



# 2024 General Rules & Procedures

The guidelines and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These guidelines shall govern the condition of events and participation therein. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE GUIDELINES AND/OR REGULATIONS.** They are intended as a guide for the conduct of events and are no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official. The director of competition, or his authorized designate, shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the guidelines and/or regulations herein, or impose any further restriction which, in his opinion, does not alter the purpose of the organization. Deviation of these guidelines and/or regulations will be the responsibility of the track officials; whose decisions are final. These guidelines and/or regulations will be superseded by any guidelines and/or regulations distributed in writing or announced during an events drivers meeting or division/series specific rules.

## 1. CONDUCT

1. Upon admittance to a restricted area, all participants must conduct themselves in a manner not detrimental to stock car racing. Profanity in front of race fans, officials, management, profane signs or writing on cars, etc., will not be tolerated and may subject the offending party to penalties. Conduct in social media deemed detrimental to the series, track, officials, or sponsors may subject the driver or team to sanctions.  
**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND/OR ACTIONS DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPORT OF AUTO RACING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct and actions detrimental can carry fines up to \$1000.00 and/or suspension. Competitor must pay fine before competing.
3. Conduct on social media can result in penalties for actions detrimental to the sport of auto racing and result in fines and/or suspension.
4. General appearance of drivers and crews must be neat and clean looking.
5. A competitor that stops his or her car on the track to argue or discuss an incident with the starter or other officials may be subject to penalties.
6. Verbal or physical abuse of officials, including improper language or actions will result in sanctions from the track.
7. Fighting will not be tolerated. Drivers will be held responsible for the conduct of all persons connected with their car, and violations will be dealt with accordingly. Any person from a crew, including the driver, going to another pit area where any altercation erupts, will be considered at fault and will be subject to penalties.
8. Any driver who, in the judgment of track officials, engages in rough driving, deliberately running into, blocking, or swerving in front of another car - may be subject to penalties. Any car intentionally blocking the track will subject the owner and driver to immediate and indefinite suspension from the track.
9. Any driver who intentionally causes a caution condition, without safety being an issue, by stopping, spinning, or any other action, is subject to a 2-lap penalty.
10. Crew members are not allowed on the racetrack at any time. Pit crew, drivers, or series/track officials are not allowed to service cars on the racing surface without specific permission from race control.
11. No one is allowed in the control tower without permission at any time. You will be subject to severe penalties. The race director will be available at the end of the night.

## 2. COMPETITION RULES

### A. Scoring

1. All competitors must register with scoring in designated area at each event. Registration will close fifteen (15) minutes prior to divisions drivers meeting or qualifying. Whichever is first. If you have not registered by then you will either be required to qualify first or you will start at the rear of your first event if class does not have qualifying.
2. Transponders must be on the car for all on track activity when made available. You will be required to use an AMB pouch or clip to secure the transponder on the right rear frame rail of the car 160" from the nose. They are available for purchase at the registration table. If you have a personal transponder, disable it prior to going on track. Failure to return a working transponder may result in a \$400.00 fine.
3. All driver changes from the time registration starts must be reported to a track official prior to that driver taking to the track. Any driver changes prior to the start of a race and after qualifying will result in that car starting at the rear of the field. Failure to notify of a change prior to the race will result in loss of money and points.

