

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in racing at Sycamore Speedway! We look forward to an exciting 2023 Racing Season. As an organization, our primary obligations are to our race fans and our drivers. To ensure we meet everyone's expectations and provide an excellent experience for everyone, it's imperative that each one of us understand and adhere to our racing rules.



Read through this rule book. It's important that you know and understand the operation of our events and Sycamore Speedway's mechanical and procedural rules.

In the event of an issue or disagreement, the Sycamore Speedway Management and Track Officials will refer to these rules to help come to a resolution regarding a disagreement over technical questions. They will also use these rules to establish the length, frequency and administration of all racing events and determine all finishing positions. Sycamore Speedway's decision is final.

RULEBOOK DISCLAIMER - THIS WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR AT LEAST 3 SEASONS (2022, 2023, & 2024)

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/her 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 Track Officials. Their decision is final! Other items not covered in this information will be decided by Track Officials.

General Rules

These general rules apply to each person, car owner, driver, mechanic, pit crew member, fan, and anyone in the pit area, grandstands, or on the racetrack.

Category	Rule
Abusive Language/ Actions	 Abuse of any official, threats to any official, threats to another pit crew or driver, or physical harm to anyone at the racetrack at any time in person or on social media will be subject to disciplinary action. The penalty imposed will be expulsion for the rest of the race season and forfeiting any points or money earned prior. We will not tolerate any fighting and unnecessary recklessness or any type of retaliation. Profanity is prohibited. Fines may be imposed.
Accidents	 In case of accident, the car(s) must be taken into the 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
Alcohol & Controlled Substances	 Consumption of any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances within the Pit area or on the Racetrack before or during a race is prohibited. In the interest of safety, any driver who shows evidence of drinking or being under the influence of a controlled substance (as observed by the Track Officials or Flagman) may be barred from the events. Any car whose crew has been drinking in the Pits, will be fined, suspended, and/or both.



DIRT LATE MODELS

Rule To compete at Sycamore Speedway, you must adhere to the following rules.		
 ✓ You must pay for any pit pass and or entry fee. ✓ All drivers must have a valid driver's license. ✓ All competing cars must complete a Sycamore Speedway Membership, a W9, and have a number assigned. The same number will be re-assigned to you IF you re-apply for it by March 1, 2023 You must register every year. 		
To register for a number or become a racer at Sycamore Speedway, follow these steps. Click the link https://sycamorespeedway.com/driver-registration-form/ or copy and paste into your browser. Complete the online form (if any red Xs appear, the form is incomplete and will not submit). We will send a confirmation email to you confirming your registration. Download the confirmation and read it in its entirety. Read through the General Rules and the rules for the class(es) you will be racing in. Rulebooks can be found at http://sycamorespeedway.com/# Prep your car according to the rulebook. Bring your car to track. Go thru tech inspection at the scale Attend driver's meeting Qualify Let's Go Racing!		
✓ Dirt screens are subject to inspection.		
Auto racing is a competitive sport, but unlike other events, our fans' support is paramount to successful racing events. Consequently, showmanship is an essential part of our racing events. The following rules are an important part of the contest rules and must be considered to ensure the sustained and continued growth of auto racing. Starting on time Running the events in a professional manner Proper racing attire Brightly painted race cars Sportsman-like conduct on and off the racetrack including social media. In the interest of safety, any driver who shows evidence of exhaustion and/or other physical incapacity (as observed by the Track Officials or Flagman) may be barred from the events. Any person or persons willfully blocking the Track or attempting to obstruct the race program will be Black-Flagged and must leave the racetrack. Rememberwhen a rule is enforced, chances are that someone isn't going to like it.		



