



NDR
NATIONAL DERBY RALLIES
NDR RULE BOOK
National Derby Rallies, Inc.

National Derby Rallies, Incorporated (NDR) offers a family oriented racing program based upon rules and procedures designed to provide maximum flexibility and involvement of all family participants while maintaining the order necessary to assure fairness for everyone. Order, consistency and fair treatment of all participants have been the policy of National Derby Rallies, Inc. from the beginning. This Official NDR Rule Book provides the basis for order and uniform conduct for all officials and participants in NDR sanctioned races.

As with any rule or procedure, these rules will be no more effective than the level of respect and the application of their intent, practiced by the users. The quality of NDR programs and its continuing growth is directly related to the consistent application of these rules between all participating organizations, regardless of where they are located. In order to maintain this established quality, it is necessary for everyone to study and follow these rules as intended.

Violation of any rule or procedure shall be considered as taking an unfair advantage and shall constitute grounds for disqualification.

The rules and procedures stated herein are applicable during the race year.

However, all rules are subject to change at any time as deemed necessary to maintain the quality of the program and provide equity and fairness to all. Notification of rule changes are published on the NDR Web site (www.ndr.org). New rules will be in effect immediately following the date of publication.

NDR PARTICIPATION RULES

RULES AND AGES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

The NDR recognizes ~~four~~ **five** racing divisions: Stock, Super Stock, Masters, ~~and~~ NDR Glass Wrap (Round Bottom) Masters, **and Legacy**. **In addition, we do offer the Novice division for ages 5 & 6 to get some experience in the Stock car prior to entering the Stock division.**

AGES OF ELIGIBILITY

Eligible individuals will be required to furnish a valid copy of their birth certificate, to be placed on file with the NDR Records Keeper, when applying for NDR membership. It will also be required for participation in NDR sanctioned races, if requested. The Race Director must effectively communicate in advance if copies of applicants' birth certificates are required.

The ages of eligibility to compete in these divisions at NDR sanctioned races are as follows:

1. Stock Division-Individuals, who are age 7 to 14, are eligible to race in the Stock Division of NDR sanctioned races.

2. Super Stock Division-Individuals, who are age 7 to 21, are eligible to race in the Super Stock Division of NDR sanctioned races.
3. All Masters Division-Individuals, who are age 10 to 21, are eligible to race in the Masters Division of NDR sanctioned races.
4. **NDR Masters (Round Bottom/Glass Wrap) Division-Individuals, who are age 10 or older**, are eligible to race in the Glass Wrap Division of NDR sanctioned races.
5. **Legacy Division-Anyone is eligible to race in the Legacy Division of NDR sanctioned races.**
6. **Novice Division-Individuals, who are age 5 and 6, are eligible to participate (fun runs or race format) at NDR sanctioned races.**

ELIGIBILITY FOR NUMBER OF RACES

Eligible individuals may race in an unlimited number of NDR sanctioned races. At the discretion of the local rally race director, participants are allowed to race in the master division and one other recognized division, provided the participant meets all other requirements and there are fewer than eight registered master cars. Points will be earned in both divisions. The National Race Committee will set participation requirements for Feature and Special Division races at the NDR Nationals.

DISPLAY OF NDR NUMBER & LOGOS

NDR sponsor logos and your assigned NDR number must be prominently displayed (in contrasting color to the car color) on both sides of all participating race cars **OR displayed via a NDR Race Car Number sticker as directed by the Race Official**. The assigned number must be at least 3 inches high and have ½-inch wide character lines. Entrant painted logos of NDR sponsors must be equivalent in size, format and color of issued stickers.

AWARDING OF POINTS

Points accumulated under the following formulas determine seeding for the NDR National Championship Race described as follows:

NDR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR POINTS

Points will be calculated upon participation in an NDR sanctioned rally, however points will not be recognized for seeding until/unless the racer is a paid family member.

