

2011 Tyler County Speedway Preliminary Rules



DISCLAIMER: The following outlines the general rules and procedures that the Management of Tyler County Speedway believes are necessary to operate the facility in a Manner that will provide a safe, enjoyable environment for family-oriented entertainment. The management reserves the right to make additions or changes to these procedures, as They deem necessary to achieve this end.

Tyler County Speedway is private property. Spectators and participants are welcome to Attend the activities at the Speedway facility for entertainment purposes, but the Speedway Reserves the right to remove person(s) causing a disturbance or interference with the Entertainment on said property. Tyler County Speedway, Promoter, Owner or Officials Reserve the right to refuse or to accept any car or participant. Tyler County Speedway, Promoters or Officials also reserve the right to revoke or cancel ANY entry or people Right to be on the track premises.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY : No driver, car owner or crew member will have any claim for damages or expenses against the promoter, owner, sponsor, sanctioning group or any track official by reason of disqualification, damages to the car, loss by theft, injuries to the driver, crew member or spectators. All competitors and participants in racing related activities at Tyler

County Speedway acknowledge and agree that motor sports and racing are dangerous to property and people. Participation in this activity carries with it the risk of serious personal injury and death to drivers, pit crew members, officials, rescue personnel and spectators. All competitors and participants therefore agree, as a condition to their being granted permission to participate in events at Tyler County Speedway, to release and hold harmless the Speedway, its owners, operators, directors, employees, agents, sanctioning bodies, event promoters, sponsors, co-participants and rescue personnel, for any and all injuries, death, property damage or other loss that results from participation in motor sports and racing events at the Speedway, regardless of the cause of such injuries, death, property damage or other loss, even if due to the negligence of the Speedway, its owners, operators, directors, employees, agents, sanctioning bodies, event promoters or co-participants, or due to the negligence of rescue personnel. All parties agree that the track and grounds are considered safe if they take part in the Speedway's activities. All participants agree that they will not initiate any type of legal action against Tyler County Speedway, Promoters, Tyler County Fair Association, Sponsors, Sanctioning Group or any Track Official, or to seek any monetary damages, injunctive relief or any other kind of legal action. If a participant pursues any such legal action, which violates this rule, then the participant agrees to pay any and all legal fees/costs for Tyler County Speedway, promoters, sponsors, sanctioning group or track official.

Official rulings are final. On occasions when situations arise that are not covered by written rules, the track officials may put special rulings into effect. Once such rulings are acted upon, they become an act of policy and will be added to the existing rules and procedures.

Any participant/spectator involved in any accident that results in injury or has the potential to have health effects not immediately recognizable, must report to the track management before leaving the premises, providing the participant/spectator is physically able to do so. Negligence in this matter will result in loss of any and/or all benefits.

All drivers should inspect the racing surface and the racetrack area to learn of any defect, obstruction or anything, which in the driver's opinion, is unsafe. It will be the drivers' responsibility to report any such conditions to a Track Official.

PROMOTIONAL RELEASE : Any competitor who wishes to compete consents to the use of his or her name, pictures and likeness for publicity, advertising and endorsements and relinquishes any rights to photographs or other graphic images taken in connection with events at Speedway and consents to the publication or sale of such photographs or other graphic images as the Speedway so desires.

RULES OF CONDUCT : The driver/owner of an entered race car assumes responsibility for all actions of driver, pit crew, sponsors, and themselves at all times and shall be the sole spokesperson for the car and crew in any and all matters pertaining to the race, and meet with the Officials in charge. Anyone taking part in discourteous conduct or causing a disturbance in public may be disqualified or may be subject to any other discipline deemed appropriate by race officials This suspension excludes any cancellations. Also, anyone leaving his or her pit area to go to another pit area to cause a disturbance will be punished by the Speedway Management for whatever way is deemed necessary. Fighting or assault on any participant/official is prohibited . The penalty for fighting and/or assaulting is as follows:

Driver may lose all points and purse earned for that night's events, including show points, and may be banned from the track for a period of time as decided by track

management. Management also reserves the right to revoke points & implement monetary fines that correspond with penalty imposed.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES / DRUGS: Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or alcohol Will

Not Be Tolerated. All Racers will be subject to a protest from anyone and may be required to take a breathalyzer test given by Tyler Co. Sheriff Deputy or WV State Police. Anyone having a BAL of .01 or greater will not be permitted to compete in that night's events. NO EXCEPTIONS! No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the pits or infield at any time prior to or during a day's racing events.

