

### RULE BOOK DISCLAIMER

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. **NO EXPRESSED 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.

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The Management of Hummingbird Speedway

## 2024 HUMMINGBIRD SPEEDWAY PROCEDURAL NOTES

The following are guidelines as to how the race program is run. They are published here for informational purposes only. This is not meant to be an all-inclusive description of all policies. Slight variations may occur but Hummingbird Speedway strives to conform to the notes listed below as closely as possible.

1. All competitors will pull pills to determine their heat starting position. Cars must be present in order to draw a pill.
2. The top 6 qualifiers - for example, the top 2 in each heat race if there are three heats (or top 3 if there are two heats) - will redraw for feature starting position. (This replaces the previously used 1-6 invert random draw.)
3. The prior week's feature winner will start 7th on their next visit to the track. (If they are not there the following week after the win, this will be enforced the next time they DO compete – in which case they will start 8th, behind the previous week's winner.) This rule will NOT be enforced in races with an increased purse or points.
4. A. Anyone who wins three or more features in a row will start last.
5. Cars must be at the track before the qualifying events (heats/consis) for their class are complete to be eligible to run the feature. If they are there but do not run in a qualifying race they will start at the tail of the feature if a full field is not already set. If they arrive after qualifying is finished, they will not be allowed to compete. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Program Director.
6. If a provisional starting position is used in qualifying for a special event, the competitor receiving the provisional must make an attempt to qualify by starting their heat/consi.
7. The flagman is in charge at all times when cars are on the track. Although he will make decisions based on input from other officials, the flagman has the final say on calls that are made. His ruling on all matters is final.
8. Flags used and the procedures followed when they are displayed are typical and common to most other racing venues. Specifically, without going into a long explanation, they are as follows:
  - A. GREEN – Go. (Also, see #s 8-10 below.)
  - B. YELLOW – Caution. There has been an accident or a safety issue that necessitates racing to be temporarily halted. Competitors should remain in position and will be instructed by track personnel how to proceed.
  - C. RED – Stop immediately! There is a critical condition that requires emergency attention and all competitors must stay where they are to allow safety crews to handle the situation. Any race vehicle that does not stay in position (for example, exiting the track to go to the pits) will be disqualified. As soon as the safety crews and flagman determine it is safe for competitors to exit to the pit area, drivers will be notified via their raceceiver or instructed by a track official. If approval is granted, cars may enter the pit area and perform necessary repairs without penalty. BUT ONLY IF INSTRUCTED BY TRACK PERSONNEL. NO EXCEPTIONS!
  - D. BLACK – Displayed to a competitor notifying them that they MUST leave the race. The reason could be for a safety issue, rules infraction, penalty, or otherwise as determined by the flagman. Black flagged cars will not be permitted to re-enter the racing surface.
  - E. MECHANICAL BLACK FLAG (black flag with an orange circle) - A "mechanical black flag" will be used in the event there is a safety issue, flat tire, excessive smoke, etc. Cars must IMMEDIATELY enter the pit area or pull safely into the infield. Cars will quit being scored upon being shown the Mechanical Black. They will, however, be permitted to return

to the racing surface as soon as their issue is corrected during a feature race, and no further penalty will be assessed.

F. WHITE – One lap to go.

G. CHECKERED – Signals the end of the event.

H. OTHER... The flagman will display crossed flags to indicate the half-way point of an event. He will also use a hand signal showing five laps to go, and use two flags to indicate two laps to go.

9. The leader sets the pace (which must be at a moderate speed) coming to the line. The start of the race will be when the flagman throws the green flag. Cars (no matter where they are on the track) may pass as soon as the green flag is displayed / green light is turned on.
  - A. Competitors will be instructed where the starting point is during the drivers' meeting and it will be clearly marked.
  - B. At the flagman's discretion, he may throw a "lazy green" if cars are not aligned properly.
  - C. If three attempts at an initial start do not result in any completed laps, the flagman may elect to go with a single-file lineup for the start.
  - D. The assistant flagman or scoring booth coordinator will inform other officials over the radio when the green is thrown.
10. Cars that "jump the start" will be penalized two spots for every one gained.
11. Restarts (during a feature) will be:
  - A. For all classes EXCEPT Late Model... Double-file until an event reaches the halfway point. (Cars will be lined up single file, then put in a double-file formation before racing resumes.)
  - B. Single file after the halfway point in an event has been reached.
  - C. Restarts in all qualifying events (and ALL events for Late Model class) will be single-file.
12. A car or cars involved in a caution will be sent to the rear of the field. Cars "being charged" will typically be:
  - a) a car that comes to a stop on the racing surface, or an unsafe distance from the racing surface;
  - b) cars making contact causing themselves or fellow competitors to stop on the track and/or bring out a caution flag. If a competitor stops on the track to miss an accident or is determined to not have been directly involved in the caution, he/she will get their spot back.
  - A. If the caution occurs and a subsequent incident takes place AFTER the flagman displays the yellow, competitors involved in the separate incident are NOT penalized.
  - B. Any car making contact with an infield tire that causes a caution to occur will be sent to the rear of the field.
  - C. Unsafe or intentional rough driving will be subject to a black flag. (This may result in an exception to the above. (For example, if one car intentionally spins another the "spinee" will be penalized and the "spinner" may get his spot back.)
  - D. Being charged with two cautions in a heat race (or three in a feature) will result in a black flag.
  - E. If a competitor stops to intentionally bring out a caution, he may be black-flagged.
  - F. All decisions will be based on judgment of the track officials and at the discretion of the flagman.
13. If a driver gets out of his/her car during a caution, the car MUST go to the pits. They will NOT be allowed to re-enter competition during that event. Also, any driver or crew member that approaches or attempts to approach another driver's car on the track or in the pits, regardless of whether or not it is moving, will result in the driver being retired for the night. This could also result in a possible suspension for the driver, crew member, or anyone else involved. Suspension, and terms of suspension will be at the sole discretion

