

GENERAL RULES 2020

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All Participant's Must Read and Understand the General Rules for Auto City Outdoor Event Center for purpose of Rules and Divisions, Auto City Speedway (ACS) will be used.

"Race Day & Social Media Misconduct from our Drivers & Teams"

Although we all participate in a highly emotional sport, you are still expected to act professionally and courteous while at the track as well as on the non-race days of the season. We ask that you be fair & considerate on social media to all involved parties of any racing or other incident. You are the stars of this track and ultimately will be the voice of reason to the many thousands of followers; many of whom will be children! The use of Improper Language or Gestures as well as Negative Social Media Postings may result in Suspensions from Participating at Auto City Outdoor Event Center. (Auto City Speedway)

Rule Book 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 EXPRESSED 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 management shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of these specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in management's opinion do not alter the minimum, acceptable requirements. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM ALTERATIONS OR SPECIFICATIONS. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final!

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THIS SPORT IS DANGEROUS!

SECTION 1 COMPETITOR LICENSE & REGISTRATION

1. GENERAL

- A.** All cars must be registered with the Auto City Speedway in order to compete. All drivers must secure a Race Car License from ACS in order to compete in any sanctioned event. Any car owner if different than the driver can register their car without securing a racecar license. The drivers must secure their own license. Temporary licenses (registration) may be secured for insurance or entry to pit area at designated events only.
- B.** In the event multiple drivers are to use the same car in separate events. All drivers must be licensed and car must be registered prior to the event or the car will not be scored. All point & money awards are forfeited.
- C.** Auto City Speedway will only issue licenses from their field office or Headquarters.
- D.** ALL LICENSE APPLICANTS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
The member to whom it is issued can only use the license. Any member who allows any other person to use or attempt to use his or her license in ANY manner shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- E.** Each car **MUST BE REGISTERED** to either the owner or driver for tax purposes. **No monies will be paid** until we have this information.
- F.** 1099 tax forms will be issued to the **person designated on car registration.** (owner or driver). Driver must provide race car license in order to receive money awards.
- G.** The driver or owner must declare the make, model & year of their racecar on the car registration form, prior to competing.
- H.** New or replacement license **MUST** be **PURCHASED**. This includes all "lost or destroyed cards" keep your cards in a safe place

2. RACE DRIVERS

- A.** All drivers must be of minimum age as directed and approved by insurance provider.
- B.** Any driver may be required at any time to submit to physical examination/drug test whenever requested by Auto City Speedway officials.

3. CAR NUMBERS

- A.** Auto City Speedway can/will assign car numbers by predetermined order and requested car number when possible. **Speedway reserves the right to CHANGE car numbers at any time to avoid scoring problems.**

- B. Car numbers must appear on both doors 18" high with a min 2" stroke. Numbers must also appear on upper right corner of the windshield 6" tall and on the right rear bumper area. This will help scorers, flag man, and the spotters. **It is highly recommended to have roof numbers facing passenger door.**

SECTION 2 EXTRAORDINARY RULES

Race Track events may occur under extraordinary conditions, subject to special rulings.

- A. Approval of special rulings MUST be secured from Auto City Speedway officials, pit steward, chief technical inspector and/or Auto City Speedway executive committee members, and shall be known to all competitors prior to race track event.
- B. **Purposely running into cars on the track after Checkered or Yellow Flag comes out, will cause you to lose all points and winnings for the night.** This is senseless & all drivers need to act professional enough to control your emotions.
- C. **Drivers are not allowed to exit their car while on the race track, "under any condition other than your car is on fire" unless directed by an Auto City Safety official. Exiting your car on a live track will cause you to lose all points and winnings for the night!**

SECTION 3 GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. Any injured or suspended member SHALL NOT participate in ANY event without approval. Auto City Speedway reserves the right to request a doctor's release at ANY time.
- B. No intoxicating beverages or controlled substances are to be consumed before or during events by ANYONE entering the pit area - NO TOLERANCE! **No Drugs will be tolerate at any time on Auto City Speedway's Property! Anyone caught using, selling or having drugs will be subject to suspension.**
- C. AUTO CITY SPEEDWAY OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT OR ALLOW THE ENTRY OF ANY DRIVER OR CAR.
- D. Before entering the racing area, a release registration, and/or entry forms must be signed by all competitors. Entering racing area without approval of Auto City Speedway officials is prohibited.
- E. Abuse of any Auto City official and use of improper language at any time is strictly prohibited. Failure to abide by this rule may result in loss of points and/or cash fine or suspension.
- F. Cars shall be driven by ACS members holding a valid Auto City driver's license, except special events pre-approved by Auto City Speedway officials. ACS employees (volunteers) are subject to these same rules. Noncompliance is cause for dismissal of employee (volunteer).

