
Marion Center Speedway

2018 General Rules

Marion Center Speedway is on private property. Spectators and/or participants are welcome to attend activities at the Speedway for entertainment purposes, but the Speedway reserves the right to remove person or persons causing disturbances or interference with the entertainment program on said property. 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 the events. The rules shall govern the conduct of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. No expressed or implied warranty to safety shall result for publication 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 to the participant, spectator, or official.

The race director shall be empowered to permit deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his or her opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from such alteration of specification. Any interpretation of these rules is left to the discrepancies of the officials. Their decisions are final.

Marion Center Speedway officials will rule on any situation not covered below and all rulings will be final. All rules will be in effect the first day of racing, and the first time you race at the track. Any grace period for infractions will be at the discretion of the Track Officials. The Track Officials have the power and authority to disqualify the car owner, driver, or any other person(s) connected therewith, for violation of rules and any other infractions falling under their jurisdiction.

All rules are at the discretion of Marion Center Speedway Officials and reserve the right to amend, adjust, change, or delete the rules without notice.

RACE RECEIVERS

1. All drivers are required to have operating "RACEceiver" in proper working condition, channeled to track's frequency, with fresh batteries.
2. This is **MANDATORY** for every division. **You must have one.** Every car will be routinely checked for one. Make sure you have batteries.

GENERAL RULES

1. The car driver assumes all responsibility for all actions of himself/herself, owner(s), sponsors(s), pit crew members and all family members. The driver is the sole spokesman for this group for any matters pertaining to the race.
2. All drivers must wear their helmets any time they are in the car and on the track.
3. MCS Officials reserve all rights to inspect all vehicles and trailers entering the pits.
4. No intoxicating beverages or drugs will be permitted. Drivers are responsible for their pit crew members and their family. Anyone (driver, crew member, family, etc) who arrives under the influence of intoxications

and/or narcotics will not be allowed to participate that night and may be suspended. MCS reserves the right to check teams' hauler, trailer, or car at any time. Anyone suspected may be subject to testing. Refusal may result in expulsion and suspension. Any injured competitor found intoxicated will result in a denial of insurance benefits.

5. No abusive language or threaten bodily harm or equipment damage when addressing a MCS Official, track employee, driver or his/her crew.
6. No smoking during any warm up period, event, or competition while in the car.
7. No Firearms and any type of weapons are absolutely prohibited at all times on the grounds of MCS, as the facility is private property. If there is any display of any type of weapon or threat of bodily harm, will result in suspension and possible arrest.
8. Any driver committing unnecessary contact, harassment, or dangerous driving tactics considered by the MCS Flagman or MCS Officials will be deemed ROUGH DRIVING.
9. Threats of retaliation on the Speedway could be considered assault with a deadly weapon and will not be tolerated. MCS Officials has the right to bar driver from competing the remainder night for from future events.
10. No fighting for any reason will be tolerated on Speedway grounds. You will be suspended.
11. **No money will be paid and No points will be given if the rules are violated.**
12. No repairs done on the track that will delay the race program. MCS Officials will make minor adjustments to cars such as pull metal from tires, etc, that can be corrected quickly.
13. No more than one (1) person in the car while it is on the track.
14. NO ONE will be permitted on the track during a racing event. This means under no circumstances will anyone be allowed on the track. Once the race is done and it is safe, you will be allowed on the track to go to the winner's circle only.
15. The only vehicles that will be permitted in the infield will be the tow trucks, push vehicles, and emergency equipment.
16. The MCS Officials have the authority to inspect any portion of a car subject to rule specifications for that division. Upon inspection, a driver will have one week to make the necessary changes to get completely up to track specifications.
17. The MCS Officials reserve the right to reject any car and/or driver with recourse. All cars are subject to inspection at any time by MCS Tech-man.
18. No car deemed unsafe or illegal by MCS Tech-man will be allowed on the track at any time. If the car is found illegal, upon his next visit to the track, the car will be re-inspected.
19. Any and all decisions of the MCS Tech committee as to a car being legal or illegal are final.
20. Cars must be able to pass safety check at all times. Cars will be inspected. Any car refusing inspection will not run.
21. If you have questions about your car qualifying for you division's rules, any driver or pit crew member has till 7:00 to ask tech inspector to check their car.
22. Depending on your car division, all cars must have a tow hook and/or cable accessible by the track assistance staff. Failure to have two tow hook or cable will result in a \$25.00 fine. This will be deducted off the pay at the end of the night.
23. Drivers must be 18 years of age. Drivers 16 and 17 years of age must have parents or guardians written and notarized consent letter. They must also sign the Minors Parental Consent and Minors Assumption of Risk form each race night. Anyone younger must notify MCS are required to request an exception to policy with

