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## Hagerstown Speedway 2012

### RULE BOOK DISCLAIMER

Some items do not apply to all classes.

The rules and regulations set forth herein are designated to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish acceptable requirements for such events.

These rules shall govern the condition of all events and by participation in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules.

No expressed or implied warrant of safety shall result from publications of or compliance with these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are, in no way, a guarantee against injury or death to participant, spectator, official or track employee.

The track/track officials shall be empowered to permit minor deviations from any of the specifications herein, or impose any further restrictions that, in their opinion, do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements.

No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from such alteration of specifications.

Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final, without appeal.

If there is a disagreement or dispute regarding the meaning or application of the Hagerstown Speedway Rules, the interpretation and application by the appropriate Hagerstown Speedway Official at the track shall prevail.

Hagerstown Speedway Officials may make special rules for an event due to extraordinary conditions. Such special rules shall apply to the conduct of that event if they are published or announced prior to the commencement of the event by means of a bulletin, newsletter, telephone, fax, or pre-race meeting. Hagerstown Speedway may also amend current rules as deemed necessary.

Hagerstown Speedway assumes no responsibility for damage or loss of your equipment, vehicle, or any parts by any means whatsoever.

### --- THE MANAGEMENT OF HAGERSTOWN SPEEDWAY

#### **General Rules**

It is our goal to provide you with the safest, most competitive racing environment possible.

It is up to the registered car owner to assure that their crew(s) complies with these rules.

If an official observes any inadequacy in a competitor's racecar, equipment, or conduct, the official may take whatever action he deems necessary to correct such inadequacy. Such action may include but is not limited to, physical examinations, medical determinations, and car or driver disqualification and or suspension.

Only race cars, official equipment and one (1) authorized vehicle per racing car are permitted in the pits during the running of the races. All other equipment must be moved outside the track and pit area before the running of the first event. Anyone not complying with this order will be disqualified and the car he or she is with will not be able to run until compliance is met. Vehicles including towing equipment, wreckers, push trucks, and all other equipment located in the area or restricted parking area are not covered by insurance.

Every person or group of persons who enter into the pit and racing area, or participates in competitions sanctioned or promoted by the Association or Corporations does acknowledge, represent, and warrants that he has read, understands and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations in their entirety as set down by the promoters and/or officials in charge of the racing programs under these rules, and that his application for membership or permission to participate or enter the grounds shall constitute his acceptance of the same.

The Association or Corporations do not desire nor propose to establish a monopoly in automotive competition, and no person may be a member or participate in any of its activities in any way except of his own free will.

The official's interpretation of these rules shall be accepted as binding.

By entering a race, competitors indicate that they are aware that auto racing involves risks and assume these risks with full awareness and knowledge.

Through your membership, license, and/or registration, you have been given the authority and the privilege to be on this property, in conjunction with racing activities. However, the administration of Hagerstown Speedway reserves the right to revoke / cancel this privilege at any time that it is felt that your presence or conduct is not in the best interest of the sport of auto racing, your fellow competitors, the fans, management, or employees of Hagerstown Speedway.

#### **Insurance**

Should you become injured at HAGERSTOWN SPEEDWAY, report to the ambulance for treatment and have your situation reported to the track office before leaving the property.

At each racing program, a pit insurance fee will be charged. Payment of this fee, plus the affixing of each participants personal signature, on the pit register and release; releases the Association, Corporations, Promoters, and Officials from any and all liability, and makes the insurance carrier liable. Failure to remit the required fee, and personally signing the pit register and release shall nullify any and all claims against the Association, Corporations, promoters, Officials, and the insurance carrier, for death or injury incurred prior to, during, or after the racing program. All participants, including but not limited to owners, drivers, mechanics, pitmen, equipment operators, officials, and agents of such, recognizing that automobile racing is a hazardous undertaking, assumes all of the risk by reason of his participation in, or association with automobile racing, and does for himself and/or herself, his and/or her, executors and administrators, successors and assigns, release, and discharge the Association and their respective Officials or administrators, successors and assigns from any and all liability for personal injuries that may be received, and from all claims and damages for injury to persons or property, growing out of, or resulting from race, races or any other competition of any track or tracks, equipment, cars or other devices used therefore, whatsoever.

