

DESOTO SPEEDWAY General Rules

These rules supersede any previous rules that have been issued by Desoto Speedway. They will go into full force and effect January 1, 2015. If you have any questions or problems, feel free to contact the Speedway Office. Do not assume any items not spelled out in the rules are legal or acceptable. Call 941-748-3171 during regular business hours for information.

WARNING The possession, consumption or distribution of ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE or controlled substance, at any time while in the restricted area, is strictly prohibited. This is your first, last and only warning concerning alcohol or controlled substances of any kind. Anyone caught in possession of, or under the influence of any such substance will be escorted out immediately. Fines and suspension will result. NO ALCOHOL OR BEER ALLOWED IN PITS.

GENERAL RULES The General Rules Section applies to each and every driver, mechanic and/or Pit Personnel. Some items, obviously, do not apply to each class - you can easily determine which rules do not apply to you. You are expected to know the rules - ignorance will not be tolerated as an excuse.

GENERAL INFORMATION Every driver must inspect the racing surface and race track area to learn of any defects, obstructions, or anything which, in the driver's opinion, is unsafe and shall report that condition, in writing, to a track official. Any driver entering any racing event is considered to have inspected the track and found all conditions to be satisfactory...If not, THE DRIVER SHOULD NOT RACE. The participant further indicated that they are aware that auto racing involves risks and assumes these risks with full awareness and knowledge.

GENERAL RULE STATEMENT The rules and/or regulations set forth; herein, are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the conditions of all DESOTO SPEEDWAY events, and by participating in these events, all participants, guest, race members, and staff is deemed to have complied with these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators, or others. The Track Officials shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in their opinion do not alter the minimum acceptance requirements.

NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS. Any interpretation or deviation from these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final. Desoto Speedway officials reserve the right to review or change any rule within this rule book at any time. Drivers are responsible for the conduct of themselves, their crews, associates, and families.

DON'T LET SOMEONE GET YOU DISQUALIFIED. The drivers or car owner will be the only spokesman recognized by Desoto Speedway officials. PLEASE NOTE: The Desoto Speedway Rule Book is not the only authority governing the actions and activities of those individuals who pass through the gates at this facility. We remind everyone that the speedway is located within the boundaries of Manatee County and the State of Florida and therefore are within the jurisdiction of all law enforcement agencies operating and having authority within this area. Thus, all laws and statues applicable to this area are enforceable at the speedway and all violators will be dealt with accordingly by the various law enforcement agencies.

PREVAILING POLICIES The Speedway Management and officials will establish the length, frequency and administration of all events and programs and when their decision is rendered, that decision is FINAL AND BINDING. Exceptions to the rules and specifications may be made on a temporary basis at the discretion of the Race Director. The Management and officials will determine all finishing positions and their decision is final! Any complaints, disputes, questions or problems must be directed to the officials immediately following the event. It is the duty of all drives, car owners and mechanics to bring to the attention of the officials any unsafe equipment of practices or any rule infraction of any car or driver. Continuous developments in racing may necessitate changes the Desoto Speedway cannot anticipate at the time the rules are formulated. Hence, we may, if necessary, update, modify, and add to or delete rules.

TRACK POLICY - IMPORTANT TO ALL RACING PERSONNEL

Desoto Speedway is personal property. Any person on this property, without the permission of Desoto Speedway owners or management, is guilty of trespassing and subject to penalties prescribed by law. Through your registration, you have been given the authority and right to be on this property in conjunction with racing activities. However, the Administration of Desoto Speedway reserves the right to revoke and cancel this authority at any time that it is felt that your presence or conduct is not in the best interest of the sport of auto racing, your fellow competitors, the fans, management and employees of Desoto Speedway.

RACE TRACK OPERATING PROCEDURES The only people allowed on the race track and infield is racing officials. Everyone must stay away at all times unless requested to assist for some special reason. Drivers may seek a place of safety in the infield following disablement...when crashed. Pit crews, owners, and personnel related to any car are not allowed on the track following an accident or injury. Do not enter the racing surface without express authorization. An official will OK your entry at the track entrance and signal for you to proceed. This includes any competitor returning to the speedway from the pits during a caution period. The track may be used for practice, weather permitting, on Thursday Night. There is a nominal charge for all persons entering the Pit Area. The track may be rented at other times by contacting the Speedway Management, BUT NOT ON RACE DAY! Any competing vehicle whose speed has been reduced to a point where it causes a safety problem or endangers the track activity will be removed from the racing surface. Our racing program is based on the availability of enough vehicles qualified. If this number is not available, alternate scheduling or programming will be used. No driver may get out of his/her car on the track to argue or discuss the race with the starter or officials. No driver may get out of his/her car on the track to work on their car, except under red flag conditions. If this rule is violated, the driver may be disqualified for the event or suspended according to the decision of the Race Director. Any event is completed when over one half of the scheduled laps have been run by the leader or terminated by the officials for safety reason.

DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

1. Must have a valid State Driver's License. Exception's at the Owner's discretion.
2. ALL DRIVER CHANGES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE RACE DIRECTOR OR THE PIT DIRECTOR BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT. THIS REPORT IS NOT TO BE GIVEN TO ANY OTHER OFFICIAL! IT IS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE RACE DIRECTOR OR PIT DIRECTOR ONLY - NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. Same driver must drive in both heat and feature unless prior arrangements made with Pit Director.
4. Drivers in all other divisions will be allowed to compete in more than one division (with track owner's permission) as long as a separate car is available and made for the alternate class in which the driver wishes to compete. Cars can only race in the class it was originally registered in/unless your car was determined by tech to be in another class.
5. Drives running two cars will be required to pay two entry fees.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

1. If at any time the conduct of any team member or driver is a discredit to the speedway, the racing industry, or to him/herself, he/she may be removed from all racing activity at the speedway.
2. The drivers are responsible for the conduct for themselves, their crews, associates, and family. Don't let someone get you disqualified.

GENERAL RACE

1. It will be the driver's responsibility to know his/her line-up position.
2. Each car and driver must check in with the Pit Gate Attendant in order to have their correct starting position in all events for that night. Any failure to do so by the person towing in the car, and/or driver, may result in starting scratch

for the entire day's events. Any late arrivals must check in with the Pit Director. Late arrivals (after 5:30) are subject to start in rear.

3. TOP THREE DRIVERS AFTER RACE MUST GO TO TECH, DRIVERS CANNOT GO TO PIT STALL FIRST, OR THEY WILL BE D.Q.'.

DRIVER CHANGES

1. Pit Director MUST BE NOTIFIED of any driver change 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for the day's events. Any failure to do so may result in loss of starting position. Any driver change result in the car starting in the rear.
2. Any car or driver not able to start their scheduled event or electing to start in the rear MUST NOTIFY the Pit Director as soon as possible so that correct line-ups can be posted.
3. All cars in Heat line-ups and Features will be crossed over to correct the line-ups.

Race Starts:

1. Once the first initial green flag drops, the race is officially started. If you do not take the first green flag, you will not be allowed to race. All original starts will be at the painted line coming out of turn 4. If the top 2 cars fail to fire after 2 tries they will be sent to the rear. All restarts will be between the 2 painted lines in turn 3 and 4.
2. On complete restarts, all cars will return to their original starting positions at the discretion of the track officials. Any car causing two separate and complete restarts may be sent to the rear of the field. Jumping on restarts will result in being penalized one position for every car passed on the next restart. In the event no restarts occur after a jumping infraction, you will be penalized one position for every car passed prior to the display of the green flag. Yellow Flag

Procedures:

1. Under yellow, if you stop on track and get out of your car you may be disqualified and sent to the pits.
2. Under yellow, if you stop in the infield,, you will restart at the rear of the field.
3. If you go to the pits under caution, you must restart the race from the rear of the field. If you are driving through the infield under yellow or red, for cooling purposes, etc., you MUST KEEP MOVING and keep out of the way of the track and safety crews, with flagman's approval. If you do not get in the position the flagman puts you in, you will go to the rear.

Red Flag Conditions:

1. All cars must come to a complete stop. You may get out of your car.
 2. You may work on your car without the use of any tools (air gauge is o.k.).
 3. ROUGH DRIVING / UN-SPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. SEVERE PENALTIES AND OR FINES WILL BE LEVIED.
 4. ANY CARS CAUSING THREE CAUTIONS MAY BE SENT TO THE PITS.
 5. Restart line-ups will be based on the LAST COMPLETED LAP UNDER GREEN. A completed lap will be when the race leader has crossed the start/finish line.
 6. Owner has the right to add or delete the number of laps in each event depending on car count and time limit. When checkered flag has been displayed, the race is considered completed. The finish shall be determined by the order the cars come under the checkered flag, and by the number of laps each car completed.
 7. No Radios or Scanners will be allowed in race vehicles (except late models & modifieds.) Any radios used to transmit on the frequencies used by the track will be confiscated and returned at the end of the night. NOTE; any incident on the checkered flag lap can result in fines or a penalty of being placed to the rear of the lap you are running in or disqualified.
- Miscellaneous: 8. Only one center mounted inside mirror. No outside mirrors. A four panel maximum wink mirror is allowed. Track approved Tires only.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

