft shall be judged to have crossed a start line of finish line at the moment the bow has passed that line.

1009 The penalty for a false start (i.e. contrary to rule 1007) shall be a 60 second penalty added to the elapsed time of the offending craft or such other penalty as stated in the supplementary regulations.

1010 Re-rounding of buoys or start line shall not prevent the penalty being applied and shall not be permitted.

1011 A circuit race shall be re started if in the opinion of the race director the ID numbers of the craft cannot be accurately judged.

1012 Supplementary regulations shall stipulate whether the motor shall be running or stopped before the start.

1013 A circuit race shall be re started if in the opinion of the starter / judge / race director, 50% of the field has broken the start.

1015 TIMING

The timing shall commence on the display of the start signal regardless of the position of a craft at the moment of display.

1016 MiniJet GPS Tracking System

The GPS tracking system referred to in Specification 1290 shall be approved annually for the following racing calendar year. That approval shall be made by majority vote at the PDRC Annual General Meeting.

1020 LOCATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FLAGS

A driver shall give a signal of acknowledgement that they have seen a flag or flags displayed at the start / finish position as they pass that point.

1025 BLUE AND WHITE FLAGS

Both flags shall be raised fifteen seconds before the start time. The blue flag shall be dropped five seconds before the start time and the white flag shall be dropped for the start.

1030 CHECKERED FLAG

Finish. In a circuit race it shall be shown stationary or waved to the first craft as it crosses the finish line and then in succession to each other craft as they next cross the finish line after the first craft regardless of the lap they may be on.

1035 BLACK FLAG

Excluded from that and any points gained shall not count (Not disqualified from the event). The flag shall be pointed directly at the offending craft which shall be removed from the water safely and directly.

1040 RED FLAG

Clear the course in a circuit race.

Stop in a river race.

1045 YELLOW FLAG

One lap to finish in a circuit race.

Caution in a river race.

- 1050 ORANGE FLAG WITH WHITE STRIPE
Caution in a circuit race.
- 1055 GREEN FLAG
Sixty seconds to start.
- 1060 WHITE FLAG WITH BLACK CROSS
Error (boatakana).
- 1065 GREEN AND WHITE FLAG
Rescue Craft.
- 1070 BUOYS
- 1100 **INTOXICANTS**
- 1105 Competitors shall not consume any intoxicants less than six hours before the start of an event and until they have finished the days racing.
- 1110 Intoxicants shall not be consumed in the pit area during a one event.
- 1115 The race director may cause a competitor to be tested to ensure that their blood alcohol content does not exceed 0.00 and if it does preclude them from entry in or disqualify them from an event.
1120. Failure to comply with 1105 and 1110 will result in disqualification from the event.
- 1200 **ENVIRONMENT AND LITTERING**
- 1205 The club aims to protect the environment at all times.
- 1210 A team that deliberately commits any action that has an adverse effect on the environment shall be penalised as provided in section 1700.
- 1215 A team that litters shall be penalised as provided in section 1700.
- 1220 The definition of a team (see rule 275) includes the support crew.
- 1300 **ILLEGAL ASSISTANCE**
- 1305 A competitor shall not accept assistance from the public or a support crew that takes their craft nearer the finish including following in the wake of other non-competing craft.
- 1310 Competitors may assist other competitors if the way is blocked.
- 1315 Competitors may assist other competitors in the case of impending physical danger.
- 1320 Failure to comply with rules 1305 and 1315 shall result in a penalty in accordance with section 1700.
- 1400 **WITHDRAWALS**
- 1405 A team that withdraws from an event must notify an official immediately.
- 1410 Failure to notify withdrawal shall result in a penalty in accordance with section 1700.
- 1500 **PROTESTS**
- 1505 **RIGHT TO PROTEST**
The right to protest lies solely with any competitor who may consider themselves aggrieved or affected by any decision, act or omission of an official, competitor or any other person connected with an event except that there shall be no right to protest against a judgement of fact.
- 1510 **DEFINITION OF A FACT**
A fact for the purpose of rule 1505 above is a requirement of the competition rules, the specifications and / or the supplementary regulations of an event.
- 1515 **ACTION OF OFFICIAL**
Nothing in these rules shall affect or prejudice the right and duty of any official to take such action as they may deem proper regardless of whether a protest has been lodged.
- 1520 **LODGING A PROTEST – TO WHOM DIRECTED**
A protest shall be in writing, signed by the competitor making the protest, accompanied by the fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or such amount determined from time to time by the Management Committee which will be stated in the supplementary regulations and be directed to the Race Director.
- 1525 **WITHDRAWAL OF A PROTEST**

