

**WELCOME TO SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY
RULEBOOK FOR 2014**

The Management would like to welcome you and thank you for your interest in racing at Sycamore Speedway. This rulebook is written to give you information about the operation of our events and the rules, both mechanical and procedural. Please read this rulebook carefully. *All racing events require that each and every one of us remember our first obligation is to the race fans.* The racing officials and management of Sycamore Speedway will resolve any disagreement over technical questions, establish the length, frequency and administration of all racing events and determine all finishing positions. Their decision is final.

RULEBOOK DISCLAIMER

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for orderly conduct of racing to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the conditions of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with the 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 race director 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 AN ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATION. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final. Other items not covered in this information will be decided by racing officials.

**SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY 2014
OFFICIAL STOCK CAR RACING GENERAL RULES**

These general rules apply to each and every one, car owners, drivers, mechanics, pit crew members, fans and anyone in the pit area, grandstands or on the racetrack. We will not tolerate any fighting and unnecessary recklessness or any type of retaliation. Profanity is prohibited. Consumption of any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances within the pit area and on the racetrack is prohibited. Race cars and personal clothing will not display profane signs, sex signs, and swastika, ethnic or racial slurs. Use of radio signals that interfere with our track frequency is prohibited.

A. To compete at Sycamore Speedway your car must have a complete body and adhere to the rules described for your class. All cars must willingly pass a technical inspection each race date. Any refusal for inspection results in disqualification for that night. No inspection-no race.

B. All competing cars must complete a Sycamore Speedway Membership Card and have a number assigned.

The same number will be reassigned IF applied for by February 1. To reserve a number call 815-895-5454 BETWEEN 8 A.M to 3 P.M Monday through Friday.

C. During the races, the only people allowed on the racetrack and infield is drivers, disabled cars and racing officials. Everyone must stay behind the fences at all times unless requested by the officials to assist for some special reason.

D. In case of accident, car must be taken into pits or infield (at a safe distance) to be worked on, subject to official's decision.

Competing cars and drivers found in violation of rules will lose any purse money & points won for that night.

1) Insurance coverage exists beginning 30 minutes prior to scheduled race time and ending 10 minutes after the finish of the last event.

2) FLAG RULES:

Green - Track is clear.

Red - Indicates that all cars are to stop at once. The race has been halted. Once cars have started to lineup for restart, latecomers will lose their positions. Any car not ready for restart shall go to rear of pack.

Yellow - Hold your position. Do not pass. The lead car must slow down to parade lap speed, and ALL cars remain in single file at a constant slow speed all around the track. Failure of the car to trail the car ahead will cause violator to lose position. It is the responsibility of the lead car to slow down to parade lap speed. **When there is a yellow on the white flag lap, the race is over! Cars will be scored on the finished lap previous to white flag.**

NOTE: YELLOW FLAG LAPS NOT COUNTED. ANY CAR OR CARS INVOLVED IN A YELLOW FLAG SITUATION SHALL RESTART IN THE REAR. **ANY CAR CAUSING OVER TWO YELLOW FLAGS IN ONE RACE MUST LEAVE THE RACETRACK FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT RACE.** Any driver, pit crew member or family disturbing flagman or scorers before conclusion of racing program, will disqualify that car or be fined.

Black - The scorer will not count the laps of the black flagged car until he enters the pits and remedies the hazardous reason causing the car to receive the black flag. Failure to see the black flag will not be considered as an excuse.

Blue w/Orange Stripe - Starters Signal - Move over to right, you are being lapped.

White - One more lap.

Checkered - Race is over. When lead car gets checkered flag, race is over for all cars as they cross the finish line.

3) The placement of the cars in order of finish as determined by the scorer will be final.

4) The track steward reserves the right to increase or decrease the field of cars at his discretion.

5) Any driver, who in the opinion of the track steward or flagman, shows evidence of exhaustion, drinking, under the influence of controlled substance or other physical incapacity, may be barred from the events in the interest of safety to himself and to others.

