

2019 Plymouth Speedway Rules

General Rules

- 1.** Plymouth Speedway reserves the right to change, delete or add to rules throughout the racing season. The management reserves the right of interpretation of all rules and the right to inspect and reject any car and/or driver, crew member, etc. during the racing program.
- 2.** Every driver must inspect the racing surface and the race track area to learn of any defects, obstructions, or anything which, in the driver's opinion, is unsafe and the driver shall report that condition in writing to Plymouth Speedway or track officials. Any driver entering any racing event is considered to have inspected the track and determined that all conditions are satisfactory then the driver should not race. The driver further acknowledges that the driver is aware that auto racing involves risks and that by competing in an event the driver assumes these risks with full awareness and knowledge.
- 3.** A participant, by competing in any Plymouth Speedway racing event, specifically agrees and acknowledges that he or she is familiar with and understands all of the Plymouth Speedway rules and procedures as set forth in this rule book and agrees to abide by all the Plymouth Speedway rules and procedures. If, as a result of an inspection, teardown, protest, or claim a competitor's race car is determined to be illegal, the competitor will take sole responsibility for any actions taken forth from Plymouth Speedway or track officials.
- 4.** Plymouth Speedway or the track promoter reserves the right to refuse to accept the entry of any car or participants or any participants claiming right to be on the track premises if it is felt or determined that the participants presence or conduct is not in the best interest of the sport of auto racing, the other competitors, the spectators, track management, and/or employees of Plymouth Speedway.
- 5.** The driver is responsible for the actions of his/her pit crew in all respects. The driver shall be the sole spokesperson for his/her car owner and pit crew in any and all matters.
- 6.** Any participant directly involved with any fighting or misconduct, or abusing an official, either physically or verbally, or any other track personnel, may be suspended for the season and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- 7.** Consumption of beer or alcoholic beverages in the pit area, or being under the influence of beer or alcoholic beverages in the pit area, is prohibited until the entire program for all divisions is completed.
- 8.** Plymouth Speedway officials reserve the right to request a doctor's release at any time, for said driver to participate at Plymouth Speedway.

- 9.** The decisions of Plymouth Speedway, or track officials, including the interpretation and application of rules and the scoring of positions, shall be final.
- 10.** All Plymouth Speedway participants are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of Plymouth Speedway. As independent contractors participants are solely responsible for compensating their employees, agents, or pit crews. And as independent contractors also assume full responsibility for reporting or filing any reports or tax returns with the appropriate authorities on any and all earnings or funds received as a result of their participation in Plymouth Speedway racing events, including but not limited to federal social security taxes, federal income taxes, state income taxes, federal and state withholding taxes, unemployment taxes, and works compensation insurance.

Competition Rules

- 1.** All cars are subject to inspection at anytime. Tires and wheels may be impounded and/or confiscated by the officials for a period of seven days, for inspection purposes. At the discretion of the officials, all monies, records, points, trophies, etc., may be held by them until the next scheduled program. Tires may be destroyed for testing purposes.
 - a.** All cars must be kept in neat appearance and painted. Numbers must be at least 18 high and of readable and contrasting color. The number must be displayed on both doors. Numbers must be able to be seen from scoring stand or they will be subject to repainting by officials.
 - b.** All lighting underneath a car is banned. Extra lighting in the cockpit not pertaining to car operation in the colors of red, green, orange, yellow, and off white are banned.
- 3.** All participants must complete driver profile and registration at beginning of the season or on first night competing. Paperwork and any registration fees must be turned in at the check in window at the brown office building. Plymouth Speedway reserves the right to withhold all monies earned until paperwork has been received and processed. Registration fees may be deducted from winnings.
- 4.** A valid release form must be on file before any person will be admitted into pit area. A minor release form must also be on file for anyone under 18 years of age.
- 5.** Authorized personnel only allowed in infield.
- 6.** Drivers will be responsible for the actions of their respective crew members and guest. No pedestrian traffic under or past catwalk in the pit area towards race track or beyond fencing at track exit. Any persons violating those boundaries will cause their car to be disqualified from the remainder of the racing program.

