

MURRAY COUNTY SPEEDWAY GENERAL RULES

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General Track Rules 2011

WELCOME

The following information on how events at the Murray County Speedway are organized and the rules that govern them. Please read the rules carefully. Ignorance of the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for infractions. Rules will be applied fairly and firmly.

1. RULES OF CONDUCT:

- A. Professional Conduct within the Pit Area: The conduct for a participant, car owner, crewmember or any person associated with a racing operation during the course of any event is subject to the loss of points, prize money, trophy and/or suspension without recourse against Murray County Racing Association.
- B. Car drivers will be held responsible for the conduct and actions of the car owner, their crewmembers and other persons associated with the racing operation. Prior to reinstatement the driver will be required to meet with the MCRA Board of Directors.
- C. Professional Conduct on the Track: The Black Flag is used at the discretion of the flagman. Any participant who's driving is categorized as being unsportsmanlike like or rough driving will receive an unfurled black flag and must pull into the pit area on the next lap. After receiving the black flag for the second time for not pulling into the pits, the driver may receive a suspension.
- D. No driver may get out of his or her car on the racing surface to argue or discuss a race situation with the flagman or officials. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification for the remainder of the night. Further penalties may also be assessed if deemed necessary by the officials.
- E. Any member of a race team arguing with the judges in the tower or pit stewards in the line up area will result in disqualification of race car from all events for that night and may result in a suspension.
- F. No participant shall subject any Murray County Speedway official, track employee, or sponsor to any abusive or improper language at any time. No participant shall touch an official in anger.
- G. Professional Capacity: Alcohol and or Drug Use: Alcohol is not allowed to be present and visible in the Pit Area before or during a racing event. Alcohol may not be consumed in the Restricted Pit Area by car owners, crewmembers or any persons associated with a racing operation until after the final checkered flag of the last race of the night. There is no tolerance of alcohol use before the checkered flag of the last race of any event or the possession and/or use of drugs in the pits at any time, will be asked to leave, and
- H. Could be subject to suspension, loss of points and/or loss of winnings based upon the discretion of the race officials.
- I. No firearms will be allowed on the Murray County Fairground Premises.

2. WEEKLY SIGN-IN:

Access to the Restricted Pit Area is granted to adults (18 years or older) and minors after the appropriate registration documentation has been completed and the Required Pit Pass has been paid.

- A. Only one car per night per class can be registered by the driver. Race car will not be allowed to leave track premises and allowed to come back to race the same night.
- B. Drivers: All drivers on a weekly basis must sign in the class roster next to his/her name to provide a checklist for the track data system, and sign a class Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Waiver. Drivers must

wear appropriate color race band, which is obtained when he/she registers weekly and pays the fee for a pit pass.

- C. Adults: Every car owner, crew member, employee, track official and contractors who is seeking Admission to the Restricted Pit Area is required on a weekly basis to read and sign a Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Waiver and to wear the appropriate colored wristband.
- D. Drivers under the age of 18 years age must have a signed and notarized Parental Consent Form in the hands of the officials before participation and show learners Permit to Officials.
- E. Minors: All persons under the age of 18 years of age must have on file a signed Parental
- F. Consent for Release and Waiver of Liability-Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Waiver and a Minor's Assumption of Risk Acknowledgement. Each week, the minor must sign at the ticketgate, buy a pit pass (and sign a Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Waiver) and to wear the appropriate colored wristband.

3. TECHNICAL INSPECTION:

- A. All cars must go through the technical inspection area at the beginning of season. All safety equipment (helmets, driving suits, gloves, shoes, neck braces and arm restraints) must go through technical inspection to be approved for use. All new cars must be inspected before being allowed to race.
- B. After each classes "A" Feature race, the top four cars and a randomly selected car must go to the technical inspection area and be weighed. Feature winner must go directly to Winner's Circle and proceed directly to technical inspection area. Driver and one pit member per car will be allowed in inspection area. They must stay with their car, no movement between other cars in inspection area.
- C. Drive shafts must be painted white. All car attached weights must be painted white with car number painted on them.
- D. Improper language on a racecar will not be permitted.

4. SAFETY RULES:

- A. All drivers must wear all safety equipment at all times. If the car does not have a window net, driver must be wearing approved arm restraints.
- B. B .All cars must have mufflers
- C. Fire extinguishers are required in all pit areas.
- D. Jack stands are required to be used when working under car in pit area.
- E. All vehicles in pit area must be slowed down to 5 MPH and maintained until parked. If caught speeding in pits, a \$50 fine will be levied.
- F. No pit personal on track at any time, for any circumstance, unless approved by Murray County Speedway personnel.
- G. On Orange & Yellow Flag - report to corner four on the track, for safety inspection by the Tech Inspectors. You will be given spot back in line-up. If you have to pull in off the track to the Work Area to have equipment removed, you will then go to the rear of line-up.
- H. On Red Flags - bring car to stop on low side of track away from accident area. No movement of car until directed by officials to designated area. No work on cars under Red Flag conditions. Give right away to all safety personnel and vehicles.
- I. White Flag - If all cars have taken white flag and caution comes out race is officially over. The car/cars deemed responsible for yellow being displayed will finish last and other cars will finish in the order they took white flag. If not all cars take white flag and time permits the race will go green, white, checkered. If time runs out the race is over but will be scored according to last completed lap except for cars causing yellow.
- J. Black Flag - For driving infraction, using buddy system to block cars or deemed illegal in tech will be disqualification and no points or pay.

ALL SAFETY PROCEDURES WILL BE LEFT UP TO THE DISCRETION AND JUDGEMENT OF THE TECH INSPECTORS AND SAFETY DIRECTOR AND OFFICIALS.

