



## 2026 General Rules For All Divisions

- The guidelines and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These guidelines shall govern the condition of events and participation therein. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE GUIDELINES AND/OR REGULATIONS.**
- They are intended as a guide for the conduct of events and are no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official. The director of competition, or his authorized designate, shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the guidelines and/or regulations herein, or impose any further restriction which, in his opinion, does not alter the purpose of the organization.
- Deviation of these guidelines and/or regulations will be the responsibility of the Speedway officials; whose decisions are final. These guidelines and/or regulations will be superseded by any guidelines and/or regulations distributed in writing or announced during an events drivers meeting.

### A. GENERAL RULES:

1. The rules and/or regulations set forth herein do not express or imply warranty of safety, from publication of, or compliance with these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of Cordele Motor Speedway and are in no way a guarantee against injury to participants.
2. These rules and/or regulations will apply to all Cordele Motor Speedway sanctioned racing events.
3. Cordele Motor Speedway officials have full authority over said sanctioned racing events and any dispute, the Race Director's decision will be final.
3. Any dispute, controversy or claim whether relating to this rulebook or alleged breach of the same, shall be settled in accordance with the existing and/or amended rules and regulations, and competitor agrees to accept the decisions rendered by such process. By competing in an event, the competitor expressly agrees that determinations by track officials as to the applicability and interpretation of these rules are non-litigable, and they agree that they will not initiate or maintain litigation of any kind against Cordele Motor Speedway or anyone acting on its behalf. If a competitor initiates or maintains litigation in violation of this covenant, that person agrees to reimburse Cordele Motor Speedway for the costs of such litigation, including all reasonable attorneys' fees. That competitor may also be indefinitely suspended from competition during the entire time of such litigation.
4. All race cars are subject to be inspected by the track Technical Director at any time during the event. The CMS reserves the right to alter or amend these rules and/or regulations in the interest of safety and/or fair competition.
5. The track fuel rule will be pure Sunoco 110 or non-ethanol 93, (no additives or oxygenated fuels will be permitted)
6. Throughout this Rulebook, several references are made for particular products to meet certain specifications (i.e., SFI Specs, Snell, etc.). It is important to realize that these products are manufactured to meet certain specifications, and upon completion, the manufacturer labels the product as meeting that spec.
7. Therefore, except as outlined under SFI requirements, any change to the product voids that certification. Under no circumstances may any certified product be modified, altered, or in any way vary from the "as manufactured" condition. Such a practice is in violation of the SFI, Snell, etc. program, and voids such certification and therefore will not be accepted by the CMS Officials.
8. Please remember that we are here because of the Fans, Promoters, and the Sponsors. If they do not benefit...we will not. While we understand that this Competition involves substantial financial stakes, there is no excuse for bad or unruly behavior, which would tend to bring the speedway into disrepute.
9. The Cordele Motor Speedway is a professional organization and will conduct itself so in its dealings with everyone, including Fans, Drivers, Team Members, Speedway Sponsors, Team Sponsors, and the Press. The Speedway therefore expects the same from its Drivers, Team Members and Team Sponsors. The Speedway organizers and officials therefore reserve the right to take disciplinary action against anyone who brings the Speedway into disrepute by their actions, either on or off the track.
10. Disciplinary action may also include, but is not limited to, the right of the Speedway organizers and officials to suspend either temporarily, or permanently, any driver, team member or team sponsor whose actions, in the sole opinion and discretion of the Speedway organizers and officials, may have resulted in, or may result in, harm or detriment to the Cordele Motor Speedway Events.
11. The Speedway organizers and officials also reserve the Right to request the removal of any derogatory or distasteful statements on any racecar or hauler. Failure to comply with this request for removal may result in disqualification from some or all the Cordele Motor Speedway Events.
12. The decisions made, and the disciplinary actions taken, by the Speedway organizers and Officials hereunder shall not be appealed by the Driver, Team Member or Team Sponsor affected thereby.
13. Any Driver entering and competing in a Cordele Motor Speedway event acknowledges and accepts the following: Cordele Motor Speedway and its officials may use the Driver's names, pictures, likeness, and performances in any way, medium, or material. Including without limitations by and through, television, radio airwave, cable and satellite broadcasts, film for productions, videotape reproductions, audiotape reproductions, transmissions over the Internet and public and private online service authorized by Cordele Motor Speedway and the like, before, during and after the event for promoting, advertising, recording or reporting in the event or any other Cordele Motor Speedway sanctioned event, and do hereby relinquish all rights there to for these purposes, provided however that the car owner and driver shall retain the exclusive use of its or his name; picture and likeness in connection with product endorsements and the sale of products, services, concessions and merchandise.
14. All the CMS contingency sponsors' decals must be placed on all cars to be eligible for all event prize money, points and/or awards. The location of these decals will be designated by the CMS. The contingency pack will be supplied by the Speedway.