The legal age in Maryland is 18. Any person between the age of 14 and 18 will be permitted into the pit area after completing parent or guardian notarized form. Insurance company requirements stipulate a minimum age of 14 to be admitted to the pit area.

### **Numbers, Lettering**

All cars must be neatly numbered in bright contrasting color to background color.

Numbers must appear on sides, roof, and above front left headlight.

Roof numbers should face the right side, toward the scoring tower when passing flag stand.

Numbers must be completely visible at start of each race. If number is not clearly readable from the scorers tower, your car MAY not be scored.

### **Safety**

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DRIVERS OWNERS AND MECHANICS, NOT HAGERSTOWN SPEEDWAY, TO INSURE MAXIMUM SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.

Cars found to be unsafe shall be rejected until such time as the officials are satisfied that changes or corrections and/or repairs have been made to insure required safety standards. Items of safety, here written or understood and accepted by racing people are mandatory. These include, but are not limited to the Track Specs as written, and shall be subject to change and inspection by the officials in charge at all times.

Each competitor is solely responsible for the effectiveness of personal safety equipment used during an event and is expected to investigate and educate him/her fully with respect to the availability and effectiveness of personal safety equipment.

NO driver shall compete in any event with head or arm extended outside of a closed body race car.

All cars must have an approved type safety belt and a shoulder harness such as the double over the shoulder military type with a seat belt quick disconnect fastener (short belt). Seat belts must be installed at a 45 degree angle to driver's hips. All belts and harnesses must

be secured to the framework of the car, have frequent inspections and be kept in sound condition at all times. All belts shall be of the quick release type, no thread through type belts will be permitted. Installation per manufacturer's specifications. All safety belt equipment must be no more than three years old.

NO race car shall enter the racing premises until the track surface has opened unless otherwise invited by an official.

NO PASSENGERS will be permitted to ride on the INSIDE OR OUTSIDE of a race car/truck at any time.

It is recommended that the foot feed or gas pedal have a strap or stirrup arrangement on it so that if the gas pedal sticks, it may be brought back up.

WINDOW NETS are mandatory for Pure Stocks and Hobby Stock Cruisers, arm restraints highly recommended.

Fire resistant suits are mandatory. Double layer HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Fire resistant gloves & shoes are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Drivers must wear a helmet carrying at least a valid SA 2000 standard SNELL at all times on the race track. Any modification to the helmet, for any purpose, should not detract from its effectiveness.

All drivers must wear an approved type of racing crash helmet at all times when they are in their car on the race track. This includes warm-up periods and competitive events.

A master kill switch shall be placed on the rear speaker deck of all Hagerstown Speedway Late Model Sportsman and V-8 Pure Stock race cars. This toggle switch must have a bright circle or contrasting color around it for easy access and recognition for the emergency personnel. OR RELEASES:

In consideration of entering into any of the scheduled events, car owners, drivers, pitmen or agents agree to permit the Association and its assigned the use of their names and pictures, and picture of the car for advertising and publicity at the Association or its assigned discretion, both before and after any event; and do hereby relinquish all rights to any photos taken in connection with any event and give their permission to publish or sell the same.

### **Credentials**

Credentials may only be used by the person to whom they are assigned.

### **Registration**

All drivers, car owners, and car numbers must be registered prior to competing.

A car may be registered for only one qualifying/feature event per night.

## **Pit Admittance/Sign In**

NO member will be allowed in the pit area until he or she has obtained the proper membership credentials/pit passes and has signed all the necessary releases and waivers for each event.

Hagerstown Speedway reserves the right to accept or reject entry (car/truck owner, mechanic, and or driver) for any event(s).

Any person between the age of 14 and 18 will be permitted into the pit area after completing parent or guardian notarized form. All individuals between 14 and 18 years of age must also show birth certificate as proof of age. No one under the age of 14 will be permitted in the pit area.

## **Radios**

One way radio receivers using designated track frequency will be mandatory for all racing divisions.

