



# 2023 GENERAL TRACK RULES

## RULE BOOK DISCLAIMER

The rules and regulations set forth here are designed to provide guidelines for the orderly conduct and safety of all participants for racing events. This applies to all participants including guests, race team members, and staff. These rules, in coordination with the rule books for each specific division, shall govern the conduct of all participants during racing events. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS AND/OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS. They are intended as a guide and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or an official. The race director shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or to impose any further restrictions that in their opinion, does not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from such alteration of specifications.

Orange County Speedway Management LLC., further referred to as OCS, will follow the rules set forth in this document, as well as the prescribed individual track division rules, and of any subsequent amendments, additions, and/or exceptions deemed appropriate by race officials. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left in the discretion of race officials. Their decision is final. OCS reserves the right to do whatever is necessary to keep all classes competitive as well as safe. This could include, but not limited to, adding weight to a car or cars, altering number of laps, or changing race procedures. Every racer is expected to participate in every event that is possible for him/her to run. Racers refusing to participate because of his/her disagreement with the track rules, regulations, or race procedures shall be subject to a suspension for a period determined by track management. OCS and/or its track officials may amend the rules in these supplements at any time with prior notification to all competitors in writing, web page, or by virtue of race day driver's meetings.

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

The following terms, which appear periodically throughout these rules, have the following meanings:

1. **OCS:** Orange County Speedway: promoted by Orange County Speedway Management LLC
2. **Competitor:** A driver, car owner, crew member, or other person (other than OCS officials) who participate competitively in an OCS racing event. Whenever the words *competitor*, *driver*, *car owner*, or *crew member* are used, unless the context indicates otherwise, the term used shall be interpreted to indicate the driver, car owner, or crew member assigned to or a member of the same racing team
3. **OEM:** Original Equipment Manufacturer

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1. **Finality of Interpretation and Application:** The interpretation and application of the rules by the OCS officials at the track shall be final and non-appealable
2. **Special Rules:** Special rules may be made by OCS officials for an event due to extraordinary conditions. Such special rules shall apply to that event
3. **Injury Reports:** Any competitor involved in an accident while on racing premises, if able, must report to an OCS official before leaving the premises (if the competitor is unable, they may submit a written report later). Any incident report must be completed within 48 hours of the incident
4. Competitors failing to follow the rules or direction of OCS officials are subject to penalty
5. Crews must stay in their assigned pit area



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6. Competitors are solely and directly responsible for the safety of their race car and racing equipment, and are obligated to perform their duties in a manner designated to minimize the risk of injury to themselves and others. OCS cannot or will not be responsible for the adequacy of a competitor's race car and/or racing equipment for racing activity.
7. The driver is the spokesman for his/her race team in every division
8. The driver must designate a crew chief that acts as spokesman while he/she is on the speedway
9. Shorts, sleeveless shirts, or open toed shoes are not allowed on pit road
10. Absolutely no alcohol allowed in the pit area before, during, or after the race
11. It shall be the driver's and the car owner's responsibility to provide financial information for purse payout. No pay out will be received until information is provided to Orange County Speedway Management LLC. Failure to provide this information within 45 days of race will result in those monies being added to season's end points fund.
12. No points fund money will be paid to any driver or car owner that fails to attend the championship awards banquet/ceremony
13. Competitors may not have any weapon on OCS property
14. Competitors may not have any illegal substances on OCS property
15. In the event of a caution, no one may go onto the speedway except OCS officials, safety crew, wrecker personnel, fire personnel, and EMS. Any crew member, car owner, or family member that goes onto the speedway will be subject to fines, suspension, and loss of points
16. Fighting is not condoned, and any fight participant may be fined, suspended, or incur a loss of points
17. Intentional wrecking of another race car other than normal racing may be subject to being fined, suspended, loss of points and/or being parked from the event