track management. Parents or guardians will be responsible for that individual. ALL UNDERAGE DRIVER'S MUST BE REGISTERED AND SPEEDWAY STICKER DISPLAYED.

24. All car and driver must register before running any events.
25. All that enter the pit area must sign a track release. At every race, any driver, owner, or pit crew member failing to register their name and address will be barred from the events at the speedway for the night. (This is compulsory for insurance purposes and your safety).
26. All car owners must fill out a tax form card.
27. Should a driver's meeting called prior to an event, all entries will present themselves without delay to obtain any announcements, rule changes, etc. Drivers that do not attend waive all right to protest.
28. Any mechanical defect endangering other drivers such as gas tank leaking, obstructed windshields, dragging bumpers, open doors or hoods, bent axle or tie rods, bent wheels, or any other defect will be sent to the pits.
29. Any car with a flat tire or lost wheel MUST pull off track immediately or be disqualified for the rest of the event. We will NOT ALLOW any track damage
30. Any car told to leave the track, by the MCS Officials, must do so or be subject to suspension.
31. Heat races will have double file line-ups. Feature races will have Delaware line-ups.
32. If race is stopped during the first (1st) lap, cars will return to their original starting positions and the cars involved in bring out the caution or red flag will be sent to the rear.
33. Cars will keep running at a slow pace on restart with all drivers holding their positions.
34. Cars may go into pits during restart BUT will go the rear of the field on restart. Any car failing to go to the rear will be penalized one (1) lap.
35. Each car is allowed a maximum of three (3) cautions per night.
36. Division causing most cautions will run their feature event the following week last.
37. Cars causing either the yellow or red flag to be displayed will go to the rear of the line-up.
38. Any car that pushes a tire from the infield onto the track drawing a caution will be sent to the rear of the field.
39. During the racing event, **NO** driver is permitted to get out of his/her car on the track unless it is under an emergency situation. This means NO getting out of the car to argue with another car or MCS Official. Anyone that does so will be disqualified with a possible fine.
40. On line-ups for a restart, a driver can be told twice (2 laps) where he is to go, if after two attempts (2 laps) the driver does not go into position, he will go the rear of the field.
41. When a flagman gives a car the black flag, that car must pull into the pits or infield. Any car refusing to do so will be subject to suspension. This means go to the pits or the infield whether in first or last position. There will be no excuses for not doing so.
42. Driver MUST exercise caution when pulling into and out of Pit Area.
43. Anyone with a car that caused delay in running of any event by refusing to obey Track Officials makes that car and those with it subject to suspension.
44. When there is an emergency, NO ONE will be permitted on the track except officials, emergency equipment and personnel. Anyone who enters the track without permission may be penalized from the pit area for a minimum of one week.
45. No one is permitted on the track during victory lane ceremonies except the winning driver, owner, crew members, fans, etc.

