



# PROPOSALS #23-002 / #23-003 / #23-004

The following items were adopted by the Board as Trial Rules for 2022 & 2023, and now come before the membership for voting. Proposals will be voted on, and adopted or not, individually.

**SEC. H - NITRO SPECIALIZED CLASSES / Article XI- Nitro International Regatta / Paragraph A (1). (Page H-13)**  
**Additions /changes are indicated in red & highlighted.**

**The Board of Directors is unanimously recommending passage of these proposals.**

## **Sport 20 Hydro as US-1 Class #23-002**

Purpose: To elevate Sport 20 to a formal US-1 Class. The class has been allowed for IMPBA World Records for many years, and has had significant numbers of entries at previous US-1 Nitro Internats as a Specialty Class.

### **XI - NITRO INTERNATIONAL REGATTA**

#### **A. US-1 Eligible Classes**

The following 16 classes may enter the 1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval, and multi-boat heat racing events at a US-1 format Nitro International Regatta to be eligible for the US-1 International Champion and Excellence of Performance Trophies per Section E-Procedures.

1. AB, CD, E and F Hydro and Mono; B, D, E and F Outboard Tunnel; 1/8 Scale Hydro; Sport 40; Sport 20; Multi-Engine Hydro.

Approved Feb. 15, 2022 Board Meeting.

## **B Sport O/B Tunnel as US-1 Class #23-003**

Purpose: To elevate Sport 20 to a formal US-1 Class. The class has been allowed for IMPBA World Records for many years, and has had significant numbers of entries at previous US-1 Nitro Internats as a Specialty Class.

### **XI - NITRO INTERNATIONAL REGATTA**

#### **A. US-1 Eligible Classes**

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1. AB, CD, E and F Hydro and Mono; B, D, E and F Outboard Tunnel; B Sport O/B Tunnel; 1/8 Scale Hydro; Sport 40; Multi-Engine Hydro.

Approved Feb. 15, 2022 Board Meeting.

## **A Hydro & B Hydro as separate US-1 Classes #23-004**

Purpose: To separate the .12 Hydro (A) from the .21 Hydro (B) in US-1 competition. In previous years there were a significant number of Nitro entries, and A/B and C/D were combined to save time. Today with the speed and size of the .21 riggers, a .12 is not competitive when they are run together in a heat.

### **XI - NITRO INTERNATIONAL REGATTA**

#### **A. US-1 Eligible Classes**

The following 16 classes may enter the 1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval, and multi-boat heat racing events at a US-1 format Nitro International Regatta to be eligible for the US-1 International Champion and Excellence of Performance Trophies per Section E-Procedures.

1. A, B, CD, E, F Hydro; AB, CD, E, F Mono; B, D, E, F Outboard Tunnel; 1/8 Scale Hydro; Sport 40; Multi-Engine Hydro.

Approved Feb. 15, 2022 Board Meeting.



# PROPOSAL #23-005

The following CONSTITUTION SECTION Proposal will go before the membership for vote in December.

**A majority of the Board of Directors is recommending passage of this proposal.**

If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2024 season.

## AMENDMENTS PROCESS

### **PURPOSE:**

The Board currently has the authority to make "clarifications not changing the intent of a rule" that are in the best interest of both the organization and membership. This proposed change would clearly state that "technical corrections" also fall into this category and may be handled directly by the BOD. It is prohibitive to have to wait a full season for a membership vote to correct what is often an error, or poor wording in the original rule.

The BOD recommends membership approve this amendment to the Constitution so that it is clear in the future that these types of rule book updates may be made during the season with BOD approval. The path for proposals in certain categories as listed in the remainder of Section 1 remains unchanged (the 4 options, items required to automatically go to membership vote, types of items decided by the board).