## RACE PROCEDURE

1. All competitors must be in their assigned position and ready to compete for qualifying and racing. Failure to do so will result in penalties
2. All initial starts and restarts will be double file with the flagman starting the race when the leader gets to the white line in turn four nearest the flag stand. All cars must maintain their starting position until you have passed the start/finish line
3. On initial starts, only the pole sitter has lane choice
4. On restarts, a choose rule will be in effect
  - a. There will be a painted "V" on the front stretch between the white line in turn four and the start/finish line. When the "one-to-go" signal is given, drivers should choose inside or outside when passing the "V"
  - b. Competitors who intentionally run over the "V", change lanes after choosing, or impede/slow down the choose process will be given a tail of the field penalty
  - c. Competitors who were involved in an incident that caused the caution, those who came down pit road under caution, and those under penalty will NOT be allowed to choose and must start on the inside line
5. For both initial starts and restarts, the pace vehicle speed must be maintained until the green flag is waived
6. For both initial starts and restarts, no passing will be allowed before reaching the start/finish line. Avoiding other competitors for missed shifts and/or mechanical problems will be at the discretion of the race director
7. Rough driving, brake checking, jumping the start, and/or stopping on the speedway will result in lap penalties
8. For all cautions, the running order will be determined by the last completed green flag lap. In the event of a caution before the first completed lap, cars will be lined up the way they were at the initial start except for the car(s) bringing out the caution going to the rear of the field.



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9. All races will end under green unless time limit has been reached. If time limit has not been reached and a caution is thrown before the leader takes the checkered flag, the race will end with a green-white-checkered finish.
10. The following time limits will be in effect for regular feature races:
  - 30 minutes – Charger, Pure Stock, MOD4, Vintage Sportsman, Legends, Bandos, etc.
  - 60 minutes – Late Model
11. If a race is approaching the stated time limit, the race director will clearly communicate relevant race procedures over the OCS race control radio frequency (468.6875) and, within reason, will make every effort possible to finish the race naturally under green flag conditions. If a race reaches the stated time limit while under caution, we will allow for one attempt at a green-white-checkered finish.
12. All cars must have a spotter in the spotter's stand and all crews should monitor the OCS race control frequency 468.6875

## FLAGS

1. **Green Flag:** Indicates the start of the race or start of timed qualifying session
2. **Yellow Flag:** Indicates a problem on the speedway; all cars must reduce speed immediately and stay in line
3. **Red Flag:** Indicates a serious problem and all cars must come to a stop as soon as safely possible
4. **Blue Flag with Yellow Stripe:** Indicates you are being lapped by a faster car and you should move to the low side of the speedway to allow the faster car to pass
5. **Black Flag:** Indicates there is an immediate problem and you must report to the pit area. Failure to report to the pit area will result in you not being scored after the second lap
6. **Black Flag with White Cross:** Indicates you are not being scored anymore. If you continue to race you will be subject to being fined or disqualified
7. **White Flag:** Indicates you're starting the final lap of the race or qualifying session
8. **Checkered Flag:** Indicates the race or qualifying session is complete. All cars receive the checkered flag on the same lap regardless of being laps down

## INSPECTIONS

1. **Time and Manner:** All cars are subject to inspection by OCS, at any time and in any manner determined by OCS officials. All decisions by OCS officials regarding the timing and manner of inspection, as well as which cars will be inspected, is final, non-appealable and non-reviewable
2. **Inspection Area:** Only those persons approved by OCS officials may be admitted to the inspection area
3. **Car Eligibility:** OCS officials will determine if the car meets the applicable specifications
4. **Competitor Obligations:** A competitor must take whatever steps requested by an OCS official, including teardown of the car, to facilitate inspection of the car. Competitors refusing to complete technical inspection before or after an event will be subject to fines, disqualification, or suspension
5. **Inspection Prior to the Race:** If an OCS official determines prior to the race that a car does not meet the applicable specifications, the car may have to add weight, correct the deficiency or not be allowed to compete. This deficiency must be corrected before the next race
6. **Post-Race Inspection:** After the racing event, if a car is found in violation of the OCS rules, the car will be disqualified. In the event that OCS officials decide the infraction does not give the competitor a competition advantage, the competitor will be advised and the deficiency must be corrected before the next race
7. **Parts or Equipment Failing Inspection:** Any parts or equipment that do not meet the specifications of the OCS rules may be confiscated



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8. **Impounding:** Cars may be impounded after qualifying or the race for inspection by OCS officials. Cars may also be impounded after an accident to determine the potential need by OCS officials to update safety specifications

