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## **2022 DISCLAIMER, WAIVER of LIABILITY, TRACK SAFETY, SCORING and LINE-UP PROCEDURES**

**DISCLAIMER:** The following outlines the general rules and procedures that the management of Sharon Speedway believes are necessary to operate the facility in a manner that will provide a safe, enjoyable environment for family-oriented entertainment. The management reserves the right to make additions or changes to these procedures, as they deem necessary to achieve this end.

**Sharon Speedway is private property. Spectators and participants are welcome to attend the activities at the Speedway facility, for entertainment purposes, but the Speedway reserves the right to remove person(s) causing a disturbance or interference with the entertainment on said property. Sharon Speedway, Promoter, Owner or Officials reserve the right to refuse or to accept any car or participant. Sharon Speedway, Promoter or Officials also reserve the right to revoke or cancel ANY entry or person's right to be on the track premises.**

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** No driver, car owner or crew member will have any claim for damages or expenses against the promoter, owner, sponsor, sanctioning group or any track official by reason of disqualification, damages to the car, loss by theft, injuries to the driver, crew member or spectators. All competitors and participants in racing related activities at Speedway acknowledge and agree that Motorsports and racing are dangerous to property and people. Participation in this activity carries with it the risk of serious personal injury and death to drivers, pit crew members, officials, rescue personnel and spectators. All competitors and participants therefore agree, as a condition to their being granted permission to participate in events at the Speedway, to release and hold harmless the Speedway, its owners, operators, directors, employees, agents, sanctioning bodies, event promoters, sponsors, co-participants and rescue personnel, for any and all injuries, death, property damage or other loss that results from participation in Motorsports and racing events at the Speedway, regardless of the cause of such injuries, death, property damage or other loss, even if due to the negligence of the Speedway, its owners, operators, directors, employees, agents, sanctioning bodies, event promoters or co-participants, or due to the negligence of rescue personnel. All parties agree that the track and grounds are considered safe if they take part in the Speedway's activities. All participants agree that they will not initiate any type of legal action against Sharon Speedway, Promoter, Owner, Sponsor, Sanctioning Group or any Track Official, or to seek any monetary damages, injunctive relief or any other kind of legal action. If a participant pursues any such legal action, which violates this rule, then the participant agrees to pay any and all legal fees/costs for The New Sharon Speedway, promoter, sponsor, sanctioning group or track official.

Official rulings are final. On occasions when situations arise that are not covered by written rules, the track officials may put special rulings into effect. Once such rulings are acted upon, they become an act of policy and will be added to the existing rules and procedures.

Any participant/spectator involved in any accident that results in injury or has the potential to have health effects not immediately recognizable, must report to the track management before leaving the premises, providing the participant/spectator is physically able to do so. Negligence in this matter will result in loss of any and/or all benefits.

All drivers should inspect the racing surface and the racetrack area to learn of any defect, obstruction or anything, which in the driver's opinion, is unsafe. It will be the drivers' responsibility to report any such conditions to a Track Official.

**PROMOTIONAL RELEASE:** Any competitor who wishes to compete consents to the use of his or her name, pictures and likeness for publicity, advertising and endorsements and relinquishes any rights to photographs or other graphic images taken in connection with events at Speedway and consents to the publication or sale of such photographs or other graphic images as the Speedway so desires.

**RULES OF CONDUCT:** The driver/owner of an entered race car assumes responsibility for all actions of driver, pit crew, sponsors, and themselves at all times and shall be the sole spokesperson for the car and crew in any and all matters pertaining to the race, and meet with the Officials in charge. Anyone taking part in discourteous conduct or causing a disturbance in public may be disqualified or may be subject to any other discipline deemed appropriate by race officials. This suspension excludes any cancellations. Also, anyone leaving his or her pit area to go to another pit area to cause a disturbance will be punished by the Speedway Management for whatever way is deemed necessary. **Fighting or assault on any participants/officials is prohibited.** The penalty for fighting and/or assaulting is as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Any persons determined by Speedway to have caused or instigated a fight or assault will be fined a minimum of \$50, which must be paid at the track office to a Track Official and member of Management of Speedway. Such person will be punished at the discretion of track officials and will only be allowed to resume after fine is paid. **Driver will lose all points and purse earned for that night's events, including show points.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Such persons determined by Speedway to have caused or instigated more than one fight or assault at the Speedway will lose all points up to that time and other punishment could result at the discretion of track officials.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/DRUGS:** No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the pits or infield at any time prior to or during a racing event. Absolutely no intoxicating drugs will be permitted on the entire grounds of the Speedway. Sharon Speedway reserves the right to administer testing for alcohol and/or drugs. Suspected violators will be subject to an examination by EMT personnel. Failure to comply with this rule by any person(s) will result in immediate suspension from that day's event and may result in suspension to future events, including the possibility of a lifetime ban from Sharon Speedway. Anyone found to be under the influence, or in possession of any intoxicating drug will be turned over to local law enforcement and barred from entrance or participation to any future events at The New Sharon Speedway. **NO TOLERANCE!** Drivers are responsible for crew members. Any crewmember caught using alcoholic beverages and/or drugs will result in driver being disqualified from that day's event.

