

# 2008 USA Race Park – Track Rules

**Mufflers are required in all classes of racing at USA and must not exceed 95 db at 100 feet**

## **1. Rules**

The rules and regulations of USA Race Park will be applied with equity to all participants.

## **2. Driver's Meetings:**

Attendance at the driver's meetings is mandatory. The time for the driver's meeting will be announced over the pit PA system and is also posted on the pit board.

## **3. Pill Draw**

The opening and closing times for the pill draw will be announced over the pit PA system. Cars/drivers arriving after the closing of the pill draw will tag the field in the heat races for their respective classes. Pill draw fees are as follows: Hornets- \$2, Factory Stock, Street Stock, Modifieds and Late Models- \$5, Wing Sprints- \$10. All proceeds from the pill draw are deposited into the USA driver's points fund.

## **4. Car/Class Rules**

Any car racing in a particular class must be purpose built for that class (i.e. Factory Stock for Factory Stock, etc). Race cars are no longer permitted to race out of their class unless approved by the Director of Competition.

## **5. Racing Event Lineups**

All heat and main event lineups will be developed and maintained by the Director of Competition or his designee. All heat race and main event lineups will be posted on the pit board prior to the start of the race(s). Some classes have specific rules as to how their lineups are to be developed. All other lineups will be developed in a consistent manner as determined by USA track officials.

## **6. Wheel Packing**

All cars must participate in packing the track when called to do so. Cars not packing the track will tag both the heats and main events for that evening. The classes with the widest tires will be called to wheel pack first. There will be a first call and a last call for each class called to wheel pack. It is the responsibility of the of the race cars to seal the moisture into the track to make a good racingsurface for that nights race. It is counterproductive to spin your tires and tear up the surface while wheel packing. Racers must heed the directions of the track officials during wheel pack ing. Failure to do so will may result in a \$50 fine that must be paid before you will be allowed to race that night.

## **7. Hot Laps**

The schedule and staging order of hot laps will be announced during the drivers meeting. The number of hot laps allowed per class will be determined at the track's discretion. There will be a first call and last call for each hot lap session.

## **8. Staging**

There will be a first call and a last call to staging for each class in the racing program. If you have a problem with your car you must notify the Director of Competition in order to maintain your starting position. Also, if you are a scratch for the heat races or the main event, please notify the Director of Competition before your class is called to staging. If you are racing in a self-starting class and need to be push-started, you must tag that race (heat or main).

## **9. Starts**

Green flag starts will occur when all cars are lined up double file in their proper starting positions "Nose to Tail" as they enter the apex of turn four and then only when the green flag is shown and the green lights are on. If a caution comes out before one full lap has been completed, a restart complete will be called.

## **10. Restarts**

After at least one complete lap has been run and a caution (yellow) flag thrown, a restart will be called. All cars will line up in the order that they were running as they crossed the start/finish line on the last complete lap prior to the yellow flag being thrown. The cars will line up single file, nose to tail, and will not be allowed to pass the car in front of them until they have passed the restart cone in turn four. Any incidental contact with the cone by a car will result in a penalty of one position to that car. All cars must pass the restart cone on the right hand side; any car passing the cone to the left hand side will be penalized two positions. A "Texas Start" will be called when one car is more than ½ cars width off the line to the car in front of his car. If you are called for a Texas Start, you will be penalized two positions. The lead car is required to lead the field of cars to the cone for the restart at an even pace. It is not acceptable to be in and out of the throttle to try and gain an edge on the restart. Any infraction of this rule will be a judgment call of the race officials and could result in a penalty of one lost position. A start or a restart will be held up for no more than three laps for any repair and this will only be in effect if the Competition Director is notified of the need to hold the start. On a restart, if you are not in your proper place in the lineup after (2) laps, you will be sent to the back of the field.

## **11. Spin Rule**

A first lap spin will result in the spinning car, or cars, going to the back of the pack with a complete restart taking place. All cars will move up to the vacated positions in their row. If any car spins twice on its own, or is involved in three incidents during the course of a heat race or main event, the car will be black flagged to the pits and will not be allowed to restart.

## **12. Involvement Rule**

All cars involved in a caution and stopping on the track will tag the field upon their return to the track. Cars may also be considered "involved" if the result of their actions (taking out the leader, etc) bring out the caution flag even though they may not have stopped on the track.

**13. Infield Hot Pits Rule:** If a car goes to the infield hot pits for any reason during a main event, they will tag the field upon their return to the track.

## **14. Entering & Exiting the Racing Surface**

The entrance to the infield area will be at the red tire just before turn one. The exiting of the racing surface will be on the back straight. All re-entries to the racing surface will be in turn four. When re-entering the track, cars must stay at the bottom of the track until they are up to speed. No car shall exit the racing surface on the back straight unless instructed to do so by a race official. All racing will be done in a counterclockwise direction. At no time will anyone drive in the opposite direction on the racing surface except under direction from the race officials or during special events.