No two way radios, scanners, or communication devices of any kind are permitted.

## **Transponders**

Transponders will be mandatory for all regular divisions.

## **Race Procedure**

All drivers must attend the drivers meeting.

When the first group of cars is called to the staging area for hot laps please do so at that time. You will be given 5 minutes to stage. If cars are not staged within that time period you will forfeit your hot lap session and we will proceed to the next division for their hot laps. In the event that the first group on the track did not get a successful session, due to conditions, you will be given a courtesy session at the discursion of the officials. All other divisions will immediately follow the first session.

Competitors will be called to the staging area to qualify.

Late Models, Late Model Sportsman, V-8 Pure Stock, and Hobby Stock Cruisers will line-up behind the pace car in their assigned staging area. Please keep your cars as far to the right as possible in your assigned staging area to allow a lane for car in the event on the speedway to access to the pit area and return the track. All alternates must be at the staging area and remain there until the field is set. Once the field is set and on the speedway, no alternates can be added.

After it is announced that qualifying is over for a division, no more drivers from that division will be allowed to qualify.

All drivers must be able to make their designated heat/consolation to be able to compete in feature. Drivers will not be able to change heats. NO EXCEPTIONS.

All cars should be lined up for their event prior to the completion of the preceding race.

Once the field is formed behind the pace car, any late arriving car will go to the rear of the field. When a car has lined-up for a racing event in the staging area and then returns to the pits, he will be placed at the rear of the field. No work can be done to the car while it is in the staging area. It is your responsibility to see that your car is properly prepared for competition before staging. Any work performed in the staging area will result in you being penalized to the rear of the event for which you are staged.

Any car not on the track when the green flag drops will NOT be allowed to compete in that race.

If a car is unable to start a race, all cars behind that position will advance straight forward.

All initial starts will be two abreast, nose to tail. In the event of an accident or a car drops out of the event during all two abreast restarts, maintain your lane and move forward to the position(s) vacated by the car(s) involved. DO NOT CROSS OVER TO THE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, unless you are instructed to do so by the track officials.

The lead car will start the race at designated area.

The leader must approach designated start/restart area at a moderate pace and may not go until reaching the designated area. Any driver (including the lead car) jumping restart will be penalized and another restart will begin again.

When the yellow flag is displayed before the entire field completes the first lap, a complete two (2) abreast restart shall be made with the exception that any cars not completing the first lap, stopped on the track, or stopped in the pit area, will be placed at the rear.

After two (2) attempts have been made to start two (2) abreast, the officials have the option to start the race in single file line-up. Single file restarts are to be nose to tail.

Anyone jumping the start/restart, or getting out of line before the green flag will receive a penalty. Two spots for your first offence, to the rear of the field there after for the rest of the season.

Two spin/stop rule. Any car spinning out or stopping on the speedway twice, on their own, in any qualifying event, for any reason will be black flagged and sent to the pits and not allowed to complete that race.

For feature events, a three spin/stop rule will be in effect.

Any car considered as being involved in the caution, stopping on the track for any reason, or bringing out a caution for debris will go to the rear.

Any car initiating contact resulting in a caution is considered as being "involved" in the caution and must go to the rear.

Nobody shall pass the pace car at any time. Any car not maintaining racing speed may be black-flagged. Anyone deliberately delaying the program will go to the rear of the field. Additional penalties and fines for this and other infractions will be inflicted as necessary.

For a lap to count, the leader plus one car must pass the start/finish line before the yellow is displayed. Cars completing the lap before the yellow flag comes out are scored as they

cross the start/finish line. Any cars not crossing the start/finish line BEFORE the yellow flag was displayed will be lined up according to their last lap scored. Cars shall not race back to the flag stand on a yellow. Any other cars not completing the yellow flag lap shall be considered involved in the accident and placed at the rear of the line-up. Upon a yellow flag, all cars must get in single file to be realigned if needed.

After the first complete scored lap, the lead car controls race. Lapped cars shall maintain their positions in the field in event of a caution flag. Any lapped car which passes the leader and goes to the rear of the field is merely penalizing himself in that he still is one lap behind the field. Any car attempting to improve his position while running under the yellow flag will be sent to the rear of the field. Cars stopping on the track during a caution will be placed at the rear of the field.