Nothing in these rules shall prevent the withdrawal of a protest before its hearing. The fee shall be returned if the protest is withdrawn.

1530 **TIME LIMIT FOR PROTEST**

A protest as to the validity of an entry shall be lodged not later than one hour before the start of an event. A protest of this nature shall be required to specify the details of such alleged ineligibility and shall not otherwise be accepted.

1532 A protest against mistake, irregularity or act to the prejudice of an event or other matter occurring or becoming apparent while the event is taking place (including a penalty applied to a team) shall be lodged as soon as possible after the occurrence but in any case, not later than thirty (30) minutes after the finish of the event (see rule 670) and shall not otherwise be allowed.

1533 In the case of a protest arising out of post event scrutineering, the protest shall be lodged within thirty (30) minutes of scrutineering results being announced.

1540 **COMPETING UNDER PROTEST**

After the lodging of a protest the team aggrieved shall retain their position in the event, including start grid position pending the outcome of the protest.

1545 **ADJUDICATION OF PROTEST**

1546 A protest relating to the validity of an entry, ineligibility of a craft, non-compliance with the specifications or similar technical matter relating specifically to the boat or motor shall be referred to the Management Committee for hearing.

1547 A protest shall be heard by a Protest Tribunal consisting of:

a) The Race Director, who shall be the chairperson (replacement is a member of the organising committee).

b) Two members of the organising committee

(Replacement is a member of the Management Committee).

1548 No person may sit on a protest tribunal who may be or has been directly concerned or involved in the matter under consideration).

1555 **HEARING OF PROTESTS**

1556 The protest hearing shall take place as soon as practicable after the lodging of the protest.

1557 All parties aggrieved or affected shall be given twenty four (24) hour's notice by the chairperson of the time, date and place of the protest hearing unless all parties agree to less notice. They shall be entitled to call witnesses but shall state their case in person.

1560 **JUDGEMENT**

All parties aggrieved or affected by the decision of a protest tribunal shall be bound by the decision subject only to appeal as provided in these rules.

1565 **FORFEITURE OF PROTEST FEE**

1566 Unless otherwise decided by the protest tribunal for special reasons the protest fee shall normally be forfeited if the protest is dismissed.

1567 If a protest results in a motor being stripped, and the protest subsequently dismissed, the protest fee shall be awarded to the team whose motor is stripped.

1600 **APPEALS**

1605 **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Persons aggrieved or affected by the decision or a protest tribunal (competitors or officials) have the right to appeal against the decision only.

1610 **TIME LIMIT FOR APPEAL**

1610 An appeal shall be in writing, signed by the appellant, accompanied by the fee of \$100.00 and delivered to the chairperson of the protest tribunal within one hour of the decision. The chairperson shall advise the secretary of the appeal as soon as practicable.

1611 The details of the appeal shall be lodged with the secretary within seven days of the decision of the protest tribunal.

1616 **COMPETING DURING APPEAL**

After the lodging of an appeal the team aggrieved shall retain their position in the event, including start grid position, pending the outcome of the appeal.

1620 **ADJUDICATION OF APPEAL**

1621 An appeal will be heard by an appeal tribunal selected from the Management Committee.

1622 No person may sit on the appeal tribunal who may have already participated in a decision on the matter in question or who may directly or indirectly be concerned in it.

1625 **HEARING OF AN APPEAL**

1626 The hearing of an appeal shall take place as soon as practicable after the decision of the protest tribunal.

1627 All parties aggrieved or affected shall be given adequate notice by the chairperson of the appeal tribunal of the time, date and place of the appeal hearing. They shall be entitled to call witnesses but shall state their case in person.