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46. When a race is just about completed and there is a wreck or spin out, the Track Officials may keep the race running if they decide no one is in danger.
 47. Any driver or car suspended for any reason losses all money coming to them for that night's event.
 48. Feature even will be limited to 25 cars or at the discretion of the promoter.
 49. Number of cars in starting line-ups for heat races will be at the discretion of the Pit Stewart.
 50. Any driver racing in more than one division that night, must notify the Pit Stewart so the heat races can be adjusted.
 51. Any car arriving at the track after 7:00 must sign in at Pit Stewart booth and will be tagged on the rear of heat race.
 52. Any car arriving at the track after line-ups are made and before that car's division last heat race, will be tagged on the rear.
 53. You MUST make three (3) "racing laps up to speed under green" to be considered that you started the race to be eligible for points and "show money".
 54. Points will be kept on the Car Number only.
 55. When a car's number is registered in the pits, that car can run ONLY that number that night. There will be no changing the number later.
 56. The car number must be legible and readable, or you will not be scored.
 57. The purse will be determined by the owners. The payout will depend on the number of cars qualifying that night.
 58. Earnings may be picked up at the payoff window after the completion of your feature event. It is you responsibility to pick up your earnings.
 59. A W-9 tax information card must be filling out. If no card has been received after 3 races, your earnings may be held.
 60. Anyone being injured at the track will report to First Aid Man and Track Officials before leaving track. All injuries will be made a record of to the insurance company within 24 hours.
 61. No one will be permitted to enter the announcer's booth during the race event. Entry will be permitted after ALL races are completed.
 62. The Pit Stewart is in complete charge of the pits. Flagman and Safety Men are in complete charge of the track. EXCEPTIONS: The Safety Inspector is empowered to permit minor deviation(s) from any of the specifications herein set forth in his opinion the safety factor is not lowered.
 63. The officials who make call on who will go to the rear, will call all cars involved in a spin out.
 64. By signing the pit release, you grant Marion Center Speedway permission to use your name and/or picture in any manner for advertising, videotapes, press releases or other public relations without further compensation.
 65. All teams will be responsible for the proper disposal of their used motor oil, grease, or any other lubricants, coolants, or other substances that may be harmful to the environment. A disposal site has been set up in the pit area. Each container will be clearly marked. Make sure the materials you are disposing are placed in their proper container. Anyone found contaminating the track with these materials will be fined \$1000, and pay to have any contamination cleaned up to DEP specifications. Failure to do so will result in prosecution and suspension.
 66. All teams are responsible for their tires. Do not leave unwanted tires lying around. Violations may be grounds for sanctions.
 67. No dogs will be permitted into the pits unless they are service animals only.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Unnecessary rough or reckless driving on part of any competitor.
2. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
3. No unsportsmanlike conduct will be allowed, and subject to disqualification.
4. Any profanity whether verbal or gestured will not be tolerated.
5. No roughness on or around the track will be tolerated.
6. Anyone leaving their pit area and goes to another's pit area and causes a disturbance such as fighting, punching, shoving, etc, will be disqualified.
7. Failure of observe flags or Flagman or any other MCS Official will result in disqualification.
8. Any driver that pulls into the infield of the racetrack, and the caution DOES NOT come out, and then pulls onto the race track to draw the caution will be disqualified from the race and sent to the pits.
9. No parking of cars on the track or running cars in opposite direction during race.
10. All cars must weigh at the end of feature. Failure to do so will be cause for disqualification. Exception: unable to run under your own power.
11. Any car to be found illegal will not receive any money or points for the race event.
12. Anyone deliberately blocking track is automatically barred from the track for one (1) year.
13. Offending person(s) will be disqualified and sent off the track and/or sent home. This applies to drivers, pit crew members, and all other persons associated with that car.
14. No participant will subject any MCS Official to verbal or physical abuse or improper language. The driver assumes responsibility for anyone connected to the car. This means Driver—you are the one any action will take place on.
15. Any person(s) causing disturbances at the track, such as fighting, blocking the track, striking, dissension in pits or grounds, etc, over purse or entertainment program will be subject to one or more of the following:
 - a. 1 or 2 week suspension
 - b. \$300.00 fine
 - c. Loss of points and winnings besides the disqualification for the night.They will be responsible for all physical or property damage from such disturbance to him or others. Track Officials will govern incidents on a case-by-case basis.
16. Person(s) fined \$300.00 will be barred from the track until the said fine is paid. All fine payments will be added to the point fund.