**ACTIONS DETRIMENTAL TO SPEEDWAY AND/OR RACING:** If a Speedway Official, Race Director or Steward observes or is made aware of an act or omission by any participant in a Speedway racing event that constitutes a violation of these Rules or that is detrimental to the Speedway or racing, and if such act or omission is determined by Speedway to have been sufficiently serious to warrant the imposition of a penalty, Speedway shall give notice of the penalty to the person to be penalized. Penalized person has the right to appeal the decision (see #29 for Appeals process).

**GENERAL SCOPE OF PENALTIES:** Any person who is determined by Speedway to have violated Speedway Rules or committed any act or omission that was detrimental to Speedway and/or racing, including discourteous conduct, causing a disturbance, fighting, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or intoxicating drugs, may have imposed upon him or her one or more of the following penalties: disqualification, probation, suspension of membership, racing license or racing privileges at Speedway, fines, loss of points, and loss of finishing position(s) and purse in the event. This list is not inclusive. Speedway reserves the right to impose other penalties when determined to be appropriate.

## **SAFETY**

- 1. All ambulances, emergency personnel and flagmen must be present before any racing activity takes place.**
- 2. APPAREL:** An approved full-faced racing helmet with neck collar, flame retardant uniform with gloves, and competition quick-release safety harness with shoulder straps are mandatory with a valid date not beyond expiration and/or not more than two years from date of manufacturer and must be worn and fastened at all times while on the track or in the pits. (Snell 2015 is the minimum helmet specification.)
- 3. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Each car crew will furnish their own fire extinguishers. Each extinguisher should be kept fully charged at all times. Each pit area should also have an extinguisher located either within the hauler or in the trailer. A 10-lb. ABC type extinguisher is the recommended minimum size for this application.
- 4. FUEL CONTAINERS:** Drivers and fuel tanks must be separated. Gas lines must be sealed in rubber hose and run under the floorboards. No oil or converted grease cans are permitted to be used as fuel tanks. Fuel cells with bladders are highly

recommended for all classes and are required for others. Read the specific rules for your division to find out the requirements for fuel cells. No cars will be fueled at the fuel pumps. Fuel will be purchased and dispensed into approved containers only.

5. **RIDING ON/IN CARS:** ONLY ONE PERSON is permitted in a car at anytime while it is underway, either in the pits or on the track. No riding on the outside of the car is permitted. First time offenders will be warned. Second time offenders will be fined \$50 & deducted from team's payoff. Additional offenders run the risk of disqualifying car and driver for the night in addition to a fine being levied.
6. **SHUT OFF SWITCH:** Shut off/Kill switch must have ON/OFF positions clearly marked in all racecars.
7. **WEIGHTS AND DRIVE SHAFTS:** All weights and drive shafts must have the car number clearly marked on them and must be painted **BRIGHT ORANGE OR WHITE W/BRIGHT ORANGE STRIPE.**