### B. CMS CHAMPIONSHIP POINT FUND CRITERIA:

1. All drivers that compete in the Cordele Motor Speedway season will be eligible for point fund. We would like for everyone to attend the Awards Banquet's at the end of the year to receive banquet awards or special category awards but if you cannot, you will still receive what you earned.
2. **Points Breakdown**  
Earning Points
  - A. 100 points to the winner, 2-point drop per position.

### C. ON TRACK PENALTIES:

1. The following Penalties will be applied after normal Caution Procedures have been followed unless special circumstances apply.
2. Under Green Flag or Caution Flag conditions, the Race Director reserves the right to invoke penalties or suspensions of any Driver whose actions are deemed to be overly aggressive or fall into the category of "rough driving." Drivers will be notified of any penalties that have been levied by the Race Director. All

decisions shall be final. **Note:** This rule is not intended to eliminate competition or accidental contact; however, it is intended that deliberate contact and/or overdriving, will be penalized.

- Any physical confrontation, either on the Racetrack or in the Pits, will result in the Aggressor or Aggressors possible disqualification, suspension, monetary fine, or any combination thereof. Second or any further offenses will result in equal or heavier penalties.

**Note:** Any Driver who enters another Driver's Pit area will be deemed the Aggressor. Away from the driver's Pit area, both drivers will be considered Aggressors. Drivers should be aware that they will be held responsible for any members of their Race Team, and the above Penalties will apply even if the driver concerned is not directly involved.

- Any incidents that occur during the last three Championship Events of the Season could result in Penalties being applied at the beginning of the following Season.
- Any incidents that are judged to be "Deliberate Acts of Aggression," whether on or off the Track, under Green or Caution, will result in Disqualification. The Cordele Motor Speedway Officials reserve the right to increase the above Penalties, depending on the severity of the incident. At all Events, a minimum of two courtesy laps will be given for a flat tire. If a car is black-flagged, it will not be scored from that point on. Failure to leave the Track after being black-flagged may result in disqualification.
- "Gentleman's Tap Out" rule will be used for the race season. If a driver feels they are solely at fault for an incident, they may pull to the bottom of the start/finish line and tap their roof. At that time, only that driver will be sent to the tail of the longest line, with all others deemed involved awarded their prior position. The driver must "Tap Out" ASAP. If he/she is wrecked and cannot drive the car to the start finish line, the driver must verbally "Tap Out" FACE to FACE with a Speedway official that can radio the scoring tower.

#### D. QUALIFYING:

- Qualifying order will be reverse of practice times unless told differently at the drivers meeting.
- The invert after qualifying will be determined by dice roll by a fan plus 3 for all events.