### B. Qualifying/Race Line Up

1. Qualifying order when used can be set by order of entry, draw, or practice times. Qualifying order will be posted showing any qualifying tech time and/or group.
2. For qualifying you will have an official time once car has taken the green flag. If you are unable to attempt a lap at your spot in line, you will be placed on a five-minute clock to present car for your lap(s). The car must be moving to stop and go when five-minute clock expires. There will be no re-qualifying.
3. A driver may qualify only one car, and a car may be only qualified one time for a race program. If a car is scratched following a successful qualifying attempt, that driver may qualify another car, provided that car has not yet qualified.
4. Practice session times or points may be used for qualification purposes should unforeseen circumstance dictate the necessity during the event. Final session practice times may be scheduled in advance to replace traditional qualifying with group qualifying.
5. In the event of a tie in qualifying times final position will be based on who ran the time first.
6. A 6 car dice roll or 8 car redraw can be used to determine order of feature lineup.
7. Previous feature race winner can start no better than 6th for a local division. Should the race winner miss an event they would start no better than 7th at their next event behind the previous event's winner.
8. Normal race programs can consist of any combination of practice, qualifications (single car or group), last-chance race, heat races and feature as announced on entry blank or by officials. Race lineup can also be set by practice speed, random draw or from season points.
9. Standard procedures call for the fastest twenty (24) cars in qualifications to be automatically transferred to the feature, to be lined up in order of the inversion after qualifying. Positions 25 - 26 will be the top two finishers from the last chance race. Positions 27- 28 will be the two drivers highest in series points who have not yet qualified for the feature. If no points provisionals are needed the next two in last chance race will transfer.
10. Track promoter has the option to add additional starters to the feature race. These starters will be added to the feature according to qualifying times, season points or last chance race. These may be done at a reduced pay amount.
11. In the event that all cars qualifying for the event will make the event, the entire feature line-up will be by qualifications and redraw.
12. If the promoter agrees to start all cars, above the previously announced number of starters, the field will be set on time and redraw. For payoff purposes, the additional starters (at the reduced amount) will be the slowest cars that would not have received a provisional spot.
13. The standard qualification procedures as outlined above will be superseded by any announced format on event entry blank.
14. A driver, with his car, must either practice or qualify, to be eligible to start the feature except with prior approval.
15. Lineups for races and qualifying order will be posted in a designated area. It is the responsibility of the driver to check his or her qualifying or starting position and be ready when called for an event. Cars not in position when field rolls may be placed at the rear of the starting lineup or disqualified from the event.
16. Drivers that wish to go to the rear will go to their original position. On the pace lap pull to the side and let the field go by. That row will just advance forward.

### C. Event Procedures

1. For standard events, any entry fee will be stated on the entry form. A minimum of \$25 more per car will be charged if filed after the deadline time printed on the entry form for the event. Payment of entry does not guarantee a starting spot in any scheduled events.
2. All Late Model, Modified of Mayhem and outlaw teams are required to have a spotter in the designated spotters stand during feature events. Spotter must have the ability to monitor race control. All other classes spotters in the spotter stand are highly recommended. They will be required to wear raceceivers if they do not have a spotter monitoring race control anytime they are on track. Crown Stock drivers are not allowed two-way radios and must have a raceceiver to compete.
3. When supplied, teams are required to use window and contingency stickers in their designated and mandated position. Failure to do so may result in a monetary penalty or loss of contingency eligibility. Teams must also leave the top of windshield, front fenders and first 12" of the door for use by track/series sponsors decal stickers (subject to penalty above if not the color/dimensions supplied by Series). Select windshield stickers and decals may be required to participate in an event.
4. For events with impound procedures no car will be allowed to pull out of impound. When cars are gridded for pre-race ceremonies anyone wishing to work on vehicle can go to pit stall for service. Penalty is starting on tail of the field. Anyone pulling out of line prior to this will incur further penalties up to loss of lap(s). Track reserves the right to allow safety issues to be corrected in impound without penalty.
5. Every effort will be made to complete the advertised event distance. Race length can be altered due to car count or time restraint and drivers will be notified prior to the event.
6. We do not race back to the caution. Unless a majority of the field has completed a lap scoring will revert to the last completed lap for restart lineup. This is at the sole discretion of the Race Director.
7. Once fifty percent of the total laps are completed the race is considered official.
8. In the event of an excessive number of caution laps track officials reserve the right to count caution laps, shorten the number of laps or use a time limit on events. If the total number of laps are shortened or a time limit is enforced, we will notify you via race control and attempt to complete at least 5 more laps. If another caution occurs you will get one chance at a green, white, checkered finish. At that point, the next flag will complete the event.
9. Any car that has a hood or deck lid come off or open, or is observed dragging dangerous parts, or dropping any fluid, is subject to a black flag at the discretion of the officials.
10. Driver must remain strapped in the car until safety officials arrive unless it is unsafe to do so. Driver must remain with car to assist with removal from track.
11. All cars must keep a reasonable speed. If you are unable to maintain a reasonable speed, you will be given one opportunity to pit for adjustments or repairs and return to competition. If you still cannot maintain reasonable speed, you will be parked for the remainder of the event.
12. Three unassisted spins or multiple incidents and you will be parked for the remainder of the event.