## **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

1. **PIT SIGN IN:** Every person entering the pits must have a pit pass. Every person entering the RESTRICTED AREA (Pit Area) must personally sign all releases.
2. **AGE LIMITATIONS (Pit Area):** For minors (anyone under the age of 18) who aren't participating in the racing events, but are entering the pit area, a parent or guardian accompanying the minor will have to sign the consent form and minor will be required to sign the Minor Assumption of risk and release on a nightly basis, this must be approved at the track office or by an Official).
3. **DRIVERS AGE LIMITATIONS:** Drivers must be at least 12 years of age (**exceptions: 410 Sprint Cars must be 16 yrs. of age**). (**Exceptions: Any driver planning on running a Sprint or a Big-Block Modified that is under the age of 16 must show verification of some type of prior driving experience and or testimony from track operator and peers.**) Minor Drivers (**ages 12-17**) must provide proof of age (original birth certificate or other original legal document) to be eligible to compete in events at Sharon Speedway. **A parent or guardian accompanying the minor may have to sign the consent form and minor will be required to sign the Minor Assumption of risk and release on a nightly basis, this must be approved at the track office or by an Official).** Minor driver is also required to purchase and already have been approved to carry **MCNA** insurance prior to race event.
4. **DRIVER/CAR REGISTRATION:** Every driver must **completely** fill out a Driver Registration Form and pay a registration fee. **We strongly recommend that you register as early as possible.** This is for each division in which he/she participates. 1099 recipient must provide a valid SSN or EIN in order to be paid.
5. **NUMBERING:** Car numbers are issued on a first-paid, first-registered basis. Cars having the same number in any division must have a letter suffix. It is highly recommended that you check with the track office prior to numbering your car! Cars must have numbers painted on both sides of the car and roof or wing. Numbers must be at least four (4") inches wide and eighteen (18") high and clearly legible at race speeds. A minimum four-inch by four-inch (4" x 4") number is required in the upper right corner of the windshield area of Stock Cars and E-Mods. No Roman Numerals please.
6. **PIT VEHICLES:** Only one (1) pit vehicle (i.e. 4-wheeler, golf cart, etc.) per racing team will be allowed in pit area. **ALL SUCH VEHICLES MUST** be registered by driver/owner and clearly display the numbered registration decal issued by a Speedway Official. Must be a minimum of 12 years of age to operate pit vehicle. Failure to register the pit vehicle will result in vehicle being parked. Repeated violations by a team may result in a disqualification from the event and/or loss of pit vehicle privilege. **THERE IS NO SPEEDING IN PITS (0 TOLERANCE).** Offenders will be fined \$50 & deducted from team owner's payoff. Future violations may suspend use of any and all pit vehicle by team. **Officials reserve the right to deny use of pit vehicles by any team driving recklessly or speeding.**
7. **TRAILER INSPECTION:** Sharon Speedway reserves the right to inspect the inside of all vehicles and trailers entering the pit area. Trailer doors must be unlocked and open for inspection. Driver of the vehicle will accompany the Pit Official for inspection. If anyone is found in the vehicle/trailer who has not signed in, (FIRST OFFENSE) the driver will receive a verbal warning and the person who did not have the proper pit pass will not be allowed to enter the pit area at all that race night; (SECOND OFFENSE) the vehicle/trailer will be rejected from the grounds and all monies paid will be forfeited with no recourse and the race car will be barred for the remainder of the season.
8. **CAR INSPECTION:** The track Officials will conduct inspections at the beginning of the race season and throughout the year. All cars and drivers are subject to inspection at any time. All cars entered for racing must be free from mechanical

defects and in safe racing condition. Racecars must comply with class or division rules for which it is entered. If track Officials inspect and pass a racecar, Speedway does not certify that the racecar is free from mechanical defect or in safe racing condition. If track Officials do not inspect a racecar, such non-inspection does not constitute certification by Speedway that the racecar is free from mechanical defect or in safe racing condition. Absolutely no profane signs or derogatory comments allowed on race cars. Anyone who does so will not be permitted to race until it is removed. **Track Officials reserve the right to reject any car and/or driver without recourse.** Only suitable cars will be approved for competition. Cars deemed illegal will not participate.

9. **DRIVERS MEETING:** Drivers meeting will be held nightly prior to racing (generally 30-45 minutes before scheduled start time unless otherwise noted). All drivers/owners are expected to attend the meeting to obtain the evening's announcements, rules changes, etc. Drivers that do not attend the drivers meeting waive all rights to protest. The intent of the drivers meeting is for informational purposes about the event. Questions on procedures and format are encouraged; however, personal attacks or signaling anyone out will not be tolerated in front of the group. Any person making malicious attacks may be barred from competing in the night's event and risks a suspension. Issues concerning other drivers, track officials, or any other private/personal matters are to be dealt with at another time with the promoter and/or track official(s). Please contact the office to make a pre-arranged appointment.
10. **WASTE OIL DISPOSAL:** All teams will be responsible for the proper disposal of their used motor oil, grease or any other lubricants, coolants or substances that may be harmful to the environment. There will be NO designated area to dispose of oil on Speedway grounds. Anyone found contaminating the Speedway grounds with these materials will be fined \$2,000 and will pay to have any contamination cleaned up to DER specifications. Failure to comply with this will result in prosecution and lifetime suspension.
11. **TIRE DISPOSAL:** Each race team is responsible for removing their old tires from the pit area after each race night.
12. **CALLING OF A RACE:** Track officials may call a race if dangerous or unsafe conditions arise. If a race is called because of an accident or weather, the payoff will be based on the last completed green flag lap. All cars involved in the final "caution" will be scored at the end of the last completed lap. For the race to be considered official, at least 50% of the scheduled number of laps must have been completed. If this condition is not met, then the race will be finished at a subsequent event or purse may be split equally.
13. **RAIN CHECK POLICY:** If all qualifying races have been completed and the show must be postponed, then no rain checks will be issued. That night's activities shall be considered complete. The rained out features may be rescheduled to subsequent nights.