- 7.** Any unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to a penalty and/or fine determined by officials and management. This includes drinking, fighting, and abusive language, rough or erratic driving, etc.
- 8.** Any Driver or Crew member that enters the scoring tower during the nights racing program will be disqualified and loss of all money and points that night. Any questions or concerns about decisions made during any racing event, need to be conducted in a civil and professional manner. These concerns or questions can be brought to the race director's attention following the end of all racing events that evening. The race director and other officials will be available in the payout trailer office after the races.
- 9.** Any person in possession of any illegal drugs will be prosecuted and barred from premises indefinitely.
- 10.** Driver who qualifies the car is the driver who races the car. Change of driver is permitted ONLY with permission of scoring tower or race director. Points and monies will be awarded to the driver who starts the race.
- 11.** A one-way Raceiver is required for every driver in competition. We require all driver's to have their own Raceiver. Raceiver may be purchased from Lane Automotive 269-463-4113
 - a.** Raceiver system check will be conducted at each event Driver's Meeting. Failure of driver to attend meeting may result in disqualification for the evening.
 - b.** Failure of driver to have a properly functioning Raceiver during a racing event may result in a black flag.
- 12.** Transponders are required. A nightly rental fee of \$5 is required unless driver has paid for yearly transponder rental (\$75). The track will supply a transponder each race night with a valid ID. A transponder pouch is required that is specifically designed to hold track's transponder. A transponder pouch can be purchased at the track on any race night for \$20. We will NOT have any transponder pouches to rent nightly this season.
 - a.** Transponders must be placed on right rear axle facing down.
 - b.** 600 Sprints and Pro Sprint placement will vary but must be located near the rear of the car.
 - c.** All cars MUST have a transponder in place in order to hot lap and race.
 - d.** Transponder assigned to driver MUST be returned at the end of the night at the pay window. Driver's license will be returned at that time.
 - e.** Any damage to Transponder due to improper attachment to car or carelessness will result in driver being required to purchase it. Driver will not be allowed to race again until Transponder is paid in full. Arrangements can be made with race director if this occurs.
- 13.** All cars must have means of hooking up to a wrecker. FRONT and REAR.

- 14.** No mirrors, no two way radios, cell phones, or scanners allowed in car.
- 15.** All cars, with the exception of full size sprints, must be self-starting with clutch and reverse gear.
- 16.** No cooling system or parts allowed in driver's compartment. No anti-freeze allowed.
- 17.** Mufflers (100 decibels or less) recommended and may be mandatory later.
- 18.** No work will be permitted on cars while on the racing surface.
- 19.** If the rules do not specifically allow a part or component or do not allow specific alterations or modifications to a part or component, then they are all disallowed.

Pit Area General Rules

All cars will have to go through tech inspection for safety and rules compliance. However, it may be difficult for Plymouth Speedway officials to verify safety and rules compliance for ALL cars in attendance in one race night. Therefore, it is up to the driver to read and understand these rules and it is up to the driver to make sure his/her race car meets both safety and car rule specifications. Under no circumstance will Plymouth Speedway be held liable for a noncompliant race vehicle that has not been inspected.

- 1.** Pit slabs are rented for the year. However, if your trailer rig is oversized, track officials reserve the right to park trailer rig where appropriate and safe.
- 2. Absolutely no speeding in the pit area.**
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 - b.** Speeding in the pits applies to all vehicles, including 4-wheeler, golf carts, et al.
- 3.** All cars will line up for their race when called. Failure to line up when called will result in driver starting in the rear of their race.
- 4.** If a driver fails to enter the track before their race gets the initial green flag, they must return to their pits and will be scored as did not start.
- 5.** No car will enter the racing surface from the track exit. If a car enters the racing surface from the exit, that car will be black flagged.
- 6.** All line-ups will be posted at the pit tower. If driver is unable to start a race, please notify the pit steward **ONLY** within the pit tower. If driver wishes to start at the rear of any race, please notify the pit steward **ONLY** prior to the race event, preferably prior to heat races beginning. It is at the discretion of race officials if notification to start in rear is requested in time.

