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**General
Information**



GENERAL INFORMATION

1. This general information contains the official rules and car specifications for all sanctioned events of the O'Reilly/National Championship Racing Association, Inc. Any point not covered herein shall be resolved by the NCRA Director of Competition or his appointed representative. All rules and specifications established by NCRA will be interpreted by the Director of Competition or his appointed representative and NCRA Directors. Upon entering and event, each driver agrees to abide by all rules outlined in this general information. Drivers and owners are responsible for the conduct and actions of their crew members and shall be the sole spokesman for their race team or any NCRA sanctioned track reserves the right to accept or decline any entry. **THESE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY NCRA WITHOUT NOTICE.**

CHAMPIONSHIP

1. An awards function will be held at the end of each season at which the top 10 drivers in each division will be honored. Each driver must be represented at the function to receive money, jackets and contingency awards. Drivers must have completed in at least 75% of scheduled events run in his or her division to be eligible. All NCRA year end point fund money will be split 50/50 between owner and driver. Car contingencies go to car owner, driver contingencies go to the driver unless notified by owner/driver to the NCRA office.
 - 1a. Yearly driver Membership Fee: \$50.00
All cars must display the official decals of major NCRA sponsors in order to qualify for point fund money to be paid at the end of the season. In order to qualify for contingency awards, cars must also display the required decals. Decals will be provided free of charge by NCRA.
2. At each scheduled race, a minimum of \$100.00 per car entry fee will be charged.
3. A car can enter no more than one division at each NCRA sanctioned event.
4. Each driver will be awarded one-hundred (100) appearance points if that driver appears at the race track with his race car in good working order and ready to race.
5. A driver advancing to the A Feature by virtue of his finishing position in the B Feature will not forfeit his points earned in either feature.

In the event a two-day show is scheduled and run, qualified drivers will receive appearance points for each day if they sign in on the NCRA drivers draw sheet each day.

8. In the event a two-day race is scheduled, the first day will be run with the same format as the second day with the exception that the first four finishing positions in the A Feature the first day shall be guaranteed the first and second row starting positions in the A Feature the second day.

Those four drivers may however elect to run the heat races the second day for points only if no dash is run. At the promoters option, a dash can be formed of the first ten finishers in the first night's A Feature and run the second night. How they finish the dash will determine starting positions for the A Feature the second night.

Unless agreed upon in advance by NCRA and promoter, the A feature will consist of 20 laps on half mile tracks and 30 laps on tracks smaller than a half mile. Heats will be 8 or 10 laps respectively. The purse is the minimum and certain races may pay additional money.

All cars must receive the initial green flag in order to receive points or money in that race. Any races not run or positions not started will not be paid.

The draw will close one hour before posted start time.

NOTE: In the event a track wants to run an event during a sanctioned race contrary to the format outlined above, the track operator must submit the proposed format to NCRA and participants must be given written notification of the format change when they sign in for the sanctioned event.

QUALIFYING

1. Qualifying heat races will be held at all events.
2. The car count at the close of the drawing for qualifying heats will determine the number of heats to be run. As each number is drawn for a car, that number will be posted and this procedure will be repeated until a number has been drawn for each car that wishes to compete. The lowest number goes to the pole of the first heat race, the next lowest number drawn goes to the pole of the second heat race, etc. If there is an uneven number of cars to equally distribute between heats, the last cars will be placed at the back of the lowest numbered heats. Any cars not represented at the drawing shall be placed at the rear of a heat race. Heat races will determine the starting position for the balance of races scheduled.
3. The passing point system will be used to determine starting positions in feature events. The driver will receive points for passing as well as finishing position with the driver accumulating the most points from heat races starting in the pole position. Any driver failing to draw for heat races or pack racing surface will not receive passing points, but only points accumulated through his finishing position in his heat race. In the event of a tie in passing points, the driver who first earned the points shall be aligned in front of any subsequent driver earning the same number of points. The top six (6) drivers will redraw for "A" feature starting position.
- 3a. Double file restarts will be used on feature events with the leader starting on front row by himself with 2nd place making the choice of inside row two or outside row two, with the remainder of the field dressing off second place car.
When feature gets down to (5) laps or less, lineups will revert back to single file restarts with cone.

4. A car and driver qualify as a team. Each driver can qualify only one car. No driver will be permitted to change cars after taking the green flag or his qualifying heat race. An exception will be made to this rule in a two day race.

Positions will be determined by the order in which the cars complete the scheduled distance of the race. Cars not completing the scheduled distance will be ranked in the order of laps completed.

All competition cars are expected to roll the race track surface prior to starting the program. When the pit steward calls for cars for rolling the track, he will issue a five minute call. After the five minute call, all cars shall be required to be on the race track and only those cars completing the designated laps will receive passing points in their qualifying races. All others will start at the rear of their respective heat races and will receive finishing position points only. (No passing points)

The Director of Competition or his representative will advise drivers of the make-up of the number of heat races, main events, field maximum size and other pertinent information at the drivers meeting.

The lineup posted on the pit bulletin board when cars enter the racing surface for any race shall be the final lineup. In the event a car drops out of the lineup for mechanical reasons, the balance of the field shall move straight forward.

A car can only enter competition under a yellow or red flag condition. Cars cannot enter competition while the green flag is displayed.

5. The start will be official only upon the starter signaling with the green flag. In the event a pace car is used, all cars shall take their proper position behind it. In the event a pace car is not used, the pole car will set the pace which shall be consistent with track conditions and as required to keep the field in formation. The stewards or flagman shall be empowered to disqualify or penalize any driver violating this rule.

