

BETHEL MOTOR SPEEDWAY

COUNTY ROUTE 141 – WHITE LAKE, NY

MODIFIED & NOVICE 4 CYLINDER RULES – 2024

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GENERAL: The following rules have been designed for ease in introducing new racers into the 4cyl division, and allow Modified 4cyl and 4cyl Novice drivers to utilize the same car, without the need to build a separate car for each 4cyl division.

NOVICE: While the Modified 4cyl Division is open to all drivers, the intention of the 4cyl Novice division is to allow beginners and drivers with limited prior racing experience to participate easily and still be able to be competitive. Drivers with prior racing experience will be approved at the discretion of speedway management.

The two divisions will race separately, and for separate points.

MANDATORY DIVISION ADVANCE: In the event a Novice driver races in the Modified 4cyl division, they will receive points for the Modified 4cyl division, and no longer accrue Novice points, nor be allowed to move back into the Novice division. Modified 4cyl drivers are NOT eligible to race in the Novice division. Once a driver wins the Championship, or three (3) wins in the Novice division, the driver will be mandated to move up to a higher division, beginning the following season, and will not be eligible for the Novice division again.

1. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** While cost is a major factor in the rules and specifications for this division, the speedway vigorously recommends all participants to utilize all available safety gear. The following items are the minimum required and of course participants are encouraged to use additional safety equipment available to them.

2. **REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:**

2.1. Snell SA 2015 or newer crash helmet (securely strapped on at all times). "M" prefix Snell rating helmets are NOT allowed.

2.2. SFI or FIA approved full long sleeve firesuit in good condition. Suits with holes will NOT be permitted. In the event of a fire, Track Officials reserve the right to disallow future use of the firesuit worn at the time of the fire.

2.3. 5 point racing style seat belt and shoulder harness worn tight and secure at all times. Lap and shoulder belts must be 3" wide, except that 2" shoulder belts are allowed ONLY with Hans type head and neck restraint.

Seat belts will be inspected by Track Officials, and must be dated within five years (i.e., in order to be legal for the 2024 season, the date stamped on the belts can be no older than 2019). Seat belts without a legible date stamp on them will NOT be allowed.

2.4. Driver's side window net.

2.5 A HANS type head and neck restraint is mandatory; Neck Collars are no longer allowed. As per manufacturers' specifications, recertification or replacement of HANS type head and neck restraint systems every five years is mandatory. The date of manufacture or recertification can be no older than 2019.

2.6. SFI or FIA approved racing gloves and shoes.

2.7. Aluminum Racing Seat

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Fire retardant underwear, and helmet socks

3. ROLL CAGE: Minimum 4 point roll cage mandatory.

3.1 The roll cage must be mounted to structural areas of the uni-body, and not to flimsy floorboard areas. A main hoop shall be installed just behind the driver extending from rocker panel to inside of the roof panel. The roll cage must be the full width of the car. A mandatory bar shall be installed at shoulder height, full width behind the driver's seat. This bar will serve to locate the shoulder straps of the seat belt and will support the back of the driver's seat. A crossbar at the front in the dashboard area is recommended. The main hoop of the roll cage must be connected to the front uprights of the roll cage with a bar at least 2" above the driver's head (with helmet on) on each side of the roof area. Additionally, there must be 2 horizontal supports in the driver's side door. Minimum 3 driver's horizontal door bars, and two passenger side horizontal door bars. All roll cage bars which the driver's head could contact must be padded with racing style padding

4. ELIGIBLE CARS:

4.1 The 4 cylinder division is open to any 4 cylinder, front wheel drive passenger car.

4.2 Excluded are convertibles, four wheel drives, rear wheel drives, mid-engine, and special production sports cars.

4.3 All cars are subject to approval by speedway management.

4.4 Any car deemed to be outside the intentions of the division will be disallowed at the discretion of the speedway management. If you have any question as to the eligibility of your car, please ask management to approve it before you waste valuable time and materials constructing a car which may be disallowed. Any car deemed not structurally sound (i.e. excessive rust of the frame or unibody, etc.) will be ineligible to compete. The decision of Track Officials and speedway management will be FINAL.

5. ENGINE: Must have 4 cylinder engine

6. EXHAUST: Any type Muffler allowed. No Straight pipe. If you lose a muffler during the event, you will be required to reinstall before returning to the track. Any car deemed too loud by track officials, will be asked to change it. If you are unsure about the muffler, ask a technical official.

7. BODY:

7.1 No intentional sharp or jagged edges on body. Need to start feature with hood and both fenders.

7.2 Must have fuel shut off switch

7.3 Fuel lines must be safe and free of defects. Braided or steel lines recommended.

7.4 Safe secure weight ballast if using

7.5 Battery must be securely mounted.

7.6 If a car was originally produced from the manufacturer with bumper covers, bumper covers are mandatory for that car.

7.7 TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR CAR'S APPEARANCE! Any car that is deemed to be in cosmetically poor condition, upon arrival to the speedway, will not be allowed to compete. Tech Official's decision is FINAL.

7.8 Front and Rear Tow hooks or chains mandatory.

8. **FUEL:** No Nitrous or alcohol for fuel.

9. **TIRES:** Any DOT Tires. No racing tires. 1' Lug Nuts Mandatory. Stud must protrude past end of lug nut

10. SCANNERS

Scanners are required, and to be mounted behind and out of reach of driver. No other form of one- or two-way communication permitted. Scanners must be in working order at all times. CHECK your batteries! Any car found to be without a working scanner may be black flagged and disqualified from the event at the discretion of speedway management.

TAKE PRIDE in the cars you build. We want to make this track a place that we all can be proud of. Make your team as professional as possible.