



The Competition Rules

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1 GENERAL

The Power Dinghy Racing Club Inc. (hereafter referred to as “the Club”) has compiled these rules to be known as the Competition Rules (hereafter referred to as “These Rules”).

1.1 Govern all Competitions

These Rules shall govern all Club Competitions.

1.2 Specifications Part of These Rules

The Specifications form part of the Competition Rules. The Specifications are published on the [Club website](#).

1.3 Date of Effect

These Rules shall be enforced from **the 1st of February 2024** and supersede all previous communications either written or verbal.

1.4 Copy to be Available

The Secretary shall have a copy of these Rules at all meetings and events of the Club.

2 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Approved

Shall mean approved by a properly constituted General Meeting and published on the Club website and in the Newsletter.

2.2 Beach Landing

A landing where more than 50% of the craft is clear of the water’s edge.

2.3 Boat

Any boat, dinghy or inflatable including all parts of the transom (excluding motor).

2.4 Boatkhana

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.

2.5 Circuit Race

A race that consists of a designated number of laps around a closed circuit.

2.6 Club

The Power Dinghy Racing Club Inc.

2.7 Co-Driver

The person other than the driver in a Power Dinghy during an event.

2.8 Craft

Any power dinghy, boat or inflatable vessel and its motor.



2.9 Driver

The person in control of the motor of the craft during an event.

2.10 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, for example, circuit events.

2.11 Fact

A fact is a requirement of the Competition Rules, the specifications and / or the supplementary regulations of an event.

2.12 Financial Member

A financial member is either a full, junior, or rookie member. A Social Member is not considered a Financial Member.

2.13 Junior Competitor

A competitor who is under the age of seventeen years.

2.14 NWR

Navigable Waters Regulations.

2.15 Outboard Motor

All parts of a motor including but not limited to the powerhead, gears, shafts, casings, mounts, covers, and handles as supplied by the manufacturer. Parts carried in the boat during an event are considered part of the outboard motor for this definition.

2.16 Powerhead

A powerhead is defined as the internal combustion engine including the block, powerhead, pistons, carburettor, ignition systems, fuel pump, fuel metering devices, crankshaft, camshaft and stop switch as supplied by the manufacturer.

2.17 Team

The driver, co-driver, craft, and support crew. A Team may include more than one entry.

2.18 The Specifications

The Club's Technical Specifications as published on the club website.



3 COMPETITORS

3.1 Minimum Number of Competitors

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

Class 1	10hp Sports	Two
Class 2	10hp Super Standard	Two
Class 3	10hp Standard	Two
Class 4	Adventure	Two
Class 5	Formula 8 Mens	One
Class 6	Formula 8 Ladies	One
Class 7	Formula 8 Rookies	One
Class 8	Bathtubs	One

3.2 Same Competitor

The same competitor(s) shall compete in the craft for the entire duration of the Event.

3.3 Minimum Age for Events

EVENT	MINIMUM AGE OF DRIVER	MINIMUM AGE OF CO-DRIVER
Avon Descent	17	17 in that year
Blackwood Classic	17	16 in that year
Other river races and practice/ training days/swan marathon or similar.	14 with Co-driver 17+	14 with driver 17+
Power Dinghy Circuit Races	14	14
Formula 8 Rookie	10	N/A
Formula 8 / Bathtub	14	N/A

* Refer to section [22](#) for competition licence/class age restrictions.



3.4 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 race officials in which case two junior competitors may compete together.

3.5 Age As At The Date Of The Event

Unless otherwise provisioned in Table 3.3, the age of a competitor is their age as at the commencement date of the event.

3.6 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.

3.7 Hold A Competition Licence

Each competitor shall be a current holder of the relevant Competition Licence in accordance with Section [22](#) of These Rules

3.8 Exchanging Roles

Competitors may exchange roles as driver and co-driver during an event provided they hold the required grade of Competition Licence.

3.9 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 personal flotation device.
- b) an approved helmet.
- c) a full length (steamer) wetsuit.
- d) enclosed footwear.
- e) A kill switch / safety lanyard. (Driver Only)

When the Event is a Circuit Race, rule 3.9(c) is optional

4 SUPPORT CREW

4.1 Requirement for Support Crew

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

4.2 Need Not Be Members of Club

The support crew of a Team need not be members of the Club.

4.3 Display Race Number

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



4.4 Motorbikes

Motorbikes shall not be used as support crew vehicles.

4.5 Know the Rules

It is the Competitor's responsibility to ensure that each member of their support crew is acquainted and compliant with these Rules and any supplementary regulations of an event.

5 IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

5.1 Bid for Number

Upon becoming a financial member of the club, a member may bid for an identification number of their choice.