1628 It is incumbent on the appellant to obtain details of the protest hearing from the chairperson of the protest tribunal, if required.

1630 **JUDGEMENT**

The decision of the appeal tribunal shall be final.

1635 **APPEAL FEE**

Unless otherwise decided by the appeal tribunal for special reasons the appeal fee shall normally be forfeited if the appeal is dismissed.

1700 PENALTIES

1705 Serious breaches.

1706 Environmental damage including littering and felling of trees.

1707 Refuelling outside official refuelling areas.

1708 Incorrect refuelling procedures.

1709 Incorrect disposal of waste fuel.

1710 Beach Landings.

1711 Failure to render assistance in an emergency situation.

1712 Consumption of intoxicants six (6) hours before the start of each days racing and / or before leaving the water.

1713 Passing a checkpoint with an injury requiring medical assistance.

1714 Failure to notify withdrawal.

1715 Failure to follow the reasonable request of an official.

1716 Failure to leave the water after having been withdrawn by an authorised official.

1717 Abuse of an official.

1718 Failure to obey an official flag.

1719 Acting in a manner detrimental to other competitors.

1720 Continued and deliberate exceedance of maximum stated class speeds – MiniJet only.

1730 **PENALTIES FOR SERIOUS BREACHES**

1732 Cancellation or suspension of PDRC competition license.

1733 Time penalty (not set maximum).

1734 Monetary fine (\$250.00 maximum).

1735 Membership expulsion.

1740 **PERFORMANCE BREACHES**

1741 Incorrect start procedure.

1742 Incorrect portage.

1743 Accepting illegal assistance.

1744 Interference with other competing craft.

1745 Unauthorised repairs to motors.

1746 Non-compliance with the technical specifications.

1747 Non-compliance with section 8 of the specifications.

1748 Unintentional exceedance of maximum stated class speeds – MiniJet only

1750 **PENALTIES FOR PERFORMANCE BREACHES**

The maximum penalty for these breaches is a time penalty of fifteen (15) minutes except for a breach of rule 1746 and / or 1747 which maybe a time penalty (no maximum) a monetary fine (maximum \$250.00) or both, or disqualification.

1755 **OTHER BREACHES**

- 1756 Unauthorised practice after the start of an event.
1757 Failure to place a craft in a pit area immediately after finishing each days racing.
1758 Unauthorised entry to the pit area during closed time.
1759 Unauthorised removal of a craft from the pit area.
1760 Smoking in the pit area.
1761 Failure to present a craft in start line condition at pre event scrutineering.
1762 Non-compliance with the specifications on each day of an event.
1763 Unauthorised replacement of competitors.
1764 Non-compliance with the competition rules.

1770 **PENALTIES FOR OTHER BREACHES**

The penalty for other breaches may range from a warning to a maximum fine of \$100.00, or a time penalty (no set maximum) or any combination of the two.

1775 **POWER TO IMPOSE A PENALTY**

- 1776 In an event the Race Director shall have the power to impose a penalty.
1777 In other circumstances the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a penalty.

1780 **APPLICATION OF A PENALTY**

In the consideration of the application of a penalty towards a team for a breach of these rules it shall not be considered an excuse, defence or mitigation factor that the member of the team was unaware of the existence of the rule.

1785 **NOTIFICATION**

- 1786 The imposition of a penalty may be advised verbally. This verbal notification shall be confirmed by written notification from the Race Director or Management Committee stating the alleged breach and quoting the specific competition rule that is alleged to have been breached and the penalty applied and quoting the specific competition rule giving authority for the application of the penalty as soon as possible after the verbal notification is given.

- 1787 Should written notification not be given within seven days of the finish of an event (which shall have the meaning as defined in competition rule 676 and 677 to a competitor verbally advised of the imposition of a penalty then that penalty and the subsequent penalty under competition rule 1790 shall lapse.

1790 **UNPAID FINES**

Should a fine be imposed for a breach of these rules and that fine is not paid before a subsequent event, entry into that event shall be refused by the organiser until the fine is paid.