### **Relevant Sections (Refer to pages B-4 & B-5 in the 2023 IMPBA Rule Book):**

*Section B, Article VIII, Section 1, rule B. It is proposed to remove redundant language that already appears in subsections 1 and 2 under B. **New language highlighted.** B(1) and B(2) will remain unchanged.*

## **SECTION B- CONSTITUTION**

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### **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

The IMPBA Official Rule Book shall be amended in the following manner:

- A. Proposed amendments must be submitted to a District Director, National Director, President, or any Voting Executive Board member, in writing and signed and dated by the author and 5 IMPBA current members. It must be received 30 days prior to a Board Meeting for consideration.
- ~~B. All rule proposals regarding the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures, General Rules of Competition, Contest & Racing Rules, Technical Standards, and those pertaining to Classes (except those that affect safety or financial solvency of the organization, or clarifications not changing the intent of a rule), will be reviewed during any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board. The board will evaluate and approve or disapprove or amend all proposals. (Guideline: Does it benefit the IMPBA, and does it benefit the membership? It must benefit both)~~

### **It is proposed to change B. to read:**

- B. All rule proposals will be reviewed during any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board. The board will evaluate and approve, disapprove or amend all proposals. Proposed amendments that affect safety, financial solvency of the organization, or clarifications and technical corrections not changing the intent of a rule, may be reviewed and immediately implemented by the board. **(Guideline: Does it benefit the IMPBA, and does it benefit the membership? It must benefit both)**

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*(subparagraphs 1 and 2 which follow on page B-5 of the current book will remain unchanged)*



**BOD reviewed May 2023 via email.**

Originally submitted March 2023 by Doug Smock #9887 S CD.

Supported by: John Finch #4142 L CD ; Lance Ledet #21154 S CD;

Don Ferrette #17064 S CD; Rick Grim #20738 S CD;

Mike Betke #8700 S CD; Mike Ball #19339 S CD.



# PROPOSAL #23-006

The following RULE CHANGE Proposal will go before the membership for vote in December. **The Board of Directors is unanimously recommending passage of this proposal.** If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2024 season.

## SCALE REGISTERED OWNER RACING RULE

**PURPOSE:**

Proposed to **delete** references to "only registered owners" from Nitro, Gas, and FE Scale rules. Awards & points go to the racer, not with the boat, and the rule does not apply in any other class. If a member has multiple Scale boats, and wants to allow another racer to pilot one of them, he should be able to do so within the rules. It can help fill the class and put another driver on the stand. If a club/district wants to continue to use the rule, they may do so by posting it on their race listing.

**Relevant Sections:**

Refer to 2023 IMPBA Rule Book pages noted below for each section.

**It is proposed to delete the language shown struckthrough.**

**Sec. H - NITRO SPECIALIZED CLASSES** (pages H-4 & H-5)

**II - SCALE UNLIMITED RULES**

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**F. Racing Rules**

- 1. Normal IMPBA driving rules will be followed.
- ~~2. Only the registered owner can race his unlimited.~~

**G. Records**

- 1. Records shall be established in the Scale Unlimited class as listed in the "Records" section of Rules of Competition.
- 2. Only boats properly registered will be eligible to establish records.
- ~~3. Only the registered owner can attempt to set a record with the registered Scale Unlimited.~~

**Sec. I - LARGE SCALE GAS** (Page I-14)

**VI - GAS SCALE UNLIMITED**

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**E. Racing Rules**

- 1. Normal IMPBA driving rules will be followed.
- ~~2. Only the registered owner can race his gas unlimited hydroplane.~~

**F. Records**

- 1. Records shall be established in the Scale Unlimited class as listed in the "Records" section of Rules of Competition.
- 2. Only boats properly registered will be eligible to establish records.
- ~~3. Only the registered owner can attempt to set a record with the registered Scale Unlimited.~~

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## REGISTERED OWNER SCALE RACING RULE

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Refer to 2023 IMPBA Rule Book pages noted below for section. **It is proposed to delete the language shown struckthrough.**

### Sec. J - FAST ELECTRIC (Page J-6 & J-7)

#### II - FAST ELECTRIC CLASSES

##### E. Scale FE Unlimited Hydro

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##### 5. Racing Rules

- a. Normal IMPBA driving rules will be followed.
- b. ~~Only the registered owner may race his unlimited.~~