If a regular event is cancelled prior to or during the qualifying races, face value of that rain check will be honored for any regular event the remainder of the season. There will be **NO CASH REFUNDS** (No exceptions).

If a special event gets rained out, it may be held and redeemed for its face value for the specified make-up event or may be redeemed at any regular event the remainder of the season. **In either case, the holder will not receive any refund unless it's determined the special event cannot be made up or no equivalent events will be scheduled the remainder of the season.**

14. **PAYOFF:** All payoffs will be made payable and MAILED to the payee of record on Monday or the next day of mail. All drivers who attempt to compete are eligible for tow money. An Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 will be issued as required by law. **Each competitor/owner must sign and return the 1099 tax information on their registration form to the Speedway before their winnings will be paid.**

## **RACE AND SCORING PROCEDURES**

1. **TRANSPONDERS:** **AMB/MyLaps Transponders will be required for ALL divisions** to provide accurate scoring, points, pay, and realignment information during races. The Manufacturers website is for more information on the transponders. Drivers will be able to access a website after the race night to collect important information regarding their performance, such as lap times, speeds, etc. Drivers are ultimately responsible to have the transponder mounted in correct location you're your division and in working order to compete.
2. **DRIVER RADIOS:** **One-way driver radios (channel 454.000) are required for ALL divisions.** The radios allow for race director and flagman to communicate with racers for instruction, realignment and safety conditions during the races.

3. **PILL DRAW:** Car must be on premises to draw a pill. Pill draw generally ends 40 minutes before the start of the racing program, unless otherwise noted. For heat race format, driver with the lowest pill starts on pole of first heat, second low pill on pole of second heat, etc. unless the show is run under a qualifying format. Generally no more than 10 cars will start a heat race.
4. **LATE ARRIVALS:** Any car that arrives after pill draw is closed will start tail of a heat race or qualify last, receive only one lap and cannot be seeded higher than 9th. Car(s) that miss heat race or qualifying will start tail of the consy or if no consy is run that night, the car must start at the rear of the feature provided that the field is not already full.

5. **LENGTH OF EVENTS:**

**Heats:** 8 laps.

**Last Chance B mains/Consys:** 8 laps for less than 10 cars or 10 laps for 10 or more cars.

**Features:** Sprint Cars 30 laps; Big-Block Modifieds 25 laps; (E) Modifieds, RUSH Sportsman Modifieds, Stock Cars & Econo Mods 20 laps

**The number of laps for special events may be increased and will be on the blackboard prior to the events.**

**Officials have the right to alter the number of laps based on weather, time, or any other special circumstances.**

6. **FLAG DEFINITIONS:**

**Green:** The race officially begins, race track is clear.

**Yellow:** Accident, slow immediately.

**Red:** Extreme emergency! Slow immediately and come to a complete stop.

**White:** One (1) lap remaining in the event.

**Black:** Disqualification/Consultation with Track Official.

**Blue:** Leaders are approaching; hold your line.

**Checkered:** Race is officially complete.

7. **REGULAR EVENT LINE-UP:** The line up for the heat races will be determined by the pulling of a "pill" as you sign in at the pit gate for the division(s) that you are running. Generally no more than 10 cars will start a heat race. Low pill starts on pole of first heat, second low pill on pole of second heat, etc.

If more than a full field of cars is present (generally 24), a consy or consies will be run. Line-up will be straight-up from heat race finish of drivers failing to transfer to the feature. The top so many finishing cars (depending on number of heats/cars on hand) will transfer to the feature.

Note: Drivers will be credited for their finishing position regardless of whether they finish the event or not and will NOT be penalized in the consy or feature lineup for failing to do so.