1800 **POWER DINGHY RACING CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

1805 **GENERAL**

- 1806 The Power Dinghy Racing Clubs Championships are open to all financial members of the club.
1807 The Club Championships shall be comprised of a series of events.
1808 The Events in the series shall be decided by the Management Committee before the first event.
1809 Along with registering a boat entry for the championship season, a racing class along with 2 crew members shall be nominated. For that craft be eligible for championship points for any event throughout the year, one of the 2 nominated competitors shall be the driver.

- 1810 A competitor who has been disqualified from an event at any time throughout the years is ineligible for the Club Championship.

- 1811 To be eligible for the Club Championship a competitor shall officiate in one event of the series, serve on a PDRC Committee or perform some other service to the club to The satisfaction of the Management Committee.

- 1816 The Power Dinghy Racing Club shall award the following perpetual trophies:

- a) Club Champion – Power Dinghy 10hp Sports
- b) Club Champion – Power Dinghy 10hp Standard
- c) Club Champion- Power Dinghy 10hp Super Standards.

- c) Club Champion – Power Dinghy 8hp Sports
- d) Club Champion – Formula 8 Mens
- e) Club Champion – Formula 8 Ladies
- f) Club Champion – Formula 8 Rookies
- g) Club Champion – Solo Class
- h) Club Champion - Bathtub
- i) Club Champion – Bathtub 10hp
- j) Club Champion – Adventure Class
- k) Club Champion - MiniJet

1820 POINTS

1821 Points for each event of the championship shall be allocated as follows

1st	100
2nd	80
3rd	70
4th	60
5th	50
6th	45
7th	40
8th	35
9th	30
10th	25
11th	20
12th	15
13th	10
14th	5

Starting but not finishing 1 point (for non-place getters)

Finishing, in addition to starting, but outside 13th place 5 points

1822 Points for Avon Descent and Blackwood classic shall be doubled

1823 Where an event in a Championship Series is comprised of numerous heats (e.g. a circuit event) and the number of craft entered means that the heats are split into groups (see rules 615-618 inclusive) points for each heat except the first shall be allocated as follows:

	GROUP ONE	GROUP TWO
1 st	10	7
2 nd	9	6
3 rd	8	5
4 th	4	2
5 th	3	1

In the first heat points for both groups shall be awarded as for

Group 1.

1824 Where there is only one group in a heat points shall be awarded as follows:

1 st	5
2 nd	4
3 rd	3
4 th	2
5 th	1

1825 Points shall be awarded regardless of the number of entries provided there is enough to make a class.

1826 Points are not transferrable or interchangeable between the Championships.

1827 The allotment of points in the case of a dead heat is described in rules 660-664 inclusive.

1828 The Rear Commodore shall keep a register of points gained and shall ensure that this register is available at all occasions where points are allotted.

1835 **EVENT TROPHIES**

Trophies or plaques shall be awarded for individual events of the championships.

1840 **COMMODORE'S TROPHY**

The perpetual Commodore's Trophy shall be awarded to the Member who is nominated by any financial member of the club and selected by the Commodore to have contributed most to furthering the aims of the club.

1850 **MARIO AMBROSINO TROPHY**

1851 The perpetual Marion Ambrosino Trophy will be awarded to the member of the Power Dinghy Racing Club who has the best attendance records at events, meetings and functions.

1852 Points for the Mario Ambrosino are allotted as follows:

Organising Committee	100 points
Director at an Event	100 points
Official	50 points
Rescue (River Race)	50 points
Rescue (Other Race)	25 points
Attendance at Events	25 points
Attendance at Meetings	25 points

1853 Members of a Committee are eligible for this trophy however additional meetings are not awarded for attendance at Committee Meetings.

1900 **POWER DINGHY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1905 **GENERAL**

1906 The State Championships are open to all financial members regardless of the class they compete in.

1907 The State Championships shall be comprised of a series of events.

1908 The State Champion shall be the competitor who scores the highest number of points in the series in one class.

1909 A competitor who has been disqualified from an event at any time throughout the year is ineligible for the State Championship.

1910 To be eligible for a State Championship a competitor shall officiate in one event of the series, serve on a committee of perform some other service to the club to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.

