

## **General Guidelines for Inboard Series and Title Race Bid Submissions**

This document is intended to help race committees interested in bidding on the Inboard category's Title/Series races while adding some insight as to what the IRC will use to evaluate their bids.

**Warning:** This is considered non-controlled document and while it does refer to certain rules within the APBA Inboard Rule book they are cited as reference only, the Inboard Rule book should be consulted for the actual rules regarding these areas.

**Background:** Each year the IRC awards Title and Series races per rule 25 entitled "Championships", in the Inboard Rule book. Currently there are four Title/Series races that are considered bonus point races and one Title race, North American Championships (NAC), which is a regular point's race. The NAC race is awarded to the United States on odd numbered years and Canada on the even numbered years, however, it is sometimes possible to award NAC to some or all Inboard classes if Canada (CBF) elects not to host the race on their particular given year or releases specific classes that do not run in Canada. This is usually decided at the National meeting.

**Event Names:** The following description offers the Title/Series name and geographical location:

Eastern Divisional – East of the Mississippi river

Western Divisional – West of the Mississippi river

Summer National – Anywhere within the United States

World Championship – Typically but not exclusively, anywhere within the United States

Bonus Series Race – Anywhere within the United States

The Bonus Series race was created to offset the bonus points gained by having the World Championship race so if the World Championship race is located East of the Mississippi then the Bonus Series race would be located West of the Mississippi. In the event that no bonus points are awarded for the World Championship title (ie There is no World Championship race in North America or no points are awarded for the event) there will be no need to have a Bonus Series Race and no bonus points will be given.

### **Officials**

Additional race officials are typically required for title races, check with the IRC Chairman for specific requirements. At a minimum there needs to be three competent Scorers per rule 25.7. Extra Inspectors are also needed and should be approved by the IRC Chairman before the sanction is approved.

Per **25.13** Referees, Scorers and Inspectors for Inboard Championship and Series events must be selected from the list of approved officials available from the APBA Chief Referee, Chief Inspector, APBA Inboard Office and also at Inboard's and APBA's

websites, [www.goboatracing.net](http://www.goboatracing.net) and [www.apbaracing.com](http://www.apbaracing.com); and must be approved by the Inboard Chairman before granting sanction.

### **Additional Costs**

In addition to the extra cost for Officials, extra cranes for inspection purposes may also be needed. There are also additional funds needed to host a UIM event such as World Championships. In addition to the standard sanction fee there is an additional \$500.00 UIM sanction fee. There is also a \$1200.00 UIM fee for the race itself, totaling \$1700.00 in additional fees for this UIM event. There must also be a UIM commissioner present during the race. The extra cost for North American Championships races are \$150.00 per class. Check with the Inboard office for the most up to date fees for these events.

### **Bid Submission**

Bids for races identified above will be submitted to the IRC for review at the National meeting per rule 25.2. While not necessary, it is helpful to have at least 23 copies of the bid proposal so each member of the IRC can review it. While not necessary it would be beneficial to have a Race Committee member or someone the Race Committee appoints at the National meeting to answer any questions the IRC might have regarding the specific bid. If this is not possible provide as much information to the Region Commissioner so they can respond to any questions the IRC may have.

### **Review Process**

It is the responsibility of the IRC to review each bid and decide where to award the Title/Series races. There are several criteria in which the Commissioners use to evaluate each bid to determine title race locations, and the main objective is to select race sites in the best interests of the Inboard owners and Drivers. Listed below are some (but not the only) areas of consideration.

Entry fees

Prize/Tow money

Typical Water/Weather conditions (past history, if available)

Geographical location (sites that the majority of racers can attend)

Potential Series sponsorship

Type of starting procedure

Trophies

Race facilities

Any additional questions should be directed to the region elected Commissioner or to the IRC Chairman.