



RULES DISCLAIMER

The rules 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 rules shall govern the conditions of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OR SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OR COMPLIANCE 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 a participant, spectator, or official.

The race director shall be empowered to permit minor deviations from any of the specifications herein, or impose any further restrictions, that in his/her opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATIONS OR SPECIFICATION.** Any interpretation of or deviation from these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

The Management of the Heart O' Texas Speedway

IF the Rules don't say it—

DON'T DO IT!

ANY POINT NOT COVERED HEREIN

SHALL BE DECIDED

BY THE OFFICIALS.

GENERAL RULES

- 1. The management of the Heart O' Texas Speedway reserves the right to alter the race program at any time for the improvement of the quality and/or convenience of the night's schedule.**
- 2. If inclement weather interrupts a race program, the program will be considered complete if all heat races have been run. Rain checks will not be honored. All unfinished feature races will be re-scheduled, when possible. Line-Ups for rescheduled features will remain as determined before the program was canceled.**
- 3. Anyone entering the race track premises does so at his/her own risk. Everyone entering the pit gate must personally sign a release. If you fail to sign the release, then you are not covered by the track insurance. The minimum age of minors entering the pit area will be determined by the insurance carrier and will be posted at the pit gate.**
- 4. At all times during a race program, all persons in the pit area are responsible to the pit steward. The flagman has complete control of the cars during the race. Decisions of the speedway personnel are official and final. Management is not responsible for accidents of any nature, or damage incurred, or loss by theft while on the premises of the Heart O' Texas Speedway.**
- 5. Track officials reserve the right to refuse entrance to any car, driver, owner, or any other person or persons to the pit area, infield, or grandstand area.**

PROTEST

- A. All protest must be filed with technical official prior to the start of the feature race of each class (Unless otherwise noted in sanctioning rules). The protest fee, in cash, will be given to the technical official by the registered car owner or driver filing the protest and cannot be withdrawn once made. The protesting owner or driver must be competing in that evening's race program in the class they wish to protest. The protested car must report immediately to the designated inspection area. If the protested car is found to be illegal, the money is returned to the person filing the protest and the illegal car forfeits all winnings and points for that program. If the protested car is found to be legal, then the protested car collects the protest fee. No protested car may leave the premises prior to checking the protest without forfeiting points and winnings.**

ENGINE PROTEST

- A. Protest fee is \$250 for all NON-SANCTIONED CLASSES.**
- B. Four persons from the protested car and one person from the car filing the protest(s) are the only participants allowed in the designated inspection area.**
- C. A Maximum of 20 minutes will be allowed for engine cooling.**
- D. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the designated inspection area.**
- E. Track Officials have the right to impound a race car and hold the purse on any protest for which the results cannot be determined at the track.**

PROTEST REFUSAL

- A. Refusal of a car owner to cooperate with the technical official will result in the forfeiture of all money/points earned that race night.**
- B. Any race car owner or driver refusing to protest will have their race car checked at the owner's expense upon returning to the speedway after a first refusal.**
- C. A second protest refusal will result in the car and driver losing all points awarded for the entire race season up to that point.**

FIGHTING

- A. Any participant starting a fight, or conducting him or herself in a manner detrimental to the Heart O' Texas Speedway or the sport of auto racing, will be fined or penalized by the management. The guilty party will be notified by the management of the pending fine and/or penalty before the next race event. A second offense will result in a heavier fine and/or penalty.**
- B. Any abuse of a track official by anyone is grounds for permanent suspension from the premises.**

PASSENGERS

- A. Insurance regulations forbid anyone other than the driver from riding in the race car at any time. Exceptions are Enduro races. One passenger per car only.**

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- A. No one shall claim any damages against any speedway official for reasons of disqualifications or damages to any property not covered under the current insurance policy.**
- B. Any driver disqualified for rough driving or unsportsmanlike conduct will receive last place points and pay. If the offense is deemed flagrant, officials have the right to enforce the penalty of no points and no pay. Any car found illegal in post-race inspection will receive last place points and pay unless otherwise stated in divisional sanctioning rules. Any driver disqualified for safety reasons will receive winnings and points for that event, but the race car must be inspected and approved by the pit steward before entering the following event.**
- C. If a hood pops up or a flat tire occurs on the right side of the car before the white flag lap of any race event, the driver must go immediately to the red/yellow area or face disqualification.**
- D. Any driver disregarding a black flag more than twice during a race may be disqualified, may receive no winnings for that event, and may be suspended for the remainder of the race program.**
- E. Disqualification of a driver results in the disqualification of the car he/she is driving for the remainder of the night.**

