

# 2026 FMS OUTLAW SERIES GENERAL RULES

## **NOTIFICATION:**

FMS OUTLAW SERIES is a private organization and reserves the right to deny entry or competition privileges to any driver, car owner, family member, or crew member at any time without prior notice.

Presented by Hoosier Racing Tire, Hoosier Asphalt Oval South, and Carrabba's Italian Grill.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

The goal of the FMS Outlaw Series is to promote and operate sprint car races and other motorsports-related events. To accomplish this, the series has established General Safety, Competition, and Technical rules. These rules become effective on the date published and will govern all events sanctioned by the series. All car owners, drivers, sponsors, crew members, and anyone participating in any capacity are considered to have read, understood, and agreed to follow these rules, including any updates or changes. All parties are encouraged to carefully review this rule book to become familiar with its contents. These rules are intended to define minimum acceptable standards for competition. Compliance with these rules does not guarantee safety or prevent injury or death to participants, spectators, or others.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The Series Rule Book is not the sole authority regulating participant behavior. Each racetrack hosting a series-sanctioned event operates within local, county, and state jurisdictions and is subject to all applicable laws. All laws enforced by governing authorities at each location remain in effect during series events, and violations will be handled by those authorities.

### A. Social Media

A.1. All competitors, crew members, and owners must conduct themselves professionally as determined by FMS Outlaw Series officials.

A.2. Professional conduct includes verbal, written, electronic, and social media communications or any public representation involving the FMS Outlaw Series, sprint car racing, motorsports, affiliated sponsors, competitors, tracks, or officials.

### B. General

B.I. The series expects all participants to behave respectfully and demonstrate good sportsmanship. Any authorized or unauthorized individual making abusive or inappropriate comments toward an official may cause the team to be fined:

First offense \$100.00

Second offense \$500.00

Third offense: Three (3) race suspension.

Fighting is prohibited and may result in immediate suspension.

B.2. The driver and/or car owner is responsible for the actions of their pit crew. Each crew member is also accountable for their own behavior. Only the driver and one assigned team representative may speak on behalf of the team.

B.3. No participant may enter the scoring tower or approach the starter's stand to protest or argue a decision.

B.4. No participant may use abusive language, issue threats, or engage in unwanted physical contact with another participant, officer, or official. Any unauthorized physical contact with a series official will result in disqualification for the night, loss of points and winnings, and may include fines or suspension.

B.5. No driver or crew member may consume alcohol or use drugs during an event. Anyone appearing impaired, as determined by series officials, pit steward, or race director, will not be allowed to compete.

B.6. When push starting a car in the pit area, the driver must be fully suited with a helmet, fire-retardant gloves, shoes, seat belt, shoulder harness, and neck restraint properly secured.

B.7. Speeding or reckless driving in the pit area is prohibited. The pit speed limit is 5 MPH at all tracks.

B.8. Any driver who makes unnecessary contact, harasses others, or uses driving tactics deemed dangerous by officials will be considered guilty of rough driving and may be disqualified, suspended, or lose points.

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#### **RULES OF PROCEDURE:**

A. All rule interpretation and enforcement rests solely with series officials and the race director.

B. All cars are subject to inspection by the technical inspector or race director at any sanctioned event.

C. All cars, drivers, and owners must be properly registered and in good standing to compete for points.

D. Rookie Drivers.

D.1- Any driver who has never competed in a sprint car is considered a rookie and may be required to start from the rear of the field start position for at least two events, up to the first five races. Drivers who show unsafe behavior or repeated issues may be counseled and restricted

as determined by officials. Rookie drivers must be at least 18 years old unless approved by the track insurance and guardians. Minors must submit notarized parental consent and required release forms. Minors may be required to obtain additional insurance. Rookie status for experienced drivers from other series will be determined by the Director of Competition for lineup purposes.

E. Drivers must make every effort to be ready and in position when called.

F. No car may enter the racing surface without official approval.

G. Pit crew members may not enter the track without permission.

H. No repairs may be performed on the track. Cars leaving the track during restarts will restart at the end of their lap. Multiple cars will line up in the order they return. Cars that stop under green or spin to cause a yellow will restart at the rear of the field.

I. Any car that damages a tire during the four-wide salute may change the tire and retain its original starting position.

J. The starter and race director have full authority over the track, and drivers must obey all commands given by flag, hand, or radio.

K. The race director determines how many cars will start.

L. All starts, and restarts will be double-file at the designated point in turn four.

L.1 If the leader accelerates before the restart zone, it will be ruled a false start and restarted. A second offense sends the leader to the rear of the field.

M. Accidents before the first official lap require a full restart, with cars involved going to the rear.

M.1. All starts and restarts are double-file.

M.2. The leader chooses the inside or outside lane on restarts when given the one-to-go signal.

M.3. The leader must maintain the pace speed.

M.4. The leader is the control car on restarts.

M.4-1. The leader may restart anywhere within the restart zone.

M.4-2. The leader must be the first to accelerate.

M.5. Passing before the green flag results in placement at the rear of the lap; second offense results in disqualification.

