



Orange County Fair Speedway

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PREFACE

- An Orange County Fair Speedway event is a competitive racing event which is intended to be conducted and officiated in accordance with the rules herein (Orange County Fair Speedway Rule Book). These rules provide the guideline for all events. The rule book may be amended from time-to-time and special rules may be published and/or adjusted at any particular event with the participants receiving prior notification. By participating in these events, all participants agree to comply with these rules and regulations.
- The rules are not intended to express or imply the warranty of safety as a result of publication of, or compliance with the rules and regulations as stated herein. The rules are intended to offer a guideline for the conduct and officiating of an event.
- The OCFS Management shall be empowered to permit any reasonable and/or appropriate amendment from any of the specifications and/or procedures herein, or impose any further restriction that in their opinion does not alter minimum acceptable requirements. Revisions to the rules are not intended to express or imply the warranty of safety shall not result from any such deviation or restriction of the specifications, rules and/or procedures. Any interpretation of, deviation from, these rules herein, are left to the discretion of the racing officials and their jurisdiction is final.
- Any visible equipment changes and/or performance enhancing changes to previously approved racecars and/or equipment must be approved in writing prior to introduction into competition by the Orange County Fair Speedway management. Orange County Fair Speedway reserves the right to immediately determine the legality and use of any equipment that has not received prior written approval for introduction into competition.
- It is ultimately the obligation of each participant to ensure their conduct and equipment complies with all of the applicable rules, as they may be amended from time-to-time. The rules are in no way a guarantee against injury and/or death to participants, spectators, officials and/or others.

OC1. Orange County Fair Speedway Rules

1. **Effective Date** – The Rules are effective upon the date of publication by the Orange County Fair Speedway for any division and/or event, regardless of when a Competitor receives actual notice. “Date of Publication” of the Rules or any amendments thereto is the earliest of distribution from Orange County Fair Speedway and/or release to the press.
2. **Amendment** – **All rules, procedures and depicted events are subject to change by Orange County Fair Speedway Management. In the event of rules or procedure changes, notification will be made through the Orange County Fair Speedway website and by notice posted in Speedway office and Pit Stewards communication board.**
3. **Applicability** – Orange County Fair Speedway issues the rule book online, of which includes in its title reference to a particular type of event. The rules within the Rule Book are applicable to the event set in the title of that Rule Book.
4. **Interpretation and Application** – If there is a disagreement or dispute regarding the meaning or application of the rules, the interpretation and application of Orange County Fair Speedway Management at the event will prevail.
5. **Finality of Interpretation and Application** – The interpretation and application of the Rules by Officials at the event shall be final and non-appealable. ALL MEMBERS, INCLUDING COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS, EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT DETERMINATIONS BY ORANGE COUNTY FAIR SPEEDWAY OFFICIALS AS THE APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES ARE NON LITIGABLE AND THEY COVENANT THAT WILL NOT INITIATE OR MAINTAIN LITIGATION OF ANY KIND AGAINST ORANGE COUNTY FAIR SPEEDWAY OR ANYONE ACTING ON BEHALF OF ORANGE COUNTY FAIR SPEEDWAY, TO REVERSE OR MODIFY SUCH DETERMINATIONS OR TO RECOVER DAMAGES OR TO SEEK ANY OTHER KIND OF RELIEF AS A RESULT OF SUCH DETERMINATIONS, UNLESS THE OFFICIALS MADE SUCH DETERMINATIONS FOR NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN A BAD FAITH INTENT TO HARM OR CAUSE ECONOMIC LOSS TO THE MEMBER, COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL. IF THE MEMBER, COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL INITIATES OR MAINTAINS LITIGATION IN VIOLATION OF THE COVENANT, THAT MEMBER, COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL AGREES TO REIMBURSE ORANGE COUNTY FAIR SPEEDWAY FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH LITIGATION, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS FEES. EACH MEMBER, COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL FURTHER COVENANTS THAT IN ANY LITIGATION BROUGHT AGAINST ORANGE COUNTY FAIR SPEEDWAY FOR ANY REASON, IF THE LITIGATION IS NOT DISMISSED PURSUANT TO THIS COVENANT THE MATTER WILL BE TRIED BEFORE A JUDGE OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION AND HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN SUCH ACTION.
6. **Principal Rule of Interpretation and Application** – The rules are intended to ensure that events are conducted in a manner that is as fair as possible for all competitors, consistent with prompt finality in competition results. On occasion, circumstances will be presented that are either unforeseen and/or otherwise extraordinary, in which strict application of Orange County Fair Speedway rules may not achieve this goal. In such rare circumstances, the Officials, as a practical matter, may make a determination regarding the conduct of an event, the eligibility of a competitor or similar matters that are not contemplated by or are inconsistent with Orange County Fair Speedway rules, in order to achieve this goal. From time-to-time in particular rules, Official Entry Blanks, Bulletins and elsewhere, Orange County Fair Speedway may use the term “EIRI” meaning “Except in Rare Instances” to indicate the likelihood that such a determination may be made...
7. **Special Rules** – Special rules may be made by Orange County Fair Speedway Management for an event. Such special rules shall apply to the conduct of the event if they are published or announced prior to or during the event by means of website, social media, bulletin, newsletter, telephone and/or pre-race meeting.

