

Track Rules  
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- T.1 If the cars are spread out too far, or for any reason are not properly placed, the starter will display the yellow flag to indicate that they must go around once more. It is the responsibility of the inside front row driver to set the pace lap speed. When the cars are properly placed, he may increase speed as they approach the starting line. Drivers are reminded that they must stay in line, and not pull out to pass, until the green flag is displayed.
- T.2 Any car that delays or otherwise hinders the start or restart of a race due to the driver not being familiar with the line-up procedure, or the car not being self-starting may be placed at the rear of the line-up.
- T.3 Any car or driver who is unable, unwilling, or who simply does not keep up to the car in front of him or her during a restart may be asked, by the Starter, to go to the back of the pack and all cars behind him/her move up one-position.
- T.4 Any car & driver who “jumps” the start will receive one warning for doing so, if he or she “jumps” the start a second time; they will be set to the back for the start of that race.
- T.5 The flags and signal lights used, and the meaning of each, shall be as follows:
- (A) Yellow Flag or Light - stop racing, the field will be lined up according to the last complete green flag lap.
  - (B) Red Flag or Red Light- Track is unsafe, race is stopped, come to a safe stop as quickly as possible. Anyone who disobeys the red flag will receive a black flag for the race and may be suspended for the rest of the race meet.
  - (C) White Flag – One lap remaining in race.
  - (D) Checkered Flag – End of race.
  - (E) Black Flag – Disqualification, go to the pits, rule violation.

- (F) Black Flag/Yellow Dot – Mechanical defect. Go to the pits.
- (G) Blue/Yellow Stripe – You are being lapped. Move to the inside lane as soon as it is safe to do so.

T.6 Any driver who disregards the “lapping” flag, may be disqualified.

T.7 When the yellow flag and/or light is displayed, all cars will stop racing. The race will resume with the cars being lined up according to the finish of the last complete green flag lap. Cars involved in the incident will be required to start at the back.

T.8 Any driver who continues to race at speeds unsafe under the circumstances when the yellow flag is being displayed will be sent to the back or sent to the pits for the remainder of the race.

T.9 Any driver who disregards or disobeys the red flag and/or light at any time during a race meet whether during a race or practice, shall be penalized as follows for each offense:

During Race – Disqualified for the race being run. During Practice – Disqualified for the first heat.

T.10 There shall be no restarts because of a spin out or collision if the cars are right side up, the track is not obstructed, and no-one is injured. However, the Starter may stop the race at any time if, in his opinion, someone may be injured or any unsafe conditions exist.

T.11 All restarts will be "doubled up" in the same manner as the start of a race, with the same penalties in effect for jumping the green flag as at the start of the race. The flagman may, for special reason start or restart cars in single file. Lapped cars will be lined up at the back of the pack and will be ineligible to win the race unless they un-lap themselves.

T.11(a) In extended lap feature races, lapped cars will retain their position in a restart (not have to go to the back of the field) in order to make it possible for the car to eventually un-lap itself unless there are 5 or fewer laps left in the race.

T.12 All cars are required to complete one "cooldown" lap after the checkered flag and must leave the track in an orderly fashion. (Exception -a car with mechanical problems that has already slowed down may exit at a much

reduced speed.)

Violation of this rule will result in the car starting at the back of the field for the next race.

- T.13 On track driving infractions may result in set-backs or black flags during or at the end of the race.
- T.14 Any driver who drives in an irresponsible manor before, during, or after a race will be penalized as judges see fit.
- T.15 Any incident which is considered by the officials to be a deliberate attempt to cause injury or damage shall result in the driver being penalized as follows depending on the severity of the offence:
- (A) Suspension for the remainder of the race meet and if during or after the feature, suspension for the heat race of the following event.
  - (B) Car and driver suspended for the remainder of the race event and the following race event.
  - (C) Penalty will be at the discretion of the officials.
- T.16 Any car that receives a black flag (not a mechanical black) will be required to start at the back of the field for the next race only.
- T.17 Deliberate failure to obey the black flag, the Flag Man has to stop the race to get rid of the car being flagged, will result in suspension from the next race.
- T.18 If the black flag occurs in the feature, then the offending car will be required to start at the back of the heat race of the next race date.
- T.19 All repairs should be made in the pits between races. Disabled cars should go to the pits if possible rather than remaining in the infield. If a disabled car goes to the infield, they must get as far as possible from the racing surface and the driver must remain in the car with his/her helmet and seat belt on until the race is completed unless it is unsafe to do so because of fire or otherwise instructed by track personnel. The track maintenance crew on occasion may bend or remove sheet metal to try and keep cars safe and on the track but no driver or crew member is permitted to do any work on a vehicle while it is on the track surface. If track maintenance crew does any work to the car, the car has to