Safety Rules

- 1.** A driving suit of a flame retardant nature must be worn by all competitors. If the driving suit is a two piece suit both the top and bottom must be worn at the same time. Nomex gloves are mandatory while shoes, and underwear are highly recommended. Snell rated SA2000 or newer full shield racing helmet is required. An approved 2.5 lb. fire extinguisher in working order mounted within reach of driver is mandatory. Onboard fire protection system is highly recommended.
- 2.** Any car using alcohol/methanol race fuel MUST have a 2" fluorescent orange A on the driver and passenger rear window support.
- 3.** All cars must have a fire wall between driver and engine, and between driver and fuel tank.
- 4.** A minimum 3-inch wide SFI approved 5-point racing harness/belts mandatory, which includes a crotch/submarine belt. All belts that are 3 years or older are not permitted. The dates for belts must be legible. Belts must be securely fastened to roll cage with nuts, bolts, and washers.
- 5.** A made-for-racing high back aluminum seat is mandatory.
- 6.** A neck collar or HANS or Hutchins device is highly recommended.
- 7.** Window nets are highly recommended. Quick release system must pass officials inspection or will not race.
- 8.** Minimum of 4 post roll cage and 3 door bars. Pipe to be no smaller than 1-1/2 o.d. and .090 thickness. All bars must be gusseted and welded to the frame. All bars near driver's helmet must be padded. Roll bar padding and neck brace are strongly recommended.
- 9.** No mirrors allowed.
- 10.** Batteries must be securely fastened, boxed and covered.
- 11.** All cars must have a drive shaft hoop. Drive shaft painted white.
- 12.** Doors, hoods, and trunks must be securely fastened. No car will be permitted to run without.
- 13.** Driver's compartments must be fully enclosed. Complete floorboard, no holes in firewall, etc.
- 14.** All cars must have 4 wheel brakes in good working order.
- 15.** All cars must have a well marked kill-switch.
- 16.** Loose objects and/or weight will not be allowed above the interior tin or deck in the driver's compartment. Any weight added to other areas of the race car must be securely mounted, using a minimum of two 1/2 bolts through weights. Weights must be painted white and have your car number painted on them.
- 17.** Exhaust systems must be mounted in such a way as to direct spent gases away from the cockpit area of the vehicle and away from areas of possible

fuel spillage.

- 18.** No carbon fiber, brakes, drive shafts, wheels, etc.
- 19.** All drivers and cars must meet these safety rules before they will be allowed to run.
- 20.** No one should work under car unless safety stands are installed.

On Track Rules

Any rough driving as determined by track officials will result in a black flag for the offending driver. All drivers must heed the black flag. Failure to heed the black flag will result in driver being parked for the rest of the night and possibly further sanctioning as determined by the race director.

- 1.** Any cars wishing to start at the tail of any race must notify the pit steward prior to the lineup of that race. We highly recommend any new drivers wishing to start at the tail of heat races inform pit steward or race director immediately upon entering the racing facility.
- 2.** Flags
 - a.** Green - Starts the race.
 - b.** White - Last lap before green and/or one lap remaining in race.
 - c.** Checkered - End of race; continue 1 complete lap before entering pits.
 - d.** Black - Pull to infield area as soon and as safely as possible, you will be informed of the reason by an official.
 - e.** Yellow - Slow down and maintain your position, any cars being involved in causing the yellow, spinning or stopping on the track for any reason will line up at the rear of the pack. NO EXCEPTIONS. The lineup will revert back to the last completed lap scored.
 - f.** Red - All cars will come to a complete stop as quickly and as safely as possible. Any cars being involved in causing the red will line up at the rear of the pack. The lineup will revert back to the last completed lap scored.
- 3.** Any car racing on the big track experiencing mechanical problems during their racing event shall either exit the track safely or move car to the infield inside the small track. A caution will be thrown for any car stopped on the big track.
- 4.** Any car racing on the small track experiencing mechanical problems during their racing event shall either exit the track safely or move car to the infield inside the small track. A caution will be thrown for any car stopped on the small track or in harm's way on the big track.
- 5.** The cars that are directly involved in a caution during any racing event will be put to the rear of the field. Those cars collected without direct involvement will be given their spots back. Any car(s) that causes a red

flag situation will also be put to the rear if they are able to restart. The decision of the starter and race director is final.