### D. FLAG RULES

1. Green Flag
  1. The green flag signifies the start or restart of the race. On starts and restarts, a driver must stay in their lane until reaching the finish line.
2. Yellow Flag
  1. The yellow flag and lights signify caution and will be displayed immediately upon a decision by the starter and/or race director that a cause for such action exists.
  2. After the yellow flag and lights are displayed, all cars must immediately slow to a reasonable speed and hold position until such time as the green flag is displayed or the red flag is displayed. Racing back to the line under caution will not be tolerated.
  3. A pace car will be used at the start of each event and during caution laps. No car may pass the pace car unless directed to do so by a track official.

4. Pit crews or officials may not service a disabled or damaged car on the racing surface during a caution flag period.
  5. Cars which leave the lineup and pit during a caution flag period, and return during a caution period, will rejoin the lineup at the tail of the field.
3. Red Flag
    1. The red flag and lights mean, in the opinion of officials, a situation exists requiring that the race be stopped immediately regardless of the location of cars on the track.
    2. Pit crews may not service disabled or damaged cars on the racing surface during a red flag period.
    3. Cars that pit during a red flag period ,only after being given specific approval, will restart at the tail of the field.
  4. Black Flag
    1. The black flag is a consultation flag and indicates that a driver must take his or her car to the pits immediately for consultation with a track official. Scoring will stop after 3 laps on a car which is black flagged until the situation is rectified. Any driver repeatedly ignoring the black flag may face suspension.
  5. Layover Flag (Blue with diagonal stripe)
    1. The flag is a courtesy flag and is displayed to indicate to drivers that they are being lapped by faster cars. It will be used at the discretion of officials.
  6. Crossed Flags
    1. When any two flags are crossed and displayed by the starter, it signals drivers that the leader has completed half the distance of the race.
  7. White Flag
    1. When this flag is displayed, it signals drivers that the leader has begun his or her last lap. If a yellow or red flag is thrown once the leader has taken the white flag there will be a green, white, checker restart.
  8. Checkered Flag
    1. When this flag is displayed, it signals drivers that the race (or that segment) has been completed. After the checkered flag is displayed to the leader, the balance of the field will receive the checkered flag in the same lap.

### D. Finishing Positions

1. Finishing positions will be determined according to the most laps completed (including those earned through announced race procedures) in the last time, regardless of whether the car is running.
2. Results are not official, and no purse will be available until tech is cleared. In the event of a protest or some other delay in the results of a class being made official, such as but not limited to tire sample testing, no purse will be sent out until all test results are back and results are made official.

### E. Finishing Position Protest

1. Protests to finishing positions in any race must be made within fifteen (15) minutes of the conclusion of the event. Such protests must be in writing and must be given to the Chief Scorer or Race Director.
2. Scoring re-checks decisions are final and cannot be appealed or litigated.

### G. Points System, Season Champion

1. 2024 points fund and contingency awards will be paid based on final drivers point standings. Must compete in 80% of events to be eligible for awards.
2. Points fund and contingency awards will be paid based on final points standings.
3. Points for the feature results will be awarded in the following manner: 1st-50, 2nd-48, 3rd-46, with a 2-point drop per position. All cars that attempt to start the feature event will pay a minimum of 10 points.
4. Any tie in the final points standings of any award will be broken by the highest number of wins, and if still tied, by the highest number of second place finishes, and so on, until the tie is broken.

### H. Rookie Eligibility

1. Drivers can apply for the rookie program if they have competed in no more than 45% of the events in one season. Any event where the driver does not complete 50% of the laps will not count towards their total races competed.
2. All rookie drivers must register and be approved by the track management. Must compete in 80% of events to be eligible for awards.