ACTIONS DETRIMENTAL TO SPEEDWAY AND/OR RACING: If a Speedway Official, Race

Director or Steward observes or is made aware of an act or omission by any participant in a Speedway racing event that constitutes a violation of these Rules or that is detrimental to the Speedway or racing, and if such act or omission is determined by Speedway to have been sufficiently serious to warrant the imposition of a penalty, Speedway shall give notice of the penalty to the person to be penalized. If the person who is penalized wishes to appeal the decision, such request must be made in writing and delivered to the Circle Track Management Group office within five calendar days of the issuance of the notice of penalty. Such appeals will be considered by

Appeals Board that will be convened by Speedway for the purpose of reviewing the appeal, and the act or the omission that gave rise to the penalty. The person who appealed the penalty will be given an opportunity to submit orally or in writing, in a manner to be decided Appeals Board, why the penalty imposed should be modified or repealed. THE DECISION OF

THE APPEALS BOARD IS FINAL, NON-APPEALABLE AND NON-LITIGABLE.

GENERAL SCOPE OF PENALTIES: Any person who is determined by Speedway to have

violated Speedway Rules or committed any act or omission that was detrimental to Speedway

and/or racing, including discourteous conduct, causing a disturbance, fighting, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or intoxicating drugs, may have imposed upon him or her one or more of the following penalties: disqualification, probation, suspension of membership, racing license or racing privileges at Speedway, fines, loss of points, and loss of finishing position(s) and purse in the event. This list is not inclusive. Speedway reserves the right to impose other penalties when determined to be appropriate.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

1. **PIT SIGN IN:** Every person entering the pits must have a pit pass. Every person entering the Pit Area must personally sign all releases.
 2. **AGE LIMITATIONS** (Pit Area) All ages are admitted to the pit area, with a signed Insurance waiver. Under the age of 18 all entrance into the pit must be accompanied by a legal guardian and must complete & sign a minor release form.
 3. **DRIVERS AGE LIMITATIONS:** Drivers must be at least 14 years of age. (exceptions: 410 sprints must be 16 yrs. Of age). (Additional Exceptions: Any driver planning on running a V-8 Modified, Crate or Late Model that is under the age of 16 must show verification of some type of prior driving experience and/or testimony from track operator and peers.) Youthful Drivers (under 18) must provide proof of age (original birth certificate or other original legal document) to be eligible to compete in events at Tyler County Speedway. Note: Youthful drivers must also have minors release signed by both parents or (Court appointed legal guardian) on premises in front of an Official or must have signature of both parents or (Court appointed legal guardian) completed in front of a notary, and an "Official" copy must be presented at the time of sign-in.
- 3A. **DRIVER/CAR REGISTRATION:** Every driver must completely fill out a Driver

Registration Form and pay a \$25.00 registration fee. We strongly recommend that you register as early as possible. This is for each division in which he/she participates. Drivers must present proof of social security number for 1099 requirements. 1099 must be complete at time of registration. If a driver change is made, there will be a \$25.00 fee to register the new driver. If a driver wish to drive into another class, he/she must complete another Registration form, and pay \$25.00 Driver Registration.

4. NUMBERING: Car numbers are issued on a first-paid / first-registered basis. Cars having the same number in any division must have a letter suffix. It is highly recommended that you check with the track office prior to numbering your car! Cars must have numbers painted on both sides of the car and roof or wing. Numbers must be at least four (4") inches wide and eighteen (18") high and clearly legible at race speeds. No Roman Numerals Please, unless preapproved by Speedway Management.