#### E. SAFETY:

- Approved seat belts and double shoulder harness will be required, no older than five (5) years. A crotch strap will be required. Sternum strap recommended.
- Drivers will not be allowed on the racetrack at any time without proper neck restraints in place. A strap type neck restraint or neck collar is required at all times.
- Helmet should be 2015 Snell standard or better and have sticker visible for inspection. Full-face helmets required.
- Approved, clean full driving suit and gloves for fire protection are mandatory. Fireproof shoes and helmet skirt are highly recommended
- All cars must have a working fire suppression system (preferred) or, at minimum, a driver accessible fire extinguisher. Gauges for extinguishers must be easily visible for inspection.
- Side plate for driver's door will be mandatory. Must be 12 inches (12") high post-to-post, 1/16" minimum thickness steel or 3/16" aluminum and must be fastened with a minimum of six (6) half-inch bolts or securely welded to speedways approval.
- Driver's window must be equipped with safety net with quick release latch. String window nets will not be permitted. The minimum net size must be 22" wide and 16" high. When latched, the window net must fit and pull tight.
- Resilient padding designed for roll bar use must be installed on any roll cage member which can be reached by any extremity of the driver while driver is normally seated with restraints fastened. Steering wheel must be padded.
- All competing teams must possess a minimum 10 lb. Aluminum working fire extinguisher while in attendance in pits, and this item must be presented at inspection. Car number must be painted on fire extinguisher.**
- A main electrical cut-off switch needs to be clearly marked and easily accessible to safety crews. It must be located on the dash in the center in clear view or must be mounted on roll bar behind driver within reach of window. "On" and "Off" switch must be clearly marked.
- Numbers must be a minimum of 24" in height, with body of each character a minimum of 3" in width and must be professionally placed on each door. A number will be required on top, readable from the infield. A car number at least six inches (6") in height must be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the windshield.
- Roll cage must be constructed of 1 3/4" OD round steel tubing with a minimum wall thickness of .090". Three inches (3") maximum gussets measured diagonally must be welded in main roll cage area where a 90-degree angle exists or where the roll cage meets the main frame rails. The main frame rails / bolt-on clips must be steel from radiator area to behind the fuel cell.
- No part of any cooling or oiling system may be located in driver's compartment.
- Batteries must be securely fastened and mounted outside of driver's compartment or in a box with a cover.

#### F. SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

- Definition:** Illegal drugs or substances are those substances defined and prohibited by local, state, and/or Federal laws.
- Prescribed Drugs:** If a participant is using prescription drugs on the advice of a physician, such use must be reported to the director of Competition prior to the participant's Entry into track activities. Failure to notify will subject the participant to penalties as Described in this section

#### G. PROTEST:

- Only drivers or team representative may protest. Protesting drivers and protested cars must have qualified and started the race. All protests must receive the approval of the track officials. Spite or unsportsmanlike protests will not be accepted.
- All protests must be submitted to track officials in writing within 10 minutes of feature race completion and be accompanied by the required amount of cash shown below. All protest fees must be paid in cash.
  - P&G, Carburetor inspection \$100
  - Whistler check \$200 track retains \$50.
  - Top end tear down \$1250, track retains \$250.
  - Scope of the crank area \$200, track retains \$50.
  - Complete engine tear down \$1750, track retains \$250.
  - Whole Car \$1200.00, track retains \$300. (Enduro, Mini Stock, Crown Vic, and Pure Stock Classes ONLY)
  - Engine inspection \$800, track retains \$200. (Enduro, Mini Stock, Crown Vic, and Pure Stock Classes ONLY)
  - Chassis Inspection \$400, track retains \$100. (Enduro, Mini Stock, Crown Vic, and Pure Stock Classes ONLY)
  - Visual Inspection with no tools \$50, track retains all. (Enduro, Mini Stock, Crown Vic, and Pure Stock Classes ONLY)
- Drivers can only protest three times in one season and must wait three race weeks before protesting again.
- Drivers or cars found illegal to forfeit all points and moneys earned for the entire race meet.
- Refusal to comply with protest or to tear down when instructed by Track officials will result in a fine equal to protest amount, an automatic two race suspension and loss of points and moneys earned for the evening. Upon returning to competition the driver must agree to tear down after racing events for free.