Providing that the number is between 001 and 299 and has not been issued to another member, the Club will, upon payment of the race ID fee, issue and authorise that identification number for use by the member.

5.2 Use of Number

For all races excluding Circuit Races, one team member as nominated on the annual membership form, must be present in the craft to use the authorised Identification Number.

5.3 Record of Numbers

The Club shall keep a record of all identification numbers issued showing to whom it's issued and the date of issue.

5.4 Continuity of Use of Number

A member has exclusive use of their identification number for all types of racing. It shall be retained by them indefinitely provided they remain a financial member and the annual race ID fee is paid. A member may decide to change their number for a vacant number.

5.5 Number Becomes Vacant

An identification number issued to a member shall become vacant and may be bid for should that person cease to be a financial member of the Club. A person ceases to be a financial member of the Club if the annual membership is not paid by the first event of each year.

5.6 Number to Be Re-Offered

A vacant identification number must be offered to the previous holder before being allocated to another member.

5.7 No Duplicate Numbers

There shall be only one craft displaying a particular identification number in any event.



5.9 Specifications of Numbers

The required colours, dimensions and placement of identification numbers are listed in the Specifications.

5.10 Number 169 Reserved

In remembrance of Mario Ambrosino, the identification number 169 shall not be issued.

6 EVENTS

6.1 Scheduling of Events

The Management Committee shall be responsible for scheduling all events.

6.2 Classes

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

6.3 Number of Craft in A Heat

The maximum number of craft in a heat shall be decided by the Race Director.

6.4 Heats in Groups

The Race Director may decide to conduct a heat in more than one group of craft.

6.4.1 Interchanges Between Groups

Craft shall interchange between groups according to performance. The last two craft in group one will be relegated to group two and the first two craft from group two will be promoted to group one (see Rule [18.7.3](#) regarding points).

6.5 Entry

Entry in an event is restricted to holders of a valid Competition Licence relevant to the Class and Role entered.

6.5.1 Entries Can Be Rejected

The Management Committee has the right to unilaterally accept or reject any entry in an event.

6.5.2 Entry Fee

The entry fee for participation in each event shall be decided by the Management Committee before the first event of the Club Championships.

6.5.3 Entry Fee to Be Stated

The entry fee for an event shall be stated in the supplementary regulations.

6.5.4 More Than One Event

A craft may be entered more than once in an event.



6.5.5 Awareness and Understanding of Rules

By entering an event a competitor is confirming their awareness of, understanding of and compliance with these Competition Rules, the specifications, and the supplementary regulations of that event.

6.5.6 Enter Before Closing Date

An entry in an event must be received by the closing date and time stated in the supplementary regulations.

6.5.7 Avon Descent Entry Requirements

Members who have not previously competed in the Avon Descent shall be required to either:

- a) compete in two Club events; or
- b) compete/participate in at least three of the following:
 - (i) one Club event
 - (ii) a recognised Club pre-Avon Descent training day.
 - (iii) the Avon Descent Time Trial.
 - (iv) the official Avon Descent practice day(s).

6.5.8 Blackwood Classic Entry Requirements

Members who wish to enter the Blackwood Classic shall have competed in one Club River race in the preceding 10 years.

The Management Committee reserves the right to refuse entry in the Blackwood Classic 250, to a crew they determine are not sufficiently proficient to safely enter the event.

6.6 Officials

Each event requires the following officials:

- a) Organiser
- b) Race Director
- c) Judge/Timekeeper/Lap Counter
- d) Scrutineer
- e) Starter/Finish Marshall
- f) Handicapper (if required)

Officials and their roles are further defined in section [8](#).

6.7 Rescue / Recovery

A serviceable rescue/recovery craft shall be available at each event.

The rescue craft shall fly a green and white flag in circuit events.

6.8 Pit Area

Each event shall have a pit area that shall be clearly defined and signposted.



6.8.1 Right to Enter and Remain in Pit Area

The details of the right to enter and remain in a pit area shall be stated in the supplementary regulations of an event.

6.8.2 Smoking

No smoking in the pit area under any circumstances.

6.8.3 Repairs Requiring Power Tools

Repairs requiring power tools must be made in the 'hot area' or power tool area.

6.8.4 Timed Repairs

Timed repairs will be at a time allocated by the race director and scrutineer.

6.8.4.1 Timed Repairs in Pit Area

Timed repairs to a motor are restricted to the pit area or allocated repair area.

6.8.4.2 Any Tools May Be Used

Any tools may be used for a timed repair, including cordless tools.

6.8.4.3 Two People Only

Only two people are allowed to use the tools during a timed repair.

6.8.4.4 One Must Be Team Member

One person using the tools must be a member of the crew that race the craft.