- 6.** If driver causes 2 (two) cautions during a HEAT or BMAIN race, that driver will be black flagged and sent to the pits. His/her finish position will be determined at conclusion of the racing event. It is at the discretion of the flagman to warn drivers during the event for rough driving.
- 7.** A 2-caution rule will be in place for any AMAIN events. However, if it is deemed by race officials that a driver is driving recklessly, he/she will be blacked flagged and sent to the pits. This may be determined at any point during the racing event. His/her final position will be determined at conclusion of the racing event.
- 8.** Each race will start after one warm-up lap. All cars will enter track in Turn 2.
 - a.** For the small track, all cars will enter the track in Turn 2 of the big track and proceed onto the big track front stretch and then move to the front stretch of the small track.
- 9.** All starts will be in Turn 4. There will be NO PASSING until you have passed the orange cone at the start/finish line. No one is to race below the orange cone during the starts. Any passing prior to the cone will result in 2 positions lost by offender unless the offending driver gives back all the positions gained prior to completing the next green flag lap. It is at the discretion of the race director if those positions were given back. If applicable (and if the positions weren't given back by driver) during the next caution, the offending driver will be penalized those 2 positions. If there is no caution and the race ends, the offending driver will lose 2 positions from their finishing position. If a driver passes before the cone and overtakes several cars, that driver may be black flagged and sent to the pits versus losing just 2 positions. If a driver continues to pass before the cone in any one race event, it is at the race director's discretion to black flag and send that offending driver to the pits.
- 10.** All re-starts will be single-file unless it is a complete re-start (meaning the first lap was never completed). If the field is unable to complete one full lap after 3 attempts, the cars will be lined up single-file. If the front row of any race is unable to start evenly after 2 attempts as determined by the race director, both cars will be moved to the second row and row two will move to the front row. If it is a heat race, one or both cars will be scored based upon their original starting position.
- 11.** Any drivers stopping on the racing surface for any reason during a caution, unless told so by an official to stop, will restart at the rear of the field. The only exceptions to this rule is if a driver is in need of medical assistance, or a driver's safety equipment has malfunctioned, or a driver is concerned about the safety of other drivers due to another car/competitor having mechanical issues (i.e. leaking fuel).

- 12.** Drivers wishing to go to the pits to replace a tire **MUST** have all equipment needed to replace said tire in the designated hot pit area. Located between the exit and entrance gates to the track. Any drivers returning to their trailer will be done for the evening.
- 13.** Any driver electing to go to the hot pit will have 2 laps to work on their car before the track goes green. Once the track goes green you are not eligible to reenter the track.
- 14.** Any drivers involved in an on track incident where they are unable to continue must remain in their vehicle until safety personnel arrive. Unless the driver deems their safety compromised by staying within their vehicle. Any drivers violating this rule will be asked to leave the premises and will forfeit all points and money for the evening. Any other punishments will be determined by track personnel.
- 15.** Top 3 finishers of the AMAIN must stop on the big track front stretch with engines off.
- 16.** Top 3 finishers of the AMAIN must go to the tech area in the pits **IMMEDIATELY** following the race. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. It is **NOT** the responsibility of track officials to make sure the top 5 cars make it to the tech area.

Fighting

- 1.** There will be **NO TOLERANCE** concerning this rule. If you are involved in a fight: Throwing a punch will result in being **BANNED** from Plymouth Speedway for the remainder of the season and loss of all money, points and all point fund money.
- 2.** Anyone approaching any Plymouth Speedway Official or Staff Member with the intent to fight or anyone using **ABUSIVE LANGUAGE** or **GESTURES**, will be put on Probation and fined \$200! You will also lose all Championship points and money awarded for that racing event. Fines must be paid before being allowed to compete again at Plymouth Speedway.
- 3.** This includes all **DRIVERS** and their **CREW MEMBERS**. Drivers will be held accountable for their crew members at all times!
- 4.** No one shall leave their pit stall or approach or enter another Driver's Pit stall at anytime with the intent to start an altercation.
- 5.** Fighting penalties will be in force before, during, & after **ANY** Plymouth Speedway events Including the banquet!

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