5. PROCEDURAL RULES:

- A. Back Gate to pits open at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Pit Gates close for lineup sheets at 7:00 p.m., signing in after that time, car will start at the back of the heat lineups
- C. Pit meeting at 7:00 pm sharp, all drivers must attend, mandatory.
- D. Hot laps at 7:10 pm
- E. Racing at 7:30 pm with heat races in the following order: Hornets, Sportsmen, Hobby, "B"-Modified, Stock car, "A"-Modified.
- F. All cars must be pre-stage for heat and feature races in the pit steward area. If you're not lined up to race, you will not be allowed out on the track.
- G. On yellow flag – get in single file line, no matter what position on track. Officials will place you in correct position! No stopping on track. If not in single file line after one lap, you will be subject to a penalty of going to the rear of lineup.
- H. Any driver guilty of violating any of the flag or light rules will be penalized at the discretion of the flagman.
- I. When the red light and red flag are initiated, all cars must stop. Any car that moves under the red will be disqualified from the race. The Pits will be closed during red period and will open only when the yellow flag is displayed.
- J. Rough driving will result in immediate action from the flagman. If they feel that the infraction warrants, whether intentional or not, a suspension may be levied. All suspensions will be at the MCRA Board of Directors discretion. Rough driving will not be tolerated.
- K. All pit stalls must be self-policed in cleanup when leaving each night. Please do not dump oil, antifreeze or gear lube on ground. Please do not leave tires or car parts. Subject to \$25.00 fine the next week.
- L. No one under age of 16 without driver's license may operate ATV's. All state rules apply.
- M. all atvs must be registered with MCRA and display an atv pass sticker
- N. Intentionally bring out the yellow flag by stopping on the track other than for a flat tire; the safety director will put you in the pits.

6. LAPS & TIME LIMITS:

- A. Laps for heat races will be for Sport Compacts – 5 laps, Sportsmen, Hobby, Sport Mods – 6 laps, Stock Cars – 8 laps,
- B. Laps for Feature Races: Sport Compacts – 8, Sportsmen – 10, Hobby and Sport Mods – 12, Stock – 15.
- C. Time limits for feature races will be: Sport Compacts – 10 minutes, Sportsmen – 15 minutes, Hobby and Sport Mods – 20 minutes, Stock – 20 minutes. Minutes under Red Flag will not count.
- D. Lineups – No less than 5 cars and no more than 8 cars per heat race (with exception of 9 cars). 20 cars or less, there will not be a B Feature. 21 or more cars will have B Feature, with no more than 16 cars making A Feature.

7. GENERAL RULES:

- A. Any driver, car owner, or mechanic who fails to sign all release forms will be disqualified and any money or points will be forfeited.
- B. ANY ONE CAUGHT IN THE PIT AREA WITH OUT PAYING WILL RECEIVE A SUSPENSION OF THE CAR HE/SHE IS AFFILIATED WITH
- C. Only one car per night per class per registered driver, race car will not be allowed to leave track premises and will not be allowed back to race in the same night.
- D. A driver may borrow a car, if it is registered in that class that night. The car must start at the back of the field with the borrowing driver's car number clearly marked on borrowed car.
- E. The helmet rule for 2011 will be the minimum SA 2000 helmet. After several accidents last year, please consider the shape your helmet is in, this is for your own safety!!

- F. Any competitor who takes part in a demonstration against or commits an assault upon any speedway official will be immediately taken before the governing body.
- G. No open flame or grilling in pits after 5:30 p.m.
- H. No testing of car on race track after hot laps. No testing at intermission.
- I. Mufflers are recommended for all cars.
- J. All drivers must use racereceivers.
- K. INJURY
 - a. Any person sustaining injury in the competition area must report to the promoter within 15 minutes after the completion of the racing program. All pit crews should be advised of this requirement. Failure to do so will void your insurance benefits.
- L. THE FLAGMAN AND PIT STEWARDS HAVE COMPLETE CHARGE OF THE TRACK WHILE RACE IS IN PROGRESS.

8. RAIN POLICY:

In the event of race cancellation due to rain, our policy is as follows:

- A. If all heat races are not completed, everyone's pit pass is good for the next night of racing. No refunds will be given. The next scheduled event on the calendar will run the uncompleted "A" Features first followed by the regular race program as usual.
- B. If all heat races are completed, no pit passes from the rained out event will be honored in the future. No refunds will be given. All feature races that are completed will be paid as scheduled. Points will be awarded for all A-main events that were completed. Everyone will pay to enter the pit area at the next racing event. All features that were rained out in prior night will run immediately after hot laps. After the makeup features are run, the regularly scheduled race night events will then begin, starting with heat races. Drivers not returning for the conclusion of the rained out race will be awarded points and winnings based on the original line-up but at the end of the finishing cars.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP:

Racing is a very emotional sport. Therefore, good sportsmanship is the cornerstone of any competitive racing program. This must include respect for all participants- drivers, owners, pit crews, and officials. For our part we will try to be consistent with our rules no matter what or who is involved. We will treat all participants with respect and expect similar treatment in return. In an effort to curtail the incidents at Murray County Speedway, the following system of penalties will be in force:

- A. Threatening or obscene gestures- aimed at an official or a competitor \$100.00.
- B. Foul language directed at an official or a competitor \$50.00.
- C. Fighting in pits \$250.00.
- D. Pushing, shoving or assaulting an official \$250.00.
- E. Disqualification may be an additional penalty in the case of a second violation. Disqualifications will be for a specific number of race nights. Rainouts will not be included when a penalty involves a specific number of races. Fines and/or disqualifications will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Murray County Racing Association. All fines must be paid before you can return to participation at Murray County Speedway.