OC2. Membership Eligibility

1. **Eligibility** – Orange County Fair Speedway may, but is not required to accept as a Member, any individual or business entity interested in racing so long as the individual entity has properly and truthfully filed an Orange County Fair Speedway Membership application* will and has agreed to abide the rules and paid the required fee as prescribed for membership. ***(Modified & 358 Modified drivers are required to have a DIRT License)**
2. At any time, once a Membership has been approved, the Member by receiving and accepting the Membership Package has agreed to remain a Member in good standing. Any Membership maybe terminated involuntarily and/or suspended and/or voluntarily terminated at any given time. The Membership will expire each calendar year on the final day of the year (December 31st), and must renew the required application for Membership acceptance in the new calendar year (January 1st).
3. **Competitive Eligibility** – All drivers competing in on-track activity at any event, including but not limited to practice, time trials, qualifying races and/or the race/feature, must sign a participant waiver form at the designated registration area prior to any on track participation in any Orange County Fair Speedway event. **The minimum age to compete is 14 years old. Any driver under the age of 14 would require Speedway Management approval.**
4. **Membership Cards** - All Orange County Fair Speedway Members and/or DIRT Big Block/358 Modified driver's in good standing, who carry an Orange County Fair Speedway or DIRT Big Block Modified license, will be admitted into the pits at the announced price for the event. Membership Cards must be presented for any discounted price.
5. Each Member is responsible for lost or unauthorized use of the Membership cards. Each time a card is requested to be replaced a \$50 fee will be charged.
6. **Any misuse of the Membership Card(s) will result in the card being revoked without refund.**
7. **A Membership card shall be issued to one person and are not transferable.**
8. **The Membership card must be shown at each race event in order to get a pit pass and can only be used once at each event.**
9. **In the event a car is owned by a partnership or corporation, a license will be issued to one person only, but corporate name may also appear on the membership application and license, and all point fund money will be issued in the name of the corporation.**
10. **Any member who permits someone else to use his/her license shall be fined not less than \$100.00 and/or be disqualified.**
11. **Restrictions- Drivers that regularly compete in Modified or Small Block Modified divisions during the year are not permitted to compete in Sportsman or Street Stock races unless it is an open or unrestricted event.**
12. **A Sportsman driver may race in a Small Block Modified.**

OC3. Conduct

1. **General** - All Members agree to act in a professional manner as determined by Orange County Fair Speedway management. The professional manner includes, but is not limited to verbal representation, written representation, any representation that may represent Orange County Fair Speedway racing and/or motorsports in general and/or any affiliates.
2. All Members will not be permitted to compete and/or participate while under the influence of any alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances.
3. If a member is found to be participating in such a manner an immediate suspension of Membership will be activated.
4. **Any member, during an event; a competitor, crew chief, car owner, crew member and/or team representative may be requested to report to the Orange County Fair Speedway Office for consultation with Orange County Fair Speedway Management.**
5. **The request may be communicated over the one-way radio and/or verbally.**

6. Failure to comply with the request will be subject to fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Orange County Fair Speedway.
7. At all race events; driver and owner assume responsibility for the actions of their pit crew in every respect.
8. The driver and owner shall be the only spokesman for the car and pit crew.
9. Any member or non-member taking physical action against an individual or personal property, for any reason, may be fined a minimum of \$100 and suspended for two weeks.
10. If the violator is the owner, driver or crew member the suspension includes the owner's car.
11. Suspension and fine may be extended at the discretion of Orange County Fair Speedway Management.
12. No member or non-member shall enter the Pit Steward Infield office or come across the racetrack during the racing program.
13. Anyone deliberately disobeying an order of any official may be subject to a minimum fine of \$100.00 plus suspension.
14. Members and non-members shall comply with all rules.
15. The officials reserve the right to stop sale of tickets or honoring passes to any one in violation of the rules contained in this rule book.
16. Any driver, owner or crew member found violating these rules or specifications may be subject to a fine, expulsion or both depending on the case.
17. Only safety crews and wrecker crews are permitted on the track in the event of an accident.
18. Pit crew members are not permitted on the track.
19. No driver or member may tamper with the track surface during the duration of the event.
20. Rough riding will be left up to the discretion of the Race Director
21. If he feels that occasion warrants, whether intentional or not, a minimum fine of \$100 and/or suspension may be levied.
22. Fined drivers will not be permitted to compete again until the fine is paid.
23. All fines will be collected by the OCFS Pit Steward or Race Director.

OC4. Championship/Points/Awards

1. **Championship** – Orange County Fair Speedway will award Driver points as based upon their finish in each race deemed a point race. At the end of the scheduled season, Orange County Fair Speedway shall announce one Driver Champion for each division and they will be awarded championship prize money as posted, based upon their cumulative point total for the season. **Points will be awarded to members who hold a valid Membership only. A Membership must be purchased prior to receiving any points for that race season.**
2. All drivers **must have a valid Membership by May 1, 2023** to be included in the awards and prize monies distributed at the annual banquet.
3. **Banquet** – Banquet attendance is mandatory, unless extenuating circumstances present themselves, for the receipt of point fund and/or any bonus post season awards.

OC5. Personal Safety Equipment – ALL CARS, ALL DIVISIONS

General

Each competitor is the solely responsible of for the effectiveness and proper installation, per the manufacturer's specifications, of personal safety equipment and determining it 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.

OC6. Racing Event Procedures

1. The rules as stated herein will cover the rules of the racing event.
2. Rules of the racing event may be altered from time-to-time by Orange County Fair Speedway Management.
3. Racing event procedures and/or racing event rules are final and non-appealable.

OC7. Pre-Race Inspection(s)

All cars entered and present at any Orange County Fair Speedway event that are intended to compete in the weekly racing events, must pass pre-race safety inspection prior to any on-track activity. Pre-race inspection may take place in a specified area and/or in the regards of space directly at the team's transporter. Each car presented for competition must have an Orange County Fair Speedway inspection decal prior to racing.