6.8.4.5 Maximum of Two Repairing and One Helping

One other person may assist (for example, by passing parts or tools), however, they shall not perform any of the repairs.

6.8.4.6 Repairs to Be Timed and Recorded

All repairs to motors will be timed and captured on video of an acceptable quality in an area as per Rule [6.8.4.1](#) with an exclusion zone for public viewing determined by the race director or scrutineer.

6.8.4.7 Continuous Timing

Timing of a replacement or repair of a part will be continuous. At the discretion of the scrutineer or race director timing for multiple repairs may be stopped depending on the repair.

6.9 Handicapping

An event or heats in the event may be conducted on a handicapped basis. The method of any handicapping imposed shall be at the discretion of the Race director.

6.9.1 Competitors to Be Advised

Competitors shall be advised of the method of handicapping in the supplementary regulations.



6.9.2 Modifications to Be Declared

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

6.10 Dead Heats

6.10.1 Dead Heat in A Circuit Heat

Points in accordance with Rule [18.7.2](#) shall be awarded equally. Points for the next place shall not be allocated.

6.10.2 Dead Heat in A Program of Races

Dead Heats shall be determined by count back with the craft gaining the greatest number of higher places being placed ahead.

If the dead heat still cannot be resolved, the craft that placed highest in the last race will be placed ahead.

6.10.3 Dead Heat (Distance Race/River Race)

If Teams finish with equal elapsed time, then equal points in accordance with rule [18.7](#) will be awarded to each of the craft involved and the points for the next lower place will not be awarded.

For example, if two boats finish equal 4th, both teams are awarded points for 4th place (60 points each) and 5th place points will not be awarded.

When the results will be used to determine starting grids for subsequent races, the craft holding the higher club championship points will be granted the opportunity to select its preferred grid position first.

6.11 Results

All results will be provisional until all Protests and Appeals have been heard.



7 CLASSES

7.1 Number of Classes

There shall be eight (8) classes of competition:

Class	Title	Requirements
One	10hp Sports	Conform to specifications applicable to Sports Class.
Two	10hp Super Standard	Conform to specifications applicable to Super Standard Class.
Three	10hp Standard	Conform to specifications applicable to Standard Class.
Four	Adventure	Conform to specifications applicable to Adventure Class.
Five	Formula Eight Mens	Conform to specifications applicable to Formula 8.
Six	Formula Eight Ladies	Conform to specifications applicable to Formula 8.
Seven	Formula Eight Rookies	Conform to specifications applicable to Formula 8.
Eight	Bathtub	Conform to specifications applicable to Bathtubs.

7.2 Minimum Number of Craft

The minimum number of craft to constitute a class for points is two.

8 OFFICIALS

8.1 Organiser

The Management Committee shall appoint an organiser or organising committee for each event. The organiser shall be responsible for all aspects of the event.

8.2 Race Director

The organiser shall appoint a Management Committee-approved race director for each event. The race director shall be responsible for the conduct of the event.

The race director shall report all protests to the Management Committee as soon as practicable.

8.3 Scrutineer

The scrutineer is responsible for all scrutineering undertaken by the Club.

8.3.1 Event Scrutineer

The Event Scrutineer is appointed by the Scrutineer and shall:

- a) be a member of the rules committee.
- b) be a judge of Fact at pre-event scrutineering.
- c) act on behalf of the scrutineer.

8.3.2 Assistant Scrutineers

The event scrutineer may appoint assistant scrutineers as required.



8.4 Starter / Finish Marshal

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

8.4.1 Starter

The starter shall start each race of the event.

8.4.2 Finish Marshal

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.

8.4.3 Assistant Marshals

The starter / finish marshal may appoint assistant marshals as required.

8.5 Judge

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

8.5.1 Assistant Judges

The judge may appoint assistant judges as required.

8.5.2 Judge to Decide On Fact

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

8.5.3 Judges Decision Subject to Protest

The decision of a judge or assistant judge may only be altered by protest or appeal.

8.6 Timekeeper

The organiser shall appoint a timekeeper for an event. The timekeeper shall be responsible for all aspects of timing an event.

8.6.1 Timekeeper Assistants

The timekeeper may appoint assistant timekeepers as required.

8.7 Handicapper

The organiser shall appoint a handicapper for an event if required. The handicapper has the authority to reallocate placing should a large discrepancy in times occur.

8.7.1 Handicapper Assistants

The handicapper may appoint assistant handicappers as required.

8.8 Plurality of Duties

The organiser may decide that the same person may undertake several of the listed duties.



8.9 No Alcohol

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

9 SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering requirements have been designed to:

- a) provide safety for all competitors.
- b) provide a standard to facilitate scrutineering.
- c) comply with the Government Department requirements as stated in the NWR.
- d) aid officials at an event.
- e) allow all competitors to compete on an equal basis with other craft in their class.