##### 6. Records

- a. Only boats properly registered will be eligible to establish records.
- b. ~~Only the registered owner can attempt to set a record with the registered Scale Unlimited.~~



**BOD reviewed June 2023 via email.**  
Originally submitted May 4, 2023 by Doug Smock #19887 L CD.  
Supported by: Don Ferrette #17064 S CD; Mike Betke #8700 S CD;  
Mike Schindler #9112 L CD; Mike Ball #19339 S CD;  
Bradley Maglinger #17924 S CD; Rick Bellinger #102735 S CD



# PROPOSAL #23-007

The following CONSTITUTION Proposal will go before the membership for vote in December. **The Board of Directors is unanimously recommending passage of this proposal.** If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2024 season.

## CONSTITUTION: Past President /Vice President /Nominations

**PURPOSE:**

To address how Vice President is appointed, Past President status, defines terms and election eligibility of interim Presidents, and future eligibility of those who resign or are removed from offices.

**Relevant Sections:**

(Sec. B- Constitution, pages B-2, B-3, B-4.) The following sections have proposed changes.

**It is proposed to delete any language shown struckthrough, and insert the highlighted language.**

### SEC. B - CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD

##### SECTION 1

The Executive Board shall be made up of the President, District Directors, National Fast Electric Director, National Large Scale Gasoline Director, National Nitro Director, and Past Presidents effective with the President in office as of January 1, 1974.

- A. The office of President shall be limited to two (2) terms for any one person.
  - 1. A person serving in an elected director position who fills a presidential vacancy per the Bylaws is considered to have served a full term if more than one-half of the term left vacant is served. This interim President is eligible for Past President appointment and life member status, and may then only run for a second term.
    - a. An interim President who serves less than one-half of the term left vacant, shall not be eligible for Past President status or life membership, and may run for two elected terms.
- B. Each member of the Executive Board shall have equal voting rights provided requirements of Constitution, Article V, Section 3, and Paragraph D are complying.
- ~~C. Appointments of Past Presidents to the Executive Board shall be for life with voting rights limited to the one or two following terms of office.
 
  - 1. ~~Past President who served as President for one term votes for 3 years, a Past President who served for two terms votes for 6 years.~~~~
  - C Appointments of Past Presidents to the Executive Board are offered for life with voting rights limited to the three (3) years sequentially following their full term as President. Any Past President can terminate their Executive Board participation upon notice of such intent with no pathway of return to the Board as Past President.
    - 1. A President who resigns or is removed from office is not eligible for Past President appointment or life membership status no matter the length of his service.

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## CONSTITUTION: Past President / Vice President / Nominations

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(Sec. B- Constitution, pages B-3, B-4.) The following sections have proposed changes. **It is proposed to delete any language shown struckthrough, and insert the highlighted language.**

### SEC. B - CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V - OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD

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SECTION 5

- ~~C. The immediate Past President will move to the Vice President Position and will only serve in Vice President capacity until a new President is elected.~~
- C. The current President will select any voting board member to be Vice President during thier term. This selection will be presented to the Executive Board for a vote of approval.

### SEC. B - CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS SECTION 1

Nominations of any elected officer shall be accompanied by a petition signed by five (5) members in good standing and a declaration of acceptance by the nominee. Write-in votes will not be allowed unless there are no official nominees received by the IMPBA Office. If write-in votes are to be used they will be counted and totaled in the same manner as for an official nominee provided the write-in candidate meets the eligibility requirements for the President. See Article V, Section 3-A of the Constitution. A nomination for any position of a member who has previously resigned or been removed from any position, must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors in order to be placed on the ballot for said position.

**The secretary shall receive nominations for all elected officers no later than July 31 each year.**



BOD reviewed at July 2023 Annual Meeting  
Submitted May 2023 by Lance Ledet #21154 S CD & Mark Grannis #10477 S CD.  
Supported by: Randy Rapedius #14315 S CD; David Petrich #11720 S CD; Jim Nissen #17360 PL CD; Nick Hartdegen #14917 S CD; Dave Halverson #21094 S CD.



