

# **2020 General Rules for ALL Divisions**

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 series 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 These guidelines and/or regulations will be superseded by any guidelines and/or regulations distributed in writing or announced during an events drivers meeting.

## **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 Speedway or sponsors may subject the driver or team to sanctions. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND/OR CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPORT OF AUTO RACING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
2. General appearance of drivers and crews must be neat and clean looking.
3. 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.
4. Verbal or physical abuse of officials, including improper language or actions will result in sanctions from the track.
5. 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.
6. 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 speedway.
7. Any driver who intentionally causes a caution condition, without safety being an issue, by stopping, spinning, or any other action, is subject to 2-lap penalty
8. Crew members are not allowed on the racetrack at anytime. Pit crew, drivers, or track officials are not allowed to service cars on the racing surface without specific permission from race control.
9. No one is allowed in the control tower without permission at anytime. You will be subject to severe penalties. Race director will be available at the end of the night.

## **2. COMPETITION RULES**

### **A. Scoring**

1. All divisions must register with scoring in designated area at each event. Registration will close fifteen (15) minute 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 start at the rear of your first event if class does not have qualifying.
2. Divisions running transponders will get them at registration. You will be required to use an AMB pouch or clip to secure the transponder on the right rear frame rail of the car . They are available for purchase at the registration table. If you have a personal transponder please disable it prior to going on track.
3. Transponder must be on car for any on track activity when they are made available to your class.
4. 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 change prior to start of a race and after qualifying will result in that car starting at the rear of field. Failure to notify of a change will result in loss of money and points.

### **B. Qualifying/Race Line Up**

1. Late Model and Modified of Mayhem qualifying order can be set by order of entry or by draw. Qualifying order will be posted in the tech shed showing qualifying tech groups and times.
2. Divisions that receive timed laps will have an official time once they have 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). There will be no re-qualifying.
3. For classes that do not have qualifying orders once the last car in line leaves stop and go no other cars will be allowed to join the line.
4. Practice session times may be used for qualification purposes on any class utilizing transponders should unforeseen circumstance dictate the necessity during the event. Final session practice times may also be scheduled in advance to replace traditional qualifying in the form of group qualifying.

5. Pole Sitter or winner of the first heat race will roll a die or drivers will draw numbers to determine invert for feature lineup.
6. Normal race programs can consist of any combination of practice, qualifications (1or2 laps), last-chance race, heat races and feature as announced by officials. Race lineup can also be set by practice speed, random draw or from season points.
5. A driver, with his car, must either practice or qualify, to be eligible to start the feature except with prior approval.
6. 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.
7. 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. All Late Model and Modified of Mayhem 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 will be required to wear raceceivers if they do not have a spotter monitoring race control anytime they are on track. Pure Stock drivers are not allowed two way radios and must have a raceceiver to compete.
2. 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
3. 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.
4. Once fifty percent of the total laps are completed the race is considered official.
5. 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.
6. Any car that has a hood or trunk 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.
7. Driver must remain strapped in the car until safety officials arrive unless it is unsafe to do so.
8. 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.
9. Three unassisted spins or multiple incidents and you will be parked for the remainder of the event.

#### **D. Finishing Positions**

1. Finishing positions will be determined according to the most laps completed (including those earned through announced race procedures) in the least 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 after the un-official results are posted. 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.

#### **F. 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 for such inspection and must not work on the car in any fashion until told to do so by a technical 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 will be grounds for disqualification.
4. Protests regarding alleged mechanical infractions must be made prior to the feature race being called to the track for the 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 fee of \$300. Mechanical inspection with respect to such protest will be made following the feature race. \$75 of the fee will be retained by the speedway, with the remaining \$225 going to the winner of the protest.
5. A protest may only be filed by a competitor in the same feature race.
6. At tracks discretion a motor and/or car can be impounded and inspection done at a later time and place agreeable to all parties.

### **3. Common Technical Rules**

1. Sunoco Purple 110 or CRATE is the Spec fuel of the Speedway. A minimum fuel purchase will be required at some events. Fuel samples may be taken at any time and tested. Alcohol, nitro-methane, nitrous oxide, other oxygenating

agents, other additives and/or fuels that contain masking agents or oxygen are not permitted. Use of such substances or additives will result in immediate disqualification and loss of points. The only other fuel allowed will be standard pump unleaded. Use of any fuel that contains oxygen is prohibited!!!