9.1 Pre-Event Scrutineering

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

9.1.2 Modifications to Be Re-Scrutineered

Any modification, substitution, addition, or deletion from the scrutineered condition of any Craft shall be passed by the scrutineer / event scrutineer as early as possible before the start of an event.

9.1.3 Applicable Specifications at Scrutineering

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

9.1.4 Applicable Specifications Each Day

If an event is conducted over multiple days, A craft shall meet the scrutineering requirements applicable to the class in which it is entered on each day.

9.1.5 Non-Complying Craft May Be Withdrawn

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.

9.2 Post Event Scrutineering

If stated in the supplementary regulations each place winning craft will be impounded for scrutineering immediately after the Craft finishes the event and is known to potentially be a place winner.

9.2.1 Other Craft May Be Impounded

Other craft may be impounded for scrutineering at the finish of an event at the discretion of the Organiser or Race Director.



9.2.2 Driver to Be Present During Scrutineering

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

9.2.3 Motor May Be Stripped

At the discretion of the Organiser or Race Director, the Motor may be stripped to ensure compliance with any relevant rules, specifications, laws or regulations including but not limited to Section 11 and 12 of The Specifications. Re-assembly of stripped Motors is the responsibility of the Team.

9.3 Production of Technical Specifications

If the full technical specifications for a motor are not listed in The Specifications, or superseded parts are being replaced on a motor listed in the Club's Technical Specifications (The Specifications, 11.11.2), it is the responsibility of the competitor racing that motor to provide a complete list of measurements as required by The Specifications OR make alternative arrangements with the Rules Committee no less than fourteen (14) days prior to pre-event scrutineering.

10 START, FINISH, TIMING, FLAGS AND BUOYS

10.1 Start

The method of starting shall be as stated in the supplementary regulations for an event. If no method is stated, the Race Director shall nominate either a;

- a) flying start on the water; or
- b) standing start from land.

10.1.1 False Start

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

10.1.2 When A Line Is Crossed

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

10.1.3 Penalty for False Start

The penalty for a False Start shall be:

- a) In a river or distance race, a 60 second penalty added to the elapsed time of the offending craft.
- b) In a circuit race, a one lap penalty.
- c) or such other penalty as stated in the supplementary regulations.

10.1.4 Re-Rounding Start Buoys Not Permitted

Re-rounding of buoys or start line is not permitted and will not prevent the penalty being applied.



10.1.5 Circuit Race May Be Re-Started – Id Numbers

A circuit race may be re-started if in the opinion of the race director, the identification numbers of a craft cannot be accurately judged.

10.1.6 Circuit Race May Be Re-Started – Break Start

A circuit race may be re-started at the discretion of either the starter, judge, or race director, if 50% or more of the field has broken the start.

10.1.7 Operational State of Motor

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

10.1.8 Timing

The timing shall commence on the display of the start signal regardless of the position of a craft when timing commences.

10.2 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.

10.2.1 Green Flag

Green flags signal that the race will start in Sixty seconds.

10.2.2 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.

10.2.3 White Flag

During a circuit race a white flag will be used to indicate the final lap of a heat.

10.2.4 Yellow Flag

In a Circuit Race, a yellow flag denotes Caution. Slow down and be aware of obstacles, craft, or crew in the water.

10.2.5 Orange Flag With White Stripe

In a River race, an orange flag with a white stripe, denotes Caution. Slow down and be aware of obstacles, craft, or crew in the water.

10.2.6 Red Flag

Clear the course in a circuit race

Stop in a river race.



10.2.7 Black Flag

The craft is excluded from that race/heat and any points gained shall not count. The craft is not disqualified from the event. The flag shall be pointed directly at the offending craft which shall be removed from the water safely and immediately.

10.2.8 Checkered Flag

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.

10.2.9 Green And White Flag

Displayed on the Rescue Craft in a circuit race.

11 INTOXICANTS

11.1 Consumption of Intoxicants

Competitors must not have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of greater than 0.000% for the duration of the event until the completion of their final race. Craft and competitors will not be permitted back into the water after consumption of any alcohol

11.2 Intoxicants May Be Restricted Further

Intoxicants May Be Restricted Further by The Supplementary Regulations Of An Event.

11.3 Competitor May Be Tested

The race director may require a competitor to complete a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) test. If the BAC exceeds 0.000%, they are precluded from entry or disqualified from the event.

11.4 Penalty

Failure to comply with Rules [11.1](#) will result in disqualification from the event. Subsequent offences may result in expulsion from the Club.