OC8. Driver's Meeting(s)

1. All drivers or drivers' representative must attend the driver meeting. A roll call may be taken. Drivers in violation of not attending the Driver Meeting could face a fine, loss of driver points, owner points and/or suspension.
2. The number of racecars starting each event and the number of laps for each event may be announced at the driver meeting.
3. Any changes in the basic event night program due to car count, track conditions and/or any other circumstances may be announced at the driver meeting.

OC9. Inspection Procedures/Legality

1. Engines, chassis, suspension, ignition/electrical, tires, fuel and/or sound/mufflers may be inspected at any time.
2. Fuel may be inspected during periodic intervals utilizing a hydrometer and a dielectric tester. If by chance Orange County Fair Speedway Officials cannot positively identify the proper fuel at the track, all winnings and points of that particular car from that particular event will be held up until the fuel sample is sent to an independent Laboratory for chemical analysis through a fuel chemist.
3. Upon completion of the laboratory findings a decision will be made by Orange County Fair Speedway Management.
4. Orange County Fair Speedway Officials may at their discretion, inspect any car entered for competition in any racing event at any time.
5. Orange County Fair Speedway Officials may at their discretion, impound a part/component, engine and/or any other components and/or the complete car for competitive and/or data analysis.

OC10. Post Race Inspection(s)

1. At the conclusion of each race, cars will be instructed over the one-way radio to report directly to the scale area. At the conclusion of the feature race, the winner must report to the scales first.
2. The number of cars to report to the scale / technical inspection area will be announced at the driver meeting in addition to the one-way radio.
3. Failure to report immediately to the scale / technical inspection area may result in a disqualification.
4. If applicable, once the winner has cleared the scales, he must proceed to victory lane and may be required after the conclusion of the victory lane ceremony, to return to the scale / technical inspection area.

OC11. Restrictions

1. All work on the racecar, once any race has been begun, must be completed in the designated work/pit area unless informed otherwise.
2. All cars will receive only one (1) opportunity to start each race. If a car needs more than one (1) opportunity, except for safety reasons, during any race, that car must start at the rear of the field in that particular race.
3. Drivers and/or team members will not be permitted to tamper with track racing surface.

OC12. Protests

1. Any affected Orange County Fair Speedway licensed driver or owner may, as a matter of right, protest any violation of the rules, including specifications, for the feature event only, subject to the limitations within this rulebook.
2. Visible protests must be made fifteen (15) minutes before feature events, if a tool or mechanical device is needed by an official to determine a car's rule compliance that is not a visible protest situation.
3. For the purpose of a subsequent appeal, and Orange County Fair Speedway official's measurement is presumed to be correct, absent a showing of a mistake or prejudice.
4. All protests involving a particular event must be in writing specifying matter of protest and must be received by Orange County Fair Speedway Pit Steward no later than ten minutes following the completion of the feature event.
5. Each separate protest must be given to the pit steward accompanied by listed protest fee (U.S. Funds), within the following chart:
 - a. P & G Test \$200.00 (U.S. Funds)
 - b. Open Wheel Bore and Stroke \$1,000.00 (U.S. Funds)
\$1,000 (U.S.) going to the protested car if legal.
\$1,000 (U.S.) returned to the protester if car protested is illegal.
 - c. Street Stock Head Removal-\$500.00
\$500.00 (U.S.) going to the protested car if legal.
\$500.00 (U.S.) returned to the protester if car protested is illegal.
 - d. \$100 each additional item protested.
6. All protest fees must be paid by the protesting team.
7. Grouping together of teams to protest will not be Permitted
8. A protest of race results may be verbally made to the pit steward within five minutes of the official announcement of the order of finish.
A recheck of scoring will then be made if necessary and these results will be considered final.
9. Only driver protests on racing results will be considered by the scorers. No appeal of the scorers' final decisions will be permitted.
10. Any car found illegal under protest, and/or pre- or post-race inspection at the discretion of officials shall receive a fine and/or loss of track points, and/or loss of finishing position for that event, and/or outright disqualification from that event, and/or definite or indefinite suspension from O.C.F.S. at the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Management.
11. The proceeds of any fine collected will be allocated to the track's point fund if a regular track event. If a race result is protested, the track promoter can, at his/her discretion, delay purse distribution until the matter is ultimately decided by the appellate board.
12. Track scales are the official scales at each race event. No protest or appeal is permitted on the weight of the car as measured on the Track Scales.
13. Orange County Fair Speedway reserves the right to refuse any protest if the protest is deemed unnecessary and/or being used for harassing purposes.
14. No protests are permitted on the Starter's decision.

