

# **2019 GENERAL 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 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 PUBLICATION 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 race director and or his designated tech official shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that, in his opinion, do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATIONS OF SPECIFICATIONS. Any interpretation or deviations of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

## 1. General Regulations:

- 1.1. No intoxicating or controlled substances are to be consumed before or during the race, by anyone in the pit area. Anyone found guilty of this will be subject to fine, point reduction, suspension, and or expulsion.
- 1.2. Before entering the pit/infield area, a release, registration and/or entry forms must be signed by driver, owner and crew members. Anyone found in this area who has not signed the proper paperwork will be considered a trespasser and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- 1.3. All drivers and crew shall appear at the track in clean clothes. Car body and number must be clean. Both crew and car shall be judged by their appearance.
- 1.4. The driver assumes responsibility for his or her own actions, crew's actions and family member actions.
- 1.5. Driver/Owners and/or mechanics shall have no claims against or cause of action for damages, expenses or otherwise against Delaware Speedway or its officials or promoter by reason of disqualification or damage to car, driver or both.
- 1.6. Any car may be mechanically inspected by Delaware Speedway officials at any time.
- 1.7. Any abuse of any Delaware Speedway official or host track official at any time is strictly prohibited. Abuse definition includes and not limited to verbal, physical and/or cyber. Suspensions and/or fines may be assessed to anyone found in violation of this rule.
- 1.8. Delaware Speedway officials reserve the right to reject or allow the entry of any driver or car.
- 1.9. No owners, mechanics or crew members are allowed on the racing surface unless otherwise directed by a track official.
- 1.10. All drivers, crew members and/or participants may be subject to a random drug/sobriety test
- 1.11. Dress code in effect for the "hot" pit road area. NO shorts, sandals, and open sleeve shirts allowed.

# 2. DEFINITION OF BEHAVIOR:

2.1. Anyone who, by word or deed, impedes jeopardizes or in any manner hinders the smooth and orderly presentation of the racing program, or anyone who commits, or causes to be committed, any

detriments to stock car racing and/or Delaware Speedway may/will be considered to have abused the privileges of membership.

- 2.2. Entry and/or admission granted by Delaware Speedway may be subject to the revoking of those privileges, fines and/or disqualification as deemed proper by the management or designated official.
- 2.3. Drivers are responsible for the sportsmanlike conduct of anyone in their crew and penalties incurred by a crew member may affect driver, and or registered car owner.

## 3. Technical inspection:

- 3.1. All cars must complete technical/safety inspection prior to any 2019 race event activities.
- 3.2. Cars must be on time & presented for technical inspection in a professional manner
- 3.3. A competitor must take whatever steps are requested by the track officials, including tear down of the car, to facilitate the inspection of the race equipment. This obligation includes but is not limited to, installing inspection holes, inspection ports, and or other means of inspection in the frame, roll cage, bars, engine components, and the like. Delaware Speedway is not responsible for payment, reimbursement, damage, or loss to the competitor as a result of such inspections.
- 4. Non compliance Non-compliance to any rule may result in:
- 4.1. Expulsion from Delaware Speedway. (Pre-determined amount of time up to and including life time)
- 4.2. Disqualification from event, forfeiting all monies and points earned in that event.
- 4.3. Point and or monetary fine. Note. Anyone or all above penalties maybe imposed depending on infraction.

# 5. Driver's/Spotter's meeting:

5.1. When a driver's/spotter's meeting is called, it is MANDATORY for all drivers/spotters to attend. Failure to acknowledge presence at roll call may result in a penalty.

#### 6. Rookie status:

- 6.1. Any driver that has competed in 3 or more race events, in a class equal to or higher than they are qualifying for, will not be considered for "Rookie" status.
- 6.2. All rookie drivers must display "rookie strip" across the back bumper.
- 6.3. Delaware Speedway reserves the right to determine starting positions for rookie drivers.

#### 7. Pit Stop Procedure & (Hot Pit Area):

- 7.1. When a car enters the pit road (max 35 M.P.H.) the car must come to a complete stop within its designated pit slot before any work is begun.
- 7.2. Only 5 pit crew members will be allowed over the wall.
- 7.3. Smoking is not allowed on pit road or hot pit area by anyone.
- 7.4. Major repairs to the race car may only be performed behind the pit wall. Definition of major repairs shall be determined by a Delaware Speedway official.
- 7.5. When tires are changed on a pit stop, all lug nuts must be tightened on that stop or the car will be brought back into the pits and a penalty will be assessed.
- 7.6. Must obey "stop and go" person at the end of the pit road. If not, penalties will apply
- 7.7. Race cars running over jack or air hoses, dragging equipment out of the pit area, etc., or not having a properly sealed gas cap will have to return to the pit area and will be assessed with a time or lap penalty.
- 7.8. All cars must enter the pit road at the correct entrance & in the proper direction.
- 7.9. Pits stall will be assigned by Delaware Speedway officials.