6. After all heat races are run, the top 10 passing point cars will go to the "A" feature. The remaining cars will run consolation feature or features with the top 10 cars transferring to the "A" feature. There will be (2) provisionals making a 22 car field.

7. Any car passing pace car will go to the rear of the field, unless signaled by official to pass.

8. A white line or cone will be placed in the turn four area. All cars must remain in proper order until the lead car or cars reach this point. Flagmen will be instructed not to throw green flag until then. Any car not in proper position in official's judgment will be penalized a minimum of two positions. This penalty will be imposed on next yellow or red flag. If there is no flag after penalty then it will be enforced at the end of that race.

Any car not running at a reasonable racing speed may be subject to disqualification for safety reasons.

Any car on or near the racing surface that delays the start or restart of any race shall be immediately moved to a designated area or be penalized one lap by the steward.

9. Provisionals:

- a. There will be up to two (2) provisional starting positions available at each NCRA event.
- b. NCRA members will be eligible to use up to three (3) provisional starting positions the current racing season.
- c. A provisional starting position will be awarded to the highest point standing driver(s) not qualifying for the feature event.

10. Any car being lapped twice in any feature will be considered not competitive and may be black flagged for safety reasons.

FLAG PROCEDURES

Yellow Flag:

All cars causing yellow or stopping on a yellow, will be placed on the rear of the restarting line-up. Any car stopping while under a yellow flag unless authorized by an official will be sent to the rear.

An area will be designated (usually the pit area) for any work to be done during a yellow flag. Cars causing yellow and remaining on racing surface that are able to restart without service will be placed on the rear, in the order they were running prior to yellow flag.

Cars going to work area will be placed on the rear in the order they return to the track. No car in any division may enter a race or restart a race under green flag conditions. Anytime a yellow or red flag is used, the scorers will revert back to the last completed lap for realignment.

RED FLAG:

Cars that the red flag was thrown for and any other cars that change any tire will be placed at the rear of restarting line-up. All others will get the position they were running in prior to flag, if ready to join restarting line-up when called provided they went to designated red flag work area.

It shall be the decision of the flagman and NCRA stewards as to what cars flags were displayed for, and their decision is final.

All features will be double file restarts after one lap is complete.

Heat race restarts will be single file after one lap is complete.

If no laps have been completed and a red flag is displayed and more than one car in either row has caused flag, a new line-up will be formed of remaining cars. Any single car causing (2) yellow or red flag or any combination will be disqualified from the race in which it occurred.

RAIN OUTS

In the event a sanctioned race is rained out prior to the completion of all races and rescheduled for a later date, the entry fee shall be rain-checked for those who have already paid. At the re-scheduled race, all races shall be rerun and all drivers will redraw for starting positions. In the event no races have been run and the event is not rescheduled, entry fees and pit fees shall be refunded but each driver whose name appears on the NCRA stewards draw sheet shall receive 100 appearance points. One lap over half-way through an A feature event shall constitute a complete race in the event a race is stopped due to bad weather. If a race is stopped by use of a red flag and is ruled completed, the finishing positions will be paid according to the last officially scored lap by the leader previous to the red flag. Any car or cars causing red flag will be put to the rear of the line-up of official finish.

PROTESTS

1. Protests will be taken only from a driver or car owner and then only if the protest shall be in writing and accompanied by a \$200.00 protest fee in cash to the steward. In the event the protested car is found to be legal, the protest fee shall be given to the owner of the car protested. In the event the protested car is found to be illegal, the protest fee shall be returned to the protestor.
2. All protests must be filed within five (5) minutes after the completion of the last race of the evening. All protests shall be decided upon by the Director of Competition or Chief Steward and forwarded to the NCRA Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

No protests will be accepted on judgment decisions

3. In the event a car is protested and found to be illegal by the inspector, the driver and car protested shall have all points and money forfeited that were won during the particular race program in question and may be suspended for two consecutive race events. However, the driver found to be illegal will retain the 100 appearance points for that race program

SUSPENSIONS AND FINES

1. The President of NCRA or his authorized representatives, may, on his own or by information in a report from a track official, levy a penalty or fine upon any individual for conduct deemed unsportsmanlike or not being in the best interest of NCRA. The Director of Competition or his authorized representative shall have the authority to approve or disapprove any person and/or car for competition. Further, he shall have the authority to have removed from the premises, any persons for conduct that in his opinion, is detrimental to the best interest of NCRA and further, may hold any and all earnings of the person so charged, until such time as the President has determined whether or not a monetary fine shall be assessed against the person so charged.
2. The President or his authorized representative shall inform the individual so charged by written notice explaining both the charge and the penalty.
3. Should an individual be charged with a violation and penalized, he may appeal to the Board of Directors of NCRA in writing, requesting a hearing before the Directors.
4. Penalties authorized shall range from a fine between \$50 and \$5,000 and/or suspension ranging from one racing event to permanent suspension.

SAFETY

1. All drivers are required to wear an approved helmet, neck collar or Hauns type safety equipment and a fire retardant uniform.
2. Helmet—Snell (SA2000 or SA2500). Nomex or other fire retardant lining eye protection recommended. Body Restraints: Lap belts, Shoulder harness, Submarine strap, 5 or 6 point mandatory. Properly mounted as per manufacture. Fire Suit: Retardant driving suit and gloves, mandatory. Fire retardant shoes mandatory.
3. The use of radios in competition cars or in helmets of drivers shall be prohibited.
4. Carbon fiber products may not be used on competition cars except otherwise noted in these rules.
5. A protective device must be installed in front of driver.
6. Titanium will not be allowed on chassis construction.
7. No mirrors, radios or communication equipment allowed. No on-board computers, or any computer-adjustable devices allowed

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