OC13. Appeals

- 1. Orange County Fair Speedway has an Appellate Board to rule on appeals by drivers and owners who feel they were unduly penalized in an event.**
- 2. Only Orange County Fair Speedway licensed members in the current year have the right to appeal.**
- 3. The appeal must be in writing and shall be filed at and received by Orange County Fair Speedway at 239 Wisner Ave., Middletown, NY, 10940 no later than 5 days following the incident or ruling in dispute.**
- 4. The appeal shall be sent by certified mail or another form of confirmed delivery (i.e., Federal Express, UPS).**
- 5. In the event that the incident or ruling in dispute occurs within the last 14 days of the race season, the appeal must be received by Orange County Fair Speedway no later than 3 days following the incident or ruling.**
- 6. In order to appeal, the appellant must have standing to appeal. Standing means that the subject matter being appealed is not precluded by the rules and that the appellant has been actually harmed by a decision of an Orange County Fair Speedway Official specifically rendered against him/her. Therefore, if an appellant has not been penalized himself/herself, but instead contends that someone else should be penalized, the appellant does not have standing and the incident or ruling is not appealable.**
- 7. There can only be a full-evidentiary factual hearing of the appeal before the Appellate Board ("Board") if its Chairman ("Chairman"), in his sole discretion, first determines that the appeal is arguably meritorious. Examples of issues which are considered non-meritorious include, but are not limited to:**
 - a. matters where there are no viable issues of fact, frivolity, lack of standing.**
 - b. matters which are not subject to protest or appeal pursuant to the rules.**
 - c. appeals filed for harassing purpose, etc.**
- 8. The Chairman is the administrative member, but has no vote, except to break ties.**
- 9. The Chairman shall conduct the meeting, organize deliberations, and write the decision.**
- 10. If the Chairman determines the appeal is meritorious enough to warrant a hearing, the appellant shall immediately pay a nonrefundable \$100 hearing fee to Orange County Fair Speedway to cover the costs of conducting the hearing.**
- 11. No hearing shall be held until the fee is paid.**
- 12. The Chairman shall determine in his unfettered discretion when any member of the Board must recuse himself/herself from a hearing for reasons of conflict.**
- 13. As panel vacancies arise, Orange County Fair Speedway shall, from time to time, name replacements in its sole discretion.**
- 14. Board participation in a hearing by any three or more panel members shall constitute a valid quorum to act.**
- 15. Members may participate by telephone, teleconference, video conference, computer conference, in person, or any other forum chosen by the Chairman.**
- 16. The Board will meet whenever necessary for a hearing to decide any meritorious appeals.**
- 17. When an appeal involves the legality of a car part, the appellant must immediately surrender the part(s) in question.**
- 18. A receipt will be given to the appealing member upon surrender of the part(s), but the part(s) will not be returned to the appellant until after the appeals hearing is conducted and the part(s) are found legal.**
- 19. If found illegal, part(s) will not be returned.**
- 20. A majority of the panel members participating and voting must concur to modify any official's ruling by a standard of preponderance of the evidence.**

21. The actual procedure for the hearing shall be determined by the Chairman, but shall roughly follow the following format:

- a. The decision of the official or officials being appealed from shall be put into the record.**
- b. The contents of the written appeal shall be put into the record.**
- c. The aggrieved Orange County Fair Speedway member(s) will state his/her case and call any witnesses to support that case. Hearsay evidence is admissible.**
- d. The Orange County Fair Speedway Official(s) will state his/her case in support of the decision from which an appeal is being made and call any witnesses to support such case. Hearsay evidence is admissible.**
- e. The aggrieved Orange County Fair Speedway member(s) will make any desired rebuttals, additions to the records, or summations.**
- f. The Orange County Fair Speedway official(s) will make any desired rebuttals, additions to the records, or summations.**
- g. At any time during the hearing, Appellate Board Members may ask questions at their discretion of anyone present at the hearing.**
- h. Appellate Board Members will deliberate in private and make any determination, decision, or recommendation by a majority vote of these members participating and actually voting (Actually voting means not abstaining or not having been recused).**
- i. The Board may reverse, modify, or uphold the original O.C.F.S. Official's ruling.**
- j. Lastly, all interested parties shall be reasonably notified of the Board's decision.**

OC14. Entry/Pill Draw

1. An entry fee may be charged by Orange County Fair Speedway at selected events, announced prior to the specified event.
2. All drivers and/or teams entered in selected event must draw for a position in time trial/qualifying heat at the designated location. The drivers and/or teams are responsible for their own pill draw.
3. All pills will be drawn at designated area.
4. If a driver and/or team entered and present at the event does not draw, that team will be placed at the end of the qualifying order.
5. In the event that there are no time trials, then the driver and/or team will start at the rear of their specified qualifying race.

OC15. Qualifying/Time Trials/Heat Races/Last Chance Qualifiers

1. In all events, the driver qualifies. If for any reason, a driver and car match-up in any race is separated then only the driver is considered qualified.
2. If a driver/team switches cars, for any reason, that car must start at the rear of all races in which that driver/team has qualified for on the same day.
3. If, for any reason, a race must be run on a different day after qualifying is completed, the driver may start the race in the earned qualifying position even if not in the car originally presented for qualifying.
4. **Time Trials:** For events that Time Trials will be used, once the car enters the racing surface that is their qualifying attempt if the car does not post a time or fails to complete a lap and posts no time they will start last in a heat race.
5. The cars and/or teams that are late must be in line before the last scheduled group begins its qualifying attempt. Time trials will be closed once the final group is in line and has started their qualifying attempt and have started their time trial.
6. In the event of two or more cars post the same time in time trials, the tie breaker will be the fastest other lap time recorded in time trials. If this does not break the tie, the tie will be broken by the qualifying order draw. In the event that one (1) lap qualifying is utilized the tie breaker will be the qualifying order draw.