5. PIT Motorized VEHICLES: Only one (1) pit vehicle (i.e. 4-wheeler, golf cart, etc.) per racing team will be allowed in pit area. Pit Motorized vehicle must complete a vehicles registration form, and pay a \$20.00 registration fee for 2011 Season. After completing a registration form you will be provided with a sticker, that must be placed on your gas tank. All such vehicles MUST be marked with the car number that it is. **Maximum Speed 5 mph** in all area, No one under the age 16, or without a valid driver license is allowed to operate a Pit Motorized vehicle without official approval. Not following track rules is subject to permit begin revoked for the season.

representing in plain view. **THERE IS NO SPEEDING IN PITS (ZERO TOLERANCE)**

Officials reserve the right to deny use of pit vehicles by any team for team members driving recklessly or speeding.

6. TRAILER INSPECTION: Tyler County Speedway reserves the right to inspect the inside of all vehicles and trailers entering the pit area. Trailer doors must be unlocked and open for inspection. Driver of the vehicle will accompany the Track Official for inspection. If anyone is found in the vehicle/trailer who has not signed in, **(FIRST OFFENSE)** the driver will receive a verbal warning and the person who did not have the proper pit pass will not be allowed to enter the pit area at all that race night; **(SECOND OFFENSE)** the vehicle/trailer will be rejected from the grounds and all moneys paid will be forfeited with no recourse and the race car may

possibly be barred for the remainder of the season.

7. CAR INSPECTION : The track Officials will conduct inspections at the beginning of the race season and throughout the year. All cars and drivers are subject to inspection at any time. All cars entered for racing must be free from mechanical defects and in safe racing condition. Race cars must comply with class or division rules for which it is entered. If track Officials inspect and pass a race car, Speedway does not certify that the race car is free from mechanical defect or in safe racing condition. If track Officials do not inspect a race car, such non-inspection does not constitute certification by Speedway that the race car is free from mechanical defect or in safe racing condition. Track Officials reserve the right to reject any car and/or driver without recourse. Only suitable cars will be approved for competition.

8. GRACE PERIOD: A first-time participant who is found to have a MINOR rules violation on their car will be permitted to race that night with the following conditions:

- 1) All technical inspectors and Pit Steward must agree that the violation is, in fact, MINOR;
- 2) Driver will not receive ANY points for the night's races (no show points, no heat race, consolation or feature points);
- 3) Violation must be corrected before the next night of racing and must pass a re-inspection. If the car does not pass inspection, the car will not be permitted to race and NO REFUNDS of pit passes for the driver or crew or general admission tickets will be issued.

4) GRACE PERIOD DOES NOT APPLY FOR ANY SPECIAL EVENT .

9. WASTE OIL DISPOSAL: All teams will be responsible for the proper disposal of their used motor oil, grease or any other lubricants, coolants or substances that may be harmful to the environment. Anyone found contaminating the Speedway grounds with these materials will be fined \$2000.00 and will pay to have any contamination cleaned up to DEP specifications. Failure

to comply with this will result in prosecution and lifetime suspension.

10. **TIRE DISPOSAL** : Each race team is responsible for removing their old tires from the pit area after each race night.

11. **CALLING OF A RACE: ALL CALLS ARE JUDGEMENT** Track officials may call a race if dangerous or unsafe conditions

arise. If a race is called because of an accident or weather, the pay-off will be based on the last completed green flag lap. All cars involved in the final "caution" will be scored at the end of the last completed lap, with the exception of the caution cars. For the race to be considered official, at least 50% of the scheduled number of laps must have been completed. If this condition is not met, then the race will be finished at the next regularly scheduled event for that season.

12. **RAIN CHECK POLICY** : If all qualifying races have been completed and the show must be postponed, then no rain checks will be issued. That night's activities shall be considered complete. The rained out features will be scheduled to subsequent nights. If the races are canceled during the qualifying races, face value of that rain check will be honored at either one of the next two (2) events. There will be NO CASH REFUNDS. (There will be no exceptions). If a special event is scheduled, the rain check may be used if the person pays the difference in the original admission price and the special event admission price. If a special event gets rained out, it may be held and redeemed for its face value for the specified make-up event or may be redeemed at one of the next two (2) regular events. In either case, the holder will not receive any refund. In the event there are three (3) or more features rained out, the first 3 features will be run on the next regular night with the other 2 being run the following regular show. If there are 3 or less features that are rained out, they will be run on the next regular night. The running order will be the same as they were originally scheduled. If a car can be repaired during the rain delay, it may rejoin the race. Scoring procedures apply.