### **15. Exiting Under Green**

Under no circumstances will a car exit the racing surface at the back straight during a green flag. If your car develops a problem during a race, you will move to the bottom of the racing surface and turn into the infield. The track exit is on the back straightaway before turn 3. The crossover flagman must flag you on or off of the track. If you exit the racing surface and go to the pits while under the green flag, you will be disqualified for that race and no points will be issued. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you exit the track and enter the pits during any heat race or main event you will not be allowed to re-enter the track during the race.

### **16. Hot Pitting**

Hot pitting will be allowed in the track infield during Main Events (A, B & C) ONLY. Support vehicles and crew members may enter the infield prior to the beginning of the race. Crews should setup their pits inside the 1/5 mile track in the infield. Racecars pitting during the race should exit in turn 1 and re-enter the track in turn 4. Pit crews may consist of no more than 3 crew members per car. Crew members must remain in the work area and away from the track. Failure to stay in the hot pit area during the race may lead to a disqualification of your car.

### **17. Yellow Flag**

When the yellow caution flag is displayed, DO NOT race back to the yellow flag. Restart positions are determined by the last completed green flag lap.

### **18. Black Flag**

In the event that you are shown the black flag, you must exit the racing surface, pull into the infield and remain there until the race is completed. After exiting the track, you may consult with the Director of Competition if you have a question about the ruling. **DO NOT** stop on the racing surface to talk to the infield officials. Black flags may be given for several reasons including (but not exclusive to) rough driving, involvement in multiple cautions, failure to control your car in a safe manner and failure to maintain a competitive pace during a race. Penalties for receiving the black flag are at the discretion of the Director of Competition may vary depending upon the severity of the incident

### **19. Rolled Black Flag**

In the event that you are shown the rolled black flag, you may have done something questionable on the track and will be watched for the duration of the race. This is considered a "warning".

### **20. Black Flag, Orange Circle**

In the event that you are shown this flag, you have a mechanical or structural problem with you car. Please pull into the infield and consult with a track official.

### **21. Red Flag**

When the red flag and red lights are displayed, all race vehicles must **immediately** come to a complete stop on the racing surface. Crew members may not enter the racing area unless instructed to do so by race officials. No work can be performed by anyone on any vehicle under red flag conditions. Drivers may not leave their cars unless approved by a track official. **SPRINT CARS ONLY** will be allowed to check and adjust tire pressures, adjust weight bias and bring the driver water and/or tear offs. Any race vehicle removed from the racing surface during a red flag condition, **IF** allowed to return, must tag the field. **Penalties- A car will be disqualified from the race if: the driver exits the car while under red; a crew member(s) enters the racing surface without official approval; a driver or crew member (other than Sprint Cars) works on the car while under a red condition.**

## 22. Tech Inspection

**Pre-race** – All race cars must undergo a safety inspection by the tech officials before they will be allowed to race at USA Race Park. Tech officials will affix an orange sticker to the exterior of the car after it has passed inspection.

**Post-race** – Tech officials will determine on a per race basis the number of cars that will be required to undergo a post race inspection after the completion of the main event. Officials may also call for post race inspections after the heat races at their discretion. Tech officials will determine which areas of the car will be checked and all cars will be inspected in a like manner. Cars will be inspected using the class rules and/or track rules as a guideline. All cars designated for post race inspection (top 3, top 4, etc) must go directly to the tech area for inspection. If a car by-passes inspection and proceeds to their pit, they will be disqualified for that event and will be awarded a last place finish. Cars failing post race inspection will be subject to penalties up to and including disqualification, loss of points and loss of monies. Penalties will be determined at the discretion of USA Race Park officials.

## 23. Protests

All protests relating to the legality of a competitors car must be made, in writing, to the Director of Competition within 15 minutes after the results of the subject race are posted on the pit board. The appropriate protest fee paid must be paid at the time of the protest. If the protest fee is not paid, it is not a valid protest. If a race is under protest, no payouts will be made until the protest is settled. **The protest fee per class is as follows:**

**Wing Sprints- \$125**  
**BRA Modified- \$50 (BRA rule)**  
**Late Models- \$125**  
**Street Stocks- \$125**  
**Factory Stocks- \$125**  
**Hornets- \$125**

If the protest is upheld, the protest fee of \$115 will be returned to the person filing the protest and a deposit of \$10 will be made to the USA driver's point's fund (except BRA Modifieds which return \$40 to the protestor and deposit \$10 into the BRA driver's point's fund). If the protest is disallowed, the full protest fee will be deposited into the driver's point's fund.

## 24. Safety

### Helmets , Fire Suits & Seat Belts

Helmets and fire suits must be worn at all times by drivers of race cars. This includes times that they are traveling through the pits to enter the track and coming off of the track after the races are complete. It is also mandatory that drivers wear fireproof gloves as well. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AT THIS TRACK. Helmets and seat belts may not more than (5) years old based upon the manufactured date on the label.**

### Lost Equipment

Any equipment from a racecar that is dropped on the track, other than the direct result of an accident, will be result in a fine of \$10 per pound. This may include, but is not exclusive to, ballast weights, batteries, exhaust, fuel cells, etc.

## 25. Fines

If you are assessed a fine for any rules infractions, you will not be allowed to race at this track again until the fine is paid.