12 ENVIRONMENT AND LITTERING

12.1 Deliberate Environmental Damage

A Team that deliberately commits any action that has an adverse effect on the environment shall be penalised in accordance with section [17](#).

12.2 Littering

A Team that litters shall be penalised in accordance with section [17](#).



13 ILLEGAL ASSISTANCE

13.1 Accepting Assistance

A competitor shall not accept assistance from the public or support crew that takes their craft nearer the finish including but not limited to, following in the wake of other non-competing craft.

13.2 Competitors May Assist Others

Competitors may assist other competitors if the way is blocked.

13.3 Impending Danger

When it is safe to do so, Competitors must assist other competitors or other persons in the case of impending physical danger.

13.4 Penalty

Failure to comply with Rules 13.1 and 13.3 may result in a penalty in accordance with section [17](#).

14 WITHDRAWALS

14.1 Requirement to Notify

A Team that withdraws from an event must notify an official as soon as practicable.

14.2 Failure to Notify

Failure to notify of a withdrawal in accordance with 14.1 shall result in a penalty as set out in section [17](#).

15 PROTESTS

15.1 Right to Protest

The right to protest lies solely with any competitor who may consider themselves aggrieved or affected by a decision, act, or omission of an official, competitor or any other person engaged in an event. There shall be no right to protest a judgement of a Fact.

15.2 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.

15.3 Lodging A Protest

A protest shall be made in writing to the Race Director. The protest shall be signed by the competitor making the protest and accompanied by the fee of either;

- a) two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or;
- b) any other amount as set out in the supplementary regulations for the event being protested.



15.3.1 Withdrawal of A Protest

Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the withdrawal of a protest before its hearing.

15.3.2 Forfeiture of Protest Fee

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

15.3.3 Fee to Be Directed

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

15.4 Time Limit for Protest

15.4.1 Validity of Entry

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.

15.4.2 During Event

A protest against a 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 and no later than thirty (30) minutes after the publication of provisional results.

15.4.3 Scrutineering

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.

15.5 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.

15.6 Adjudication of Protest

15.6.1 Eligibility of Craft

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.



15.6.2 During Event & Scrutineering

A protest against a 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 heard by a protest tribunal consisting of:

- a) the race director, who shall be the chairperson (may be replaced by a member of the organising committee).
- b) two members of the organising committee (may be replaced by a member of the management committee).

15.6.3 No Involvement

No person may sit on a protest tribunal who may be or has been directly concerned or involved in the matter under consideration. Any such conflict of interest or other reasons that may prevent a person from being impartial and unbiased must be disclosed immediately upon it becoming apparent.

15.6.4 Hearing of Protest

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

15.6.5 Notice

All parties aggrieved or affected shall be given twenty-four (24) hours notice by the chairperson of the protest tribunal of the time, date, and place of the protest hearing unless all parties agree to less notice.

15.6.6 Witnesses

An aggrieved party shall be entitled to call witnesses but shall state their case in person.

15.6.7 Judgement

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

16 APPEALS

16.1 Right to Appeal

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

16.2 Time Limit for Appeal

An appeal shall be in writing, signed by the appellant, accompanied by the fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) 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.



16.3 Lodged with Secretary

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

16.4 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.

16.5 Adjudication of Appeal

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

16.5.1 Previous Involvement Excludes Participation

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. Any such conflict of interest or other reasons that may prevent a person from being impartial and unbiased must be disclosed immediately upon it becoming apparent.

16.5.2 Hearing of An Appeal

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

16.5.3 Adequate Notice

All parties aggrieved or affected shall be given twenty-four (24) hours notice by the chairperson of the appeal tribunal of the time, date and place of the appeal hearing unless all parties agree to less notice.

16.5.4 Appellant to Obtain Details

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

16.5.5 Appeal Judgement Is Final

The decision of the appeal tribunal shall be final.

16.6 Appeal Fee Forfeited If Appeal Lost

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



17 PENALTIES

17.1 Serious Breaches.

- a) Environmental damage including littering and felling of trees.
- b) Refuelling outside official refuelling areas.
- c) Incorrect refuelling procedures.
- d) Incorrect disposal of waste fuel.
- e) Beach Landings.
- f) Failure to render assistance in an emergency.
- g) Consumption of intoxicants six (6) hours before the start of each day of racing and / or before leaving the water.
- h) Passing a checkpoint with an injury requiring medical assistance.
- i) Failure to notify withdrawal.
- j) Failure to follow the reasonable request of an official.
- k) Failure to leave the water after having been withdrawn by an authorised official.
- l) Abuse of an official or committee member.
- m) Failure to obey an official flag.
- n) Acting in a manner detrimental to other competitors.

17.1.2 Penalties for Serious Breaches

Penalties for a serious breach may include one or more of the following.

