

SSILMRA

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

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General Mower Eligibility for ALL Lawn Mowers

ALL RACING MOWERS must originally have been designed and sold commercially to mow lawns. All mower decks must be removed.

Stock Class:

1. A mower as it came out of the factory with no modifications except mowing deck, deck belts and deck mounting attachments removed.

Modified Class 1:

1. **Engines must be of lawn tractor origin** (originally from a lawn mower) Any size or HP is allowed - belt driven only.
 - a. No internal engine modifications, except governor removal.
 - b. Unlimited carburetor and exhaust mods.
 - c. Starters must be on-board, either electric or pull type.
2. Chassis must remain stock (discrete strengthening allowed).
 - a. Front axle must have original "J" type spindles.
 - b. Front axle may be altered to be "fixed".
 - c. Rear trans-axles may be lowered or altered. No live axles.
3. Rear tires must have fenders.
4. Axle width with tires, front and rear, must not exceed 36".
5. Centrifugal Clutches or torque converters are NOT allowed. Belt driven pedal clutches only.
6. Steering linkage may be reinforced.
7. All mowers must have running boards AND WORKING BRAKES.
8. Stock tractor rear axles. Solid drive or Live axles are not allowed in Modified Class 1.
9. All lawn mowers must run on pump fuel only. No alcohol or other additives allowed.
10. **All mowers must have a dead man kill switch** (either a seat switch or a tether switch).

Modified Class 2:

1. ALL Modified Class 1 classifications (listed above) *but* with these exceptions below:
 - a. **Engine can be of non-mower origin.** Max 500CC.
 - b. Torque converters and centrifugal clutches are allowed.

- c. Live axles are permitted.
- d. Front spindles can be modified and lowered.
- e. Axle width with tires, front and rear, must not exceed 36"

Unrestricted Modified Class:

1. THIS CLASS HAS NO RULES. Anything can be done to the body or engine as long as the mower was originally sold to cut grass. **Single mower time trials only.**
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GENERAL RULES AND COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Driver Eligibility

- Drivers must hold a valid driver's license and be 18+.
- All drivers must sign a release discharging SSILMRA or the race track landowners from all liability.

Driver Safety Equipment

- Every driver must wear an automobile racing or motorcycle-type FULL FACE safety helmet. The helmet must fit snugly and be securely buckled when the driver is on the track. Long hair must be kept tucked inside the helmet.
- No loose clothing (un-tucked or unbuttoned shirts, capes, etc.)
- Every DRIVER must have a fire extinguisher in his/her equipment - preferably onboard your mower.

Track Rules

- A driver who has consumed any alcoholic beverage on the day of an event may NOT participate in a practice or race event. NO alcoholic beverages may be consumed by any driver or race staff before the end of the last race or other on-track activity. NO illegal drugs or controlled substances shall be tolerated on the track premises.
- NO BUMPING will be tolerated.
- The responsibility for a safe pass rests with the overtaking driver.
- If a driver leaves the course, he/she must re-enter the course as close as possible to the same point the mower left the marked track. The driver may not simply re-enter further down the track.
- If a mower stalls on the course, the driver's first responsibility is to move the mower to a safe position at least 10 feet off the course.
- All drivers must attend the Drivers' Meetings. Failure to attend the MANDATORY Drivers' Meeting will result in not being allowed to participate in the day's events.

Pit Rules

- **Refueling:** Driver must dismount the mower and the engine must be turned off when fuel is added with a **fire extinguisher** (liquid fire rated) nearby.
- **Unauthorized personnel shall not enter the racing course.** Anyone, including crew members and guests entering the controlled area which includes, but is not limited to, the racing course, grid and pit area, must sign a release discharging the SSILMRA from liability.

Flag Signals

- GREEN: The race/practice is underway - GO.
- YELLOW: Take care. Danger. NO PASSING ON ENTIRE COURSE. Drivers form a single line, close to the leader, and follow the Starter's directions. Very slow machines may signal following machines to pass under yellow.
- RED: Stop racing immediately. Clear the course as much as possible.
- WHITE: (1) One lap to go.
- CHECKERED: End of race or practice session. Driver must complete the lap and pull into pits.