13. **PAY OFF :** Pay-off will be available as soon as possible after each division's feature event is "official". Payment will be made by check and will be issued that night. If you do not pick-up your check that night, it will be available the following week (see back pays* below).

a) Pays will be available to the driver, owner or representative. Pays are issued at the office window a minimum of 15 minutes after the completion of a Feature event.

b) *BACK PAYS are pays not picked up at the end of a race night. Back pays will ONLY be available after the first feature of the night is completed.

c) PAYS NOT PICKED UP BY THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE RACE NIGHT WILL BE FORFEITED.

We will NOT mail checks. It is your responsibility to pick up your pay. An Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 will be issued as required by law. Each competitor/owner must sign and return the 1099 tax information on their Registration Card to the Speedway before their winnings will be paid. NO EXCEPTIONS.

14. **WEIGH IN:** The track scales are the only official weighing equipment that will be recognized for racing events at Tyler County Speedway. A minimum of the top five (5) finishers, of all divisions will be required to weigh after their Heat, Consy and Feature races. The track reserves the right to weigh the entire field if it so desires. The feature winner must cross the scales before going to victory lane (located behind the grandstands near the general admission entrance). ABSOLUTELY NO CREW MEMBERS, SPONSORS, FANS OR TRACK PERSONNEL OTHER THAN TRACK OFFICIALS MAY APPROACH THE FEATURE WINNER'S CAR PRIOR TO BEING WEIGHED ON TRACK SCALES. NOBODY OTHER THAN ANNOUNCER AND TRACK OFFICIALS ARE PERMITTED ONTO THE FRONT STRETCH FOR DRIVER INTERVIEWS WITHOUT TRACK OFFICIALS APPROVAL. Failure to follow this procedure will result in being put to the tail of the official finish results. If a car is under the weight limit, all money, trophies and points will be forfeited for that event/evening.

SAFETY

1. All ambulances, emergency personnel and flag man must be present before any racing activity takes place.
2. **APPAREL** : An approved racing helmet with goggles or face shield, neck collar, flame retardant uniform with gloves, and competition quick-release safety harness with shoulder straps are mandatory and must be worn and fastened at all times while on the track or in the pits. (Snell 2005 is the minimum helmet specification.) No harnesses will be permitted if more than 2 years old.
3. **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS** : Each car crew will furnish their own fire extinguishers. Each extinguisher should be kept fully charged at all times. Each pit area should also have an extinguisher located either within the hauler or on the trailer. A 10 lb. BC type extinguisher is the recommended minimum size and type for this application.
4. **FUEL CONTAINERS** : Drivers and fuel cells must be separated. Fuel lines must be sealed in rubber hose or conduit and run under the floorboards. Fuel cells with bladders are required for all classes. Read the specific rules for your division to find out the requirements for fuel cells. No cars will be fueled at the fuel pumps. Fuel will be purchased and dispensed into approved containers only.
5. **ONLY ONE PERSON** is permitted in a car at anytime while it is underway, either in the pits or on the track. **No riding on the outside of the car is permitted.**
6. **SHUT OFF SWITCH**: Shut off/Kill switch must have ON/OFF positions clearly marked in all race cars.
7. **WEIGHTS AND DRIVE SHAFTS** : All weights and drive shafts must have the car number clearly marked on them and must be painted WHITE.
8. For safety reasons, NO ONE will be allowed on the track unless approved by an official.

9. Cars Lining up in the pit chute MUST NOT block the ambulance.
10. Raceceivers Will be required in all classes. If you do not have one, they will be available for rent or purchase from an on-site vendor.

RACECEIVERS WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2011 RACE SEASON.