1915 **PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

The club shall award the following State Champion Perpetual Trophies:

- Junior State Champion.
- Senior State Champion.

1920 **POINTS**

Points for each event of the State Championship Series shall be allotted as per the Club Championship.

2000 **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

2005 Supplementary Regulations to explain an event.

For each event the organiser shall compile Supplementary Regulations that shall fully explain the conduct of the event.

2010 **INTENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

The Supplementary Regulations may:

- Reiterate the Competition Rules
- May state new rules not covered in the Competition Rules
- Shall not state rules that purport to change the meaning of any part of the Competition Rules but may make quantitative amendments to suit a particular event.
- Shall be approved by the Management Committee

2015 **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS TO BE AVAILABLE**

Copies of the supplementary regulations including an official entry form shall be available to competitors thirty days before an event.

2020 **CHANGES TO SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS TO BE NOTIFIED**

Once stated the Supplementary Regulations shall not be changed until after the event has been conducted unless notification of the change is given in writing to all competitors.

2025 **CONTENTS OF SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

The Supplementary Regulations shall contain (as appropriate to the event in which they relate) the following information:

- The place, date and start time
- The closing date and time for entry
- Whether an open, closed or rookie event
- Whether the event is part of the Club Championships (i.e. whether points will be allocated)
- A description of how the proposed event shall be conducted
- The name of the Organiser/Race Director, the event Scrutineer, the judge, the Timekeeper and the Starter / finish marshal
- The classes of craft eligible
- The amount of the entry fee
- Pre-event scrutineering arrangements, including time, date, place and any special requirements
- Time and place of briefings
- Provisions concerning postponement, abandonment or cancellation
- A description of the length and description of the course
- Details of checkpoints
- The type of start and how the start positions will be determined
- Whether the motor shall be stopped or running at the start
- How the event is timed
- Details of handicapping
- How the results will be determined
- Replacement of parts
- Penalties for breaches
- Protest / Appeal fees
- Arrangements for rescue and recovery
- Entry to the pit area
- Other requirements necessary for the proper conduct of the event

2100 SWIMMING TEST

2105 REQUIREMENTS

A competitor must complete the swimming test under the following conditions:

- Completion of a 150 Metre swim test within ten (10) minutes
- A helmet and footwear shall be worn
- A lifejacket (PFD) shall not be worn
- A wetsuit shall be worn

2106 **SOLO TEST**

A competitor must complete the swimming test under the following conditions:

- Completion of a 150 Metre swim test within ten (10) minutes

- A helmet and footwear shall be worn
 - A lifejacket (PFD) shall not be worn
 - A wetsuit shall be worn
- 2110 **PERIOD OF VALIDITY**
The swimming test shall be valid until the expiry of a competitor's competition licence.
- 2115 **SUPERVISION**
A swimming test shall only be conducted in conjunction with pre-event scrutineering for events of the State Championships or other time and venue approved by the Management Committee. Swim tests shall not be held in a swimming pool
- 2125 **OTHER CERTIFICATES NOT RECOGNISED**
Certificates from other clubs, societies or associations will not be considered as exemptions from the swimming test.
- 2200 **COMPETITION LICENCES**
- 2201 **ELIGIBILITY**
A person applying for a PDRC Competition Licence shall:
- Be a financial member
 - Be not less than ten (10) years of age
 - Officiated in the previous two (2) years in a capacity described in section 800, served on the Management Committee, Ad Hoc Committee or in a manner deemed satisfactory by the Management Committee
 - Exemptions: Life members and new members
- 2203 **REQUIREMENTS**
An applicant for a PDRC Competition Licence shall fulfil the following requirements:
- Pass the PDRC swimming test upon joining the club and must swim annually once you have attained the age of seventy (70) years
 - Must pass the PDRC Swimming test, if their competition license has lapsed for a period of greater than five (5) years
 - Pay the annual fee
 - Compete in a craft that has paid the annual Insurance Premium
 - One competitor per craft must hold a current Recreation Skippers Ticket (RST) to take effect 01st January 2009. Your RST will be recorded on your competition licence
- 2205 **PERIOD OF VALIDITY**
The fee for the PDRC Competition Licence shall be determined by the Management Committee.
- 2209 **ISSUE OF PDRC COMPETITION LICENCE**
A PDRC Competition Licence will be issued by the Management Committee.
- 2213 **LAPSE OF A PDRC COMPETITION LICENCE**
The period of validity shall lapse if the annual fee and / or insurance premium is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of expiry.
- 2215 **CANCELLATION / SUSPENSION**
A PDRC competition licence may be cancelled or suspended by the Management Committee for a serious breach of these rules or for conduct, not necessarily in an event, contrary to the good image and repute of PDRC or the sport of Power Dinghy Racing or Formula 8 racing (see section 1700 of these rules and section 11 of the constitution).
- 2217 **RE EXAMINATION / RE-ISSUE**
- 2218 A PDRC competition licence holder shall complete the swim test at the expiry at the expiry of the period of validity before the licence is re-issued.
- 2219 If a PDRC competition Licence is cancelled, all the test requirements shall again be satisfied before it is re-issued.