7. **Heat Races-** All drivers entered in any event will be scheduled to compete in a heat race.
8. Each car and/or team must qualify with their specified group for their own qualifying opportunity.
9. If the group is missed by the car/driver, they will be scored as a did not start and will go last in consolation event if one is necessary for event.
10. In Qualifying heats and feature, if the driver/car is unable to take the initial green, they will be disqualified for the remainder of the event.
11. If a qualified car takes the initial green flag and then falls out of the race, car will receive only last place points for the feature.
12. Once any driver has completed their qualifying attempt by taking the checkered flag, that driver must drive to the technical inspection area to scale the car for the minimum weight requirement. (From time-to-time, some events may require scaling the cars prior to qualifying).
13. In the event of inclement weather, it is at the discretion of Orange County Fair Speedway Management to alter the qualifying process.
14. The heat race lineups will be determined by the handicapping process.
15. The number of laps in the heat races for Modifieds, Small Block Modifieds and Sportsman will be eight (8) laps.
16. Orange County Fair Speedway Management reserves the right to forego heat races if the number of entries dictates the necessity to do so.
17. The amount of cars transferring from the heat race(s) will be determined by number of entries to fill field.
18. All cars that transfer from the heat race(s) must report to the technical inspection area immediately following the completion of their heat race to scale the car for the minimum weight requirement.
19. In the event that a competitor fails to report to the scale area following the completion of the event, the driver will be immediately disqualified from that race, unless otherwise directed by Orange County Fair Speedway Officials.
20. During Special Events, there may be a redraw for starting position amongst the top finishers in each qualifying/heat race. The number of drivers that participate in the redraw will be determined by the number of heat race(s) run during any given event night and will be announced at the driver meeting.
21. Any driver transferring from the heat race(s) to the feature race that does not qualify for the redraw will line up for the feature race based upon the driver finish in the heat race.
22. Any driver that does not transfer from the heat race(s) to the feature race will be assigned to compete in a Last Chance Qualifier. The Last Chance Qualifier or consolation race(s) line up will be determined by the finishing order of the heat race(s).
23. The number of laps of the Last Chance Qualifier or consolation will be based on the overall car count for the event and announced at the driver meeting.
24. All cars that transfer from the Last Chance Qualifier or consolation must report to the technical inspection area immediately following the completion of the race to scale the car for the minimum weight requirement.
25. In the event that a competitor fails to report to the scale area following the completion of the event, the driver will be immediately disqualified from that race, unless otherwise directed by Orange County Fair Speedway Officials.
26. The lineup(s) for multiple day events will be determined once it has been determined how many cars have returned for the second day of competition and announced at the driver meeting.

OC16. Backup Cars

1. A backup car may be introduced at any time between qualifying and the start of the A-feature, with permission from the Orange County Fair Speedway Race Director.
2. Any such change will result in the driver starting at the rear of the race in which the driver has qualified for.
3. If a driver changes car after practice, that driver will remain in his drawn position for time trial or heat race qualifying.
4. If a backup car is introduced, the car must pass pre-race technical inspection prior to any competition.
5. Once a car has been withdrawn from an event, that car will not be allowed to be resubmitted to competition during that event.
6. During a one day event where a driver will start the consolation, Last Chance Qualifier or Feature race in a backup car, they must start the event from the rear of the field.
7. During a multiple day event, the driver will start in their qualified position regardless of the fact that they use the primary qualified car or a back up car, unless the driver elects to start at the rear.

OC17. Starts/Restarts Qualifying Heats/Features

1. **Starts**-All cars and drivers must be on the starting grid for all qualifying and feature events.
2. If the driver is not present, that driver starting position will be forfeited and that driver will start from the tail of the field. If more than one (1) driver is late, the drivers will start at the tail of the qualifying races and feature in the order of they come out of pit area.
3. The race will begin immediately once the racing surface is clear and the cars are properly aligned in their assigned starting positions.
4. Any driver, team, and/or car, who purposely attempts to hold up the start of any race will be placed at the rear of the lineup and could be disqualified from the event, suspended and/or fined at the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Management.
5. With the exception of a track generated red flag, any car that needs to be push started must start at the rear of the field.
6. Once the allotted time allowed for being on the track, ready to race, has expired, any late car will be penalized.
7. Any car that starts after the field has been assembled must start at the rear of the field.
8. This rule may be adjusted from time-to-time, at the discretion of Orange County Fair Speedway Management.
9. All double-file starts/restarts will take place at a consistent speed, with cars side-by-side in rows of two throughout the field. Consistent speed will be at the discretion of Orange County Fair Speedway Race Director.
10. The initial start will take place at the designated start area that will be identified at the driver meeting.
11. Any car out of line and/or passing before this point will be penalized.
12. Any offending car may be penalized 2 positions from its finishing position.
13. If the same car commits a second offense it may be disqualified from that event.
14. In the event that the race is not properly started by the two (2) front row cars, the responsible car(s) will be moved to the second row.
15. Failure to acknowledge and comply with the "move back" signal will result in instant disqualification from the racing event.
16. The field may accelerate when the green flag is displayed, but the leader is the control car and must fire first. Any passing before the green flag is displayed will not be permitted.
17. In the event an alternate starter is used for any race, they will not be permitted to start any race after the original start has taken place.