#### Race Procedures: 1. Race Format:

- 1.1. If, when the halfway distance of the race has been reached or surpassed by the leader and Delaware Speedway Officials determine that unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of the advertised distance or complete the race in a reasonable amount of time after it has been stopped, the race will be considered officially complete as of the last lap completed prior to the race halt.
- 1.2. Caution flag laps will not count. Delaware Speedway reserves the right to count caution flag laps.

## 2. Qualifying:

- 2.1. A driver that qualifies a car, must start the race in the same car.
- 2.2. If the there is a driver change from qualifying, the car will start at the rear of the field but retain the car number qualified.
- 2.3. If a qualified car is unable to start the race, the qualified driver may arrange the use of another preentered, pre-teched, and hot-lapped car and start the feature at the rear of the qualified field.
- 2.4. The tires used for group qualifying, MUST also be used for the start of the feature event.
- 2.5. Tape may ONLY be applied to hood & trunk seams for safety purposes only.
- 2.6. Group qualifying: Qualifying for the feature race may be done by group qualifying. Qualifying groups will be determined by practice times.
- 2.7. In the event of matching fast times, the second fastest time will be used to determine position.

## 3. Post Qualifying procedures:

3.1. Top five cars are sent to the tech garage after their time trial laps. No chassis adjustments, No engine adjustments, No fueling, etc.

## Race Procedures: 4. Starts & re-starting procedures:

- 4.1. All cars must start under their own power at the beginning of the race.
- 4.2. No passing until GREEN flag is displayed.
- 4.3. No passing on "inside" lane until after finish line.
- 4.4. Pace laps are set at the discretion of the Starter/Race Director.
- 4.5. All starts & re-restarts will be double file, "lapped" cars to the rear of the field.
- 4.6. The last completed lap determines the line-up for the re-start.
- 4.7. No 'lucky dog' will be given during the race.
- 4.8. WHITE FLAG CAUTION: If caution comes out on last lap we will finish race if we can safely do so. (EX. Incident in turn 1 = cannot safely finish race=green, white, checker restart. Caution is in turn 3 race will finish with yellow/checker. Front row may race to finish)
- 4.9. Delaware Speedway reserves the right to have the last 5 laps of the race a single file re-start.
- 4.10. Car that cannot maintain a minimum speed maybe be black flagged & sent to pits. Minimum speed will be determined by race director

# 5. Yellow (Caution) flag:

- 5.1. Do not race to the yellow flag. Hold your position on the track.
- 5.2. Once yellow flag is displayed ALL cars will get into single file.
- 5.3. NO ONE is allowed on the racing surface during a caution or while the race is under red, EXCEPT OFFICIALS or unless approved by an Official. Failure to comply could result in disqualification, suspension and or fines for the driver/car involved.
- 5.4. If you bring out the caution unassisted, 3 TIMES, you may be Black Flagged and sent to the pits for the remainder of your race.

# 6. Red Flag:

- 6.1. Once RED flag is displayed ALL cars will stop.
- 6.2. NO ONE is allowed on the racing surface during a caution or while the race is under red, EXCEPT OFFICIALS or unless approved by an Official. Failure to comply could result in disqualification, suspension and or fines for the driver/car involved.

## 7. Black flag:

- 7.1. The black flag is a consultation flag
- 7.2. Once a car has been shown the black flag, team spotter and or driver will be informed.
- 7.3. When car is black flagged, car must go to pit road for consultation.
- 7.4. Car/driver that does not follow black flag procedure may have scoring stopped for the reminder of the race.

#### 8. On-Track "incidents":

- 8.1. Any 'incident" cars will be sent to the rear of the field. "Incident" cars will be determined by race director
- 8.2. If your car is crashed and you do not leave the track in an ambulance, you MUST remain with your car until it is in your pits. If you do not remain with your car, you will be penalized and be scored in the last position.

#### 9. Race car appearance:

- 9.1. All cars must be presented for race activities in a professional manner.
- 9.2. No obscene decals, paintings, expressions, etc. on race cars, trailers, etc.
- 9.3. All drivers & race team members must represent their team in a professional manner.

# 10. Delaware Speedway Points

- 10.1. Delaware Speedway championship points will be awarded to the car number. The driver of that car number which accumulated the most points at the end of the season will be awarded the Drivers' Championship.
- 10.2. A substitute driver maybe used for three races max. All driver substitution must be approved by Race Director
- 10.3. In case of any ties, except first place, money and points for the tied position shall be pooled and divided equally among contestants involved in the tie. In all cases of ties for Delaware Speedway Class CHAMPIONSHIPS (first place only) ties will be broken by using the greatest number of firsts in feature events counting toward that championship, and if a tie still exists, seconds, thirds, etc. will be considered, until the tie is broken.

## 11. RULE REVISIONS

- 11.1. Amendments, revisions and/or clarifications may be made to rules and procedures as dictated by unforeseen circumstances which may arise.
- 11.2. Reasonable notification shall be given of such changes by management and/or designated officials.
- 11.3. Anything not covered by "rule book" must be submitted to Delaware Speedway Tech Director 30 days prior to its intended use for interpretation and/or approval.
- 11.4. All rules and regulations in Delaware Speedways rulebooks are subject to interpretation by Delaware Speedway Officials in charge.
- 11.5. EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL NOT RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OF, OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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