THIS WILL ALLOW FOR A FASTER REALIGNMENT, AND ALSO FOR BETTER SAFETY

CONDITIONS DURING THE RACES.

RACE AND SCORING PROCEDURES

1. FLAG DEFINITIONS:

GREEN: The race officially begins, race track is clear.

YELLOW: Accident, slow immediately.

RED: Extreme emergency! Slow immediately and come to a complete stop.

WHITE: One (1) lap remaining in the event.

BLACK: Disqualification/Consultation with Track Official.

BLUE: Passing flag, leaders are approaching.

CHECKERED: Race is officially complete

2. **PILL DRAW :** Both car and driver must be on premises to draw a pill. Pill draw ends promptly at 5:30 PM.

3. **LATE ARRIVALS :** Any car that does not run a heat race must start at the rear of the the Consy. If no Consy is run that night, the car must start at the rear of the Feature provided that the field is not already full.

4. **LINE-UP :** The line up for the heat races will be determined by the pulling of a "pill" as you sign in at the pit gate for the division(s) that you are running. The feature line up will be in the order of their finish from the Heats (DNFs to the tail) or Consy. The line up will be posted on the PIT TOWER BOARD, along with the evening's event schedule. PLEASE make

note of the evening's schedule as well as your line up position. We will NOT come find you to make sure you are lined up. It is YOUR responsibility. If you are not lined up on the grid when your race is ready to go out, you will start at the tail of the field. Once all cars that were on the grid have entered the track, no more cars will be allowed. IF a car is in the original line-up and was staged in the started grid, and a lap has not been completed, the car may start at the TAIL of the field, at the officials' discretion. ANYONE

ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE TRACK WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE PIT

OFFICIALS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM UTHAT RACE AND SUBSEQUENT

EVENTS THAT NIGHT. Alternate car(s), in all divisions, may be added to the Feature field if a car scratches from the original Feature line-up.

5. FIELD LINE UP: If the field is on the starting grid and a car does not come to the grid, participants should criss-cross as they pull onto the speedway to get into the correct lineup.

If cars are on the speedway and rolling and someone drops out or is not in the line-up for a double-file start, the line is to move straight up. Do NOT criss-cross. A full field will consist of 18 cars.

6. SCRATCHES : If a car is unable to make their scheduled event, and must scratch, please advise the Official at the Pit Tower Board as soon as possible so the line up can be adjusted. Once a qualified car scratches from the feature, it can only be reinserted into the line up if it does not cause the need for a Consy or if the Feature is not already full. Only a driver or owner may report a "scratch" to the official at the Pit Tower or to the Pit Steward.

PACE CAR: DO NOT PASS the pace car. Passing the pace car will result in going to the tail of the race.

7. START OF RACE AND RESTARTS: ALL starts are in turn #4 at the cone line. If a car is involved in a yellow before the green flag or before the completion of lap #1, those cars will go to the rear of the field. Cars jumping a position(s) before the Green flag is displayed will

be penalized to the tail of the field. A second “jump” in the same race will result in disqualification and loss of all points/pay for the entire evening’s events. The decision of the Starter and the Scorers is final. Passing may begin at the drop of the Green flag.

8. REALIGNMENT: Cars will fall into a single-file formation and be directed by the Track Officials for line-up positions. Drivers are to remain single-file until instructed to “double up”. NO DELAWARE RESTARTS. After the 2nd yellow or the halfway point, cars will be lined up single file and re-started at the cone in turn 4. Failure to follow the directions of Track Officials will result in car being assigned to the tail position. Cars refusing to report to the tail position will be disqualified and points/pay for that evening’s events will be forfeited. Cars will remain in spot assigned by the Track Officials.

A lap is complete when the lead car has passed the Start/Finish line. Realignment will be determined by the scorer’s report, excluding cars involved in the caution/red. Cars having crossed the start/finish line under green will retain their position. Cars crossing after the caution flag has been thrown will be realigned according to the previous laps report.

9. TIME LIMITS: A one-minute per lap time-limit will be in effect for all divisions’ Heat events. A thirty-minute (30) time limit will be in effect for all divisions’ Feature events. If there is a red flag situation, time will stop and remain stopped until the race is officially restarted.