The beginning of the feature line up will be determined by an invert drawn by the first heat winner of each division's heat races (maximum 8 or 9 depending on the number of heat races run). The remainder of the field after the invert will line up in the order of their finish from the heats and/or consy. The lineup will be posted on the PIT BLACKBOARD, along with the evening's event schedule.

If 32 or more cars are present on a regular night, a non-qualifier will be run. The lineup will be based off the heads up finish of the consy or consies for those drivers failing to transfer to the feature.

**PLEASE** make note of the evening's schedule as well as your line up position. We will NOT come find you to make sure you are lined up- this is **YOUR responsibility**. If you are not lined up on the grid when your race is ready to go out, you will start at the tail of the field. If a driver fails to report to the speedway prior to an event or does not take the initial green flag, he or she will not be able to enter the event. **ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE TRACK WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE PIT OFFICIALS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THAT RACE AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS THAT NIGHT.** Alternate car(s), in all divisions, may be added to the feature field if a car scratches from the original feature line-up;

however, it is that driver's responsibility to be in the line-up area. **In no case will a driver that misses his or her event be permitted to enter a different event.**

- 8. SPRINT CAR FORMAT/LINEUP:** Pill draw for hot lap/qualifying order. Groups will be split up equally into heat races (depending on number of cars). Example: 24 cars divided into 3 heat races (8 cars in each heat), first (8) on draw sheet in 1st heat, etc. Divide into (3) 2-3 car mini groups for qualifying. (Note: Hot lap and qualify at the same time unless otherwise announced.)

Qualifying determines only heat race lineups. Qualify against only the cars in your heat race group. If you miss your mini group you can come out at the end when the entire division is done qualifying and get one lap. The best you can start in your original heat race is 5th. If you do not draw a pill, you will be placed on tail of a heat race. Late arriving cars will qualify at the end and can start not better than 5th or will start last if they miss qualifying.

**3 Heat Race Format:** Invert fastest 4 from qualifying with everyone else heads up on qualifying time for each heat race. Duplicate qualifying times will use the non-fastest lap for tiebreaker one and lowest pill draw for tiebreaker two. Top 6 finishers transfer to the feature. Top 3 finishers in each heat plus the fastest overall qualifier that transfers, but did not finish in the top 3 will redraw (10 cars) for first 10 starting positions in A Main. Draw order is seeded by fastest qualifier to slowest. Drivers have 5 minutes following the last heat race to report for redraw or pill will be drawn for them. 4th and 5th place finishers will line up starting 11th-18th in the A Main. The top 6 transfers from B Main will start the feature (19th-24th) the way they finished in B Main. If a B Main is not run, the fastest overall qualifier must finish at announced position to be eligible for redraw.

**4 Heat Race Format:** Invert fastest 4 from qualifying with everyone else heads up on qualifying time for each heat race. Duplicate qualifying times will use the non-fastest lap for tiebreaker one and lowest pill draw for tiebreaker two. Top 5 finishers transfer to the feature. The top 2 finishers in each heat plus the (2) fastest overall qualifiers that transfer but did not finish in the top 2 will redraw (10 cars) for the first 10 starting positions in the A Main. Draw order is seeded by fastest qualifier to slowest. Drivers have 5 minutes following the last heat race to report for redraw or pill will be drawn for them. 3rd-5th place finishers will line up starting 11th-20th in the A Main. The top 4 transfers from B Main will start the feature (21st-24th) the way they finished the B Main.

- 9. FEATURE WINNER(S) PENALTY:** Stock Car, RUSH Sportsman Modified, and Econo Mod feature winners will be penalized in the following manner upon their next appearance: one win will be required to start no better than 6<sup>th</sup>, two straight wins no better than 12<sup>th</sup>, three straight wins or more will be required to start 24<sup>th</sup> (or the last starting spot in the feature). Drivers will NOT be penalized on special events, and will not carry over to the following season.
- 10. PROVISIONALS:** The top 10 drivers in the division point standings are eligible to use a provisional for sanctioned special events only **IF** the sanctioning body permits track provisionals and the promoter desires to do so. Eligibility is determined by point standings prior to the night.
- 11. SCRATCHES:** If a car is unable to make their scheduled event, and must scratch, **please advise the Official at the Pit Board as soon as possible** so the line up can be adjusted. **YOU MUST RUN THE HEAT OR CONSY YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR.** Once a qualified car scratches from the feature, it can only be added back into the line up if the feature is not already full; car will then start last. Only a driver or owner may report a "scratch" to the official at the Pit Building or to the Pit Steward.