POINTS FOR PLACING

Points will be awarded in NDR sanctioned races according to the following chart

	Number of Participants													
Place	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1st	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
2nd	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42
3rd	--	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
4th	--	--	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36

5th	--	--	--	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
6th	--	--	--	--	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
7th	--	--	--	--	--	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
8th	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Participation	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	5	6	8	9	11	12

To calculate points for field sizes larger than 15, multiply the number of cars by three. The first place finisher would get that many points (ex: 20 cars- first place would get 60 points) and then each place after first subtract three points (ex: for 20 cars, 2nd would be 57, 3rd would be 54, etc.).

POINTS FOR PARTICIPATION

In field sizes of nine cars or greater, the participation points would be half of the 8th place points. In the case of an odd number or points for 8th place, round up. (Ex: for 20 cars, 8th place would be 39 points, half would be 19.5, and non-placing participants would be awarded 20 points.

There are no participation points awarded to racers that finish in the top eight.

RACE SEASON

The racing season runs from the day after the NDR Championships up to the end of the next year's NDR Championships.

RACE PROCEDURES

GENERAL RACE RULES

All NDR sanctioned races will be timer and wheel swap double and/or single elimination races.

A single elimination race must be preceded by a double elimination race and the proper sanctioning fees must be paid to the NDR.

Official *Z-Glass* Soap Box Derby wheels must be used in NDR sanctioned rally races. For wheel pin and airfoil clearance, wheel washers may be used on the spindles.

For all NDR divisions, racers may run with up to a maximum tail-weight differential limit of 7 ½ pounds, with the driver in driving position. The gross weight of the racecar and driver must be checked prior to the first phase of each heat. If the race director prefers, a one time weigh in prior to the start of the race is acceptable. The scale display shall be in full view of the car handler and the opponent's car handler or driver. Each racer has the option to request a re-weigh with their opponent before any heat.

All NDR sanctioned races must be run using the 2-wheel, 4-wheel swap method as described in the NDR Race Manual.

An entry fee must be paid to participate in an NDR sanctioned Race, when required by the local race organization. The fee will be determined by the local race organization; however, the maximum daily fees are \$40.00 for the first racer and \$35.00 for any additional family members.

The Race Director of an NDR sanctioned race must effectively communicate the following information in advance:

- When participation limits are imposed. (They shall not be less than 24 for one division, 16 each for two divisions, or 10 each for three or more divisions.)
- Entry deadlines
- Entry fee being charged.
- Which divisions will run?
- Will single elimination races be run?

Stock and Super Stock Division: Drivers must wear an unaltered All- American or NDR issued bicycle helmet of the proper size when racing. The shell of the helmet may not be modified and the shape may not be altered. The interior hard foam core must be intact, non-modified and functional. Foam rubber or other padding must be manufacturer issue. Nothing is allowed to be worn covering the head under the helmet.

Master Division: Drivers must wear an official Soap Box Derby helmet when racing. The shell of the helmet may not be cut and the shape may not be altered. The rivets must not be covered. The interior webbing must be intact and functional.

In all divisions, helmets may not be painted.

NDR sanctioned races are to be run using the approved heat charts. Heat drawings shall be done at the race, in public, prior to the start of competition.

SUSPENSION OF RACES

In the interest of safety, NDR sanctioned races are to be suspended or terminated one half-hour after official sunset unless proper nighttime lighting is available. For a two-day race or a two-race meet occurring on consecutive days, a suspended race may be continued on the following day or declared terminated at the discretion of the local Race Director. For terminated races, positions will be awarded as outlined in Appendix 2 of the NDR Race Manual.

In the interest of safety, NDR sanctioned races may be suspended or terminated at the discretion of the local Race Director due to rain or other hazardous weather conditions. For a two-day race or a two-race meet occurring on consecutive days, a suspended race may be continued on the following day or declared terminated at the discretion of the local Race director. For races terminated because of weather, positions will be awarded as outlined in Appendix 2 of the NDR Race Manual.

DISQUALIFICATION

AUTHORITY OF RACE DIRECTOR

Authority rests with the Race Director to make all decisions, including those relating to the

Participation Rules on Conduct & Behavior as stated below, with respect to the conduct of the race and behavior of drivers, parents and/or guardians, racecar handlers and spectators. This authority, without liability of any kind or nature, shall include the right to disqualify any racecar, driver or racing team.