#### **H. Social Media Policy Content:**

1. Cordele Motor Speedway defines social media as all means of electronic communication or posting of information/content of any sort on the internet. This includes but is not limited to your own or someone else's web blogs, personal website, social networking, or affinity website, whether or not directly associated or affiliated with the Speedway.
2. This includes but is not limited to Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Although forums may seem informal, individuals are solely responsible for what is posted online whether by themselves and/or allowing others the ability to post online content for them.
3. Any social media interaction or contribution that adversely affects Cordele Motor Speedway, other members, or others directly/indirectly related to the Cordele Motor Speedway may result in disciplinary action against individuals, up to and including exclusion from the Cordele Motor Speedway indefinitely.
4. This social media policy applies to all Speedway competitors, crew, track officials, track owners and Speedway officials. A competitor is a driver, entrant, family member, crew member (non-driver), or any other individual or entity who is a member and/or participates in any Speedway sanctioned event. All drivers are responsible for the actions of their crew.
5. An official is all authorized Speedway officers, employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors. Speedway reserves the right to apply the policy to other members as it deems appropriate.
6. Examples of inappropriate postings, statements, photographs, video, or audio may include discriminatory remarks, harassment, and threats of violence or similar inappropriate or unlawful conduct and is prohibited. Avoid content that reasonably could be viewed as malicious, obscene, threatening or intimidating, that disparages others or that might constitute harassment or bullying. Any mistake should be corrected immediately.

#### ***Be Respectful:***

If an individual posts complaints or criticism, avoid using statements, photographs, video, or audio that reasonably could be viewed as malicious, obscene, and threatening or intimidating, that disparages others or that might constitute harassment or bullying. Example of such conduct might include offensive posts meant to intentionally harm someone's reputation or posts that could contribute to a hostile trackside environment based on race, sex, disability, religion, or any other status protected by law, rule, or policy.

#### ***Be Honest and Accurate:***

Posts are "on the record" whether the online medium is public or private and is accessible to the media, public, sponsors, and other business partners and is subject to discovery in litigation matters. Rumors, speculation or information about Speedway or others are not to be posted until an official announcement, release or other post by official social media accounts have been made to the public and media.

#### ***Retaliation:***

Retaliation is prohibited. Speedway prohibits taking negative action against any member or other for reporting or for cooperating in a policy investigation. Member(s) who retaliate against another member for reporting or for cooperating in an investigation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including exclusion from the speedway.

Social media plays an integral role in reaching out to and growing fan bases, engagement, marketing, and promotion to all entities. It is a way to give fans direct interaction with the Speedway, drivers, teams, tracks, and sponsors.

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## **I. CMS RACE PROCEDURES:**

### **Initial Start / Restarts:**

1. All starts and restarts will be on the green flag by the flagman.
2. The front row must maintain pace car speed until they reach the designated line. At the line, the front row gradually increases speed staying together and will be at speed coming to the start line.
3. At no time should the front row slow after the pace car pulls off coming to green. The front row must stay side by side and at no time should second place lag back or be ahead of the leader before the green waves. Jumping the start will result in a penalty.
4. No passing or pulling out of line allowed until you reach the S/F line.
5. If a caution occurs before the leader completes the first lap of the race, there will be a complete restart. All cars retain original starting position unless a penalty is issued, they pit or receive assistance from the safety crew. If a car drops out or goes to the rear, the row simply advances.
6. All restarts will be double file except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at a green/white/checkered. Race Control may call for a single file restart, at any time, if deemed necessary.
7. All cars one or more laps down will restart behind all lead lap cars.
8. When 'one to go' or the directive is given to double up, the leader will choose to start inside or outside. Everyone else will double up accordingly. If you pit and are not back in your correct position when the directive to double up is given, you will start on the tail of the field, behind all lead lap and lapped down cars.
9. No scrubbing tires, swerving, brake checking, laying back, or games of any kind will be tolerated coming to the Green.

