

# NASBLA COURSE APPROVAL

## Insight on NASBLA Course Approval

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*This information is provided in response to questions about the impact on the NASBLA course approval process as a result of the introduction of new standards. It is provided as background information only and is subject to revision. For additional information on the NASBLA Course Approval process, contact Mark Chanski at [mark.chanski@nasbla.org](mailto:mark.chanski@nasbla.org).*

Per NASBLA's existing policy, approved courses adhere to the [NASBLA Course Approval](#) process, which includes adherence to American National Standard: [ANSI/NASBLA 103-2016: Basic Boating Knowledge- Power](#). If the proposed 'Core' and 'Plus' formats are adopted as American National Standards, it is expected that NASBLA will revise the current course approval policy to reference the combined use of the 'Core' and 'Plus Power' standards. The combination of these standards will become the new requirement for state-mandated, power boating education certification courses requiring NASBLA approval.

Required forms for submission to NASBLA for course review will be revised. The Core and Plus Power standards will be consolidated into a single document for ease of use and understanding during the course design and approval process.

Implementation dates for course approvals with adherence to new knowledge standards will be determined by NASBLA. For planning purposes, it is anticipated that if the new standards are available by late spring 2021, the implementation date will be for courses approved for 2022.

NASBLA will utilize the same methodology of combining the 'Core Standard' and 'Plus Standards' to update the existing ANSI/NASBLA 101-2017: Basic Boating Knowledge – Human Propelled, ANSI/NASBLA 102-2017: Basic Boating Knowledge – Sail, and ANSI/NASBLA 103.1-2018: Supplement - Basic Boating Knowledge – Water-Jet Propelled Boats Standards.

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