Any car considered as being involved in the caution must go to the rear.

In the event of a pit stop during a race, cars unable to improve their position by more than one place will NOT be permitted back on the track for any reason.

No courtesy caution laps will be given for repairs.

**NO CREW MEMBERS ALLOWED ON THE TRACK AT ANY TIME, EXCEPT FOR FUEL STOPS ONLY.**

Move Over (Blue/Yellow Flag): No longer used by Hagerstown Speedway

Competitors who are off the pace should ALWAYS move out of the racing groove.

When the red flag is displayed the race must be stopped immediately, regardless of position of cars on the track. The red flag shall be used, if in the opinion of the officials, the track is unsafe to continue to race. Under the red flag, scoring will revert to the last lap completed. Under red flag condition, all repairs must be made in the pit area. If you go to the pits during the red flag, you will restart at the rear of the field. **ABSOLUTELY NO REPAIRS MAY BE MADE ON TRACK! ONLY TRACK OFFICIALS AND SAFETY CREW ALLOWED ON THE TRACK DURING A RED FLAG.**

It is illegal to make any repairs to the race car on the speedway at any time.

A black flag penalty has been assessed when the flag has been pointed, then displayed at the offending car. Just pointing the flag constitutes a warning and does NOT require the car to stop.

Any driver receiving the black flag MUST go to the pits.

Anyone ignoring the black flag, scoring of your car will cease.

All drivers must remove helmets before crossing scales.

Qualified cars plus one must cross the scale after all qualifying races.

All cars must cross the scales after feature races.

## **Driver Stipulations**

For any driver to be considered in a particular racing class or division, that driver must race in that class for at least 5 point races in one season to be consider a part of that racing class or division.

Once a Late Model or Late Model Sportsman driver participates in five (5) point race feature events during a racing season, he/she cannot move back to the Pure Stock Division for three (3) years.

No relief drivers will be allowed. Points will be awarded to driver regardless of the car that is being driven.

Unsportsmanlike like conduct, improper language, alcoholic beverages, etc., are illegal...and will lead to fine and/or suspension. Drivers and owners are responsible for their crew members and will be held accountable for any and all wrong doings.

During said event drivers may qualify more than one car. However, when a driver takes the green flag to qualify a second car, the first car that he/she qualified is automatically disqualified. Car and driver both must be qualified to be handicapped into the feature event. Two or more drivers cannot use the same car to qualify for different events during any racing program. A car may be registered for only one qualifying/feature per event. In the event a qualified driver changes cars, that car must be a qualified car and he/she will start at the rear. Points will go to the driver. Alternates are NOT considered a qualified car and CANNOT be used for driver changes.

All divisions must remove helmets and lower window nets before crossing scales, to properly identify driver.

In the event that a feature is postponed to another date after qualifying has been completed and driver of a qualified car cannot return, the car owner can replace the driver with an unqualified driver, and will start at the rear of the field. All points go to the qualifying driver. If driver and owner parts ways during this time the car starts the event not the driver. If the car owners elects NOT to compete, or suffers mechanical difficulties prior to the make up event, then the qualified driver of that car may take another car qualified or unqualified and start the event at the rear of the field.

No driver/car changes permitted after the initial green flag.

NOTE: Participants- i.e. owners, drivers, mechanics, pitmen, agents, etc., when entering into an event, are not deemed employees of the Association or Corporations, but are independent contractors, and as such shall assume and take all the responsibility for all charges, premiums, and taxes, if any, payable on any funds or prize money they may receive as a result of their participation in any speedway event.

## **Protests**

The right to protest lies with the driver; nevertheless, an official acting in his official capacity shall even in the absence of a protest take such action as the case warrants.

Each driver protest will be in writing accompanied by a \$100.00 per part protest fee and

shall state clearly the subject or action. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned to the protesting member, and the losing member shall pay all costs incurred by the officials in determining the protest. If the protest is not sustained, the \$100.00 per part protest fee shall be forfeited, and the protesting member shall pay all costs incurred by the officials in determining the protest.

