

300 Super Stock propeller procedures for the inspection team

Current rule on page 38 of the 2016 Stock Outboard Technical Manual:

Propellers: All entries must race the APBA 300 Super Stock propellers provided with the engines. An engine owner only owns the rights to "a" propeller and not a specific propeller. If an engine has its seals removed, the propeller must be returned to the chief inspector. Once received, the propeller cost will be refunded. At driver's meeting the day of the race all propellers from the entries in the class will be turned in to the race inspector (or a person designated by the inspector). The race inspector (or designee) will place one propeller each in a bag or box to conceal it. A driver will then pull a new propeller from the bag or box. In the event a second day of racing is scheduled on the same day, the process must be repeated after the first day of racing. At the divisionals and nationals, this process must occur after each completed heat. Any participant who damages, alters or marks on the propeller(s) in order to later identify them will receive a technical disqualification and be required to return the propeller to the authorized propeller service center for repair or replacement with all costs incurred by the participant.

These procedures are suggestions to keep our propeller swap fair to all entrants and achieve uniformity across all regions holding 300 Super Stock races. It is the wish of the 300 Super Stock Committee for all inspection teams to follow these procedures as close as possible.

1) Driver's meeting preparation: Ask the announcer to remind all 300 Super Stock drivers to bring their propellers with them when calling for the driver's meeting. Take with you the bags or bag for concealing the propellers. When arriving at the meeting write down the entrant's names from the scorer's summary sheets.

2) Receiving propellers: It is very important to receive the propellers one at a time so that you know who has turned in their propeller and can be checked off the list. At this time, an inspection of the propeller must occur. On the hub is a stamp of the number "302". This is the only mark that should be on the propeller. Do not let the participants rush you and/or drop them off beside you.

3) Propeller draw preparation: Check your list to make sure all participants have turned in their propellers. Many will forget their propeller. Ask them

to send a runner or retrieve it themselves. All propellers must be concealed prior to the finish of the drivers meeting. The method of concealing them can be one of two ways. A) Separately: one each in a brown paper lunch bag with a number written on the bag. Each participant draws a number from a hat to receive the corresponding propeller. B) Together: at races with a low number of entries, it may be easier to put all propellers in one bag for the drivers to pull from. In either method chosen, all 300SSH propellers in the pits should be in the bag or bags for the draw.

*Those participants with a spare engine (s) must bring their additional propeller (s) with them and turn them in. The propeller (s) will be returned at the conclusion of the last race by the race committee.

**In the event that a member has left their additional propeller at home, sealing of the propeller to the member's prop shaft may be necessary with your engine sealing paint. (See our engine owners list to view our members with multiple engines)

4) Propeller draw reminder: When making your inspection announcements at drivers meeting, remind all participants that the propeller draw will occur at the conclusion of drivers meeting.

5) Propeller draw: Make sure the order in which the propellers are drawn is fair. For example, follow the order of the participants on the scorer sheets and reverse them for the second race or day of racing. It may be necessary to draw numbers or names to determine the order of the propeller draw. Keep track of each participant and their draw to make sure all entrants have received a propeller and that any additional are secured in your possession.