

Lovelock Speedway

2014 General Rules

SPECIAL NOTICE

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 CONDITION OF ALL EVENTS, AND BY PARTICIPATING IN THESE EVENTS, ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE DEEMED TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH THESE RULES. NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF 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 PIT STEWARD/NILE VALLEY RACE CLUB (NVRC) PRESIDENT / DOC SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO PERMIT DEVIATIONS FROM ANY OF THE SPECIFICATIONS HEREIN OR IMPOSE ANY FURTHER RESTRICTIONS THAT IN HIS OPINION DO NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS. ANY INTERPRETATION OR DEVIATION OF THESE RULES IS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICIALS. THEIR DECISION IS FINAL.

RULES POLICY

It should be understood a rule cannot be written for every eventuality or circumstance and that continuous developments in racing may necessitate changes. Therefore, conditions not specifically covered may necessitate updating, modifying, adding to or deleting rules. Also, exceptions to the rules may be made, on a temporary basis, at the discretion of officials.

ANY DISAGREEMENT OVER INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES WILL BE RESOLVED BY THE RACE OFFICIALS AND/OR BOARD. WHEN THEIR DECISION IS RENDERED, SUCH DECISION IS FINAL AND BINDING!

The Board of Directors reserves the right, in an emergency, to make special rulings, which it deems to be conducive to the well being of race competition and the voluntary participation of any competitor in the competition, shall constitute recognition of this right. The Board of Directors also reserves the right to revise these procedures or any supplements thereto at any time.

CONDUCT

Speed Limit in the Pits: **MAXIMUM SPEED IN ALL PIT AREAS IS 5 MPH.** Violators will automatically be removed from the speedway. **ZERO TOLERANCE ON THIS SUBJECT!** Violation of this rule will result in loss of points and money for the night.

Fighting: **FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** Penalties, which could include suspensions or expulsions, will be determined by the Pit Steward. There is no insurance coverage for injuries incurred from fighting. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be cause for disciplinary action. No driver may stop his car on the track or infield to argue or discuss the race with the starter or officials. If this rule is violated, the driver may be penalized at the discretion of the officials. A driver may stop to discuss safety concerns on the track. Each driver is responsible for the conduct of his pit crew. There will be no drinking of alcoholic beverages during the racing program. NVRC reserves the right to test breath and/or blood alcoholic levels on everyone who enters the pits before or during the races.

PENALTIES

Penalties for violations of rules are determined by the GRAVITY of the violation and its effects on the safety and good reputation of racing. Such penalties may include, but are not limited to, disqualification, suspension of membership or license privileges and/or loss of points.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

It is important you understand the "Waiver and Release" form which you sign at the pit booth each race day. "The signing of the Waiver and Release is a precondition to participating in the event, and the signer acknowledges the potential hazards present, and by signing, waives certain legal rights." If you do not understand what you are signing you should ask for an explanation. The driver is responsible for all personnel in his pit to sign a waiver and have a wrist band. All race car passengers must sign a drivers release in the sign-in booth. Anyone found in pit not signed in or without wristband may cause driver to forfeit points and monies for that night.

Racing is a privilege at the Lovelock Speedway and the NILE VALLEY RACE CLUB (NVRC) reserves the right to revoke the privilege and remove person(s) at any time it is felt that their presence or conduct is not in the best interests of the sport of auto racing, your fellow competitors, the fans, management and volunteers of the Lovelock Speedway.