Protest fees posted regarding the legality of engine capacity will be allowed to the protester in the event the protested engine capacity is found to be legal and will not be returned to the protestant.

All visual protests shall be made prior to the start of the feature event. All visual protests made after the start of the feature event will be void. (A visual protest is a protest which does not require any type of a measuring device to establish the legality of any part of an automobile.)

An award gained by a competitor who has been protested against shall be withheld until the protest has been adjudicated. All parties concerned shall be bound by the decision given. Finally, unless you are directly involved in a protest, stay out of the protest area. Give the officials and the parties involved room to work.

Safety and cost of racing equipment are two vital parts of any type of motor sport. In the current season, we will continue with our policy of using the pump to determine the size of the engines. There are no tear downs to measure the engine, unless the engine shows illegal on the pump. The owner has the option to dismantle the engine so that the officials may physically measure the stroke and bore to prove his legality.

No nitrous or oxygen type additives may be added to the fuel system

All protests will be conducted in an assigned area. The only people allowed in this area are, officials, members of the protested car, and two people who have been assigned by the person filing the protest.

Due to the high cost of racing equipment, we suggest that if you are thinking of purchasing some of the new expensive equipment not normally used in today's racing standards, check with the officials in order to determine if these are items may be barred in the future. We refer to such items as clutches and rear-end assemblies, timed fuel injection systems, etc. We feel that with the cost of owning and maintaining race cars, it is necessary to maintain certain rules and regulations.

Only the driver or car owner as designated by the 1099 form may file a scoring or race protest. All protests will be filed with a pit steward. The driver/owner will have 15 minutes after the conclusion of events to file a protest. **ANYONE ENTERING THE FLAG STAND OR SCORING TOWER DURING THE EVENT MAY DISQUALIFY THE CAR OR DRIVER.**

All disputes will be settled after the completion of the racing program, unless the matter can be handled accordingly

Any car found illegal - the fine will be equal to the amount of earnings for that night. If additional offenses occur, added penalties will be determined by the officials.

### **Conduct in the Pit**

Speed limit in the pits/infield is idle. Violators WILL BE penalized.

NO GLASS BOTTLES allowed on track property.

NO alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the pit area/infield.

Anyone using intoxicating beverages before entering into the pit area/infield, or while in the pit area/infield, will be ejected from the pits/infield and suspended.

NO person or persons involved in the racing events shall be under the influence of drugs or intoxicating beverages.

You must remain behind the white lines that surround the guard rails in the pit area while any vehicles are on the speedway.

### **Four wheeler/golf cart rules**

Any four wheeler or golf cart is not to be used for recreational purposes in the pit area.

These vehicles are to be used by drivers and crew members only, to support the team in retrieving fuel, tires, track inspection, etc.

Unsafe use of 4 wheelers/golf carts will result in team's privileges to be taken for 1 year. **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 PERMITTED TO OPERATE PIT SUPPORT VEHICLES.**

All operators must have a valid state drivers license, and be available at the request of track officials.

### **Ejection / Suspension / Disqualification / Fines / Penalties**

Any person on track property is subject to disciplinary action for any of the following, but not limited to:

- 1 Use of drugs or alcohol
- 2 Fighting
- 3 Communicating threats
- 4 Profanity
- 5 Speeding in the pits
- 6 Dumping grease or oil on the ground
- 7 Dumping tires or debris of any kind on track property
- 8 Possession of a deadly weapon
- 9 Forgery of official papers
- 10 Violation of any other HAGERSTOWN SPEEDWAY rules
- 11 Violation of any County, State or Federal Laws on the premises.

An official may eject a registered competitor from an event or from racing premises in any situation to promote the orderly conduct of any event.

An ejection is final, non-appeasable, and non-revisable.

Any participant touching an Official in anger shall be suspended from Hagerstown Speedway INDEFINITELY.

Anyone ejected from the pit area must leave Hagerstown Speedway property; you will not be permitted to reenter into the grandstand area.

