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## 2024 Inboard Rule Change Proposal

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*Check all that apply:*

- General Safety Rule
- General Racing Rule
- Stock Class Technical Rule \*
- Modified Class Technical Rule \*

Affected Class(es):

**Specific Rule Information:** [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]

**Author’s VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:**

**Affected Rule:** 6.6.15.3 APBA Inboard National Event Inspection Protocol for Summer National, Eastern & Western Divisionals. At a National Event all classes shall be inspected under the Level 1 procedure listed below. However, 1 class that shall be drawn from a hat at the driver’s meeting by the Referee will be inspected under the Level 2 procedure. This class shall be announced after it has finished its heats of competition and has been sealed. If a modified class is drawn, its rule set may allow for a Level 1 inspection to be determined by the Inspector.

Levels of Inspection

Level 1: Any measurements or procedures the inspector chooses without removing the head/heads. Any 2-stroke engine must have the head/heads removed for a physical measurement of displacement.

Level 2: Any measurements or procedures the inspector chooses with the head/heads removed, but short of removing the short block from the hull.

Level 3: A complete inspection that may include removing the short block from the hull. This protocol does not preclude the referee or the inspector from the right to inspect any equipment, for any reason, at any time, at any level. All levels of inspection allow the inspector discretion to choose the number of measurements or procedures he wishes to perform within the class rule set. In the case of a protest or a record being set a complete level 3 inspection is recommended.

**Proposed rule:**

6.6.15.3 APBA Inboard ~~National~~ **Title** Event Inspection Protocol. ~~For Summer National, Eastern & Western Divisionals, At a National Event~~ all **Stock** classes shall **receive a be inspected under the Level 1 inspection, procedure listed below. however, one class that shall be drawn from a hat at the driver's meeting by the Referee and will receive a be inspected under the Level 2 inspection. procedure.** This class shall be announced after it has finished its heats of competition and has been sealed. **For Summer Nationals, all Stock classes will receive a Level 2 inspection.** ~~If a modified class is drawn, its rule set may allow for a Level 1 inspection to be determined by the Inspector~~ **All Modified classes will be inspected per their class rules.**

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**Reason for change:** The inspections have been far too relaxed for too long. Inspections at Title events a have not typically been performed per the intent of this original rule, and it always seems to be a Modified class that's picked out of a hat. We seem to only get real inspections when a record is set. It's been too easy to get away with not following our technical rules. The last sentence in the Level 3 inspection procedure is redundant per rules 6.6.14.6.3 and 6.6.15.2.