- 6) Any person or persons willfully blocking the track or attempting to obstruct the race program will be requested not to return to the track for future race meets. Remember...when a rule is enforced, one or more people aren't going to like it.
- 7) A race will not be stopped because of a car or cars spinning out in the first curve or turn on the first lap unless the situations, determined by the flagman, would warrant it.
- 8) Intoxicating beverages, including beer, are not permitted in the pit area before or during a race meet. Any car whose crew has been drinking in the pits, will be fined, suspended or both.
- 9) Cars not at the gate at least thirty (30) minutes before race time will be placed in position at the discretion of the steward, if situation so requires it.
- 10) Abandoned car will be towed away.
- 11) When qualifying, an allowance of one spin or wave-off will be permitted per night. When time trials are over for a given class, **they are over** – no exceptions. You will be allowed one or two qualifying laps or other means to facilitate positioning as time permits to be determined by the track officials.
- 12) PIT PASS must be conspicuously tied on your person before entering the pits and displayed at all times while in the pits and displayed at all times while in the racing area. Wristband appropriate for the event is also required.
- 13) Finishing positions are paid according to the distance traveled regardless of whether the car is still running or not, except in cases of ties between cars that both might have completed the same number of laps. In case, the car running at the finish has the preference over the car that is not running, but which may have an equal number of laps completed.
- 14) Only the tow vehicle will be allowed in the pits. No other car will be permitted.
- 15) Any driver or crewmember deemed detrimental to the sport of auto racing will be refused entry to the pits. Auto racing is a competitive sport, but like any other event that lives from the support of fans there is, along with competition, a great deal of showmanship required. STARTING ON TIME, running the events in a professional manner, PROPER UNIFORMS, race cars BRIGHTLY PAINTED and the CONDUCT of the competitors as viewed by the fans; these requirements form an important part of the contest rules and must be considered for the growth of auto racing.
- 16) Abuse of any official and use of improper language at any time will be subject to disciplinary action. The penalty imposed will depend on the severity of the act.
- 17) If in the combined opinion of the flagman, track steward and timer, a driver did not make the best effort to qualify, he will be positioned in the race lineup as judged appropriate.
- 18) If for any reason a race stopped (such as red, yellow or checkered flag), only the persons allowed out on the track are officials, safety crew, wrecker and ambulance crew. NO ONE ELSE! Anyone not conforming to this rule is subjecting themselves to a severe fine or expulsion from the grounds subject to discretion of track steward.
- 19) Any driver, car owner, mechanic or any other person trying to organize others against the track or the officials in any way, will be immediately suspended from Sycamore Speedway and barred from further competition.
- 20) The following procedures must be observed in the pits:
 - A. The cars will lineup in the pits for an event according to the positions posted on the pit bulletin board immediately after the cars enter the track. Any car not in line at this time will miss the event.
 - B. Any car missing an event because of this rule may start the next as an added starter; exception – those cars missing the consolation race cannot automatically start the feature as added starter.
 - C. Added starters in any event will start in the rear of the pack.
 - D. Added starters MAY RACE upon special permission of the chief steward.
 - E. Any car that comes too late to qualify will start at the back end of feature only as an added starter.
 - F. To change drivers, the driver going into the car must have qualified the car that night. If they don't qualify the car, they forfeit any and all starting places, i.e. you start in the back. At this point you are running for owner points and new driver points.
 - G. If your car breaks mid event, you cannot run someone else's car with your number.
 - H. Any fines and/or suspensions will be decreed by the officials, subject to the following: mechanical violations – maximum of \$200 fine, safety violations – maximum of \$500 fine and/or two weeks suspension. **Rain outs or race night cancellations do not count towards penalty.** While under penalty cannot run for owner points.
 - I. CLAIMER RULE: If you feel one of your competitors is cheating, for \$200 you can request that the car be inspected. \$50 will be retained by the racetrack regardless of the outcome; the remaining \$150 will go to the correct party. If you claim a competitor is cheating and you are correct then you get your \$150 back, if you are wrong the \$150 will go to the competitor you wrongly accused. The \$200 you are paying is for a full tech, should this inspection result in an illegal car than the repercussions are the same as if the car was randomly picked for a full tech inspection, i.e. loss of points & money for the night.
 - J. All cars must be removed from pit area after the conclusion of the evening events. ANY car left on the premises after ten days will be charged "storage". Pit lights out and pit area emptied and locked thirty minutes after race event.
 - K. The track will reserve the right to reject any entry.