2. 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. Select windshield stickers and decals may be absolutely required to participate in an event.
3. All cars must go through tech for safety inspection the first time the car competes at the track each season. This will include inspection of all personal safety equipment.
4. Late Models and Modified of Mayhem cars must go through tech inspection at each event before practice. Any infractions must be checked off prior to qualifying tech opening. Failure to do so could result in penalties.
5. Late Model and Modified of Mayhem tires may be impounded and if so will be released prior to qualifying tech. There will be no jacking up or lifting of the car past the designated point.
6. All classes must start the feature on the tires you qualify on or you must start on the rear. Officials reserve the right to make exceptions in certain situations.
7. For classes required to go thru tech prior to qualifying it is the drivers responsibility to know when you need to be in line. Failure to be at tech in your time slot without prior approval may result in penalties.
8. Bleeders are not allowed. Use of tire softening or altering agents is not permitted. Use of such substances will result in immediate disqualification and fine.
9. Vehicles must have 4-wheel hydraulic brakes.
10. No traction control devices, electronic or otherwise, will be permitted. Use of traction control will be cause for immediate disqualification and suspension from future racing activities.
11. Carburetor restriction must be done with a solid plate or cone type system only, and may not be externally adjustable in any way.
12. One Ignition Box Only.
13. No "U" Shaped Fuel Cells or non-standard shaped fuel cells. 8. No Tungsten or similar weight allowed! 9. No Data Acquisition equipment/wiring is allowed in the car on officially recognized race or practice days.

#### **4. 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 of license, 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.

#### **5. 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 speedway 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 Five Flags Speedway or anyone acting on it's behalf. If a competitor initiates or maintains litigation in violation of this covenant, that person agrees to reimburse Five Flags Speedway 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 officials.
5. 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 local 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.

#### **6. SAFETY**

1. Approved seat belts and double shoulder harness will be required, no older than five (5) years. 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 or neck collar is required at all times.
3. Helmet should be 2010 Snell standard or better and have sticker visible for inspection. Full-face helmets required.
4. Approved, clean full driving suit and gloves for fire protection are mandatory. Fire proof shoes 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. Side plate for driver's door will be mandatory. Must be 12 inches (12") high post-to-post, 1/16" minimum thickness steel or 3/16" aluminum and must be fastened with a minimum of six (6) half-inch bolts or securely welded to speedways approval.
7. Driver's window must be equipped with safety net with quick release-latch. String window nets will not be permitted. The minimum net size must be 22" wide and 16" high. When latched, the window net must fit and pull tight.
8. 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.
9. All lead weights must be painted white, with the car number painted on each individual piece and be visible from the top. All lead weights must be securely fastened. Any lost weight may result in a \$10 per pound fine. No Tungsten or similar weight allowed!
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. A main electrical cut-off switch needs to be clearly marked and easily accessible to safety crews. It must be located on the dash in the center in clear view, or must be mounted on roll bar behind driver within reach of window. "On" and "Off" switch must be clearly marked.
12. Numbers must be a minimum of 24" in height, with body of each character a minimum of 3" in width and must be professionally placed on each door. A 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.
13. Roll cage must be constructed of 1 3/4" OD round steel tubing with a minimum wall thickness of .090". Three inches (3") maximum gussets measured diagonally must be welded in main roll cage area where a 90-degree angle exists or where the roll cage meets the main frame rails. The main frame rails / bolt-on clips must be steel from radiator area to behind the fuel cell.
14. No part of any cooling or oiling system may be located in driver's compartment.
15. Batteries must be securely fastened and mounted outside of driver's compartment or in a box with a cover.

## **7. 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 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 or drug substance on a 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 Speedway as follows:

2. Suspension from competition and eviction from track property and denial of further entry to the t track for any events for a period of time to be determined by speedway officials.

3. 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 Speedway events for a minimum period of one (1) Year from date of conviction.

### **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 Speedway 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 Speedway officials.

### **6. Prescribed Drugs**

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