- G. All pit entrants shall appear at track in acceptable attire. Anyone entering pit area MUST wear a shirt and shoes. **For the interest of safety, we ask that closed -toed shoes be worn in the pit area. Sandel, flip-flops and such are not recommended and wears assume the risk**
- H. Anyone (owner, driver, crew member) entering the scoring tower without permission during a race event, **will cause their car to lose all points and winnings for the night!**
- I. The drivers assume and accept responsibility for the actions of their pit crew and may be disqualified, suspended or fined for improper conduct.
- J. Drivers, owners, and/or mechanics shall have no claims against or cause of action for damages, expenses, or otherwise against Auto City Speedway or its officials or the Promoter, by reason of disqualification or damage to either car, driver or both. Drivers and/or Car owners are responsible for any parts falling off a car and damaging speedway or speedway patron's property. (Including cars not directly involved in a on track accident.)
- K. Any car may be inspected by Auto City Speedway officials. "AT ANY TIME"
- L. **Fighting on racetrack premises at any time is prohibited and subject to suspension and/or fine and prosecution, plus disqualification and loss of any winnings and points for the night.**
- M. There will be no dumping of petroleum products on speedway grounds. Containers for dumping are provided by speedway. Anyone found dumping said products on the ground, will be subject to fine and/or suspension.
- N. All used tires must be removed from the ACS property at the end of the racing event.
- O. **THERE WILL BE NO STOPPING** on the racetrack to contest any official decision. Anyone stopping may be disqualified from the race or evening. Use of improper language at any time is strictly prohibited. Failure to abide by this rule may result in loss of points and/or cash fine or suspension.

SECTION 4 GENERAL SAFETY & REGULATIONS

ALL DIVISIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING

It is your responsibility to check over your safety equipment, both what you put on your body as well as what you bolt onto your car.

- A. Before any car may take part in a sanctioned race event, it is subject to inspection by ACS officials.
- B. The head or arm of any driver shall not extend outside the door of a closed body race- car while driven in any event.
- C. Starter (Flag man) must be at the flag stand before any race cars are allowed on the track for warm-up.
- D. Only one person shall occupy a car at any time, except with prior approval from management.
- E. At NO time, will non-competing members be allowed on track, across the track, or infield, unless with approval by ACS officials.
- F. Must have wrecker loops made with chain or cable on front and rear of racecar.
- G. There must be no lead ballast or weight of any sort mounted below the frame rails.

- H. A driver's window net with a "Quick Release is Mandatory"
- I. Approved made for racing aluminum seat is mandatory, mounted inside the frame rails & ahead of the rear tire - secured to roll cage.
- J. A 5-or- 6- point harness with crotch strap, 3 years or less old is mandatory and must be securely mounted to roll cage.
- K. All drivers must wear a SFI approved fire-suit in good repair. **All helmets must be Snell SA - approved.** Driver must wear fireproof gloves & neck devise of some kind (collar, Hans, Etc.). Fire-proof shoes are mandatory.
- L. A 2.5- pound fire extinguisher in working order must be securely mounted and within drivers reach - mandatory. B or C classifications OK. Halon systems are highly recommended.
- M. Fuel lines must never be mounted lower than the frame rails and never through the driver's compartment. If your car is deemed unsafe for any reason, you will not be able to race until the problem is fixed to Auto City's satisfaction.
- N. All bars within driver's reach must be padded with approved safety & fire rating.
- O. Quick release steering wheels are mandatory for all classes - **except enduro cars.**
- P. Battery must be in trunk or under hood & strapped down by two 1" metal straps. May not be in driver's compartment. See class rules ... "Electrical".
- Q. All fire safety items to be in good repair at all times.
- R. Battery disconnect switch behind driver seat or near front A-Pillar is mandatory, within easy reach of safety crews for all cars.
- S. All other required safety equipment & specifications are addressed in specific class rules.