18. During weekly events if one (1) or more cars are involved in a caution on the original start or before one (1) lap is completed, the car and/or car(s) that brought out the caution will lineup at the rear of the field and the race will have a complete restart for the remainder of the field.
19. One (1) complete lap must be completed before the race is restarted using a restart lineup.
20. In the event that car(s) move to the back of the field, cars move forward by row and do not cross-over to fill in the original starting lineup.
21. It is required that a driver inform the Pit Steward of their intentions to start at the rear of the field in any given event.
22. **Restarts-** All restarts will be a double-file after the completion of the first lap of competition in any race.
23. All restarts in any event will be double file, unless at the discretion of the race director single file is necessary.
- 23B.** In the event a restart does not result in a lap completed, the next restart will be single file. This does not affect subsequent restarts.
24. In all restarts lead lap cars will hold their positions and lap down cars will fall to the rear of lead lap cars as determined by race director.
25. All restarts in extra distance events of fifty (50) laps or more will take place with the lead lap cars moved to the front of the field. Lapped cars will pull to the inside and fall in behind the last car on the lead lap in their order of running.
26. The restart zone is located between turn 3 & 4 and will be marked clearly on the outside wall.
27. All restarts will take place at a consistent speed. Consistent speed will be at the discretion of Orange County Fair Speedway race director.
28. Passing may begin once the leader accelerates and passes the designated restart point and the green flag is displayed.
29. If a car passes to the left of the designated restart point and/or passes another car before reaching the designated restart point and/or is not in a proper nose-to-tail alignment and/or is guilty of an excessive gap between cars, then that car will be penalized. If there are multiple violations, the car may be disqualified from the event.
30. If the leader is unable to properly restart the race after the one (1) attempt, the leader will be penalized two (2) positions.
31. When an infraction occurs on a restart, Orange County Fair Speedway Race Director shall exercise their discretion and allow the race to continue, not calling for another restart, and then penalize the offending car(s) under yellow flag conditions or at the conclusion of the race. The offending car(s) will be penalized.
32. Any cars that require a push start during a caution period, will be considered involved in the incident which brought out the yellow flag and that car will have to restart at the rear of the field.
33. Any cars that stop, either on the racing surface and/or in the pit/designated work area, during a caution period will be required to restart from the rear of the field.
34. Any cars that are involved in a red flag situation will be required to restart at the rear of the field, including cars that go to the pits during a red flag situation.
35. Any car that stops due to the red flag being displayed will be permitted one (1) opportunity at a push start provided the car was not involved in the incident.
36. If the car does not fire it will be pushed back to the designated pit/work area and once restarted must start from the rear of the field.
37. Any car that stops because of a blocked track, at the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Officials, will not be considered involved in the red or yellow flag.

39. Any car that is black flagged for consultation during a caution period will retain its position only if the Orange County Fair Speedway Officials deem the car clear and permit it to return directly to competition without adjustment.

OC18. Racing

1. Any car that does not race on the designated racing surface in order to better its position will be black flagged and penalized at the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Officials.

2. A pace car may be utilized to pace the field prior to the start of the event and on all restarts.

Passing of the pace car, unless otherwise instructed to do so by the Orange County Fair Speedway Race Director will not be permitted.

3. Any car that spins during green flag racing conditions and is involved in an incident and/or has a problem, but does not bring out the yellow flag and/or create a caution period, will blend back into the field where the driver is able to do so.

4. If there is a caution period the Orange County Fair Speedway Officials will determine the placement of the car(s) involved.

5. The placement of the car may be where the car blended back into the field.

6. At the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Official any car that is involved in two (2) single car spins that are unaided may be disqualified from the event.

7. If the car spins unaided for a third time it will result in automatic disqualification from the event.

8. At the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Official any car that intentionally brings out a caution period may be penalized and/or disqualified from the event.

9. All races must be completed in a "green-white-checker" finish.

10. Any race may be extended past its advertised distance with a "green-white-checker" finish.

11. This means if the yellow flag is displayed or caution lights illuminated prior to the leader receiving the white flag, that race will be restarted and run for one or two consecutive laps before completion.

12. If a race is red flagged due to weather conditions and cars are sent to the pits, then any and all work is permitted.

13. Cars that pit during the course of a race for service and/or repair may re-enter the race under green flag conditions once release and instructed to do so by Orange County Fair Speedway Officials.

14. Hand signals, colored gloves and pit boards will be permitted during the event for the sole purpose of communicating with drivers.

15. Flashlight and/or two-way radio communication with drivers will not be permitted.

OC19. Flag Rules/Officials Signals

1. Green Flag

a. When the starter displays the green flag, the track is open for racing.

b. The green flag signifies the start of any race and/or time trial run.

c. Passing will not be permitted before the green flag is displayed at the designated point.

2. Yellow Flag

a. When the yellow flag is displayed and/or the yellow caution lights are illuminated, this signifies a caution period.

b. When the yellow flag is displayed and/or caution lights illuminated passing will not be permitted unless instructed to do so by Orange County Fair Speedway Officials.

3. Red Flag

a. When the red flag is displayed all cars on the racing surface and in the pit areas must come to a complete stop in a controlled manner, while not stopping and/or driving through the area of the incident.

- b. At the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Officials or race director, once the track is secured, damaged cars will be allowed to go to the pit area for repairs. These cars will be required to go to the rear of the field.
- c. During any red flag situation all drivers, unless involved in the incident, must remain in their car unless otherwise instructed by Orange County Fair Speedway Officials.
- d. If any car enters and/or moves during a red flag period without permission from the Orange County Fair Speedway Race Director, including entering the pit, the car will be penalized a minimum of one (1) lap and will restart the race at the rear of the field.
- e. If the race is red flagged due to inclement weather conditions work and tire changes will be permitted.
- f. If the race is called due to inclement weather conditions and/or any other circumstances any car that enters the pits/work area prior to the end of the event, that car will be scored at the rear of the field.
- g. During any red flag, once the field is stopped, the race director may offer the opportunity for any car to pit by signaling to do so with instruction over the one-way radio. Any car that pits for service during the red flag period will surrender its running position and have to restart at the rear of the field and/or if the race is cancelled due to inclement weather, the car will be scored behind those cars which did not pit.