1. The word stock as referred to in the following rules means: As comes from the factory in non- performance massproduced automobiles.
2. All cars must have approved roll cage and roll bars of at least 14 gauge 1 3/4" OD steel pipe. Rolls bars must be welded to frame and have four protective bars along driver's leg and two bars on passenger side. All joints must be gusset and subject to inspection.
3. Racing helmet (Snell 90 or newer) with buckle-type chin strap must be worn. Drivers must have on protective eye wear protection at all times. Neck Collar is optional, but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
4. Nomex or equivalent fire suits are MANDATORY for all drivers in all divisions. At no time will drivers be allowed on the track without a suit. You may wear 1 or 2 piece suits, two layers recommended. Minimum protection suits mandatory. Fire retarding racing gloves MANDATORY.
5. Doors must be welded or bolted shut. Hood and trunk must be securely fastened.
6. Racing type metal seat, mounted to roll cage. Must have padded head rest with a minimum of 16 square inches. Steering wheel center must be padded.
7. Quick release seat belts and a double over the shoulder safety strap harness system are mandatory. Must be 5-point harness. All belts and harnesses are subject to inspection and approval by speedway officials at any time and must meet the following requirements.
 - a. Minimum three-inch width.
 - b. They must be worn as tight as possible.
 - c. They must be attached directly to a strong, structural member of the roll cage. Attachment must be with a chain or any other substantial connection device capable of withstanding significant G forces.
 - d. Life of belts and harnesses must not exceed four (4) years.
 - e. Belts and harness system must be replaced whenever they appear worn or frayed.
 - f. All surfaces over which belts and harnesses passed must be such that they do not cause the material to chafe or cut.
8. The battery must be enclosed in a covered container and secured in such a manner as to preclude it breaking loose upon impact.
9. A car with loose body pieces or a car that lose body parts during an event is subject to be black flagged at the discretion of the officials.
10. All cars with open drive shafts must have a 360 degree safety strap in front and all drive shafts must be painted white. No aluminum drive shafts in any class.
11. Cars must have at least a one-gallon metal water catch can attached to over flow pipe mounted in front of firewall.
12. All cars must have a push or pull cut-off switch within reach of the driver and clearly marked.
13. Starter must be in working order.
14. Distributor must be mounted in stock location and maintain stock firing order. No crank trigger, adjustable timing mechanisms, magnets or computerized system.
15. Scatter shield required, or metal welded over clutch.
16. Fuel shut-off valve MANDATORY. All car must have an approved fire extinguisher with a working gauge. It must be within the driver's reach with an approved type of holder.

SAFETY RULES

1. Approved helmet

2. Approved fire suit (no holes in suit)
3. Approved racing gloves
4. Fire extinguisher with gauge must be securely mounted in place. Do not tape it to roll cage.
5. Aluminum oval track racing seat mounted to roll cage. Must be padded.
6. A minimum of 4 point racing harness is mandatory. Must be mounted to roll cage.
7. Window net must be mounted at the bottom and fastened at the top.
8. Full Lexan windshield is mandatory, with tech discretion.
9. Throttle top strap and double springs mandatory on all cars.
10. Battery location is optional, but must be secure. If battery is mounted near driver or fuel cell, it must be enclosed in a plastic boat type box, with a master shut-off.
11. Radiator catch can be mounted in front of firewall.
12. Fuel shut-off valve is mandatory.
13. Eye protection must be used. Desoto Speedway HIGHLY recommends the use of HEAD and NECK Restraints for ALL

DRIVERS. BODY AND APPEARANCE

1. All race cars must have neat appearance with a good paint job.
2. Car numbers must be registered with the Speedway office during normal business hours.
3. No duplicate numbers
4. Car numbers of at least 18 inches or more in height, and 3 inches wide, must appear on both doors of the car (between the front and rear tire wells) in a contrasting color.
5. Car number, 4 inch minimum height, must be displayed on the top of the windshield. This may be done by painting or with vinyl.
6. Cars must display roof top numbers, 18 inches high readable from the right side (passenger side).
7. The hood must be run ON THE CAR in all events and must have a positive fastening device, no car shall run in any event without its hood closed and secured, and in the stock location, unless damaged during the same race date.
8. Cars cannot compete without the driver's door securely in place AT ALL TIMES.
9. A new or rebuilt car will be allowed two (2) weeks to be painted.
10. You will be given two (2) weeks to correct number problems on your car