SECTION 5 PRIZE MONEY

- A. A guaranteed purse is posted for all scheduled Auto City Speedway races on Auto City Outdoor Event Center Web Site.
- B. The decision of officials in establishing the amount of prize money shall be binding on all members.
- C. The person bearing the car license shall receive all race money payable in race competition, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. **Any money not picked-up on the race night will be available at payoff window for the following 2 weeks ONLY.** Auto City Speedway official in charge shall distribute the prize money. This shall apply to all weekly divisions. Prize money will be paid and reported on 1099 form at the end of the calendar year.
- D. There may be cases where prize money is dependent on the number of cars competing at a particular event/ in the event that happens, this will be discussed before your feature.
- E. Cars must cross the start-finish line, after initial green flag, to collect start money in any event. Figure -8 cars must cross 3 times.
- F. **Pit Passes must be purchased by all driver's to receive monies at the pay window...Anyone who gets paid at the pay window must have purchased a pit pass...this includes any sponsors, employees, other track official and or anyone that would normally get a comp pass..If we pay you, you must have paid for your pit pass. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the owner!**

SECTION 6 RACE PROCEDURE

- A. Only one car, per class may be qualified by a driver, unless permission is secured from Auto City Speedway officials.
- B. A driver must compete in the car they qualified in only. Drivers will not be permitted a change of cars once racing has begun.
- C. Starting position will be determined by time trials, handicap point system, or order of registration and/or random draw. Method used will be agreed upon by Auto City Speedway officials and will be brought to driver's attention before race. A driver must compete in some type of preliminary, not limited to but may include practice, qualifying or races, to be eligible to start feature event. Officials may make exceptions to these requirements.
- D. Procedure for NO TIME TRIALS. Pole to last position will be in order agreed upon by track officials BEFORE event is run.
- E. All drivers must be ready to compete in the event in which they are scheduled. Any driver not ready to compete when called may be sent to the rear of the field at the discretion of the officials.
- F. Race may be started at starter/official's discretion once drivers have been signaled to be ready. Cars not in position shall start in the position, at the discretion of officials
- G. Whenever it becomes dangerous or unsafe to continue a race within the discretion of the starter or officials, a race can be stopped or declared final.
- H. When a race is stopped after the completion of a lap, cars shall line up in the order in which they were running at the completion of the last full lap, except those involved in the mishap, if any. Then those will start in the rear, of those not involved, and in their position according to distance traveled and order in which they were running at completion of last lap. Regardless of number of laps covered, this rule shall apply at all times, and in the event that enough laps have been completed for the race to be called finished, **drivers will be scored and paid for the positions they would have held on the restart.** This rule will not apply to figure 8 racing & novelty races.
- I. At least the leader shall cover the advertised laps of all races if possible.
- J. The prize money shall be paid to the winning drivers in those races completed if a race is halted due to rain or adverse conditions.
- K. When official decision of winning positions is made by track officials, all races are considered finished.

SECTION 7 INSURANCE REGULATIONS

- A. No competitor will be allowed in the pit area until they have secured a competitor or pit permit and signed the release sheet for that race meet.
- B. **Pit permits or arm bands are NOT transferable** and anyone caught with an altered pit band will be disqualified and/or ejected and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for fraud.

- C. Any member returning to competition after injury must be deemed physically fit.
- D. Any individual involved in an accident while on Auto City grounds must report the accident within 24 hours or before leaving the premises.
- E. Any driver involved in an on-track accident where the car needs to be towed off the speedway, must stop by the ambulance to be checked out.

SECTION 8 OFFICIAL FLAG RULES

Any driver who does not obey the flag rules and/or lights will be subject to disqualification.

1. Green: Start race.
2. Blue Flag/Yellow Stripe: Move over, the leaders are overtaking you.
3. Yellow: Caution, go slow and hold your position.
4. Red: Danger, race stopped; stop your car in a safe manner, no matter where you are on the track NOW!
5. Black: Pull off track for consultation.
6. White: One lap to go.
7. Checkered: End of race.