- a) Cancellation or suspension of Competition Licence.
- b) Time penalty.
- c) Monetary fine (\$500.00 maximum).
- d) Membership expulsion.

17.2 Performance Breaches

- a) Incorrect start procedure.
- b) Incorrect portage.
- c) Accepting illegal assistance.
- d) Interference with other competing craft.
- e) Unauthorised repairs to motors.
- f) Non-compliance with the Technical Specifications.
- g) Non-compliance with section 11 of the Specifications.



17.2.1 Penalties for Performance Breaches

Penalty for a performance breach 17.2(a,b,c,d,e):

- a) a time penalty (15 minutes maximum).

Penalties for Rules 17.2(f) and (g) may include one or more of the following.

- a) Time penalty.
- b) Monetary fine (\$500 maximum).
- c) Disqualification.

17.3 Other Breaches

- a) Unauthorised practice after the start of an event.
- b) Failure to place a craft in a pit area immediately after finishing each day of racing.
- c) Unauthorised entry to the pit area during closed time.
- d) Unauthorised removal of a craft from the pit area.
- e) Smoking in the pit area.
- f) Failure to present a craft in start line condition at pre-event scrutineering.
- g) Non-compliance with the specifications on each day of an event.
- h) Unauthorised replacement of competitors.
- i) Non-compliance with the Competition Rules.

17.3.1 Penalties for Other Breaches

Penalties for other breaches may include one or more of the following.

- a) A warning.
- b) Time penalty.
- c) Monetary fine (\$200 maximum).

17.4 Power to Impose A Penalty

17.4.1 In an Event

In an event the race director shall have the power to impose a penalty.

17.4.2 Generally

In other circumstances the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a penalty.

17.5 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.



17.6 Notification of Penalty

The notification of a penalty may be verbal. This verbal notification shall be confirmed in writing by the race director or Management Committee.

The written notification must:

- a) state the breach.
- b) quote the specific Competition Rule(s) that have been breached.
- c) state the penalty being applied.
- d) quote the specific Competition Rule giving authority for the application of the penalty.

17.6.1 Time Period for Written Notification Of Penalty

Written notification must be delivered as soon as possible after the verbal notification is given. Should written notification not be given within seven days of the finish of an event (post-event scrutineering results announced) to a competitor verbally advised of the imposition of a penalty then that penalty and the subsequent penalty under Rule 17.7 shall lapse.

17.7 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.

18 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PERPETUAL TROPHIES

18.1 General

The Club Championships are open to all financial members.

18.2 Championships to Be A Series Of Events

The Club Championships shall comprise a series of events. The Events in the Championships shall be decided by the Management Committee before the first event.

18.3 Eligibility

Eligibility criteria for the Club Championships are:

- a) the entry must have a valid identification number.
- b) a class must be nominated.
- c) a Team of two members only must be nominated,
- d) one of the two originally nominated Team members must drive the craft
- e) members of the Team must be licensed for the class in which they are entered.

18.4 Disqualified Competitor Not Eligible

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



18.5 Must Provide Service to Be Eligible

To be eligible for the Club Championship a competitor must:

- a) officiate in one event of the series; or
- b) serve on a Club Committee; or
- c) perform some other service to the Club to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.

18.6 Perpetual Trophies

The following Club Champion perpetual trophies shall be awarded annually:

- a) 10hp Sports
- b) 10hp Super Standard
- c) 10hp Standard
- d) Adventure
- e) Formula 8 Mens
- f) Formula 8 Ladies
- g) Formula 8 Rookies
- h) Bathtub

18.7 Points

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

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

18.7.1 Points for Feature Events

Points for Avon Descent and Blackwood Classic shall be doubled

18.7.2 Points for A Heat

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

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	15	6 th	10	11 th	5
2 nd	14	7 th	9	12 th	4
3 rd	13	8 th	8	13 th	3
4 th	12	9 th	7	14 th	2
5 th	11	10 th	6	15 th and below	1



18.7.3 Points for Two Groups In Heat

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 [6.4.1](#)) points for each heat except the first shall be allocated as follows:

Place	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.

18.7.4 Points to Be Awarded

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

18.7.5 Points Not Transferable

Points are not transferrable or interchangeable between the Championships.

18.7.6 Equal Points

Determination of placings in the case of equal points tally is by countback in accordance with rule [6.10](#).

18.7.7 Register of Points

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

18.8 Event Trophies

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

18.8.1 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.

18.8.2 Mario Ambrosino Trophy

The perpetual Mario Ambrosino Trophy shall be awarded to the member of the Club who has the best attendance records at events, meetings, and functions.