SAFETY:

1. All seat belts must be in good shape. They will be checked.
2. Seat belts must be bolted to frame (not to floor) and pass inspector's approval.
3. Shoulder harness is required.
4. Only seat belt with quick release mechanism allowed.
5. An aluminum full containment racing seat should be secured (bolted) to frame (not to floor) and roll cage high and low.
6. Hans Device, Hutchens and/or similar safety restraint system is suggested.
7. A quick release steering wheel is **MANDATORY**.
8. All air bags must be removed is **MANDATORY**.
9. Batteries are not allowed in the Driver's Compartment.
10. **MANDATORY: FULL FIRESUITS: Any fire retardant coveralls or any fire retardant fire suit of one or two piece ARE REQUIRED. YOU MUST WEAR ONE OR YOU WILL NOT RACE! This is for your safety**

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11. **Racing gloves and shoes are suggested – NO Plastic Gloves.**
 12. **Only racing type helmet with full-race shield should be worn. Helmets that have fire resistant interior – Snell 2005 and up are recommended.**
 13. Should have fire extinguisher within driver's reach.
 14. A full metal firewall must be installed between driver and engine, and between fuel tank and driver. The driver's compartment **MUST** be completely enclosed.
 15. Fuel tank must be securely fastened and must be welded and sealed at top, bottom, and sides.
 16. No 5-gallon containers or converted grease or oil containers may be used as tanks.
 17. Fuel lines run under floor, if not, must be covered and sealed at both ends by rubber hose only.
 18. Fuel cells must be mounted behind the rear end housing between frame rails as is the normal position from the builder and it **MUST** be Securely Strapped with a minimum of two (2) Steel Straps that are bolted to the Chassis (Frame). Securely locking in the fuel cell. Straps **MUST** be at least two (2) inches wide and 1/8 inch thick. Fuel Cell must be mounted inside the Fuel Cell Steel Box. No Part of the Fuel Cell can be below the bottom of the rear housing.

FLAG MEANINGS

- GREEN FLAG GO
- RED FLAG STOP
- YELLOW FLAG CAUTION
- WHITE FLAG 1 LAP TO COMPLETE RACE EVENT
- CHECKERED FLAG RACE EVENT COMPLETED
- BLACK FLAG DISQUALIFIED
- BLUE FLAG LEADERS APPROACHING, SLOWER CAR HOLD THEIR LINE

TO ELIMINATE SPEEDING THROUGH THE PITS IN AN UNSAFE MANNER

All cars must stop at a designated area determined ahead of time by the Track Officials upon entering and exiting the pits from the race track while a race is in progress. When leaving the race track to the pits, all cars must stop in an area near the back (pit side) of the water tank. If and when the area is clear for the car to proceed to the pit area for that car, it may proceed with caution, at a safe speed into the pit. At the conclusion of a race, when all cars will be leaving the track at the same time, the cars do not need to stop – BUT must proceed through the pits in a safe manner at a slow speed. When a car is returning to the race track after a pit stop, a Track Official will be at the pit gate/track entrance, and the car must stop for the official. The Track Official will determine when the track is safe for the car to precede onto the racetrack. Cars may re-enter a feature race **ONLY** under caution (YELLOW flag). No re-entry under GREEN! If it is determined that a car was speeding through the pits, it may be held for a period of time as a penalty for speeding through the pits. If the car ignores the Track Official and does not stop upon re-entering the racetrack or exiting the track for a pit stop, the Flag-person will be notified and the car will be disqualified from the racing event.

LAP COUNTS

1. A lap will count when the lead car plus one (1) crosses the finish line as determined by the scorer(s).
2. All cars that cross the finish line before a caution flag is thrown will be lined up in the order they crossed the finished line as determined by the scorer(s), and all cars that crossed the finished line after the caution is displayed will be lined up in the order they crossed the finished line on the previous lap under green.

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3. Cars involved with or causing the caution will be penalized by being lined up at the rear of the pack for the restart, and any car that entered the pit and are returning to the racetrack will go behind those involved in the caution.