If the field is on the starting grid and a car does not come to the grid, participants should criss-cross as they pull onto the speedway to get into the correct lineup. If cars are on the speedway and rolling and someone drops out or is not in the line-up for a double-file start, the line may be moved straight up.

- 12. MULTIPLE DIVISIONS:** Drivers may race in multiple divisions; but the same car cannot be raced in more than one division on the same night. Also, if a driver's division is competing on a night, in no such case will that car be allowed to be raced in a different division than the one the car meets the specs for.
- 13. SUBSTITUTIONS:** All driver changes must be reported to a Track Official prior to the car entering the line-up area. A new registration form must be filled out. In all cases, the car qualifies for the race, not the driver. A driver may not substitute another car for the one he has qualified; however, if a driver change is made during the race program that particular car must start last in the consy or feature and the replacement driver will NOT receive any points (other than what he had earned up to that point, if applicable). The registered driver who started the night will receive the 10 show-up points and any points

earned up to that point. **Once a car attempts to compete in the official racing activities, no back-up car will be permitted.**

In the event the feature is postponed to another date after qualifying has been completed and the driver of a qualified car cannot return, the car owner can replace the driver with an unqualified driver, but the car will start last. If the feature was started before postponement, no driver changes will be permitted. Any driver change not reported to a Track Official before the start of an event will result in disqualification. The car will receive tow money only.

**14. PACE CAR/SPEEDING:** DO NOT PASS the pace car. DO NOT SPEED IN THE PIT AREA. Excessive speeding will not be tolerated. Either violation will result in a \$50 deduction from your evening's earnings.

**15. STARTING THE RACE: ALL** starts are in turn #4 at the chalk line or at the designated starting point. The front row is to work together to produce a clean start each time. Drivers are not to accelerate to full-speed until the front row reaches the chalk line/starting point. The race is officially started when the green flag is displayed and passing may begin.

Track officials have the right to swap the first and second rows, the first and third cars, the second and fourth cars, or put the driver(s) in the wrong at the tail if a clean start is not produced. Front row starters that jump the start will be moved back a row. If a car is involved in a yellow before the green flag or before the completion of lap #1, those cars will go to the rear of the field. Cars jumping a position(s) before the green flag is displayed will be penalized two positions for each car passed. Driver will be penalized at the next caution or at the finish. The decision of Track Officials is final.

**16. LAP DEFINITION:** A lap is complete when the lead car has passed the start/finish line.

**17. YELLOW FLAG:** Cars involved in a caution, that stop on the track or are involved in a red will go to the tail of the field. Any car experiencing mechanical problems is to proceed cautiously to the infield area until that race is completed. While under yellow flag conditions, it is permissible to stop at any on-track Official for safety reasons. Any driver stopping on the track for an accident must remain in the car until the safety crew arrives, unless under an extreme emergency (i.e. fire, etc.). Any driver exiting their car under caution will be subjected to a disqualification from the event, one-week suspension, and a 20-point penalty. Drivers whose cars are being removed to the pit area are required to stay with their car while it is being towed any driver not remaining with his/her car will result in the car being left in the infield until the end of the events.

**18. RED FLAG:** Under Red flag conditions, all drivers must stop as soon as safely possible. Drivers will NOT drive through the accident scene. Anyone purposely driving thru an accident scene will be fined \$50 & will be deducted from payoff and put to the tail. If at all possible, drivers will try to stop in the same general vicinity and away from the accident. However, the emergency and pit entrances to the track must not be blocked. Emergency personnel need to get to the accident scene as quickly as possible. Under Red flag conditions, drivers are to stay inside their cars unless instructed by a track official or an OPEN RED occurs.

**OPEN RED:** For Sprint Cars only, if it becomes necessary to have a fuel stop after eighty (80) green and yellow flag laps, only two (2) crew members are permitted onto the track fuel and air only.

**CLOSED RED:** Drivers may NOT get out of their cars. NO crew members permitted onto the track. NO work may be performed on the car. Violation will result in car starting at the tail of the field.