18.8.3 Points

Points for the Mario Ambrosino are:

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

18.8.4 Committee Members Eligible

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

19 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

19.1 General

The State Championship shall comprise a series of events. The State Championship is open to all financial members regardless of the class in which they compete.

19.2 Perpetual Trophies

State Champion Perpetual Trophies shall be awarded as follows:

- a) Junior State Champion.
- b) Senior State Champion.

19.3 Points

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

19.3.1 How Decided

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

19.3.2 Equal Points

Determination of placings in the case of equal points tally is by countback in accordance with rule [6.10.2](#)

19.4 Disqualified Competitor Not Eligible

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



19.5 Must Provide Service To Be Eligible

To be eligible for a State Championship a competitor shall

- a) officiate in one event of the series; or
- b) serve on a committee; or
- c) perform some other service to the club to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.

20 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

20.1 Intent of Supplementary Regulations

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

The Supplementary Regulations may:

- a) reiterate the Competition Rules.
- b) may state new rules not covered in the Competition Rules.
- c) 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.
- d) shall be approved by the Management Committee.

20.2 Supplementary Regulations to Be Available

Copies of the supplementary regulations including an official entry form shall be available to competitors fourteen (14) days before an event.

20.3 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.



20.4 Contents of Supplementary Regulations

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

- a) the place, date and start time.
- b) the closing date and time for entry.
- c) whether an open, closed or rookie event.
- d) whether the event is part of the Club Championships (i.e., whether points will be allocated).
- e) a description of how the proposed event shall be conducted.
- f) the name of the Organiser/Race Director, the event Scrutineer, the Judge, the Timekeeper, and the Starter / Finish Marshal.
- g) the classes of craft eligible.
- h) the amount of the entry fee.
- i) pre-event scrutineering arrangements, including time, date, place, and any special requirements.
- j) time and place of briefings.
- k) provisions concerning postponement, abandonment, or cancellation.
- l) a description of the length and description of the course.
- m) details of checkpoints.
- n) the type of start and how the start positions will be determined.
- o) whether the motor shall be stopped or running at the start.
- p) how the event is timed.
- q) details of handicapping.
- r) how the results will be determined.
- s) replacement of parts.
- t) penalties for breaches.
- u) protest / Appeal fees.
- v) arrangements for rescue and recovery.
- w) entry to the pit area.
- x) other requirements necessary for the proper conduct of the event.

21 SWIMMING TEST

21.1 Requirements

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

- a) Complete a 150-metre swim within ten (10) minutes.
- b) Approved helmet and footwear shall be worn.
- c) A full length (steamer) wetsuit shall be worn.
- d) An approved lifejacket (PFD) shall NOT be worn.



21.2 Period of Validity

The swimming test shall be valid until five years after the expiry of a competitor's Competition Licence.

If seventy years of age (70) or older the swim test must be completed annually.

21.3 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.

21.3 Not to Be Held In Swimming Pool

Swimming tests shall not be held in a swimming pool.

21.4 Other Certificates Not Recognised

Certificates from other clubs, societies or associations will not be considered as exemptions from the swimming test.

22 COMPETITION LICENCES

22.1 Competition Licences Are Required as Follows

CLASS	COMPETITOR	MINIMUM GRADE OF LICENCE
10 HP SPORTS	Driver	Sports Driver
	Co-Driver	Sports Co-Driver
10HP SUPER STANDARD	Driver	Super Standard Driver
	Co-Driver	Super Standard Co-Driver
10HP STANDARD	Driver	General Driver
	Co-Driver	General Co-Driver
ADVENTURE	Driver	General Driver
	Co-Driver	General Co-Driver
FORMULA EIGHT MENS	Driver	Junior
FORMULA EIGHT LADIES	Driver	Junior
FORMULA EIGHT ROOKIES	Driver	Rookie
BATHTUB	Driver	General Driver



22.2 Requirements for Issue

To hold a Competition Licence a competitor shall:

- a) be a Financial Member.
- b) Pay the Competition Licence fee if applicable.
- c) be not less than ten (10) years of age.
- d) Have a valid PDRC swimming test in accordance with section [21](#).

22.3 Recreational Skippers Ticket

One competitor per craft must hold a current Recreational Skippers Ticket.

22.3.1 Recreational Skippers Ticket Exemption

A Junior competitor racing in a closed water circuit race is exempt from rule 22.3

22.4 Fee for Competition Licence

The fee for the Competition Licence shall be determined by the Management Committee.

22.5 Issue of Competition Licence

A Competition Licence will be issued automatically when the requirement for the Licence is met.

22.6 Period of Validity For Competition Licence

A Competition Licence will remain valid so long as the requirements for issue (rule [22.2](#)) are met.

