



# CAL-ORE RIVER RACERS

## Junior Program

### Cal-Ore Junior Program Mission Statement

Our objective is to teach the next generation of racers safety and sportsmanship. This will be achieved through simple, clear rules. General Safety Rules will apply unless there is a more restrictive Cal-Ore Rule. Races will be structured similarly to the hydroplanes to train racers.

### Rules

#### 1. Drivers

- 1.1. All new drivers must pass an oral examination conducted by the Junior committee or race officials.
- 1.2. New drivers must complete practice laps before being allowed to race.
- 1.3. Practice sessions will be held prior to racing heats whenever possible.
- 1.4. Points will be kept in the same manner as Cal-Ore.

#### 2. Course

- 2.1. The racecourse will be marked with buoys along the centerline.
- 2.2. The racing area will extend up or down the river, similar to the existing Cal-Ore course setup.
- 2.3. Rescue boats or law enforcement will be stationed to control the river and ensure safety.

#### 3. Races

- 3.1. Heats and/or full races will determine the winner for the day.

#### 4. Boats

- 4.1. Boat length: 8 feet overall (including jet pump), 4ft wide, 24in side height. One Design.
- 4.2. Engine
  - 4.2.1. The Kawasaki 650(Tandem Sport 650) motor is the standard engine for the Junior Program.
  - 4.2.2. Kawasaki 750 motors are also permitted for 2025 and 2026 season to increase participation by allowing more available boats.
- 4.3. Parity
  - 4.3.1. To ensure fair competition, the junior committee will collect all boats before races and adjust the throttle lock or other measures to ensure equal performance across competitors.
  - 4.3.2. Stock Kawasaki Thumb throttles required.

#### 5. Safety Regulations

- 5.1. Speed Limits:
  - 5.1.1. Ages 9-12: Max speed of 30 mph
  - 5.1.2. Ages 12-16: Max speed of 40 mph
- 5.2. Safety gear must be worn in compliance with general safety rules
- 5.3. Kill switch attached to driver

#### 6. Inspections & Compliance

- 6.1. The junior committee will ensure all boats meet compliance standards and perform a safety inspection prior to the first race.
- 6.2. All Cal-Ore safety precautions will be followed.