21) PAINTING

- A. Cars may be painted as you choose, but number must be a bright, contrasting color. WHEELS MUST BE PAINTED WHITE for easy visibility in the event one is thrown. Day-Glo paint is strongly recommended. NO PRIMERED CARS. NO TWO CARS PAINTED IDENTICAL!
- B. Car numbers MUST be MINIMUM of 18" SQUARE WITH 4" BRUSH STROKE ON RIGHT AND LEFT DOORS. NUMBERS MUST BE PAINTED ON CONTRASTING COLOR TO THE CAR ALSO 18" NUMBER ON ROOF OF CAR.
- C. POOR NUMBER = **NO SCORE!**

22) WEARING APPAREL

- A. We recommend all pit participants wear white pants or coveralls for visibility reasons.
- B. We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** all drivers wear a flame resistant driving suit at minimum long sleeves, long pants, gloves and closed toed shoes are **REQUIRED**.

23) ROLL BARS: Super Late Models and Late Models

- A. All cars must be equipped with welded cage types. ROLL BARS WELDED TO THE FRAME OF THE CAR. Bars must pass inspection of the chief steward. Suggested specs for roll bars are: wall thickness; .095. Outside diameter; 1-1/2". No pipe joints; bars must be welded and angle joints reinforced.

24) SAFETY BELTS AND HELMETS

- A. Passenger type seat belts required for all spectator, compact and powder puff cars.
- B. All Super Late Model and Late Model cars must be equipped with a 5 point racing harness. MANDATORY. Certification must be visible and show 3 yrs or newer. They need to be securely fastened to the frame of the car. Belts must have quick release metal buckle. Shoulder harness is mandatory. Shoulder harness must be quick release type.
- C. Approved crash helmets must be worn for all classes. This is strongly enforced.

25) SAFETY RULES – the following safety rules must be strongly enforced:

- A. NO BATTERIES, FUEL TANK, FUEL LINES, or any object that may create a hazard in the driver compartment. Batteries will be permitted if securely fastened down and covered with a sponge rubber and then a rubber covering. i.e. boat box.
- B. Cars MUST HAVE FULL STEEL FIRE WALLS between driver and engine compartments and driver and fuel tanks.
- C. Seats must be securely fastened to frame of car.
- D. All cars must be self-starting. Cars must leave pits under their own power.
- E. Fire extinguishers are mandatory for all cars and must be securely fastened. Quick release type only and be in reach of driver.
- F. Dirt screens are subject to inspection.
- G. All gas must be in proper marked RED CANS in the pit area.
- H. Flame resistant driving suits and a window restraining net are strongly recommended.
- I. Fuel cell strongly recommended.

26) Must run trophy dash to receive fast time point.

27) If a driver misses the prior event, driver's best starting position in the feature will be no better than 11th position.

28) All cars must remain in pits ten minutes after final race so that race fans may come and look at cars and talk to drivers.

29) Due to limited pit space, maximum trailer length 28 feet.

30) All exhaust must exit at the side of the car – left side recommended.

31) Under yellow & red flag conditions, only **track officials can be on the racetrack!**

32) Rear view or side mirrors not allowed on Super Late and Late Model cars.

33) For Super Late Models, 4-bar Super Late Models, & Late Models, all drivers must use a race receiver. Fusion 1600 is a very common type and is most common at a lot of other facilities.

34) We recommend you to make an appointment to have your car inspected before the season begins. For any questions regarding these rules OR to make an appointment, please call 815-895-5454 between 8 am and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.