22.7 Cancellation / Suspension

A 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 the Club or the sport of Power Dinghy Racing, Formula 8 Racing or Bathtub Racing (see section [17](#) of these Rules and section 11 of the Constitution).

22.8 Cancellation of Licence

If a Competition Licence is cancelled, all the test requirements shall again be satisfied before it is re-issued.

22.9 Rookie Licence

To obtain this grade of Competition Licence shall:

- a) be not less than ten (10) years of age and not more than fourteen (14) years of age at the date of issue.
- b) fulfil the requirements for issue.

22.9.1 May Compete Only In Rookie Events

A Rookie Licence holder may compete only in Rookie Events.



22.9.2 Rookie Licence May Be Upgraded

A Rookie Licence holder who turns fourteen (14) years of age within that Club year may have a Competition Licence upgraded to a Junior Licence for a particular event. The Management Committee may approve such an application on consideration of individual merit and experience.

22.10 Junior Licence

To obtain this grade of Competition Licence a competitor shall:

- a) be not less than fourteen (14) years of age and not more than seventeen (17) years of age as at the date of issue.
- b) fulfil the requirements for issue.

22.10.1 Junior Licence May Be Upgraded

A Junior Licence holder may have a Competition Licence upgraded to a General Drivers Licence for a particular event. (Note Rule [3.3](#))

A Junior Licence Holder may have a Competition Licence upgraded to a Super Standard Drivers Licence, Sports Drivers Licence, or Sports Co-Driver Licence to compete in closed water circuit events only. The Competition Points requirement for the requested licence still applies and cannot be reduced.

Any competitor racing with an upgraded Junior Licence must be accompanied by a competitor not less than seventeen (17) years of age except for closed water circuit events. (See Rule [3.4](#))

A Rookie Licence holder that has been upgraded to a Junior Licence under Rule [22.9.2](#) cannot have their licence upgraded further under this rule.

22.11 General Drivers Licence

To obtain this grade of 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.

22.11.1 General Co-Driver Licence

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. (Note Rule [3.3](#)).
- b) fulfil the requirements for issue.



22.12 Super Standard Driver Licence

To obtain this grade of 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 2750 Competition Licence points as a driver in accordance with Rule [22.16](#).

22.12.1 Super Standard Co-Driver Licence

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. (Note Rule [3.3](#)).
- b) fulfil the requirements for issue.
- c) Have acquired a minimum of 500 Competition Licence points in accordance with Rule [22.16](#); or
- d) the driver of the craft in which they are co-driver holds 5,000 or more Competition Licence points in accordance with Rule [22.16](#).

22.13 Sports Driver Licence

To obtain this grade of 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 3000 Competition Licence points as a driver in accordance with Rule [22.16](#).

22.13.1 Sports Co-Driver Licence

To obtain this grade of Competition Licence a competitor shall:

- a) be not less than sixteen (16) years of age as at the date of issue. (Note Rule [3.3](#))
- b) fulfil the requirements for issue.
- c) have accumulated 1500 Competition Licence points in accordance with Rule [22.16](#); or
- d) the driver of the craft in which they are co-driver holds 5,000 or more Competition Licence points in accordance with Rule [22.16](#).



22.16 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

22.16.1 Points for Sweep Boat Crew

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.

22.16.2 Points Not Transferable

Competition Licence points awarded in Formula 8, Formula 10 are not transferable to Power Dinghy Competition Licences and vice versa.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Insurance Premium Payable Per Identification Number

The Public Liability Insurance premium (premium) shall be paid per identification number. In the case of that ID being used for closed water circuit races only, the premium shall be half that of a full circuit and river season premium.

23.2 Premium

The premium for each ID number is payable annually (01 January to 31 December).

23.2.1 No Pro Rata Payment

The premium for each ID number is payable annually regardless of the period for which the fee is paid.

23.2.2 Prepayment Required

The premium must be paid prior to a craft displaying the ID number being permitted to race in any given season.

23.3 No Other Insurance Policies Acceptable

The PDRC Insurance Policy shall not be substituted by other insurance policies regardless of their provisions.



24 AMENDMENT OF COMPETITION RULES

24.1 Majority Required to Amend Rules

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.

24.2 Notification of Proposed Amendments

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.

24.3 How Notification to Occur

For the purposes of Rule [24.2](#), notification in the PDRC Newsletter, website, or email of any proposed amendment, deletion, addition or change of meaning to any part of these rules shall be sufficient providing such notification occurs seven (7) days before the general meeting.

24.4 Frequency of Amendments

Any Competition Rule or Specification that has been amended, deleted, added, or changed in meaning by means of section [24](#) 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.

In the event of a comprehensive book update, the Rules Committee is vested with the authority to modify a rule within the initial 12-month period should an error or omission arise.