of Hummingbird Management. Multiple offenses could warrant a lifetime ban from the speedway. Any suspension would include the driver AND their car. Remember, the driver is responsible for the actions of their entire team.

14. Whether or not a lap "counts" when the yellow flag is thrown is up to the discretion of the scorers and/or flagman. As a general rule, if the leader plus one car has crossed the start/finish line, the lap WILL be counted. All cars will be lined up according to the last completed lap. (Example: A caution on Lap counted as #10 will be lined up according to the running order of Lap #9 to avoid any need to "race to the Line".)  
A. The flagman or assistant flagman will notify all other officials over the radio immediately when a caution is out.
15. If there is a need for the flagman to display the caution on the last lap, once the leader has taken the checkered flag, the event is complete.
16. No cars will be allowed to enter the track under racing conditions. Cars that have pitted during a feature must wait until a yellow flag condition to re-enter the race. No re-entry will be allowed during heat races.  
A. The flagman or assistant flagman will notify all other officials over the radio of his intention to go green on the next lap. The next time by, when the leader reaches a pre-determined spot on the backstretch, the turn four flagman will not allow any cars to enter the track from the pits.
17. Any competitor (driver only) with questions or problems should direct their conversation to the head pit steward. In no case should anyone approach the corner flagmen, flagstand or scorers/announcer's booth. Doing so will be subject to disciplinary action (disqualification and/or suspension) at the discretion of track management. This includes crew members and family; a driver is responsible for his entire team. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
18. Points will be handled as follows:  
A. Late Model, Semi-Late, and Street Stock classes... Points will be based on a combination of driver AND car #. The only exception to this is that a driver will be allowed to have a substitute driver race his car up to three times in a season. (In that case the points would go to the regular driver.) This will only be permitted when the "regular car" is run. (A substitute driver AND car are not permitted.)  
B. Pure Stock and Front-Wheel Drive Four Cylinder classes... Points will be awarded to the car number only.  
C. All decisions on how points will be distributed are the decision of the Program Director.  
D. As for the numbers, it works like this:  
Heats: The winner will receive 5 points, second place - 4, third place - 3, fourth place - 2, and all other cars that start the heat will be given 1 point.  
Features:

1) 70	7) 54	13) 42	19) 35
2) 67	8) 52	14) 40	20) 34
3) 64	9) 50	15) 39	21) 33
4) 61	10) 48	16) 38	22) 32
5) 58	11) 46	17) 37	23) 31
6) 56	12) 44	18) 36	24) 30

  
E. Cars unable to start the feature or those who do not qualify will be given 25 points.
19. Any driver who has won a feature in an "upper class" within the previous two seasons will not be eligible to move back down any more than one class. (In other words... Late Model drivers can run Street Stock, but not Pure Stock, or Front-Wheel Drive. Street Stock Drivers can run Pure Stock, but not Front-Wheel Drive. And Pure Stock drivers can run

Front-Wheel Drive.) At no time will Late Model and Semi-Late drivers be allowed to run both classes on the same night.

A. An exception will be granted for feature wins by a driver who is a regular driver in a lower class and participates as a substitute driver in the upper class.

Regarding rain-outs:

A. If all of the qualifying/heat races have been completed, the program will be considered "official". No rain checks will be issued. Double features will be run the following week for all classes not completed. (If an event is in progress when the rain-out occurs, it will be restarted where it left off.) Running order may be altered to match the revolving order on the night of the make-up. Depending on the number of "make-up races" to be run, they may be split and run on two separate weeks.

B. If a rain-out occurs BEFORE the completion of half the scheduled events, rain checks will be issued and the following week will be a regular program. Rain checks will be good for the next two regularly scheduled events.

20. A revolving running order will be used for the top 4 divisions. There are currently no time limits for qualifying or feature events at Hummingbird Speedway. Together, we have an obligation to provide a family-friendly program within a reasonable amount of time. If a persistent problem arises and we are not able to accomplish this in any class or classes, time limits may be implemented at any time during the regular season, or running orders may be changed if necessary. If a time restriction is implemented, teams will be notified at a driver's meeting. In extreme cases, they may be implemented during an event as a last resort. Technical difficulties, red-flag situations, or other unforeseen circumstances beyond our control will not result in any changes to the program.