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Driver Compartment	 Batteries will be permitted if they are securely fastened in a marine-type battery box with a cover. All fuel lines that run through the driver compartment must be covered. Cars MUST HAVE FULL, STEEL FIREWALLS between driver and engine compartments and driver and fuel tanks. Seats must be securely fastened to frame of vehicle. NO BATTERIES, FUEL TANK, FUEL LINES, or any other object that may create a hazard in the driver compartment are allowed. 		
Exhaust	✓ All exhaust must exit at the side of the car – left side is recommended.		
Field of Cars	✓ The Track Steward reserves the right to increase or decrease the field of cars at his/ her discretion.		
Fire Extinguishers Flag Rules	 ✓ Fire extinguishers are mandatory for all cars and must be securely fastened. ✓ Only quick-release fire extinguishers are allowed and they must be within reach of the Driver. ✓ If, for any reason a race stopped (such as red, Yellow or checkered Flag), 		
	the only people allowed out on the track are officials, safety crew, wrecker, and ambulance crew. NO ONE ELSE! Anyone not conforming to this rule is subject to a substantial fine and/or expulsion from the grounds and disqualification of driver for the race night. These decisions will be made by Track Officials.		
	Color Description Green Track is clear		
	Indicates that all cars are to stop at once. The race has been halted. ✓ Once cars have started to line up for restart, latecomers will lose their positions. ✓ Any car not ready for restart must go to rear of pack. A race will not be stopped because of a car(s) spinning out in the first curve/ turn on the first lap unless the situation warrants it as deemed by the Flagman.		
	Yellow** ✓ Hold your position. Do not pass. ✓ The lead car must slow down to parade-lap speed, and ALL cars must remain in single file at a constant, slow speed all around the track until directed by Track Official to double file. ✓ If you do not trail the car in front of you, you will lose your position. It is the responsibility of the lead car to slow down to parade lap speed. ✓ Any car(s) involved in a Yellow-Flag situation must restart in the rear of the pack ✓ When there is a Yellow on the White-Flag lap, the race is over. Cars will be scored on the finished lap prior to White Flag. ✓ Yellow Flag laps are not generally counted. However, at the discretion of the Track Official, Yellow Flag laps may be counted. ✓ If your car causes two Yellow Flags in one race, you must leave the racetrack for the remainder of that race. ✓ If you intentionally cause a caution, you will be Black-Flagged for that race. ✓ Any driver, pit crew member or family member disturbing the Flagman or Scorers before the conclusion of racing program, will disqualify that car and/ or be fined.		



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	NOM-RA-		
	White	 One lap to go to the completion of the race. Folded and crisscrossed White & Checkered flags signifies the race is halfway completed. 	
		 Folded and parallel White and Checkered flags means 2 laps to go. 	
	Black	Indicates that you must leave the track immediately because you are in violation of something. You must leave the racetrack; you cannot return during that race No Exceptions.	
		✓ If mechanical issues are the reason for the Black Flag, then you may fix the iss and return to any other subsequent, remaining race of the night.	
		If you are Black-Flagged due to unsportsmanlike behavior, you must load your and immediately leave the property.	
		Second Failure to see the Black Flag will not be considered as an excuse to not leave racetrack.	
	Blue w/Orange	 Starter's Signal – Hold your Line. 	
	Stripe -	The leaders are approaching you and you need to keep the line you are racing Do not race the leaders. If they have caught up to you, they are faster than you give them the space to pass you.	
	Checkered**	 Race is over. When lead car gets Checkered Flag, the race is over for all cars they cross the finish line. 	
		The placement of the cars in order of finish as determined by the Scorer will be final	
Fuel Cells	Fuel cell with roll-over valve strongly recommended.		
Gas	✓ All gas mu	ust be in proper marked RED CANS in the pit area.	
Insurance Coverage	 Insurance coverage exists beginning 30 minutes prior to scheduled race time and ending 10 minutes after the finish of the last event. 		
Mirrors	No mirrors	s are allowed on any race car for any class. NO EXCEPTIONS.	
Overflow Tubes	✓ Overflow tubes must be pointed down.		
Painting of Cars			
	Body	Cars may be painted any color(s) you choose	
		No primered cars.Race teams cannot have identical looking cars in the same classes.	
	Number	 The number must be a bright, contrasting color with the following specs: Minimum of 24" square. 	
		4" brush stroke on right and left doors and the roof of the car.	
		 Contrasting colors are Black & White, Neon Yellow & Navy Blue, Pink & black. If you are not sure, please ask a Track Official. 	
		POOR NUMBER = NO SCORE = NO PAYOUT	
	Wheels	 ✓ Wheels must be silver, solid white, or fluorescent-colored for easy visibility in the event a tire comes off the car. No BLACK WHEELS! 	
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		Day-Glo paint is strongly recommended.	