## I. Practice & Testing Guidelines

1. Track reserves the right to limit or prohibit private testing prior to an event.

## J. Inspections, Mechanical Protest

1. Track officials may require an inspection of any vehicle at any time. Vehicles placing in the first three positions driver must drive car to the inspection station immediately after the conclusion of the feature race/victory lane for such inspection and must not work on the car in any fashion until told to do so by a tech official.
2. A competitor must take whatever steps are required, including a complete tear down of the car, as requested by track officials to facilitate inspection of the car.
3. Failure to present a car for inspection when requested to do so, or refusal to take steps requested by track officials, will be considered an admission of guilt and can be grounds for disqualification.
4. Protests regarding alleged mechanical infractions must be made **prior to the feature race being called to the track for official lineup**. The written protest must specify, in detail, a single, specific part or rule that is in violation, and be given to the Chief Technical Inspector, along with a cash fee of \$500. An engine protest that requires an engine teardown (as determined by Chief Technical Inspector) requires \$1,000 for top end motor protests and \$1500 for bottom end motor protests. 10% of the fee will be retained by the track for administrative costs. The remaining goes to the winner of the protest. Track reserves the right to deny protest.
5. A protest may only be filed by a driver or car owner in the same feature race finishing on the lead lap. A competitor can protest a maximum of three times a season and protests must be a minimum of 3 weeks apart.
6. Post-race body infractions are the responsibility of the tech inspector and protest of them is not allowed.
7. At track discretion a motor and/or car can be impounded, and inspection done at a later time and place agreeable to all parties.
8. Officials have the right to confiscate and keep any illegal parts or components.
9. Lab testing of tires and fuel may be done at any time.

## 3. PENALTIES

1. Penalties for violations of the rules are determined by the gravity of the violation and/or its effects on fairness of competition. They may also be weighted as to discourage future infractions of a similar nature. Penalties may include, but are not limited to, lap penalties, position penalties, disqualification, suspension, posting of bond, fines, and/or loss of points. A suspension may be for a determined period of time, number of events, indefinite or remainder of a season.

## 4. OFFICIAL DECISIONS

1. Any situation not specifically covered in these rules will be acted upon by the official or officials whose decision will be final and binding on all participants.
2. Any disagreement over technical questions or operations will be resolved by track officials. When their decision is made, such decision is final and binding.
3. Any dispute, controversy or claim whether or not relating to this rulebook or alleged breach of the same, shall be settled in accordance with the existing and/ or amended rules and regulations, and competitor agrees to accept the decisions rendered by such process. By competing in the event, the competitor expressly agrees that determinations by track officials as to the applicability and interpretation of these rules are non-litigable, and they agree that they will not initiate or maintain litigation of any kind against track or anyone acting on behalf of either. If a competitor initiates or maintains litigation in violation of this covenant, that person agrees to reimburse the track and all included persons or entities for the costs of such litigation, including all reasonable attorneys' fees. That competitor may also be indefinitely suspended from competition during the entire time of such litigation.
4. Continuous developments in racing may necessitate changes which cannot be anticipated at the time rules are formulated. If necessary, rules may be updated, changed, deleted, or added to at the discretion of the track officials.
5. Track officials may use weight penalties for any infractions of these rules in an effort to make a car eligible to compete.

6. At certain events, to encourage participation of other competitors, the officials may alter the rules for those cars, to try and create a level playing field for cars that might fall outside of the normal rules. Official's decisions are final.
7. In the event of an excessive number of caution laps, officials may alter the weight requirement for fuel burn-off. Fuel stops are not guaranteed, plan accordingly.
8. Officials reserve the right to alter rules or procedures at any time in the interest of fairness or safety.