RACE PROCEDURES AND GENERAL TRACK RULES

1. Once the field is lined up, the starter will signal the driver's one to go. The green flag will be displayed on the next lap or at the starter's discretion
2. The flagman is in complete control during the race and may disqualify or reposition any cars at his discretion. Calls, which involve the exercise of judgment on the part of the flagman, are final and binding. The Flagman is in charge of the cars on the track while racing but he may receive assistance from the DOC, Scorers, Corner men, etc.
3. If you cause a situation that results in a yellow flag you will go to the rear of the field on first offense and on the second offense you will go directly to pits.
4. Rough driving, intentional damage or injury to another participant, intentional flipping and/or ramming a car into the infield or crash wall, will be subject to penalty.
5. No cars will be permitted to hot lap between events or during intermissions, without Pit Steward's / DOC's permission.
6. All cars must be neatly painted. Car numbers must be on both doors, roof and left rear corner and must be a minimum of 18" high on door and 24" high on roof. Numbers must be a minimum of 4" thick and of contrasting color of the car. No more than two numbers and one letter. If a letter is used it must be half the height of the first number. REMEMBER. If the score keeper cannot read your number you may not get scored. It is your responsibility to make sure your numbers can be seen.
7. Classes having three cars will be a qualifying class competing for points only; Classes with four or more cars will be competing for points and payouts.
8. Restarts on cautions are side by side with the leader of the race having the front row. This means that the leader is the only car in the front row and he/she has the option of starting in either the inside or outside line. Second and third positions will line up side by side with the 2nd place car being on the inside and the 3rd place car being on the outside. This holds true for each row throughout the line-up (even numbered positions are on the inside line and odd numbered positions are on the outside line). Track may opt to use single file restarts.
9. **SAFETY** - All required safety gear must be worn at all times race car is on the track in all classes. Helmets: must be SA rated. Helmet must be in good condition with no signs of damage or excessive wear. Helmet must be worn at all times vehicle is on the track. Driving gear: Mandatory Driving gear will consist of SFI fire retardant suit, SFI neck brace or head & neck restraints, gloves and shoes. SAFETY EQUIPMENT: All cars will have a five point seat belt harness, three inch wide minimum; belts will be no more than three years old, and have no visible wear and/or weathering. Belts will be installed using grade 8 bolts with lock washers or self locking nuts. Driver side window net will be mounted so latch is at top left corner as seen from outside of vehicle. Mesh or Ribbon style nets only, minimum size 16" x 24". Window nets must have no visible wear and/or weathering. Roll bar padding is mandatory in any place the drivers head can contact the roll bar. Seats must be an aluminum high back racing seat securely fastened to the roll cage. Seat will be secured using grade 8 bolts.
10. All cars will be subject to periodic inspections, throughout the season, at the discretion of the Pit Steward. Illegal parts may be confiscated.
11. No equipment shall be considered legal because it went through technical inspection unobserved or because a rule has not been written against it. Anything not covered in this rule book is still subject to approval.
12. Driver shall be sole spokesman for his car, others, including pit men, will not be heard. In the event of a dispute between drivers, stay in your own pit area. Participants causing a disturbance in another car's pit area will be considered at fault.
13. The only people allowed on the race track are racing officials. Everyone else must stay away from wrecks at all times, unless requested to assist by officials. When involved in a wreck, DO NOT get out of your car unless it is necessary for safety reasons.

14. Any competing vehicle whose speed has been reduced to a point where it causes a safety problem, or retards the track activity, will be removed from the racing surface immediately, at the discretion of the officials, and will not be scored.
15. All driver changes must be approved and be reported to a Race Official in the pits or at the staging area who will notify the DOC. If there is a driver change, and an official is not notified, NO points will be awarded for the night. You must also start at the rear of the pack. Points and prize money will be awarded to the starting driver. Any driver or car competing in an event, and deemed ineligible, shall forfeit all prize money and points won.
16. Cars must enter the racing surface from turn two ONLY, to be scored. A time limit will be used on all races in all classes.
17. ***Raceceivers are mandatory in all classes, except Karts.*** No other radio transmitters or scanners allowed in pits or in cars. Dogs must be on a leash. No alcohol allowed in the restricted areas during the racing program. No rear view mirrors. Each car must have a working fire extinguisher in the tow vehicle / trailer.
18. Each race team will have a minimum of one fire extinguisher on or in their race pit or onboard car.
19. FLAGS:
- A. Green: Start of race.
 - B. Yellow: Caution!!! All cars slow down. **Do not** race back to the flag stand.
 - C. Red: Danger!! All cars stop at once!!! Stay in your car unless it's on fire.
 - D. White: One lap to go.
 - E. Checkered: Race is complete.
 - F. Red and Yellow: Complete restart.
 - G. Rolled up black flag: Warning for rough driving.
 - H. Black flag with red dot: Mechanical flag: There is a problem with your car, leave the track.
 - I. Black: Disqualification, Driver must immediately leave the track.
 - J. Blue with Yellow Stripe: Hold your line, you're about to be lapped.
20. No one is allowed to race in any class that is under 14 years of age, unless the driver has been deemed qualified by the DOC. Anyone under the age of 18 and their legal guardian (or adult with a notarized statement) must sign the proper insurance waiver and must be assigned to a specific car to be allowed in the pits. Children under 14 are not allowed to roam the pits without an adult. NO EXCEPTIONS, NO TOLERANCE. If your child is found roaming through the pits without an adult you will be asked to leave the track immediately and you will lose all points and money for the night.
21. You must be lined up at Pre Grid at the time your event starts or you will start at the back of your event
22. Returned checks will have a \$35 fee added to the amount of the check. All future entry fees must be paid in cash.
23. Pay out checks must be cashed within 60 days of date written on check or they will be voided.

TECH INSPECTION

1. All cars must tech before entering competition. Approval of a race car by the Tech inspector shall mean only that it is approved for participation in a competitive event and shall not be construed in any way to mean that it is guaranteed mechanically sound, safe or completely legal. Neither the Tech inspector nor members of the Nile Valley Race Club shall be liable for any mechanical failure nor for any losses, injuries or death resulting from same.
2. Any top finisher who leaves the track and returns to his pit without undergoing inspection (and without track official approval) will be disqualified and will lose all points for the evening.
3. At a minimum, the top four finishers will be subject to inspection of the following components: a) The engine will be checked for any significant vacuum leak that could constitute cheating. b) Ballast. Visual inspection in, around and under cars for any added weight for ballast.
4. If tech inspectors discover any violation by any driver, the offending competitor will be immediately disqualified for that event. If a disqualification occurs for any of the above reasons, they will lose any and all points for that evening

WRECKERS AND PUSH TRUCKS

1. All cars must be equipped with nerfs or bumpers, front and rear, strong enough so that a wrecker can use its hook for removal of cars from track.
2. It should be noted that all wreckers and push trucks are at the track to assist you, on an unpaid and voluntary basis. Therefore, it is a requirement that you show them the courtesy they deserve. The Lovelock Speedway will not tolerate abuse of these people.