Category Rule **Abandoned** Abandoned cars will be towed away. It is your responsible to take your Cars racecar home each night or store it in the designated area at the speedway. If you do not then, we will assume it has been abandoned and will become the property of Sycamore Speedway's. Added Added starters MAY RACE upon special permission of the Track Official. **Starters** Added starters in any event will start in the rear of the pack. **Breakdowns** If your car breaks down mid-event, you cannot run someone else's car with your number on it. Changing To change drivers or cars, the driver going into the car must have qualified **Drivers** the car that night. This change must be reported to Pit Tower before race As a driver you can only qualify one car per Class, and you must race that car all night. Fines and/ or Any fines and/or suspensions will be decreed by the officials, subject to Suspensions the following: Violation Fine and/or Suspension **Type** Mechanical Maximum of \$200 fine and/or disqualification for the evening No points nor money earned Safety Maximum of \$500 fine and/or two week's suspension Unsportsma Minimum of 2 week's suspension nlike Forfeit of any points or money earned on that Conduct race night. Depending on the severity, you could face expulsion for the rest of the season and all points and money previously earned revoked. Rain outs or race night cancellations do not count towards penalty. Lineups The cars line up in the pits for an event according to the positions posted on the pit bulletin boards. Any car not in line at this time will miss the event. 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. Any car that comes too late to qualify will be added to lineups as officials deem appropriate. If in the combined opinion of the Flagman, Track Officials and Timer, deems that a driver did not make the best effort to qualify, he/ she will be positioned in the race lineup as judged appropriate. If you feel that one of your competitors is cheating, for \$200 you can request that **Protest Rule** the car be inspected. \$50 is retained by the racetrack; the remaining \$150 goes to the correct party. Does not apply to the Compact Division



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		IF	Then
		You are correct	You get your \$150 back
		The Competitor is correct	The Competitor receives the \$150
		inspection result in are the same as if	paying is for a full tech; should this n an illegal car, then the repercussions the car was randomly picked for a full- g., loss of points and money for the
	Start/ End Times		ty at least thirty (30) minutes before race time. om Pit area after the conclusion of the evening
		event.	mptied and locked thirty minutes after race s after ten days will be charged "storage".
	Starting Position		event, regardless of reason, you will forfeit
	Vehicles in Pits	, ,	car, vehicle, and trailer hauling) will be allowed
Qualifying Rules	walifying Rules ✓ When qualifying, an allowance of one spin or wave-off will be permitted ✓ When time trials are over for a given class, they are over – no exception ✓ You will be allowed one qualifying lap or other means to facilitate position determined by the Track Officials. ✓ You must run the trophy dash to receive fast-time point, this applies to saturday classes must run their heats to secure position for their feature.		are over – no exceptions. cans to facilitate positioning as time permits to be point, this applies to all Friday night classes.
	Saturday das	✓ Packing is required. If you do r	not pack, you do not qualify and therefore will owest heat and back of feature.
Race Receiver ✓ For All Classes running at Sycamore Speedway, all Drivers r Fusion 1600 is a very common type and is most common at Our Channel is 454.000.		•	
	 You cannot use a transmittable radio; it must be a one-way receiver only. Use of radio signals that interfere with our track is prohibited. 		
Racetrack & Infield Rules	 During the races, the only people allowed on the racetrack and infield are drivers, disabled cars, safety and wrecking crew, and Track Officials. Everyone must stay behind the fences at all times unless requested by the officials to assist for some special reason. 		
Roll Cages	Pure Stocks, the car).		ed Late Models (aka SLM), Street Stocks, and age types (i.e., roll cages welded to the frame of
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DIRT LATE MODELS