SECTION 9 PENALTIES

- A. Violations of any Auto City Speedway rule or regulation or verbal abuse directed toward ANY track employee by a licensed member may result in disqualification, suspension and/or fine, or ejection.
- B. Failure to sign release and registration forms by driver, car owner, or crewmembers automatically disqualifies them and forfeits all prize money and points in the race.
- C. Any driver, car owner or crewmember and/or car may be expelled from the pit area and competition while under suspension and/or fine.
- D. Any driver, car owner or mechanic that takes part in ANY demonstration or fights on the track in the pits or surrounding premises before, during, or after a race, shall be subject to suspension and/or fine.
- E. Any driver, car owner or mechanic who fails to notify Auto City officials of any change in driver or permits a car to be driven in a race event by an unlicensed person shall be subject to suspension and/or fine.
- F. Actions of Auto City Speedway members considered to be detrimental to the sport or at ACS shall be subject to suspension and/or fine, or ejection.
- G. Abuse, assault or threat to do bodily injury by any driver, car owner or mechanic to ANY official or person serving under their orders shall be grounds for suspension and/or fine, or ejection.
- H. AUTO CITY SPEEDWAY PROCEDURE FOR PENALTY OF PRIZE MONEY AND CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS REGARDING POST RACE INSPECTION AND OFFICIAL

FINISHING POSITION

- 1) Any and all championship points earned in race to be forfeited.
- 2) No points and/or prize money will be transferred to another car or driver!
- 3) Race finishing positions will move up if disqualification occurs due to post race Tech. inspection.

- I. Squealers rule:** Any car owner, driver or crew member accusing another car of cheating or any other infraction, other than a safety issue, to an Auto City Official shall be subject to an immediate tear down of whatever car you are associated with. We have tear down and protest rules in place...use them!

SECTION 10 APPEALS & PROTESTS

- A.** Right to appeal is hereby given to an Auto City Speedway member who has been suspended for any infraction of rules, regulations or specifications. **Appeals may be denied at Speedway discretion.**
- B.** Such appeal must be made within 5 days after notification and shall be in writing to Auto City Speedway office.
- C.** The Auto City Speedway office or a board consisting of Auto City Speedway officials shall hear hearings.
- D.** Decision made by Auto City Speedway on appeals shall be final.
- E.** Competitor protests for alleged violations or infraction of rules, regulations and/or specifications as covered in the rules, must be filed by competitor within 10 minutes of completion of feature race.
- F. Scoring of a race is not subject to a protest.**
- G.** Protests of point totals must be made in writing to speedway office within 5 days of the posting of the point totals. If there is no protest in that time period the points will be considered correct and final.
- H.** Protests & appeals of any nature must be accompanied by **\$300** CASH bond and within the time period as specified in the rules and must be in writing.
- I.** Auto City officials shall set up rules and regulations on all protests.
- J.** Any person or persons against whom a pro-test is lodged shall have the right to file answers to the charges.
- K.** Decisions by The Auto City Speedway executive committee, pit steward, and technical inspector shall be final on any and all protests.

SECTION 11 INSPECTION

- A.** Any and all cars will be subject to inspections before, during, and after any event. **Drivers will be required to bring their helmets & neck brace to tech.**

- B.** The Auto City official, in charge of the event, shall determine the method and type of car inspection, number of cars to be inspected and reserves the right to impound cars competing in that event.
- C.** Auto City Speedway reserves the right to impound any car for inspection purposes. Refusal to comply with this request may end in the expulsion of the car, driver and owner or any of the three, fine and/or penalty.
- D.** Auto City Speedway reserves the right to confiscate any part and/or equipment illegally used or found during an inspection. Refusal of driver or car owner to turn over illegal parts to the Auto City Speedway officials may result in suspension and the loss of all points from the beginning of the season.
- E.** Auto City officials assume no responsibility for impounded cars, parts, engines, etc.
- F.** Auto City Speedway reserves the right to set up an impound area and determine how many people are allowed in that area.
- G.** At no time will anyone, driver, car owner, or pit crew member, approach the inspection area without the permission of the Auto City official in charge. Anyone ignoring this regulation may be subject to disqualification and/or fine.
- H.** If in a pre-race inspection, after entering the pit area the day of a race, a racecar is deemed by the Auto City Speedway officials to be in non-compliance or disqualified.
 - 1) The car will not be allowed to qualify or compete until the proper corrections have been corrected.
 - 2) All corrections must be corrected on site in the pit area, when possible. No car will be allowed to leave & return to compete in the nights events without passing a Pre-race inspection.