- 2221 **ROOKIE LICENCE**
- 2222 To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence shall:
- a) be not less than ten (10) of age and not more than fourteen years of age at the date of issue
 - b) Fulfil the requirements for issue
- 2223 A Rookie licence holder may compete only in "Rookie Events"
- 2224 A Rookie licence holder who is thirteen years of age but turns fourteen years of age within that club year may apply to have a competition licence upgraded to a novice license for a particular event. The Management Committee may approve such an application of individual merit and experience.
- 2230 **NOVICE LICENCE**
- 2231 To obtain this grade of competition licence a competitor shall:
- a) Be not less than fourteen (14) years of age as at the date of issue
 - b) Fulfil the requirements for issue.
- 2232 A Novice licence holder who is considered by the Management Committee to be of sufficient proficiency may have their licence upgraded to a general licence even though they may not have accumulated the required number of licence points or be under the age of seventeen (17) years.
- 2233 A novice licence holder may compete in all Formula 8 Classes (as applicable) as per 2275.
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- 2235 **GENERAL LICENCE**
- 2236 To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence a competitor shall:
- a) Be not less than seventeen (17) years of age as at the date of issue
 - b) Fulfil the requirements for issue
 - c) Have accumulated 1000 licence points in accordance with the table in 2255
- 2237 A general licence holder may compete in 10hp STANDARD CLASS, 10hp SUPER STANDARD CLASS, 10HP SPORTS CLASS, Adventure Class or MINIJET subject to meeting the special requirements as listed 2240-2249 inclusive or 2251 and 2252 as applicable.
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- 2240 **CLASS ONE TEN HP SPORTS DRIVER LICENCE**
- 2241 To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence a competitor shall:
- a) Be not less than seventeen (17) years of age as at the date of issue
 - b) Fulfil the requirements of issue
 - c) Have accumulated 3000 licence points as a driver in accordance with the table in 2255
 - d) A member may apply to the Management Committee for an age limit reduction to allow the upgrade of a general licence for each event. The Management Committee may approve such an application on consideration of individual merit and experience.
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- 2245 **CLASS ONE TEN HP SPORTS CO-DRIVER LICENCE**
- 2246 To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence a competitor shall:
- a) Be not less than seventeen (17) years of age as at the date of issue
 - b) Fulfil the requirements for issue
 - c) Have accumulated 1500 licence points in accordance with the table in 2255 or
 - d) The driver of the craft in which they are co-driver holds 5,000 or more competition licence points
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- 2247 **SOLO CLASS**
- To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence a competitor shall:
- Be not less than eighteen years of age as at the date of issue
 - Fulfil the requirements for issue
 - Have accumulated 6000 licence points as a driver in accordance with table 2255
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- 2248 **SUPER STANDARDS**
- CLASS Two A TEN HP Super Standard DRIVER LICENCE
- To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence a competitor shall:
- Be not less than seventeen (17) years of age as at the date of issue
- a) Fulfil the requirements for issue
 - b) Have accumulated 2750 licence points as a driver in accordance with table 2255

c) A member may apply to the Management Committee for an age limit reduction to allow the upgrade of a general licence for each event. The Management Committee may approve such an application on consideration of individual merit and experience

2249 CLASS Two A TEN HP Super Standard CO-DRIVER LICENCE

To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence a competitor shall:

- a) Be not less than fourteen (14) years of age as at the date of issue
- b) Fulfil the requirements for issue
- c) Accompanied by a driver that is no less than seventeen (17) and has acquired a minimum of 500 points or
- d) The driver of the craft in which they are co-driver holds 5,000 or more competition licence points.