### PROTESTS

1. Protest must be made within 10 minutes of the completion your race
2. Protest must be requested in writing indicating the specific part protested and signed by the driver protesting and presented to the track officials with money in hand
3. A protest can only be lodged against the car that finished immediately ahead of the protesting driver
4. The protesting driver's car may be subject to the same inspection as the car protested. This is at the discretion of OCS officials
5. The protested car must start tear down within 15 minutes of being notified the car was protested. Failure to do so will result in disqualification
6. Visual protest must be made in writing a minimum of 30 minutes before qualifying starts. All visual protest will cost \$30
7. Crate engine protest fee will be \$700. Protested car must remove the engine within 2 hours of receiving the protest. OCS officials will check the protested engine within 3 days and notify the protesting driver and the protested driver of the results of the protest. A \$200.00 fee will be deducted from the protest fee for inspection by OCS officials
8. If during the inspection any illegal part is found, the car being inspected will be disqualified. This applies to the protested car and the protesting car
9. OCS reserves the right to refuse any protest that is deemed not to be a competition advantage or is so insignificant that it would not change the outcome of the racing event
10. No protest will be accepted that is directed at the decision of OCS officials
11. The minimum protest fee is \$200 for each protest plus extra fees at the discretion of the track. The typical protest fees are:
  - a. Top End = \$200
  - b. Bottom End = \$400
  - c. Complete V8 = \$850
  - d. Complete 4cyl = \$500
12. Scoring questions can be addressed to the chief scorer immediately following the completion of the last race
13. Orange County Speedway Management LLC., staff, and officials will review each appeal or protest. This decision is non-appealable, non-litigable, and final

### CLAIMS

1. To ensure fair competition, certain OCS division rules may allow for drivers to "claim" parts from a competitor's car for a pre-determined dollar amount (ex. shocks). Claim requests must be made within 10 minutes of the completion of your race
2. Claims must be requested in writing and signed by the driver and presented to the track officials with money in hand
3. You may only claim parts from a car that finished immediately ahead of you. You must run the claimed part(s) the following race
4. If the other competitor does not agree to the claim, he/she will be subject to disqualification

### GENERAL RULES FOR EACH CLASS

1. A drivers' meeting will be held for all competitors following the final round of practice for each event. Drivers are required to answer roll call at the drivers' meeting, failure to do so will result in a loss of qualifying



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2. Roll cage as must be constructed with 1 ¾ inch .090-wall tubing. Driver's door is strongly recommended to have intrusion plates made with 16-gage steel. All roll cages should follow the Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Rules. All roll bars within the driver's reach must be padded
3. All cars must have a fuel cell mounted in a steel can a maximum of 22 gallons. All fuel cells must be mounted in the center of the frame, as far forward as possible. All cars must have a safety bar installed behind a fuel cell. This bar must extend from left to right frame rails. There should be a fuel cut off located in the trunk area
4. All fuel lines going through the driver's compartment must be mounted in a steel conduit and sealed at each end
5. All firewalls must be sealed
6. All cars must have approved window nets, seat belts, and fire extinguisher systems
7. All driveshafts must be painted white
8. All added weight must be painted white, securely located outside the driver's compartment between the centerline of the front suspension and the rear axle, and have the car number painted on it
9. All cars must have an electric kill switch
10. Batteries must be located outside the driver's compartment and covered by a fabricated housing or battery box
11. LEXAN windshields are to be used front and rear. Windshield must be a minimum 1/8 inch thick. Three windshield support brackets must be installed on the front windshield and two support brackets on the rear window
12. No electric fuel pumps will be permitted with the exception of four-cylinder cars that do not have provision for a manual pump
13. Aluminum seats are required in all divisions. No homemade seats allowed
14. All springs must make 270 degree contact with the upper and lower spring seats
15. All cars must park in the pit area assigned to your division
16. Any part of any car may be removed for technical inspection. This includes measuring, testing, sending to outside facilities, and/or destructive testing
17. Any part deemed not approved may be marked in a manner as to indicate a non-approved part. If the same part is found on a competitor's car a second time, the competitor will receive no money or points for that race, and the track reserves the right to destroy the part
18. Any car that comes onto the speedway to take their assigned starting position, then returns to the pit area before the start of the race, must start at the rear of the field
19. Any car that stops on the speedway to question a call or disrupt the orderly operation of the racing event will be parked or removed from the speedway property
20. Any driver that wins the division championship three years will be required to move to the next higher class (This does not apply to LMSC)