POST RACE

After the feature, all cars MUST take one cool down lap. After completing the cool down lap, the winner will be the first (1st) car to cross the scales. ALL CARS MUST CROSS THE SCALES UNLESS UNABLE TO DO SO.

WEATHER

- **Rain Cancellation PRIOR to Event:** In the event of a rain cancellation for a Saturday night racing event, the racing program will be rescheduled (rain dated) to Sunday (the next day) weather permitting (unless otherwise noted) with a modified schedule. Racing will start at 6:30pm; Pit gates will open at 4:30pm; Grandstand gates will open at 5:00pm.
- **Rain Cancellation BEFORE The Completion Of Heat Races:** In the event of a rain cancellation before the completion of the heat races, the racing program will be rescheduled (rain dated) for the following weekend on Sunday, weather permitting (unless otherwise noted) with a modified schedule: Racing will start at 6:30pm; Pit gates will open at 4:30pm; Grandstand gates will open at 5:00pm.
- **Rain Cancellation AFTER the Completion of the Heat Races:** The show will be considered complete and remaining features will be rescheduled for makeup at the discretion of the management.
- **Rain Cancellation DURING Racing Event (Heat or Feature):** If half (1/2) or more of a heat/feature race is completed before that race is called off due to weather conditions (rain, fog, etc) it will be considered a completed racing event. If the race does not reach the halfway point, it will be considered a non-race (it did not happen) and be run with the following week racing program, unless otherwise noted.
- If the weather is threatening rain or storms, pictures after the feature races may be moved to a safe area in the pits, or not taken at all to help keep the program moving as quickly as possible.
- If a "Rain Out" is declared, rain checks will be redeemable at the event's face value. No Refund will be given. The possibility of a rainout or circumstances beyond our control that causes a cancellation to an event is the risk you assume every time you enter the track.

COMPLAINTS AND/OR GRIEVANCES

1. Only the car driver registered for that car can file a protest.
2. The top ten positions will be posted on the blackboard in the pits immediately following the feature. You have 10 minutes to check your position. If no protest is made, pay-off will be made as posted. If you have a protest or question, tell Pit Stewart you have questions over posted positions, and the pay-off will be held for your division until all races are completed and the scorers are free to discuss the problem.
3. ONLY THE DRIVER OF THE RACE CAR that has taken the green in the race that there is a question and or complaint about may register that complaint with the Pit Stewart in a calm and respectful manner within the 10 minutes after the conclusion of the race.
4. If the complaint needs to be brought to the scorers, or another track official(s) that is still involved with the execution of the racing program for the night, that complaint will have to wait until such time the necessary people are available without disrupting the ongoing racing program. This may mean waiting until all races have been finalized for the night.
5. NO one will be admitted into the judge's booth (announcer's booth) until the racing program is completed.

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6. No one else except the driver may register the complaint to the officials. If they do, they will be asked to leave the premises.
 7. The track officials may use whatever means necessary to remove problem people from the premises.
 8. Any driver not showing proper respect to the Track Officials, owners, or other support staff can be asked to leave the premises. Further continual disrespect may be grounds for the car with that person(s) and/or its driver to forfeit all points and be banned from racing at the facility until all fines are paid and the owners are satisfied that the guilty party will act respectfully to all officials.

ATVS, SIDE-BY-SIDES, GOLF CARTS, AND OTHER VEHICLES RULES

All ATVs, Side-By-Sides, golf carts, etc. are not permitted on the Track's grounds unless they have permission from MCS and are registered. Registration fee (one time only) is \$25.00 to complete on regular events. Each week, they must be signed in for every racing event.

1. One vehicle per car.
2. The car owner and ATV owner are equally responsible for all injuries to person or property caused by anyone operating the ATV and shall cover and hold MCS harmless from all claims arising in any way from participating in the racing activity and the use of the ATV.
3. ATV speeds must be kept at a reasonable pace determined by MCS
4. ATV driver must be 16 years of age.
5. Only the operators listed on the registration may operate the machine.
6. The ATV must remain in the pit area.