4. **Black Flag**

- a. If the black flag is displayed, then the driver that the flag is being displayed toward must bring their car to designated pit/work area immediately for consultation.
- b. The car will not be scored after three consecutive laps of from the point that the black flag originally had been displayed.
- c. In the event that the black flag is displayed toward a car during a caution period and the car is cleared by Orange County Fair Speedway Official, the car will maintain and/or return to its position in the running order of the race as instructed to do so by the officials.

5. **White Flag**

- a. When the white flag is displayed this signifies that the leader of the race and/or the car that is qualifying has started the last lap of that event.

6. **Checkered Flag**

- a. The checkered flag signifies the completion of the event. All cars must pass underneath the checkered flag to be scored correctly on the final lap of the event.
- b. Any race and/or qualifying attempt is not completed until the checkered flag is displayed.

7. **Officials Signals**

- a. All drivers must obey signals, communications, blackboard(s) and/or any other Official's communications that assist in the direction and facilitation of creating proper lineups and/or the process of completing the event.

OC20. Scoring Procedures

1. All races are scored at the designated start/finish line.
2. The original starting lineup for Qualifying and Feature events will be posted by Orange County Fair Speedway Officials at the Pit Steward Tower.
3. The restart lineups will be derived from the official scorer's lap and line scored sheets. **In the event that there is a discrepancy in scoring to reset any lineup position scoring will revert to the last completed green flag lap to derive the lineup.**
4. After the first completed green flag lap, when the caution is displayed all cars that were scored under green flag conditions will hold that scored position with all other cars lining up according to their last completed green flag scored lap.
5. This partial lap will count toward the events total number of laps.

6. Racing back to the start/finish line will not be permitted and in the event that there is an on-track scoring dispute, the chief scorer will refer to the last completed green flag lap to resolve the dispute.
7. A lap will not be scored on the original start and/or any restart unless all cars complete the lap by passing through the start/finish line except for the cars involved in the incident.
8. In the event that caution and/or red flag is displayed with the checkered flag simultaneously that race is completed.
9. The cars not crossing the finish line will be scored according to their position on the track at completion.
10. In the event of inclement weather and/or unforeseen circumstances, a race may be called complete short of its entire distance, once it has reached half of the scheduled distance. The race at that point will be scored by the restart lineup.
11. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the specified laps of any race may change from the original posted number of laps.
12. All cars are required to be equipped with an AMB tranx260 transponder securely mounted on the specified location. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure proper installation and working condition of the transponder.

OC21. Handicapping

Section 1: Big Block Modified and 358(SBM) Handicapping procedures:

- 1) Big Block Modified will use the OCFS handicapping system for 2023.
- 2) The current top 5 in point standings will be guaranteed starters in the feature events during the regular season. They will start at the rear of the qualified cars.
- 3) Regular season Modified weekly point events are 35 laps unless posted otherwise. 358 weekly point events are 30 laps unless posted otherwise.
- 4) Heat races will be 8 Laps.
- 5) On a regular season weekly points event, a driver may attempt to qualify only once during heat races. If a driver qualifies during preliminary event and switches to a backup car they must start at the rear of the Feature event.
- 6) In the event of twin features a driver may use one car in the first feature and may use a different car in the second feature, but will be required to start at the rear of the second feature event
- 7) It is the responsibility of the driver to notify the pit steward of any car changes during the event. Failure to notify the pit steward will result in loss of points and money for that event.
- 8) Big Block Modified drivers will not be allowed to drop down in class and race in the Sportsman or Street Stock Division unless allowed by a special or open event.
- 9) On a regular season weekly point events a driver may attempt to qualify in one heat race only. Any driver may attempt to qualify a second car in the last chance event.
- 10) Drivers will be allowed to compete in both the Big Block Modified and the 358 divisions on the same night. No Big Block cars will be allowed to compete in the 358 Modified division. During the regular season 358 Modified cars will be allowed to compete with the Big Block class when the 358 division **is not scheduled** to compete however, the 358 race car must meet the Big Block Modified's weight requirement of **2500 lbs.**
- 11) In the event a regular driver misses a week or a suspension is involved, upon return the driver will be handicapped with equivalent of 3rd place money/points won.

Section 2: Sportsman Division Handicapping procedures:

- 1) Opening night (4/15/23) drivers will draw a number upon signing in at pit gate to determine qualifying line up.
- 2) Regular race day handicapping;
 - a) With a field of 50 cars or less, there will be 5 heat races with 4 cars qualifying for the feature. The top 3 heat finishers will be handicapped for the feature line up. The remainder of heat qualifiers will be lined up 16th-20th positions based on heat finish (heads up). The balance of the feature field will be determined by a Last Chance Qualifier event to fill the 26 car field.
 - b) With a field of 51 cars or more, there will be 6 heat races with 3 cars qualifying for the feature. The top 2 heat finishers will be handicapped for the feature line up. The remainder of the heat qualifiers will be lined up 13th-18th positions based on heat finish (heads up). The balance of the feature field will be determined by a Last Chance Qualifier event(s) to fill the 26 car field.
- 3) Regular season weekly point feature events will be 20 laps.
Heat and Last chance Qualifiers will be 8 laps.
- 4) The current top 5 in point standings will be a guaranteed starter in the feature events.
They will start at the rear of the qualifiers.
- 5) In the event a regular driver misses a week or a suspension is involved, upon return the driver will be handicapped with equivalent of 3rd place money/points won.
- 6) On regular season weekly point events a driver may attempt only once during qualifying heats. Any driver may attempt to qualify a second car in the last chance event however qualified car would have to start at the rear of the field.
- 7) In the event of scheduled twin features, a driver may use one car in the first feature event and switch cars for the second feature event, but would be required to start at the rear of the second feature.
- 8) It is the responsibility of the driver to notify the pit steward of any car changes during the event. Failure to notify the Pit Steward will result in loss of points and money for that event.
- 9) **Sportsman drivers will be allowed** to compete in the sportsman division and the 358 division on the same night.
- 10) If a driver wants to compete in the 358 division, they must have a legal 358 modified to compete. **Sportsman cars will not be allowed** to compete in the 358 division
- 11) Sportsman drivers competing in the 358 division will not be allowed to compete in the Big Block modified class.

