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General rules for drivers and crew

All decisions by Thunderbird Raceway officials or scorers are final! Rule changes or interpretation of rules is at the discretion of track officials!

1. Drivers, owners, and crew members will conduct themselves as professionals. Any unsportsmanlike conduct by drivers, owners or crew members shall be grounds for disqualification and / or suspension.
2. All drivers or crew members under the age of 18 must have a waiver and parent consent form signed before entering the pit area or competing at Thunderbird Raceway
3. No equipment or race car will be considered as having been approved by reason of having passed through inspection unobserved.
4. Any person who defies or violates the intent or spirit of the Thunderbird Raceway rules shall be considered to have engaged in unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be subject to suspension or removal from the premises.
5. Thunderbird Raceway reserves the right to refuse any car or participant at any event, for any reason
- 6.. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are to be consumed before or during races by anyone entering the pit area.
7. Any social media bashing, unprofessional or unsportsmanlike threats or profanity will not be tolerated and will result in a minimum of a 2-race ban from the track and loss of points and pay for the nights event. Depending on the severity of the incident, suspension and fines may occur. You are entitled to your opinion, and we ask you immediately bring the issue directly to the officials. Driver is responsible for family, friends, crew, and associates.
8. There is a 10 mph speed limits in the pits at all times.
- 9) Personnel vehicles that are not towing a trailer with racecar will not be allowed in the pits.

Sportsmanship Rules for drivers and crew:

Disqualification and/or suspension will result for the following unsportsmanlike behaviors:

1. All discussions with officials shall be conducted in a professional manner.
2. Drivers are responsible for the conduct and actions of all crew members (this includes spouses, relatives, and significant others). Unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, or harassing officials may result in disqualification and/or suspension.
3. All drivers & crew will conduct themselves in a professional manner.

4. Disqualification and or suspension will result for the following unsportsmanlike behavior.
5. Driver or crew member going into other drivers pit area.
6. Fighting or assault.
7. Any driver threatening or touching an official or staff member.
8. Any driver stopping on the track and throwing a tantrum or holding up the show.
9. Any driver that takes his or hers helmet off while on the race track during an event.
10. Any driver or crew member using profanity or obscene gestures at flagman or any official.
11. Any driver that intentionally makes contact with another car following the finish of a race or during a caution period. Any contact while green that is deemed intentional. All subject to discretion of race director/owner.
12. Any driver that exit their racecar on the racing surface or directly off it, unless your vehicle is suspected to be on fire, directed to do so by the race director, or with permission from safety personnel. Once permitted to exit you must remain as close to your car as safely possible and assist the wrecker crew with getting your car back to the pit area. Minimum 2 race suspension for first violation plus disqualification for current event.
13. Or any other unprofessional or unsportsmanlike conduct not covered in this section.

Personal Protection Equipment

It is the sole responsibility of each competitor for the effectiveness and proper installation, per the manufacturer's specifications to be adequate for competition at every event. Each competitor is expected to investigate and educate themselves for continuing improvement regarding their own personal safety equipment.

Seat Belt/Restraint System

1. It is recommended that each car be equipped with an SFI 16.5 or SFI 16.1 approved seat belt restraint system until the date of the belt expiration (usually two years). Seat belts restraint systems shall be installed in accordance with the directions and application of the system supplier or manufacturer.
2. Seat belt webbing that comes into contact with any sharp or un-radiused metal edge should be protected from that edge by means of push on grip vinyl trim. Seat manufacturers supply the seat with trim protecting the webbing from abrasion or cutting under impact conditions and should be used to their specifications.
3. It is the responsibility of the driver, not the officials or the promoter to ensure that his/her seat belt restraint system and all components are SFI approved, correctly installed, maintained, and properly used. Seat Belts should not be older than 3 years!

Transponders

No Green Transponders allowed, only yellow recharagble or orange hard wired for all classes minus the mini wedges. Mini Wedges only orange kart Transponders allowed on

Rear of kart. Super Late Models, Pro Late Models, IMCA Modifieds, Street Stocks mounted on right rear axle tube. 4 Cylinders on rear axle on right side of car.

Protective Clothing

1. Each driver should wear a fire-resistant uniform meeting the SFI 3.2A/5 specification and display a valid SFI 3.2A/5 label.
2. Each driver should also wear fire resistant accessories that effectively cover the remaining parts of the body. Shoes and gloves should meet the SFI 3.3 specification and display a valid SFI 3.3 label.

RaceCeiver: The RaceCeiver is required for Hot Laps, Heats, & Features! -Working mufflers are MANDATORY! Working Transponders are mandatory for Heats and Features! Green Transponders will not be accepted.

Children

1. Children 14 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times.
2. Unsupervised children will be brought to the pit booth to be reunited with their parents.
3. Children under 15 Years old will not be allowed to drive quads, minibikes, golfcarts dirt bikes and pedal bikes.

Dogs

1. If you are bringing your dog into the pit area, you must follow the dog rules (copies available at pit booth). The dog must stay on a leash and inside the trailer or hauler.
2. No Dogs allowed in the general grandstand area. Service dogs allowed, not emotional support dogs.
3. Dogs are allowed in the backstretch area, you must follow the dog rules (copies available at the general booth). The dog must stay on a leash at all times and with an owner within your parking spot.
4. ANY dog that is aggressive or bites will not be allowed on the property, and you will be asked to take it home.
5. You must clean up after your pet.

Awards

All awards will be awarded on the basis of what the track officials have discussed and decided upon. It may not be what the drivers have thought. No unprofessional disagreement with the decisions of the track officials will be tolerated.

Please message or discuss any issues privately with the officials.