## GENERAL RULES FOR DRIVERS

1. Any time a car is on the track for competition, the driver must wear an approved fire suit, helmet (*full face recommended*), fire resistant gloves, and shoes. Head and neck restraints are strongly recommended. **THE DRIVER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER SAFETY EQUIPMENT**
2. All seat belts must be in good condition with no visible damage
3. In the event you are involved in an accident on the speedway that causes a caution, the driver should drop his/her window net to indicate that he/she is not injured; however, do not remove your seat belts or helmet until the safety crew has reached your car. Exit your car only after it has been OK'd by the safety crew
4. Intentional stopping of your car on the speedway to bring out a caution or benefit your position will result in lap penalties
5. Rough driving will be dealt with by a black flag, fines, suspension, or parking



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6. On an initial start or caution restarts, you must maintain your position until you have crossed the start finish line, missed shifts or mechanical issues will be determined by the race director. All starts are at the white line in turn four nearest the flag stand
7. On caution restarts, the leader has his/her choice of inside or outside line. Only the leader has this choice.
8. A driver may race in two divisions each event
9. If a driver races in two divisions, at the end of the second race of the season, he/she must decide which division they will be racing for points. He/she may race in two divisions all season; however, he/she will only receive points for the division that was decided upon after the second race
10. Minimum age for drivers will be 12 years old; all minor releases must be completed and on file before the driver is allowed onto the speedway. If a driver of a lower age wishes to compete, he/she must make contact with the speedway officials and be prepared to demonstrate the ability to drive in the class they have chosen
11. If you are competing for Rookie of the Year or any other post season award, you must file your paperwork before the start of the third race of the season
12. All drivers should fill out the medical form and secure it in an envelope with your name on the outside. Keep this form with you at the track in the event emergency medical personnel need to reference it

SEASON POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Championship points will be awarded based on finishing position at each event for all regular OCS divisions as follows:

<b>1st</b>	50	<b>11th</b>	30
<b>2nd</b>	48	<b>12th</b>	28
<b>3rd</b>	46	<b>13th</b>	26
<b>4th</b>	44	<b>14th</b>	24
<b>5th</b>	42	<b>15th</b>	22
<b>6th</b>	40	<b>16th</b>	20
<b>7th</b>	38	<b>17th</b>	18
<b>8th</b>	36	<b>18th</b>	16
<b>9th</b>	34	<b>19th</b>	14
<b>10th</b>	32	<b>20th</b>	12
		<b>21st and below</b>	10

**Bonus Points**

Fastest Qualifier*	1
Halfway Leader	2
Hard Charger	4

\*Note: Fastest Qualifier bonus point will only be awarded for divisions that have a timed qualifying session. Any division that sets starting order by a random draw will not have a Fastest Qualifier bonus point awarded. For twin race nights, the Fastest Qualifier bonus point will only be awarded for the first race. The second race lineup is set by an invert of a randomly drawn number by the first race winner, thus there is no Fastest Qualifier earned for the second race.

2. Hard Charger bonus points will be awarded to the driver who advances their position the most (ie. starting position to finishing position) during the race. Eligibility requirements are defined below:
  - a. Driver must improve their position by more than one (1) position in the race to be eligible
  - b. Driver may elect to start at the rear of the field to have a better chance of earning the "Hard Charger" bonus points, but they must inform a Track Official of this decision within 15 minutes of completion of qualifying to be eligible



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- c. Any driver who is sent to the rear of the field for a post-qualifying or post-race penalty will NOT be eligible for the “Hard Charger” bonus points
3. If a competitor has a mechanical failure during practice or qualifying that prevents them from starting the race, they will still be awarded last place points for that event. If there are twin races that night, last place points will only be awarded for first race.
  - a. Note: Competitor must have purchased any required tires/fuel (if their division has those requirements for that event) for them to be eligible to receive last place points.

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