**ANYONE INVOLVED IN A RED FLAG CRASH MUST RIDE TO THE PIT AREA IN THE AMBULANCE AND BE CHECKED OUT BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN DISQUALIFY THE DRIVER FROM TRACK INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

**19. PITTING:** Any cars that pit during a heat race may re-enter the race under yellow or red conditions if they are still on the lead lap. Cars may re-enter the speedway in a consy or feature under yellow or red conditions no matter how many laps they are down. If one or more cars exit the race on the same lap, their finish will be determined by their last completed lap.

**20. RESTARTS/REALIGNMENT:**

When the caution is displayed, drivers are to get in a single file formation and remain so until otherwise instructed. Realignment will be determined by the transponders, excluding cars involved in the caution/red or cars pitting. Cars that cross the start/finish line under green will retain their position. Cars crossing after the caution flag has been thrown will be realigned according to the previous lap's transponder report.

Any car that spins, is involved in an incident and/or has a problem, but does not stop to bring out the yellow flag and/or create a caution period, will blend back into the field where the driver is able to do so. If the caution is displayed without any cars being charged (flagman's/race director's caution) the Officials will determine the placement of the car(s) involved. The placement of the car will be where the car blended back into the field.

Lapped cars will restart the event behind the lead lap cars and ahead of cars that pitted. Exception: If Race Director deems that a lapped car(s) has been advancing positions, driver(s) may be permitted to retain position in running order. The highest running lapped down car will receive one (1) lap back when the caution is displayed provided they are not in the caution or were in the pit area. A driver cannot receive more than one lap without an additional lap being completed.

In the event that the race leader causes a caution, stops on the track, or pits and a lapped car(s) assumes the front of the pack, all cars ahead of the new leader will receive one lap back, and will restart on the tail ahead of any cars that pitted and caution cars. Lapped car(s) will NEVER restart the event in the first position.

All restarts will be double file with leader having the option of starting on the inside or outside. Once the leader accelerates or reaches designated starting area, the green flag will be displayed and passing will be permitted. Excessive speeds or bogging down the restarts excessively will not be permitted.

Cars passing before the green is displayed will be penalized **two** positions for each car jumped. Also, any car(s) pulling out of line to gain an advantage before the green is displayed will also be docked two spots. If the caution is displayed after the infraction, driver will be penalized then. If the race goes non-stop without another caution, the finish will be adjusted accordingly. Any car intentionally causing a disturbance or driving haphazardly on a restart that is deemed not in good taste by track officials will be sent to the rear of the field or black-flagged.

If two consecutive cautions occur after a restart without another lap being scored (excluding a caution(s) for a car(s) stopping with a mechanical issue), the next restart will be single file with the leader starting the event between the designated restart area until one or more laps are completed.

Track officials have the right to change restart methods depending on situations that may arise on night of event or during the season. Cars refusing to report to the tail position will be disqualified and points/pay for that evening's events will be forfeited. Cars will remain in spot assigned by the Track Officials.

## **21. BLACK FLAG/DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

- Any car disqualified in pre or post-race tech inspection (excluding light at the scales), will receive no points or money. Second offense will result in a two-week suspension in addition to no points or pay. Third offense will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season in addition to no points or money.
- Any car that, in the opinion of the Officials, deliberately tries to stop a race with a "caution" will be black flagged.
- Any car involved in two (2) cautions during a heat or consy will be disqualified from that event. Drivers bringing out two (2) unassisted cautions during the feature or involved in three (3) cautions will be disqualified. Drivers will be credited with the laps scored up until this point.
- Cars not maintaining a safe speed or deemed unsafe by the flagmen or other track officials will be black-flagged.

**22. ROUGH DRIVING:** It is the policy of Sharon Speedway to provide safe, clean, competitive racing. Any driver who, in the opinion of the Track Officials, is driving rough, i.e. being overly aggressive, appears to be intentionally causing contact between his car and another, etc. will be penalized. Penalties are at the discretion of the Track Officials and can range from being docked spots at the finish, being put to the rear of the field, disqualified from the race completely as well as subsequent races that night, and fined and/or suspended. Drivers called for rough driving will be charged with a caution no matter if he or she stops or not. In no case will the driver(s) that stopped on the track retain their position back.

**23. TRACK OFFICIALS:** No push truck, wrecker crews or firemen will do any repairs to cars.

**24. TIME LIMIT:** A 30-minute time limit will be in effect for all regular feature events (special events excluded). If there is a red flag situation, time will stop and remain stopped until the race is officially restarted.

**25. FINISH OF RACE:** A race is officially over when the leader takes the checkered flag or when the time limit has elapsed, (excluding red flag conditions). The balance of the field receives the checkered flag on the same lap. Finishing positions will be according to the number of laps completed. "OFFICIAL RESULTS" are the results posted on the blackboard in the Pit Area.