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

- 1 Vulgarity, verbal or physical abuse and/or bad sportsmanlike actions directed toward officials, spectators or other participants.
- 2 Pit crew or members of driver's party failure or refusal to comply with participation rules.
- 3 Unwillingness to abide by an official's decision.
- 4 In an official's opinion, a car or driver that endangers the driver, other drivers or spectators, including if the driving of the racer interferes with other drivers.
- 5 Any car that was not built in accordance with NDR rules.
- 6 Any attempt to gain unfair advantage or concealment of any illegal material or parts in the racer.
- 7 **The NDR does not allow any form of electronic device in or on a car during a race. Example, GPS, IPod, walkie-talkies, cell phone, etc.**
- 8 When the driver does not stay in proper racing position throughout his or her heat.
- 9 The consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of illegal drugs, offensive language or physical abuse of anyone during an NDR sanctioned rally or National Championships by participants or anyone associated with the conduct of the race, is strictly prohibited. Such offenses will result in immediate disqualification and/or dismissal from the race site and possible later action from the NDR.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

RACE DAY DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Bad sportsmanship, behavior and conduct by any participant, spectator, or anyone associated with the conduct of the race, will be dealt with as follows:

1. Minor first offense will result in a verbal warning.
2. Major first offense or a repeat of any offenses will result in disqualification from the race and possible later action by the NDR.

NDR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Further action may also be taken against any such offending party or parties by the NDR. The Race Director will report any and all such actions to the NDR Board of Directors, citing the name, address, NDR number and telephone number of the party or parties involved and the nature of the offense. The NDR Board of Directors will then discuss the issue and follow-up within 14 days with the appropriate action. In such cases, the NDR may act as follows:

1. Reversal of the disqualification.
2. No further action is necessary.

3. Suspension of the offending party or parties for specific NDR sanctioned rallies for a specified period.
4. Suspension of the offending party or parties from all NDR sanctioned rallies and/or the National Championships for a specified period.
5. Expulsion of the offending party or parties from the NDR and all NDR events for a specified period.
6. The NDR Board of Directors will notify the party or parties involved and the Race Director of the NDR decision.

OFFICIAL PROTEST PROCEDURE

Formal protests will be allowed by racing participants in NDR sanctioned races. When another racing participant observes infractions of NDR rules or procedures, the protest procedure requires that an Official Protest Procedure form be obtained from the Race Director.

The form must be filled out clearly describing the nature of the protest and signed by a parent or guardian from a minimum of five other racing participants not associated with the participant under protest. The completed form must be presented to the local Race Director as soon as possible following the observed incident to allow a timely action by the Protest Committee.

The Protest Committee shall consist of the Race Director, the Inspection Chairperson and one board member, unless any of these individuals are involved in the protest, on either side, or has a direct relationship to such parties. In that case, another board member must replace the member in question if one is on site. Otherwise, the remaining protest committee members shall select an impartial replacement. The Protest Procedure requires that the Protest Committee shall immediately act upon a properly completed protest form and their decision shall be final and binding. The process and form for this action can be found in the NDR Race Manual.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENT DANGER

The NDR promotes the sport of youth racing and in doing so also promotes the number one concern of safety. There are inherent risks associated with these activities. As in areas as track set up, trailer loading and car transportation. The NDR provides no express, implied warranty of safety, shall result from publication of, or compliance with these rules or the procedure outlined in the National Derby Rallies Race Manual. Rules and procedures are intended to provide order and assure uniform conduct of all participants in the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury to participants or spectators.

By becoming an NDR member and/or paying an entry fee to participate in any NDR sanctioned rally, the participant agrees to abide by these rules and other NDR procedures without liability of any nature to the NDR, its officials members or any local organization operating an NDR sanctioned race. All participants are required to place on file with the NDR a signed copy of the following waiver.

A) COPY OF WAIVER

A copy of the Waiver, every racer must sign to race, may be found in Appendix A of the NDR

Race Manual, within the OFFICIAL RACE ENTRY APPLICATION.

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