### **Yellow Flag:**

1. There will be no racing back to the caution. When the yellow flag is displayed stop racing, slow down safely, and maintain your single file position; failure to comply can result in penalties up to disqualification. We will revert to the last completed green flag lap for lineup. Three unassisted spins and you will be disqualified for the remainder of that event. Only cars directly involved in bringing out the caution will go to the tail of the field. Any cars that spin or stop but were not directly involved with the initial cause of the caution will get their spots back if they do not go to pit road. Rough driving will not be tolerated. If contact with a car causes a yellow flag and the contact is not a "racing incident," that car will also be sent to the tail. Rough driving can result in penalties including being sent to the tail of the field or possible disqualification from the event.
2. Any car entering the pits shall restart the race at the rear of the longest line of cars. Cars will restart in the order they were running at the completion of the last green flag lap. All lap down cars will fall to the tail of the field. Any discrepancies in line up will be determined by Race Control.
3. Should a car not maintain caution speed for any reason, stop or enter the pits during a yellow, it will result in lose its running position.
4. If a driver deliberately picks up positions after the yellow flag is displayed, they will be penalized at minimum two positions.
5. If you stop on track or intentionally create a caution you will lose a minimum of two laps naturally or by penalty.
6. No scuffing tires in the area of on-track safety workers. You will only receive one warning before being parked for the rest of the event.
7. Officials reserve the right to utilize the yellow to check cars that being considered for a black flag (leaks, smoke, or sparks, etc.). After they are checked, if okay - they keep their position.
8. Pit crews are not allowed on the track and drivers may not repair or adjust their cars while on track unless Race Control directs otherwise.
9. The last 10 laps will be green flag laps with the initial yellow counting.

### **Red Flag:**

1. Stop in a safe/quick manner—if a car does not re-start on its own, it will be pushed started and you will maintain your position.
2. You may work on cars during red flag conditions after being authorized by race control.
3. Positions will revert back to the previously completed green or yellow flag lap. Those deemed part of the occurrence that caused the Red Flag, or cars that pit, will be positioned at the rear of the field.

### **Free Pass Award:**

1. On any yellow flag, except for the final 10 laps, the first car, a lap down based on the last completed green flag lap, will be instructed to fall to the tail of the field and credited back one (1) lap. Any car causing or involved in a yellow will not be the recipient of the "free pass" and there will be no free pass on that caution.

### **Lap Cars:**

1. Lapped cars must choose the designated lane and not race the leader. Lapped cars must treat all lead lap cars with the same respect.

### **Finish:**

1. Once the white flag is displayed, we are coming to the checkered flag unless the track is blocked.
2. If we go yellow or red after the leader takes the white, we will finish with a green/white/checkered, with a maximum (2) attempts.
3. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at the green/white/checkered - once the field receives the green flag, and crosses the S/F Line, the race will be complete if the yellow is displayed; those remaining are to slow and proceed with caution. The remaining cars would be scored in the position they last held at the S/Line minus cars involved in the caution and race is over.
4. Top 5 will go directly to Victory Lane for trophies and interviews. The driver must always stay with the car. The driver must drive car to scales or you could be penalized.

### **Contact:**

1. Race control will determine if a penalty will be imposed if there is contact between competitors. If a driver is penalized for rough driving, he/she will restart at the tail end of the field behind all cars on the next restart after the penalty or could be parked for the remainder of event.
2. Any competitor having contact with the race leader, resulting in the leader spinning and/or being eliminated from competition will be penalized. Race Control has the right to rescind this policy over the radio (before an incident happens) if the leader is considered to be blocking; in which case the above Contact Rule #1 will be enforced.
3. "Gentleman's Tap Out" rule will be used. If a driver feels they are solely at fault for an incident, they may pull to the bottom of the start/finish line and tap their roof. At that time, only that driver will be sent to the tail of the longest line, with all others deemed involved awarded their prior position. The driver must "Tap Out" ASAP. If he/she is wrecked and cannot drive the car to the start finish line, the driver must verbally "Tap Out" FACE to FACE with a series official that can radio the scoring tower.

**Qualifying Policy:** You may not drive your car counter on the track prior to taking the green during qualifying – however, you may drive counter if you spin after taking the Green. Violation will result in losing the fastest of your two qualifying laps.

**ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE A WORKING FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN THEIR PIT STALL AND PIT BOX.**