N. The winner must take the checkered flag.

O. Officials may deny a car permission to race based on safety or rule violations.

P. Racing must remain on the racing surface. Passing below the apron or yellow line will result in a penalty.

Q. Officials may impose penalties, including loss of points, fines, or disqualification.

R. Rules may be changed at any time and announced at driver meetings.

S. Sponsor decals must be displayed on the flat-sides of the top wing to receive awards. (facing the inside pit area and outside spectators)

T. Swerving to clean or heat tires during push-off is prohibited except on the one-to-go lap.

U. Cars may receive up to three hot laps.

V. Cars with issues during warm-ups may run in the next session.

W. Each car gets one push-off; a second requires starting at the rear, except for red flags, 4-wide salutes, or safety stops.

X. When pushed or towed, a qualified driver must be in the car, and no one may ride on the nerf bars.

Y. Lapped cars move to the rear on restarts.

Y.1. Cars regaining a lap may hold position.

Y.2. With five laps or less remaining, all lapped cars go to the rear.

### **Start-and-Park Prohibition:**

A. Start-and-park entries are not permitted.

B. Any car determined by the Race Director to be a start-and-park entry will forfeit all payout money and may be further penalized.

### **RULES OF SANCTION:**

A. All participants are governed by the rules of the Series.

B. All participants must follow any directive given by Series officials related to the operation of the event.

C. Any violation of a rule or official order may result in a warning and/or fine. The entire race team is responsible for violations. Continued violations may result in suspension or fines ranging from \$100.00 to \$500.00 as determined by Series officials.

D. Any violation involving abusive behavior, alcohol, drugs, or unauthorized contact with track or series officials may result in immediate suspension or fines without warning.

E. Any driver determined to be driving in a rough or unsafe manner may be immediately removed from the event and may lose points and/or receive a fine as decided by Series officials and the Director of Competition.

F. Any rough driving or unsportsmanlike conduct at any time during a Series event may result in the driver and car being black-flagged, disqualified for the night, and removed from the racing surface. The driver may receive up to a ten (10) event suspension and a \$500.00 fine and will be placed on probation for one year. A second offense may result in an indefinite suspension of not less than one (1) year and a \$1,000.00 fine.

G. Any car that does not meet technical standards prior to racing may be denied permission to start. If a violation is not corrected after a warning, penalties may be issued. Any car that becomes unsafe or creates a hazard while on track will be removed from competition.

H. Any driver causing excessive delays, repeated solo spins, or violations of race procedures may be disqualified at the discretion of the race director. Any car that spins twice (2) without contact will be sent to the pits or infield for the remainder of that event.

I. When a car is pushed off for any race (time trials, heats, consultation, B-Main, or A-Main), the car and driver are considered one unit. If either cannot continue, both are finished for that race. No driver or car substitutions are allowed after push-off.

J. Any car that attempts to regain position or does not go to the rear after requiring a second push-off will be immediately black-flagged and will be scored and paid for the last position held at the time of the infraction.

#### K. On-Track Incident Procedure

In an effort to improve safety, the Series will manage all on-track incidents during yellow or red flag conditions as follows:

K.1 – During an event, if a racecar is involved in an incident and is stopped on or near the racing surface and cannot continue moving, unless emergency conditions exist (fire, smoke, rollover, etc.), the driver must:

- a. Keep all safety equipment fastened until instructed otherwise by safety personnel or a series official.
- b. After exiting the car when directed, proceed to the ambulance or location designated by officials.
- c. Never approach the racing surface or apron.
- d. Never approach another moving vehicle.

K.2. – All cars not involved must slow to a safe speed, use caution near the incident, and follow instructions from safety personnel and series officials. Cars behind the safety vehicle must not weave or leave their lane near an incident.

K.3. – If a driver exits the car before safety personnel arrive, the race will be red-flagged, and all drivers must stop immediately and safely. Failure to stop may result in disqualification.

- 1. The following penalties may be issued:
- 2. The driver will be disqualified for that night's event.
- 3. The driver will lose all points and prize money for that event.
- 4. Possible one (1) week suspension.
- 5. These penalties are minimums and not limited to these actions.

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#### FLAGS:

GREEN: Start or restart race

BLUE with YELLOW STRIPE: Move over, being lapped

YELLOW: Caution, pace speed, single file, no passing

RED: Immediate stop, dangerous conditions

BLACK: Exit the track for consultation

WHITE: One lap remaining

CHECKERED: End of race

- 1. Under a red flag, all cars must stop as soon as and as safely as possible. Any car failing to comply may be disqualified. Cars that enter the pits will restart at the rear.
- 2. Cars will not race back to the caution. If the white flag has been shown, the race will end if leaders can reach the checkered flag. If a yellow is required, a Green/White/Checkered restart will be attempted once only.
- 3. If a caution occurs, the order at the last completed lap sets the restart lineup. If a yellow occurs before lap one is complete, there will be one complete restart unless a second push-off is required (except for a safety stop as directed by officials).
- 4. Any driver who refuses to change position or move to the rear as directed will be penalized one lap.
- 5. Any car receiving the black flag must exit immediately. If the car does not exit after two laps, no additional laps will be scored until the black flag is obeyed.

#### Pre/Post-Season Awards:

You must be present to receive any pre-season or post-season trophies.  
Any pre-season or post-season cash awards become void after 60 days.