

USWRA News Bulletin



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Re: Rider Refusing Post-Race Technical Inspection

The following is from the 2004 IJSBA Competition Rulebook.

Section 19.2.2 – The Technical Director reserves the right to inspect any part of any personal watercraft entered in any class. A rider refusing to cooperate with the technical inspection procedures may be penalized by the Race Director.

Section 18.6.1 – Any rider found to be competing on a boat that is determined to be illegal in a particular class, following inspection by the Technical Director, will be disqualified and will not be permitted to compete in any remaining qualifiers or final events for the class and will receive no points... The rider may also receive a suspension of up to 30 days from IJSBA or IJSBA-affiliate events, may lose all accumulated series points to that date in that class, and/or may be fined up to \$250 U.S. or the equivalent in local currency.

Section 18.6.2 – Should there be a second technical infraction, the rider may receive a suspension up to 60 days and a maximum fine up to \$500 U.S. or the equivalent in local currency.

Section 18.6.3 – Should a third technical infraction occur, it will result in automatic suspension from competition for the remainder of the calendar year and a maximum fine up to \$1000 U.S. or the equivalent in local currency.

Section 18.7.1 – Any penalty imposed for violation of the rules and regulations of the IJSBA by any member must be honored by all other members including but not limited to IJSBA and IJSBA-affiliate promoters.

Section 18.3.3 – The decision to discipline a rider for any of these violations is not appealable.

Based on the above listed rules, the USWRA provides the following interpretation.

If a rider refuses to cooperate with technical inspection (i.e. refusing to let the Technical Director inspect a watercraft, the motor, or any of the watercraft components), the rider is in violation of rule 19.2.2 and the watercraft will be deemed illegal. As a result of this violation, the rider will be governed by rule 18.6.1.

If at a subsequent USWRA event (it does not have to be the same promoter, series or affiliate), for the second time, the same rider refuses post-race technical inspection with the same watercraft or any other watercraft, the rider will be governed by rule 18.6.2.

If at a subsequent USWRA event (it does not have to be the same promoter, series or affiliate), for the third time, the same rider refuses post-race technical inspection again with the same watercraft or any other watercraft, the rider will be governed by rule 18.6.3.

Additionally per rule 18.7.1, any penalty imposed by an IJSBA-affiliate member must be honored by all other affiliate members (i.e. USWRA, APBA, ECWA, WCJSRA, etc.)