Any driver, car/truck owner, or mechanic who takes part in any demonstration or fight on the track, in the pits, or surrounding premises before, during, or after a race shall be suspended.

Any driver, crewmember, owner or any person on Hagerstown Speedway property must abide by any and all State and Local Laws, anyone breaking the law will be subject to arrest. (Fighting, D.U.I., Trespassing, etc.)

Anyone entering another driver's pit area and causing an altercation will be suspended.

Anyone outside of their pit area causing an altercation will result in the driver and person involved to be suspended.

Any driver who is asked to load his or her car because of unsportsmanlike-like conduct will be disqualified.

Penalties for violation of rules may include, but are not limited to, disqualification, suspension, fines and/or loss of points, at the discretion of Hagerstown Speedway officials.

A suspension may be for the rest of the season or limited to a certain period of time. Persons suspended will be notified in writing of their penalties.

The car owner and driver are responsible for his or her race team members including unpaid fines.

Unpaid fines for crew members may be deducted from purse or point fund monies. No car owner or driver will be allowed to compete until all fines are paid and no team will be allowed to compete until all fines of any crew member(s) are paid.

Hagerstown Speedway and its officials reserve the right to impose upon any driver, crewmember, spectator or any other person on track property disciplinary action for violation of any rule or law.

Disciplinary action shall be at the sole discretion of the track and shall be final and not subject to appeal.

### **Handicapping**

When a driver signs in with the handicapper as a Late Model or Late Model Sportsman, he/she must run that class for the scheduled event. You cannot switch divisions after you have signed in.

Drivers will be handicapped in point race qualifying events according to their average point standings.

Average point standings are computed by taking the total number of points accumulated and dividing by the number of feature events the driver has competed in.

Double point events will count as two (2) events for the purpose of computing average points.

A driver must compete in two (2) events to accumulate a point average.

Appearance Points. If a driver attempts to qualify (take the green flag in a heat race) and does not qualify for the feature, he/she will be awarded 50 appearance points. This will allow a driver to acquire a point average.

Extra distance events will be double point events.

Events listed on the schedule as SPECIAL will be double point events.

The first two (2) point races of the season will have the heat and feature line-up determined by a pill draw.

All drivers must take the green flag of a qualifying race to get credit for an attempt to qualify at each event.

Drivers will be handicapped according to the last qualifying heat event entered in the particular racing program.

Cars, which have not registered one-half hour before the official starting time, will be handicapped to the rear of the heat or consolation event.

If a driver misses a race event, after the point season starts, he/she will be put at the rear of the field in heat qualifying for one event on their return.

If he or she makes it into the feature, he or she will be placed directly behind the cars that qualified equally with him/her through their heats.

For example, say there are 3 heats with 8 cars in each. The top 4 cars in each heat line up 1st -12th according to their average point standing, and that driver finishes in the top four, then he/she will start 12th at best. If the 5th-6th place cars start 13th - 18th and that driver finishes 5th, then he/she will start at best 18th.

New drivers will start on the rear of heat races to qualify and be lined up for the feature as previously stated above.

Finishing position from the consolation will set 19th thru 24th starting spots.

If no consolation race is run, positions 19th-24th will be lined up by average points and heat finish position.

Feature winners will start 12th at best the next point race he or she enters regardless of his or her point average.

Promoter and/or Officials have the option to add two (2) cars to the standard 24-car field if 35 or more cars enter an event. If 50 or more cars enter an event, four (4) cars may be added.

All qualifying heats unless previously announced will be for the following distances:

LATE MODELS-Ten (10) Laps;

LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN-Eight (8) Laps Heats or 20 minute time limit whichever occurs first, and twenty (20) Lap features or 30-minute time limit whichever occurs first.

In the consolation event if more than twelve (12) cars are entered, two (2) additional laps will be added.

If more than twenty (20) cars are entered, five (5) additional laps will be added.

PURE STOCK - Minimum of 14 Competitors for Qualifying Heats - five (5) lap heats, and fifteen (15) lap features or 30 minute time limit, whichever occurs first.

Promoter and/or Officials have the option in special events to determine line-ups by pill draw and/or time trials.