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	Not Allowed No galvanized pipe. DOM type tubing is recommended.			
	No pipe joints			
	Friday Night Compacts This is MANDATORY to run at minimum a roll cage. See Compact Rules for			
	specifics. It is recommended to run a roll cage for Spectator, Powder Puff, and Socker Stocker.			
Safety Belts & Racing Harnesses	✓ Passenger type seat belts required at minimum for all Spectator, Compact, Socker Stocker and Powder Puff cars.			
idillesses	✓ All Dirt Late Models (aka UMP LM), Super Late Model, Street Stock, and Pure Stock cars/ drivers must:			
	Be equipped with a 5-point racing harness.			
	 Have visible certification showing that the harness is 3 years or newer. 			
	Be securely fastened to the frame of the car.			
	 Have a quick-release metal buckle. 			
Wearing Apparel Wristbands				
	Driving Suits We require all drivers, to wear a flame-resistant driving suit, a two-piece suit is ok. Spectator, Powder Puff, Socker Stocker & Compact			
	A driving suit is not required, however, at a minimum long sleeves and long pants are required. Note that we do recommend a flame-resistant driver suit.			
	All other requirements are the same for these Classes. Pit Attire We recommend that all pit participants wear white pants or coveralls, so they			
	are more visible.			
	Helmets Approved Snell helmets with face shields must be worn for all Classes.			
	No motocross, motorcycle, or snowmobile helmets are allowed. Shoes & ✓ Closed-toed shoes & gloves are required			
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	Wristbands ✓ Wristbands appropriate for the event are required at all times. No Exceptions.			
Weather Policy	In the event of sudden showers, the track starter will suspend the races; however, every effort will be made to complete the races after the rain stops. If, in the opinion of Track Officials the bad weather will prevent the return of a safe racing condition in a reasonable amount of time, the remaining races will be cancelled or postponed as follows:			
	 The program will be considered complete (no rain checks) if 4 or more events, not including time trials, have been run. 			
	• If a special event was rained out, the special event may be added to the next week's race show.			
	In the event of rain, or any circumstances beyond the control of the Track Officials, the Race may be declared complete or continued at the discretion of the Track Officials in charge.			
	If the program is not considered complete (4+ events have been completed, not including the time trials), your ticket stub or Pit pass wristband will serve as a rain check for another race held within the next 2 race weekends unless otherwise stated by Sycamore Speedway Management.			
Nindow Restraining Net	A window restraining net is strongly recommended.			





2023 – Dirt Late Model Specifications, Rules & Payouts



All the General Rules above apply to the Dirt Late Model Class. In addition to the General Rules, the Dirt Late Model Division follows UMP Late Model rules & regulations.

DIRT LATE MODEL SPECS & RACE DAY

- Follow the rules outlined at www. https://dirtcar.com/category/divisions/late-models/
- ✓ Unless stated our bi weekly shows are not UMP sanctioned and therefore there are no points awarded. There are a couple of dates that are the exceptions, please review our events details to learn more.
- No trucks, SUVs, convertibles, compacts or T-tops are allowed.

SPECIFICATIONS & RULES

Category	Rules		
Wheels & Tires	Sycamore Speedway will not have tires on site for sale for this division. Fuel is available for purchase at Illinois Powersports located next to the main entrance of the Speedway.		
	✓ For non-sanctioned night, you are allowed to use 20s, 30s, or 40s.		
	 We leave this open so you have the opportunity to use the tires you have to use up tires you have in stock or have to use at other tracks on sanctioned events. 		
	 Please note this may change due to industry shifts and availability of tires. 		
	✓ For sanctioned shows, tire rules will be posted in the event details.		

DIRT LATE MODEL PAYOFFS & ORDER OF EVENTS

Feature Payout

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Place	Payout*	Payout*
1 st	\$1500	\$1200
2 nd	\$1000	\$950
3 rd	\$850	\$800
4 th	\$700	\$650
5 th	\$550	\$500
6 th	\$400	\$350
7 th	\$300	\$250
8 th	\$250	\$225
9 th	\$200	\$200
10 th	\$175	\$175
11 th below	\$150	\$150

*(16 cars or more) *(15 cars or less)

Heat Placements

Qualifying will determine placement in Heats Fastest to Slowest as shown below. If 3 heats are needed, this lineup would change. Top 2 or 3 of each Heat will report to the Pit Tower for a redraw for starting positions of the feature.

Heat 1	
1	3
5	7
9	11
13	15



Heats will be used to determine your placement for redraw & feature.



If payout is different from what is listed to the left, then it will be posted in the event



Order of Events

The following Order of Events is **tentative** and subject to change.

Event	Time or Number of Laps
Pit Gates open	4:00 pm
Drivers' Meeting	6:00 pm
HL/Q for all Classes	6:30 pm
Opening Ceremonies*	7:30 pm
Races to Follow -	- Race Order:
PS Heats	8
SLM Heats	8
SS Heats	8
Additional Heats (examples)	
Badger	8
Open Late Model	10
Sprints, etc.	
Any LCQ	
Intermission	10 mins
PS Feature	15 except for Twin 15
Badge Feature (if running at SS)	25
SLM Feature (except Joe & Nick and Twin 25)	25
Open Late Model Feature (if running at SS)	30
SS Feature	20

^{*}Fastest Qualifiers for each division will be asked to participate.