10. STOPPING ON THE TRACK: Any car that, in the opinion of the Officials, deliberately tries to stop a race with a “caution” will be black-flagged. Stalled or spun cars must move to the infield if possible. Any car involved in two (2) cautions during a Heat/Consy or three (3) cautions during a feature will be black-flagged and scored for what they have completed up to that point. All other scoring rules apply. Cars not maintaining a safe speed or deemed unsafe by the flag man or other track officials will be black-flagged. Any driver stopping on the track for an accident must remain in the car until the safety

crew arrives, unless under an extreme emergency (i.e. fire, etc.). Drivers whose cars are being removed to the pit area are required to stay with their car while it is being towed. While under yellow flag conditions, it is permissible to stop at any on-track Official for safety reasons. A time limit of 30 seconds is in effect for pulling back sheet metal, bars, etc. by a track official. No exceptions! If this cannot be done in the time allotted, car must pull to the infield until the current race is complete.

11. PITTING: Any car that has mechanical failure(s) are required to pull to the infield of the track and remain until completion of that race. The off-ramp WILL NOT be used until the finish of the race currently being ran, unless an emergency situation occurs. Finish will be determined by the order in which they pulled into the infield.

12. YELLOW FLAG: Cars involved in a caution or red will go to the tail of the field as instructed by track officials. Judgment Calls are used at Tyler County Speedway during normal race nights. THE DECISION OF THE TRACK OFFICIALS IS FINAL. Arguing the call may result in disqualification. "No-Stop" rules may be used during special events AS ANNOUNCED prior to race.

13. RED FLAG: Under Red flag conditions, all drivers must stop as soon as safely possible. Drivers will NOT drive through the accident scene. Anyone purposely driving through an accident scene may be disqualified. If at all possible, drivers will try to stop in the same general vicinity and away from the accident. However, the Emergency and Pit entrances to the track must not be blocked. Emergency personnel need to get to the accident scene as quickly as possible. Under Red flag conditions, drivers are to stay inside their cars unless instructed by a track official. NO crew members permitted onto the track during red flag. NO work may be performed on the car. Violation will result in disqualification from race.

ANYONE INVOLVED IN A RED FLAG CRASH THAT REQUIRES THE AMBULANCE

TO RESPOND ON THE TRACK MUST RIDE TO THE PIT AREA IN THE
AMBULANCE AND BE CHECKED OUT BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL.
FAILURE TO DO SO CAN DISQUALIFY THE DRIVER FROM TRACK INSURANCE
COVERAGE.

TRACK OFFICIALS: No Track Officials, push truck, wrecker crews or firemen will do
any repairs to cars other than minor work such as pulling away sheet metal. IN NO
CASE WILL WORK OF THIS TYPE BE PERMITTED TO TAKE LONGER THAN 30
SECONDS!

FINISH OF RACE (Feature): A race is officially over when the leader takes the
checkered flag or when the time limit has elapsed, (excluding Red flag conditions). The
balance of the field receives the checkered flag on the same lap. Finishing positions will
be according to the number of laps completed. "OFFICIAL RESULTS" are the results
posted at the track office in the Pit Area. After taking the checkered flag, race
winner will proceed directly to the scales. After assuring legal weight, driver
& car will proceed to track for on-track interview (feature races only). NO PIT
CREWS, SPONSORS, FAMILY MEMBERS, etc. are permitted on the track
without permission from track official.

ROUGH DRIVING: It is the policy of Tyler County Speedway to provide safe, clean,
competitive racing. Any driver who, in the opinion of the Track Officials, is driving rough
(i.e. being overly aggressive, appears to be intentionally causing contact between his car
and another, etc.) will be penalized. Penalties are at the discretion of the Track Officials
and can range from being put to the rear of the field, disqualification from the race
completely (as well as subsequent races that night), or suspension.

NOTE: The preceding rules are subject to change. Track Officials reserve the
right to make decisions and judge accordingly, with the interest of safety,

without recourse. Anything not covered in these rules will be decided by the Track Officials.