SECTION 12 POINT RULES

- A.** Championship points will be issued at all regularly scheduled events at Auto City Speedway races and various other specials.
- B.** To receive championship points, a driver must take the starting green flag. Cars may be required to display track sponsor or division decals on certain areas of their cars. Anyone not displaying these decals will not receive points or awards from the speedway. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- C.** All prize awards, in the event of a tie, shall be pooled and divided evenly between the tied drivers.
- D.** Auto City Speedway may establish rules and regulations for awarding of points and awards.
- E.** All decisions by Auto City Speedway officials in establishing and awarding prizes, shall be final.
- F.** Any postponed race, if rescheduled, shall be run on the same season points.
- G.** Any tie for the championship at the end of the season shall be determined as follows:
 1. **NUMBER OF EVENTS ENTERED.**
 2. **MOST VICTORIES**
 3. **MOST FAST TIMES**

- H.** All championship awards, will only be available at the Auto City Speedway Championship banquet or designated award ceremony. You are expected to attend the ceremony to receive awards, unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

SECTION 13 RAINOUT POLICY

ALL OF THESE RULES PERTAIN TO A REGULAR RACE NIGHT, NOT A SPECIAL EVENT. SPECIAL EVENT POLICY IS ON A RACE TO RACE BASIS, THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

- A.** If we are forced to cancel a show before four events in any division are completed, all members holding a valid driver/owner card along with their pit band from the night the races were canceled will be given free admission to their next week's event "ONLY". NO CASH REFUNDS! **Qualifying is an event, one heat race is an event, four events will be considered a total race night.**
- B.** If more than 4 events in any of the divisions, combined, have been completed before a rainout, all monies and points earned in any division up to the time of cancellation will be paid the night of the event to the drivers.
- D.** If more than 4 events have been completed before a rainout and features HAVE NOT been completed, rain features and semis will be run the following week. AUTO CITY SPEEDWAY DOES NOT RUN DOUBLE FEATURES. A rain out feature will be the same number of laps scheduled on the rainout night, with the purse increased by 50% (EX: if you would have made \$100 to win. The rainout feature or semi would pay \$150 and so on).
- E.** Rainout money applies to semis and features ONLY.
- F.** If 4 or more races have been completed in ANY division, there will be NO discounts or free pit admissions the following week.

SECTION 14 GENERAL RACE RULES

- A. QUALIFYING** - consists of 2 consecutive laps with the quickest of the 2 being your official time. If you can only make 1 lap that is the time you must stand on.
- 1)** If a car does not arrive at the track by the time qualifications end, every attempt will be made to place that car in the show. Auto City Speedway reserves the right to refuse that car owner and/or driver.
 - 2)** If a car arrives after their division has qualified, they may, at official's discretion be given 1 lap rather than the 2 laps other competitors have been given to qualify.
- B. NONQUALIFIERS** - will start at the rear of all heat and semi or consi races.
- C.** **Any car allowed to leave the grounds for any reason & return for competition will not be allowed to qualify after all other qualifying is complete and must start at the rear of all events. Unless the car has been disqualified, then paragraph H in Section 11 ... (Inspections) apply.**

- D. RUNNING UNDER YOU'RE QUALIFYING TIME-** any car may be timed during any event. If you are timed running 1/4 second or more under your official time, you will be sent to the pits and start any other events you are qualified in at the rear of the field. **You will not be allowed hard charger points if HC points are available.**
- E. DRIVER OR CAR CHANGES** - either, must be approved by Auto City officials and will result in that driver or car starting at the rear of all events. Item C applies.
- F. HEAT RACES** - will be started inverted, with fastest car in the rear.
- G. SEMI FEATURES** - Cars will start with a standing inversion of seven (7) based on qualifying times. The top six (6) finishers will transfer to the feature race.
- H. FEATURE EVENTS** - will be inverted by a predetermined method. The previous weeks feature winner will start behind the inversion in the next regular feature event he competes in at Auto City Speedway. However, if the previous winner is not quick enough to be in the invert they will start in the position earned in qualifying.
- I. STARTS** - the green flag may be thrown anywhere between turn 4 and the start finish line. Any car altering the pace will be considered as jumping the start and will be docked spots at the next caution or at the pay window.
- J. CAUTION WITH 5 LAPS OR LESS TO GO IN FEATURE EVENTS** - all lapped cars will be lined up behind lead lap cars to let the leaders decide the winner of the event. **New lineup will be single file if running in a double file re-start event.**
- K. MOVE OVER LIGHT** (and/or move over flag) - you will be told at the driver's meeting how to obey this light or flag. If you disregard this light or flag you may be black-flagged and sent to the pits and disqualified.

Thank You for choosing Auto City Speedway to race at!