## 5. SAFETY

1. SFI Approved seat belts and double shoulder harness will be required. A crotch strap will be required. Sternum strap recommended.
2. Drivers will not be allowed on the racetrack at any time without proper neck restraints in place. A strap type neck restraint is required at all times.
3. Helmet should be 2015 Snell standard or better and have sticker visible for inspection. Full-face helmets required.
4. Approved, clean full driving suit, shoes and gloves for fire protection are mandatory. Fireproof under layer and helmet skirt are highly recommended.
5. All cars must have a working fire suppression system (preferred) or, at minimum, a driver accessible fire extinguisher. Gauges for extinguishers must be easily visible for inspection.
6. Driver's window must be equipped with a safety net with quick release-latch. String/mesh window nets will not be permitted. The minimum net size must be 17" wide and 16" high. When latched, the window net must fit, pull tight and be of size to protect driver from intrusion in the window.
7. Resilient padding designed for roll bar use must be installed on any roll cage member which can be reached by any extremity of the driver while driver is normally seated with restraints fastened. Steering wheel must be padded.
8. All lead weights must be securely fastened. Any lost weight will result in up to a \$500.00 fine. No Tungsten or similar weight allowed!
9. Lead Inspection will be part of pre- and post-race tech. If a piece of lead is not properly painted white with car number in red or black marked on all sides the team will receive up to a \$500.00 fine on 1st offense in post-race tech with an automatic disqualification on the 2nd offense. Teams will be allowed one warning pre-race before penalty.
10. All competing teams must possess a minimum 10 lb. Aluminum working fire extinguisher while in attendance in pits, and this item must be presented at inspection. Car number must be painted on fire extinguisher.
11. Numbers must be a minimum of 24" in height, with the body of each character a minimum of 3" in width and must be professionally placed on each door in a contrasting color. A full-size number will be required on top, readable from the infield. A car number at least six inches (6") in height must be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the windshield. All numbers must be readily identifiable from race control, or you may be required to outline in contrast.
12. No part of any cooling or oiling system may be located in the driver's compartment.
13. Batteries must be securely fastened and mounted outside of the driver's compartment or in a box with a cover.

## 6.SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

### 1. Definition

Illegal drugs or substances are those substances defined and prohibited by local, state, and/or Federal laws.

### 2. General Prohibition

Possession or use of illegal drugs or drug substances, as defined above, is prohibited in any form by any participant in any part of the speedway grounds or in any area considered to be used in the operation of the event, including but not limited to parking lots, office areas, etc. All crewmembers and drivers are prohibited from being under the influence of alcohol during an event's scheduled activities. Any competitor suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances must submit to testing by track security. Failure to comply will result in indefinite suspension.

### 3. Violations and Penalties

1. Any person found to be in possession of or under the influence of an illegal drug, alcohol or drug substance on speedway property, as defined above or any person who is arrested by duly constituted authorities and charged with possession and/or use of illegal drugs or drug substances, or any person who is formally charged by a court of law with illegal drug. Violations may be subject to penalties by the series as follows:
  - a. Suspension from competition and eviction from track property and denial of further entry to the track/series for any events for a period of time to be determined by track officials.
  - b. In the case of formal charges being filed in a court of law, upon notification to speedway officials by the agency involved, the participant may be suspended from all forms of participation until such time as the charges are fully adjudicated through the legal process. In the case of a conviction by process of law, the participant may be prohibited from participating in any track events for a period of one (1) Year from date of conviction up a lifetime ban.

### 4. Appeal and Hearing

Any participant suspended for violation of these rules may be granted an appeal hearing by a board of officials designated by track provided the suspended participant requests such a hearing, in writing, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of suspension. It is the responsibility of the Suspended party to make such a request if a hearing is desired.

### 5. Reinstatement

A participant suspended for violations of these rules, except in the case of persons charged with selling illegal drugs or drug substances, may, as the result of a decision reached through the hearing process, be reinstated if it is mutually agreed that the participant, at his or her own expense, will produce documentation from a physician licensed with the state, certifying that he or she is illegal drug independent, as a result of random and periodic examinations and urinalysis testing made at the request of track officials

### 6. Prescribed Drugs

If a participant is using prescription drugs on the advice of a physician, such use must be reported to the series director of competition prior to the participant's entry into series activities. Failure to notify will subject the participant to penalties as described in this section.