- F. Any work performed on a car outside the red/yellow (Hot Pit) work area may result in that car's disqualification from that event. Any car entering the pit area during a race disqualifies the car and/or driver from reentering that event.
- G. Any driver change made without notifying speedway officials will result in the disqualification of the driver and the car, forfeiture of winnings and points for that event, and suspension for the remainder of the night.
- H. Any single car involved in two (2) red or red/yellow flags in a feature race will be disqualified for that event.

RACE/LINE-UP PROCEDURES

- A. On the third restart of any race, the track official may elect to line the cars up single file. Cars must remain in a single file until passing a cone at the Start/Finish Line. Jumping a restart will result in a two (2) car penalty for every car the driver passed. This penalty will be enforced on the next caution or the end of the race whichever comes first.
- B. Heat Races will be eight (8) laps for all divisions except modified will run ten (10) lap heat races.
- C. Drivers participating in back-to-back features must have the racecar for the second feature waiting in the infield before the start of the first feature. A pit crew member can driver the second race car to the infield area.
- D. Only drivers and pit crews will be allowed in Victory Lane for feature winner pictures. No one will be admitted to Victory Lane from the grandstand area.
- E. No one will be allowed to enter a race from the pit area after the green flag has dropped.
- F. A green/yellow light will be used to alert al drivers of a situation where caution is needed. Racing will continue under a green/yellow.
- G. All cars must stop immediately on the track in the event of a red flag. If any maintenance or repairs are needed, cars must move to the red/yellow work area. Once the cars are realigned and moved out for the parade lap, any car not returning to the track must go to the rear of the pack. Cars may reenter the race from the Hot Pit area any time after the green flag drops.
- H. A red/yellow lights/flag will be used to clear the track of minor accidents. All cars must reduce their speed to a slow pace and fall into position with on passing under a red/yellow. Any cars observed speeding during a red/yellow flag especially near any pedestrian on the track, will be disqualified. The official line-up will have the leader alone on the front row. All trailing cars will align two abreast as determined by the last lap completed under the green flag. If a car drops out of the line-up, the cars directly behind will move up without crisscrossing. No passing or pushing will be allowed.
- I. Cars may enter the designated Hot Pit work area at a safe speed at any time during a race. By doing so, that car forfeits its restart position and must go to the rear of the field. Only four crew members per car will be allowed in the Hot Pit Area while

their car is in the Hot Pit. No one will be allowed to watch the races from the Hot Pit Area.

- J. Any race car causing a red or red/yellow by deliberately stopping on the speedway to improve his/her position or protest an official's call will be sent to the pits.
- K. Any car losing an identifiable part that causes a caution will be sent to the rear of the field.
- L. Any driver changes will result in that car starting on the back of the event for which the car qualifies. Driver making a change in cars will not be allowed to protest or claim any driver in that event. Drivers returning to their original car will start on the back of their scheduled event. No number changes may be made with a driver change.
- M. Any competing vehicle whose speed has been reduced to a point where it causes a safety problem or retards track activity will be removed from the race track at the discretion of speedway officials.
- N. The flagman has the authority to start any event whether all cars called to the track are ready or not. Any car that does not take its position when called to line-up will go to the rear of the pack.
- O. Any car that cuts inside the end light poles in the infield will lose 1 lap for each offense.
- P. Any single car causing a single car caution in the heat race will be sent to the pit. Any car causing two single car cautions in the feature will be sent to the pits.
- Q. Only race officials and authorized persons are allowed on the race track or in the infield during competition. Drivers may seek a place of safety in the infield following disablement. Drivers are not allowed to work on or examine disabled cars in the infield during a race. Only wrecker and safety crews will be allowed on the race track in the event of an accident.
- R. Any driver caught by speedway officials participating in a race event without a helmet properly strapped on and/or safety belts securely fastened will be disqualified for that event.