Section 3: Street Stock Division:

Street Stocks will run 6 Lap Heat Races when the field has 16 cars or more.

- 1) Feature line up will be determined by draw on opening night 4/15/23.
- 2) Remainder of feature event line ups will be determined by handicapping.

Section 4: Rookie Sportsman Division:

- 1) Rookie Sportsman Division opens on 4/15/23. Starting spots will be determined by draw.
- 2) Remainder of the season all line-ups will be determined by OCFS Handicapping.
- 3) Heat races will be 6 laps. Feature races will be 12 laps.
- 4) Rookie sportsman Division is open to anyone who has qualified for 5 or less 2022 OCFS Sportsman Features. Rookie eligibility to be determined by Speedway management.
- 5) A Sportsman race car can only compete in one class on a given night, Sportsman or Rookie Sportsman. One car cannot compete in both divisions on the same night.
- 6) 2023 Rookie Champion and/or any Rookie driver winning more than two (2) features must move up to Sportsman for 2024.

Section 5: Points Awarded

Points awarded for all divisions will be for feature event finishes. The following table of points awarded will be the official scale:

1=100, 2=96, 3=92, 4=90, 5=88, 6=86, 7=84, 8=82, 9=80, 10=78, 11=76, 12=74, 13=72, 14=70, 15=68, 16=66, 17=64, 18=62, 19=60, 20=58, 21=56, 22=54, 23=52, 24=50, 25=48, 26=46, 27=44, 28=42, 29-40 finishing spots = 40

- Points will be awarded for heat races as follows:

1st -5 points, 2nd- 3 points, 3rd – 1 point

- 1) Any driver that is disqualified for the feature event will receive the lowest number of points allowed for that event for the yearly point standings. For handicapping purposes if applicable he/she will receive 1st place money won.

GENERAL

Big Block Modified, 358 SBM and Sportsman Divisions:

The current top 5 Drivers in point standings in these divisions will be a guaranteed starter in the feature events. If the Driver uses their guaranteed status to make the starting field they will start at the rear of the qualified cars.

- 1) In order to be included in handicap system, drivers must participate for three consecutive weeks and possess and **active** membership.
- 2) **To be eligible for handicapping and point fund money, all drivers must be enrolled with appropriate membership by May 1, 2023.**

OC23. General Racing Equipment and/or Requirements

1. All competitors in all divisions (Big Block Modifieds, Small Block Modifieds, Sportsman, Street Stocks, Thunder Trucks and 4 Cylinders) are required to have, in working condition, an approved (Raceceiver and/or Racing Electronics) one-way radio system to aid in line ups and/or the use of race control to manage the racing event.

2. All cars must have and/or provide the adequate hardware for the attachment of the AMB TRANS X 260 Transponder.

3. Special Event (Events that require Pit Stops) – Cars, Equipment and/or Procedures – WILL HAVE A PROCEDURE AND MATERIAL COMPETITORS NOTES HANDED OUT PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

4. Cars may only enter pit road for pit stops from the defined pit road entrance. Cars must travel on pit road in a counter-clockwise direction only.
5. When multiple cars are pitting and enter pit road, they must enter in single file. Passing on pit road will not be permitted. Cars must maintain pit road speed as designated by the Orange County Fair Speedway Official.
- 6. Excessive pit road speed and/or passing on pit road may result in a penalty at the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Officials. Pit road speed will be in effect for entering and exiting the pit road.**

OC24. Racing Programs Special Event Shows

1. There may be special event shows during the year that do not follow the standard Orange County Fair Speedway racing formats.
2. When such events occur all teams will be informed of specific program and/or procedural changes for that particular event. All racing programs are subject to change and any such changes will be explained at the drivers meeting.

OC25. Fines and Discipline

- 1. Should a competitor be in breach of the rules after the event where this breach would improve his/her performance or chance of winning, that competitor will be subject to a fine, disqualification, suspension and/or expulsion.**
- 2. Where the breach of the rules does not improve his performance or chance of winning, then he shall be subject to a point loss and fine in lieu of disqualification at the discretion of Orange County Fair Speedway Management.**
- 3. Should a competitor flagrantly build a car or component on a car with the sole intention of circumventing these rules to his advantage or fail to submit to appropriate technical inspection for any reason, or display conduct detrimental to the sport, that competitor will be subject to any/all of the penalties listed below at the discretion of the Orange County Fair Speedway Management.**
 - a. Disqualification
 - b. Loss of O.C.F.S. license for up to a year
 - c. Loss of all points
 - d. Loss of prize monies
 - e. Illegal part(s) being confiscated.
 - f. All of the above
- 4. The Orange County Fair Speedway Race Director and/or Senior Management at the event will have the power to impose a fine or total of fines not to exceed \$500 per competitor, per event.**
- 5. Any infraction of these rules requiring a fine in excess of \$500 will be dealt with after the event by Orange County Fair Speedway Management.**