# PROPOSAL #23-008

The following RULE CHANGE Proposal will go before the membership for vote in December.  
**The Board of Directors is unanimously recommending passage of this proposal.**  
If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2024 season.

## FE SCALE RULES REVISE

### **PURPOSE:**

To remove the items regarding Scale Unlimited that are common to all 1/8 Scale, and instead reference Sec. H -Nitro Specialized Classes, Article II, in order to have the main rules listed in one place.

For the purposes of FE power rules, the proposal will eliminate the motor list defining specific manufacturers and motor models or series. Motor list is replaced with "not to exceed" motor definitions defining outside diameter limit and overall motor length. This should increase the commercially available motor options.

### **Relevant Sections:**

Sec. J- Fast Electric, Article II - Fast Electric Classes, subsection E. (*pages J-5 to J-7*)

**It is proposed that current rules E(1) thru E(6) will be replaced with the following:**

## **Sec. J - FAST ELECTRIC**

### **E. Scale FE Unlimited Hydro**

#### **1. General**

FE Scale Unlimited Hydro shall comply with the rules listed in area II - Scale Unlimited Rules, (A thru G) of IMPBA Section H -Nitro Special Classes. The following exceptions listed in this section will replace and/or take precedence for FE Scale Unlimited Hydro competition.

#### **2. Power and Boat Specifications**

- a. The motor, controller, and batteries (power system) shall be concealed with a fake engine or cowling as per the prototype.
- b. Motor must be an inrunner type. Outrunners are prohibited.
- c. Battery voltage shall span the S/T voltage specification.
- d. Only one motor shall be used. Multiple motors are prohibited.
- e. Motor outside diameter shall not exceed 41.00mm. Measurement shall be taken without the cooling ring assembled or in an area the motor outside diameter is exposed.
- f. Motor length shall not exceed 108.00mm. Measurement shall be taken from the forward-facing mounting surface to the furthest point of the motor end bell. Motor leads and rotor shaft protrusions shall not be included.



**BOD reviewed at July 2023 Annual Meeting**

Submitted April 2023 by Michael Ball #19339 S CD. Supported by:

Don Ferrette #17064 S CD; Todd Fleury #21284 S; Steve Reesor #14765 S;

Chris Harris #19639 S CD; Tom Kelly #13527 S CD.



# BALLOT

#23-002 / #23-003 / #23-004 / #23-005 / #23-006 / #23-007 / #23-008

Full text of proposals on proceeding pages.  
If approved, changes become effective for the 2024 season.

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Member name \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA# \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA# \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Online beginning  
**December 15, 2023:**  
IMPBA.net/Vote

Votes must be  
**RECEIVED by**  
**January 15, 2024.\***

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for Postmark.

\* **ELIGIBILITY:** Senior Members and Spouses registered under their account may vote for proposals. Junior members are not eligible to vote. **You must have been a member in 2023 to be eligible for voting.** Votes will be confirmed with the 2023 final current membership list.

**PROPOSAL #23-002:**  
**SPORT 20 HYDRO AS US-1 CLASS**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

Senior Member:	Registered Spouse
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**PROPOSAL #23-006:**  
**SCALE REGISTERED OWNER RACE RULE**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

Senior Member:	Registered Spouse
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**PROPOSAL #23-003:**  
**B SPORT O/B TUNNEL AS US-1 CLASS**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

Senior Member:	Registered Spouse
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**PROPOSAL #23-007:**  
**CONSTITUTION: Past Pres/ Vice Pres/ Nominations**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

Senior Member:	Registered Spouse
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**PROPOSAL #23-004:**  
**A & B HYDRO SEPARATE US-1 CLASS**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

Senior Member:	Registered Spouse
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**PROPOSAL #23-008:**  
**FE SCALE RULES REVISE**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

Senior Member:	Registered Spouse
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**PROPOSAL #23-005:**  
**AMENDMENTS PROCESS**  
**A Board majority is recommending passage.**

Senior Member:	Registered Spouse
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