PARKING

- A. Parking spaces are available for reservation for the year by paying a \$50 fee. Those parking spaces will be designated for the respective driver for all normal weekly racing events. All special events and end of the year shows will be designated as open parking.
- B. Parking along the pit fence adjacent to the highway will be designated for all touring series such as sprint cars, dwarf cars, etc.

AUXILLARY PIT VEHICLES

- A. Auxiliary vehicles of any kind (golf carts, ATV's, UTV's, etc.) should be used for necessary transportation only. Joy riding in the pit area is prohibited. Two wheeled vehicles are discouraged.**
- B. Non-racecar drivers of auxiliary vehicles must be 16 years of age or older.**
- C. Auxiliary pit vehicles may carry only as many passengers as there are seats provided. No overloading of vehicles.**
- D. Auxiliary pit vehicles must be operated safely at all times. Excessive speeds will not be tolerated. Any auxiliary pit vehicle operated in an unsafe manner will be parked/and or loaded up for the night.**
- E. All Auxiliary pit vehicles must be parked and/or loaded up 30 minutes after the last race.**
- F. The driver/owner of any auxiliary pit vehicle assumes full responsibility for any bodily injury or property damage related to the use of their vehicle.**

AFTER RACE POLICIES

- A. Hot Laps will be allowed for 10 minutes only following the last race of the night. (Time Permitting)**
- B. The pit area will be closed one hour after the last race. All people and vehicles must be moved outside the gated pit area.**
- C. At no time are personal vehicles or auxiliary pit vehicles allowed on the race track following the races.**

TRANSPONDERS

All scoring will be electronically scored. Transponders may be rented at the Drivers Check-in building for \$15.00 per event. Transponders must be mounted no further forward than the steering gear box.

RACECEIVERS

Raceceivers are required for all classes. Raceceivers may be rented at the Drivers Check-in building for \$15.00 per event.

SPEEDING

Speeding in the pit area will not be tolerated. Any race vehicle, ATV, etc. caught speeding will be liable for a cash fine up to \$25.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. All race car numbers must be registered with speedway officials. A registered car not participating in at least one race night before July 1 will forfeit his number and**

registration fee.

- B. All cars must be checked in at the pit shack before participating in any event in order to receive winnings & points for that event.**
- C. All cars must have a presentable paint job with a clearly visible one or two or three digit number. Paint used for the number must sharply contrast with the color of the remainder of the car and be a minimum of 18 “high. Extra numbers or letters must be at least 9 “high and cannot overlap other letters or numbers. Numbers must be displayed on both front doors and the top of the car. All classes of cars must display a smaller, easily read number in the upper right hand corner of the windshield and the upper left hand corner of the rear window opening (as viewed from outside of the car.) No obscene or off-color remarks, slogans, words, or pictures will be allowed on cars. All decals requested by major sponsors to the point fund must be displayed to participate in point fund.**
- D. All cars are required to have a muffler. IMCA approved for IMCA Sanctioned classes or Smiley’s Muf-003 or Muf-035 are allowed.**
- E. No titanium, magnesium, carbon fiber products, parts, or components allowed anywhere on race cars.**
- F. All parts must be identifiable.**
- G. A car cannot compete in two different classes on the same night.**
- H. Any vehicle other than a tow vehicle with a trailer and race car will be charged a pit pass fee to park in the pit area.**
- I. All race cars must help in packing the track. Hot laps and races will begin whether the track is well packed or not.**
- J. Drivers should pick up winnings within 1 hour of announcement of official results for the last event of the program. In the event of a protest, money for the affected class must be picked up within 30 minutes of the official protest decision. Money not picked up within the time limit will be held until the following week's races.**
- K. The pit area will be cleared and close one hour after the official results of the last event have been announced. In the event of a protest, the pit area will be closed 30 minutes after the completion of the protest. Once the pit lights are turned off, you are expected to leave the pit or face suspension.**
- L. Special events may be governed by different rules and rule changes.**
- M. Individual picking up purse money must present a pay card and sign their own name legibly. Individual picking up any purse must verify the amount of money in that envelope before leaving the pit window. No exceptions! Money not picked up within the time limit will be held until the following week. Purse not picked up within a four week period will be forfeited and donated back to the track.**
- N. Any ruling not covered herein shall be decided by Speedway officials.**