MISC INFORMATION

1. Every driver **MUST** attend pit meetings. Those failing to do so, will start at the rear.
2. Any car may be driven in any race, by any eligible driver. A driver may get out of one car and drive another, but after driving the second car, he may not return to the first car; **however, this will only be allowed one time per race season.**
3. No driver change allowed, in any race, after initial green flag in feature race.

PAY-OFF PROCEDURES / POINTS

All payments will be made to the starting driver unless other arrangements are made as per driver profile form. It is assumed prior arrangements have been made between driver and car owner. All events are processed and your check will be mailed to you upon verification of results. However, it is your responsibility to furnish the Speedway office with your information that is clearly written with correct mailing address and Social Security number which will be kept confidential. A check cannot be issued and you will not be paid until information is on file.

Points for all divisions will be as follows:

Any car receiving the Green Flag for its scheduled heat race and completing at least the **FIRST FULL** Green Flag lap will automatically qualify for the main event. Should any car that qualifies for the main event be unable to participate in said main event that car will receive **LAST PLACE** points for said main event.

LINEUPS –

Hobby Stocks – lineups will be figured by your percentage points at Lovelock Speedway. High percentage starts in rear of field, low percentage starts in front of field. Drivers that do not have a point percentage will be determined by number draw.

Placement for **IMCA Modified** position is figured by your percentage points at Lovelock Speedway. Should you not have a percentage point average your placement will be determined by your number draw.

All other class heat positions are figured by number draw.

The point structure will be as follows: Heat races will be 10 pts for win, one less point for each following place. Feature wins will be worth 30 points with a minimum of 10 cars. One point fewer for each car less than 10 (9 cars 29 pts, 8 cars 28 pts). IMCA Modified point structure will be as follows: No heat points awarded. Feature wins will be worth 40 points with a minimum of 10 cars. One point fewer for each car less than 10 (9 cars 39 pts, 8 cars 38 pts.).

Any driver arriving late and not participating in his/her scheduled heat will be placed in the last position of their feature.

In the event of a tie in points at the end of the season the tie will be awarded to the driver with the highest finishes throughout the season.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Qualifying Drivers – All drivers must be members of the NVRC by the third regularly scheduled race.

Qualifying Class – In order to be considered a qualifying class, the class must have 4 entries registered in its class per race. Drivers must be in a qualified race to collect points.

Championship Awards – In order for a class to be eligible for Championship Awards that class must qualify in 75% of the season's regularly scheduled events.

National or Regional points collected for a Sanctioned Series will not be affected by qualifying rules.

NVRC Track Championships for a Sanctioned Series must qualify under NVRC track rules to participate in end of year awards.

BLACK FLAG POINTS

If you receive a black flag in your main event for a two yellow, spin or mechanical problem, you will receive last place points in that main. If more than one car receives a black flag during the race you will receive the points in the order you left the track.

If you receive a black flag in your heat, you will be allowed to start in the rear of the qualifying "B" or "A" mains at the discretion of the track officials.

PROTESTS

IMCA protests follow IMCA rules; all others will use the following.

Protests must be in writing and filed with a track official along with \$50.00 within twenty minutes after the feature race is completed. \$20.00 of the protest will go to the track and is non refundable regardless of the outcome. If the item being protested is found to be legal, the entire deposit will be forfeited. If the item is found to be illegal, \$30.00 of the deposit will be refunded to the protester. The protest must be specific in the alleged violation. Only one item per protest will be allowed. Driver may not protest more than one car per event and you may not protest the same driver more than once in a calendar year.

The protest will be given to a track official who will notify the DOC that a protest has been made. If an immediate decision is not able to be made by the DOC, The DOC will contact the board of directors, NVRC officers and track officials who will hear the protest after the conclusion of the racing event.

The party against whom the protest is made has a right to know the charge and have a written copy of protest.

No vehicle involved in protest will be allowed to be moved, started or worked on until officials have concluded investigation.

If Protest is found to be illegal the protested will lose all points and monies for that night and may face further penalties.

SPEEDWAY POLICY REGARDING USE OF OR POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS OR SUBSTANCES

1. Any person suspected to be in possession of or under the influence of an illegal drug or drug substance on the Speedway property, SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED INDEFINATELY AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES.
2. Alcohol is prohibited in the Pit area before and during any racing event. Any person suspected of consuming alcohol during these times will be told to leave the facility and the driver whose pit stall is affected will lose points for that event.

The Nile Valley Race Club will continually evaluate and adjust the rules as needed during the race season to ensure safe, fair racing.

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