**Top 3 finishers *may* be required to stop at the flag stand on the following lap after taking the checkered.** Failure to stop on the frontstretch may result in a minimum of a \$100 fine; extenuating circumstances will be considered, but final determination of circumstance(s) will be left to the discretion of Officials. **NO PIT CREWS, SPONSORS, FAMILY MEMBERS, etc. are permitted on the track.** Failure to abide by this may result in a disqualification. After on-track interview, cars will proceed directly to the scales. From there, winning car and driver proceed to victory lane behind grandstands. If instructed report to post race tech building.

**26. TIES:** In the event of a tie with the exception for a feature win, tiebreaker will be the driver that was ahead on the previous lap. In the event of a tie for the win in a feature, both drivers will be awarded the win; drivers will split the total of first and second place prize money and will both receive first place feature points if it's a point event.

**27. WEIGH IN:** The track scales are the only official weighing equipment that will be recognized for racing events at Sharon Speedway. The top 5 finishers of ALL divisions will be required to weigh after their heat, consy and feature races, unless otherwise noted at the drivers meeting and/or by Race Director over the driver radio. The track reserves the right to weigh the entire field if it so desires. Cars must proceed directly to the scales after exiting the speedway. Cars not doing so and going out of the sight of the weighmaster will be disqualified. **The feature winner must cross the scales before going to victory lane**, which is located behind the grandstands near the pit entrance.

Cars that are towed off the track and cars that do not finish the event will not be forced to weigh in any division. Cars with flat tires that finish the race must weigh. Cars with flat tires that are not able to get on the scales, must stop by the scales and change tire(s). Minimum weights are stated in each division's rules. **There will be no weight tolerances.** If a car is under the weight requirement, all monies, trophies and points will be forfeited for that event.

**28. TIRE TESTING:** Tire softeners and/or chemicals designed to alter the chemical characteristics of the tire and/or the tire surface will not be permitted. Sharon Speedway reserves the right to test tires at any time and send it to an independent lab for further analysis. Any tire found altered from factory benchmarks will result in a 1 year suspension and a \$1,000 fine.

**29. FINALITY OF DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE:** The decisions of Sharon Speedway officials or promoter at an event, including the interpretation and application of rules and the scoring of positions, shall be FINAL, BINDING, and NON-APPEALABLE, except in the case of a suspension or fine, which is further explained in the SUSPENSIONS/FINES & APPEALS category.

All participants, as a condition of participating in an event, agree that ALL decisions of officials or the promoter, regarding the interpretation and application of the rules, and the scoring of positions, shall be NON-LITIGABLE. All participants further covenant and agree that they will NOT initiate any of legal action against Sharon Speedway, the promoter, and officials to challenge such decision, to seek monetary damages, to seek injunctive relief, or to seek any kind of legal remedy. If a participant pursues any such legal action, which violates this provision, then the participant and/or owner expressly agrees to reimburse Sharon Speedway for ALL of its ATTORNEY FEES and COSTS IN DEFENDING AGAINST SUCH LEGAL ACTION.

By signing the annual registration agreement, participants agree that they will comply with the written rules and procedures of Sharon Speedway. In the event that he or she would breach the annual registration agreement, he or she shall be liable for actual and liquidated damages sustained by Sharon Speedway.

**30. SUSPENSIONS/FINES & APPEALS PROCESS:** Sharon Speedway will determine any and all suspensions/fines that are covered in the rules and procedures and any violation that may come up during the year. Sharon Speedway will make judgment on the sanctions and violator(s) will be sent official notice by a certified letter, return receipt requested.

The violator(s) will have the opportunity to appeal his or her sanction and must do so in writing accompanied by any relevant documentation within three days of being notified of the violation. Sharon Speedway then will set a date and time for the hearing at the business office located at the address of 3241 Orangeville-Custer Rd., Hartford, OH 44424. The violator will present his case to Sharon Speedway. Following the appeal hearing with the violator, Sharon Speedway will conduct further follow-ups, meetings, hearings, etc. with any other necessary party. Judgment then will be rendered to the violator by a certified letter, return receipt.

**NOTE:** The preceding rules are subject to change. Track Officials reserve the right to make decisions and judge accordingly, with the interest of safety, without recourse. Anything not covered in these rules will be decided by the Track Officials.

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