## 7. STANDARD EVENT RACE PROCEDURES

1. **Event:** The race is XXX green flag laps. Track reserves the right to count cautions in certain situations. If a red flag is thrown once the leader has taken the white flag there will be a green, white, checker restart. The event is completed after three green, white, checker restarts.
2. **Initial Start:** Flagman starts the race. Cars must stay in their lane until the start finish line. No jumping a start or passing before the start finish line. If a green flag lap is not completed on the initial start, there will be a complete restart with all cars back in their original starting position except for any cars that are penalized, receive assistance or cars that pit.
3. **Yellow Flag:** There will be no racing back to the caution. When the yellow flag is displayed, all cars must slow to a caution pace and bunch up as quickly as safety allows so safety crews can work on track. All cars must **get single file and stay single file.** Lineup disputes will be settled by race control. Failure to comply can result in penalties up to disqualification. **No scuffling around workers on track. You will receive one warning, any further issues and you will be parked for the remainder of the event.**
4. **Cars Involved in the Caution:** Only car(s) directly involved in bringing out the caution will go to the tail of the field. Any cars that spin or stop but were not directly involved with the initial cause of the caution, will get their spots back if they do not receive assistance or go to pit road. Rough driving will not be tolerated. If contact with a car causes a yellow flag and the contact is not a "racing incident," that car will also be sent to the tail. Rough driving, at any time, can result in penalties including being sent to the tail of the field or possible disqualification from the event. If you stop on track or intentionally create a caution you will lose a minimum of two laps naturally or by penalty.

5. **Pitting Procedure:** You must stay single file behind the pace car during the cautions unless you are coming to the pits. Pits open second time by unless instructed otherwise. Pit road speed is 35mph and will be enforced.

6. **Restart:** Field will be set based off last completed lap. Restart Line-up will be lead lap cars followed by lapped cars then cars under penalty with free pass on the tail. Restarts will always take place in the box coming off turn 4. The restarts will be double file with the leader only having choice of lane. Once the pace car leaves the field the leader can steadily increase their speed until the box. Leader must accelerate first once in the box. No slowing, weaving, brake checking or decrease in acceleration once the pace car leaves the field. The MINIMUM restart speed is 45 mph. Cars must stay in their lane until the start finish line. No jumping a start or passing before the finish line. If a green flag lap is not completed before a yellow comes out all cars should go back to their prior position except for any cars that are involved in the caution, penalized, receive assistance or pit.

7. **Red Flag:** All cars must stop as quickly as safely possible when the red flag is displayed. Cars may go to the pits for crews to work on them, only after the spotter official has given them permission to do so. Cars pitting under red must restart at the tail of the field.

8. **Black Flag:** Cars that receive the black flag must go to pit road immediately. If you do not go to pit road within 3 laps, your scoring will stop until the situation is rectified. Check with your spotter for guidance from race control.

9. **Free Pass:** (Events 50 laps or more) At the time the caution comes out, the first car behind the leader 1 lap down will be deemed to be the Free Pass (If free pass is the cause of the yellow then it would go to next car in line). Free pass will stay in their position throughout the caution period (Free Pass may pit if they elect to), until directed to pass the pace car or drop to the tail of the field and have your lap added manually. Free pass must always restart on the tail of longest line until a green lap is completed. No free pass will be awarded unless a green lap is completed or in the last 5 laps of the event.

10. **Slow Cars:** Slow cars must stay in the bottom lane in the presence of lead lap cars during the race. Lapped cars that create problems for lead lap cars may be penalized. Lapped cars should let the leaders go by on the outside and then resume racing. **Lapped cars that are repeatedly passed without giving the preferred lane during the race may be penalized.** Cars fighting to stay on the lead lap are not forced to yield to the leaders until the leader has passed them.

11. **Scoring:** Transponders will be used for scoring. Teams must return the transponder to an official before leaving the pit area. There is a **\$400 PENALTY** for failure to turn in your transponder.

12. **Spotters:** When required spotters must be in the designated spotters stand during racing activities. Only one spotter per team is allowed in the spotter stand, no guest. Spotters must have the ability to listen to race control via a standard electronic scanner or dedicated radio at all times during the event. **The frequency for this is 461.2000.** Drivers should keep your spotter's patient and polite; spotters keep your drivers the same. Tower will be monitoring spotters during the race. Spotters must be respectful to officials and other spotters at all times. If the spotter leaves or is removed from the spotters stand you will be parked.

13. **Post-Race:** The top three finishers go to the front-stretch immediately following the completion of the race. Fourth and fifth go straight to tech. Other cars may be requested to go directly to tech. Crews may touch the cars only how and when they are directed to by officials. Driver must drive car back to scales following victory lane ceremonies.

\*These procedures will be superseded by any procedures provided during the event