restart at the rear.

T.19(a) The violations listed below will result in the car receiving a black flag for the race and being required to start at the back for the next race.

- Removing helmet or safety belts in a disabled car under green flag
- The driver must stay with his or her car until the car leaves the track or otherwise instructed by the track officials.

T.19(b) If a driver exits a disabled car and exhibits un-sportsman like conduct, he or she will receive a black flag for the race and maybe a disqualification from the next semi, feature, or the next week's heat race.

T.20 Any vehicle leaving the track during a race may return as long as the passage through the pits is done at a safe speed. A speeding car may be refused re-entry or even be black flagged for the race. Safety in the pits is paramount.

T.21 For the purpose of racing and scoring, the distance between the racers pit and the top of the on ramp is equal to the distance between the Start/Finish line and the top of the on ramp.

T.22 Top 5 feature winners and top 3 heat winners must report directly to scales.

Driver must keep belts fastened and helmets on (or sitting on drivers lap) and sit upright in proper location. No prizes, trophies, etc. in car. Zero tolerance and if the car is light, the car will be backed off scales, scales recalibrated and race car weighed again - but only once.

T.23 Cars may not stop anywhere in the Pits after a race on their way to the scales.

Cars must meet weight specifications after all races. If the car is damaged, a pit person will retrieve missing parts and take to the scales for that race only.

- T.24 When cars are being teched in the Tech Shed, track officials, the driver, and one pit person are the only ones allowed in the building unless the officials request someone else. Violations would result in a 25 point penalty for the car being teched.
- T.25(A) All cars must go to the tech area for inspection pre-race. Cars will not be permitted to compete until they have been inspected unless otherwise directed by the tech director. No engine, chassis or any other equipment will be considered as having been approved by passing through inspection unobserved.
- T.25(B) The deadline for pre-race inspection is one half hour before the posted start time. Any cars that fail to clear inspection by the appointed time may be penalized by starting at the rear of any heat or feature. Any car that cannot make inspection in time due to unforeseen circumstances must contact the tech director to explain the delay.
- T.26(A) Pre-race Technical or Safety Disqualification. Any driver or car which fails to pass pre-race tech/safety rules will be unable to participate in any event until such time as the infraction/infractions have been rectified to the satisfaction of the race technical director.
- T.26(B) Post-race Technical Disqualification. Any driver or car which fails post-race technical inspection will be subject to loss of credit for an official finishing position, including the loss of prize monies, trophies and points for that race and may be subject to further suspension of the driver, car, car owner, crew or all above.
- T.27 A car caught for a MINOR SAFETY INFRACTION will receive a warning. If it returns not fixed, it will start at the rear of the field until the safety problem is fixed.
- T.28(A) Minor infractions will result in disqualification for a single race.
- T.28(B) Major infractions will result in disqualification for the entire race meet including all prize monies, trophies, race points and show points.
- T.29 Any infractions not outlined in this book will be dealt with at the time of discovery. Penalties will be decided depending on degree of infractions in the eyes of the tech officials.
- T.30 Any car caught "illegal" must be re-teched before being allowed to race again.

- T.31 Track officials reserve the right to conclude any race if insufficient progress is being made toward the conclusion of the race.
- T.32 Feature races will be considered complete if more than 50% of the posted laps are completed. Any race that is considered completed without completing all laps will have a finish order of the restart line-up in the case of an accident or of the last green flag lap if stopped for unusual conditions.
- T.33 Oyster Bed Speedway officials have the power to make decisions as they see necessary in relation to improper conduct or situations and penalize as they see fit.

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