## **26. Pit Rules**

Drivers shall be responsible for the behavior of all personnel in their pit area. No fighting, threatening behavior or intimidation of another participant, crewmembers or fans is allowed in the pit area. **Violators will be subject to a minimum (1) race suspension and/or fine.** Penalties will be assessed at the discretion of the Director of Competition and other appropriate track officials as deemed necessary. All pit vehicles including racecars, tow vehicles, ATV's and personnel vehicles may only be operated by persons 16 years or older and must maintain a maximum 5 MPH speed limit. Excessive speed, reckless and/or aggressive driving is not allowed in the pit area. Violators are subject to a fine and/or suspension. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AT THIS TRACK.** No ATV's are allowed to park in the pit bleacher area. Open containers of alcohol are **NOT ALLOWED** in the pits until the final event of the racing program has been completed. Children under the age of 10 years old are not allowed in the pits. **ALL** persons admitted into the pit area must display a valid USA wristband while in the pits. All entrants must also sign a waiver at the time their entry fee is paid. Pets are discouraged from entering the pit area. Pets that are brought into the pit area must be on a leash at all times.

**27. On-Track Conduct Rules-** Any driver OR crew member that puts their foot on the race track without the assistance of a track official will be disqualified and will not receive points or pay for the night. This does not include fire or safety instances. ANY person fighting on the track or infield areas will be fined \$500 for the first offense, \$1000 for the second offense and will be suspended for the remainder of the season. The car will not race again until the fine has been paid. No pay or points will be awarded for the race where the offense occurred. Un-sportsman like conduct will not be tolerated on or off the track. If you spin someone out intentionally, you will go to the rear of the field on the first occurrence and will be disqualified on the second offense.

**28. Conduct towards Track Officials:** Any driver or crew member that displays threatening or abusive conduct towards USA track officials will be subject to a fine and/or suspension. This includes abusive language and cursing. The minimum fine will be \$100 and may escalate from there depending upon seriousness of the offense.

## **29. Rookie Drivers**

Rookie drivers are defined as a driver who was competed in no more than (6) races within a given class during a racing season. Moving down a class (i.e. Street Stock to Factory Stock) or a parallel move (Wing Sprint to non-wing Sprint) does not constitute being a rookie in that class. All rookies must tag ALL RACES (heats and mains) for the first (5) events in which they entered. After this time, the rookie driver may be allowed to compete "heads up" if, at the discretion of the Race Director and the Director of Competition, they are competent to do so. Rookies who meet the above qualifications may be eligible for the "Rookie of the Year" award in their class at the end of the season.

## **30. Amendment of Rules**

USA Race Park reserves the right to add to, delete, supersede or modify any rules, exhibits or drawings that USA Race deems necessary for the betterment and/or safety of racing. The rules may be amended, and subsequent publication in the rule book. In addition, pursuant to authority conferred by the promoters, may issue amendments during the racing season in the form of dated and initialed rules updates to be posted on the track website. Participants shall be responsible for being aware of and complying with all such amendments issued in the form of updated rules postings.

### **31. Competitor Obligation**

Every driver must inspect the racing surface and the race-track area to learn of any defects, obstructions, or anything which in the driver's opinion, is unsafe and the driver shall report that condition to USA Race Park track officials. Any driver entering any racing event is considered to have inspected the track and determined that all conditions are satisfactory. If the driver does not feel that conditions are satisfactory, then the driver should not race. The driver further acknowledges that the driver is aware that auto racing involves risks and that by competing in an event the driver assumes these risks with full awareness and knowledge.

### **32. FINALITY OF DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

**a.** THE DECISIONS OF USA RACE PARK TRACK OFFICIALS, AT A SANCTIONED RACING EVENT, INCLUDING THE INTERPRETATIONS AND APPLICATION OF RULES AND THE SCORING OF POSITIONS, SHALL BE FINAL, BINDING AND NON-APPEALABLE.

**B.** ALL PARTICIPANTS, AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATING IN A RACING EVENT, AGREE THAT ALL DECISIONS OF TRACK OFFICIALS, 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 TYPE OF LEGAL ACTION AGAINST USA RACE PARK PROMOTERS, TO CHALLENGE SUCH DECISIONS, TO SEEK MONETARY DAMAGES, TO SEEK INJUNCTIVE RELIEF OF TO SEEK ANY OTHER KIND OF LEGAL REMEDY. IF A PARTICIPANT PURSUES ANY SUCH LEGAL ACTION, WHICH VIOLATES THIS PROVISION, THEN THE PARTICIPANT EXPRESSLY AGREES TO REIMBURSE USA RACE PARK FOR ALL OF ITS ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS IN DEFENDING AGAINST SUCH LEGAL ACTION.

### **33. RESERVED PARTICIPATION RIGHT**

The track promoter reserves the right to refuse to accept the entry of any car or participant at any time. Furthermore, USA Race Park, reserves the right to revoke or cancel any entry, or any participant's claimed right to be on the track premises, if it is felt or determined that a participant's presence or conduct is not in the best interest of the sport of auto racing, the other competitors, the spectators, track management and/or employees of USA Race Park.

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