2250 FORMULA TEN LICENCE

To obtain this grade of Competition Licence a competitor shall:

- Be not less than fourteen (14) years of age as at the date of issue
- Must hold at least 1,000 competition licence points, 500 of which have been accrued in the Formula 8 Men's or Ladies Class as per 2255.

2251 MiniJet EXPERT

CLASS Twelve MiniJet Expert DRIVER LICENCE

To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence a competitor shall:

Be not less than seventeen (17) years of age as at the date of issue

- a) Fulfil the requirements for issue
- b) Have accumulated 2750 licence points as a driver in accordance with table 2255

2252 MiniJet EXPERT CO-DRIVER

Class Twelve MiniJet Expert Co-Driver Licence

To obtain this grade of PDRC Competition Licence a competitor shall:

- a) Be not less than fourteen (14) years of age as at the date of issue
- b) Fulfil the requirements for issue
- c) Accompanied by a driver that is no less than seventeen (17) and has acquired a minimum of 500 points or
- d) The driver of the craft in which they are co-driver holds 5,000 or more competition licence points.

2255 POINTS FOR A COMPETITION LICENCE

EVENT	FINISHING	STARTING (BUT NOT FINISHING)
Swan Marathon	200	100
Nannup Cup	250	125
Sunnyside Sprint	250	125
Avon Descent	500	250
The River Race	500	250
Blackwood Classic 250	500	250
Burswood Enduro	200	100
Circuit Event	150	75

2256 Points are awarded to the crew of the sweep / rescue / recovery boat (s) in accordance with the above table and at the discretion of the Race Director.

2260 POINTS NOT TRANSFERABLE

Competition licence points awarded in Formula 8, Formula 10 and MiniJet competitions are not transferrable to Power Dinghy Competition Licences and vice versa.

2300 **INSURANCE**

2305 Each Competitor in an event shall be covered by the PDRC Public Liability.

2306 Insurance premiums shall be paid on a per craft basis. In the event of that craft being a single person craft (i.e. Bathtub or F8/10 the Insurance Premium shall be half that of a two (2) person craft (when no two person craft is being insured annually with the same Race ID Number).

2310 The premium for each craft's Insurance is payable annually (01st January to 31st December).

2315 The Insurance premium for each craft is payable annually regardless of the period for which the fee is paid. The Insurance Fee must be paid prior to any craft being permitted to race in any given season.

2316 In the event of any competitors lodging an Insurance claim, that particular craft will incur an additional Insurance premium if the members of the craft are not the original members of the craft.

2320 The PDRC Insurance Policy shall not be substituted by other Insurance Policies regardless of their provisions.

2325 The premium shall be paid before a competition licence is issued or re-issued.

2400 **AMENDMENT OF COMPETITION RULES**

2405 Any amendment, deletion, addition or change of meaning to any part of these rules must be ratified by resolution of a majority of the financial members present at a general meeting.

2410 Members must be notified in writing of any proposed amendments, deletion, addition or change of meaning to any part of these rules at least seven (7) days prior to the general meeting.

2415 Any competition rule or specification that has been amended, deleted, added or changed in meaning by means of 2405 to 2415 shall not be amended, deleted added or changed in meaning again until at least twelve months after the first amendments, deletions, addition or changes in meaning, unless safety or regulatory impositions apply.

2430 For the purposes of 2410, notification in the PDRC Newsletter of any proposed amendment, deletion, addition or change of meaning to any part of these rules shall be sufficient but not obligatory providing such notification occurs seven (7) days before the general meeting.