

2024 Salem Speedway General Guidelines for All Participants

1. This General Guidelines section applies to each and every driver, mechanic and/or pit personnel. You are expected to understand the rules; ignorance will not be tolerated as an excuse.
2. Any disagreement over technical questions or operations will be resolved by Speedway Officials. When their decision is rendered, such decision is final and binding. Speedway Officials will determine all finishing positions and their decision is final and non-litigate.
3. Any feature is completed when over one-half of the scheduled length has been run or the event has been terminated by the Officials for safety reasons.
4. Every driver must inspect the racing surface and racetrack area to learn of any defects, obstructions or anything which, in his/her opinion, is unsafe, and then report that condition to the Competition Director. Any driver entering any racing events is considered to have inspected the track with all conditions being satisfactory to him/her. If not, he/she should not race. That further indicates that he/she is aware that auto racing involves risks and he/she assumes these risks with full awareness and knowledge.
5. Salem Speedway assumes no responsibility for damage to or loss of your equipment, vehicle or any parts by any means whatsoever.
6. Protests to finishing positions in any race event must be made within 30 minutes after results are posted. These protests must be made in writing and given to the Chief Scorer.
7. A competitor must take whatever steps are required, including tear down of car, as requested by officials to facilitate inspection of car, failure to do so will result in disqualification from that event.
8. Any racing vehicle deemed to have an unfair advantage may be required to add weight or some other device to equalize competition.
9. If rain checks are given to the spectators, all racing events, monies and points, are voided for that entire date.

Conduct Procedures

1. Upon admittance to a restricted area, all participants must conduct themselves in a manner not detrimental to stock car racing. Profanity in front of race fans, officials, management, profane signs or writing on cars, etc., will not be tolerated and may subject the offending party to penalties. Conduct in social media deemed detrimental to Salem Speedway, Salem Speedway officials or sponsors may subject the driver or team to sanctions. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND/OR CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPORT OF AUTO RACING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
2. A competitor that stops his or her car on the track to argue or discuss an incident with the starter or other officials may be subject to penalties.
3. Verbal or physical abuse of officials, including improper language or actions, will result in sanctions from the track.
4. Fighting will not be tolerated. Drivers will be held responsible for the conduct of all persons connected with their car, and violations will be dealt with accordingly. Any person from a crew, including the driver, going to another pit area where any altercation erupts, will be considered at fault and will be subject to penalties.
6. Any driver who, in the judgment of track officials, engages in rough driving, deliberately running into, blocking or swerving in front of another car - may be subject to penalties, up to and including disqualification or suspension. Any car intentionally blocking the track will subject the owner and driver to immediate and indefinite suspension from the track.

Registration

1. Salem Speedway reserves the right to accept or reject entry (car owner, mechanic and/or driver) for any event.
2. No member will be allowed in the pit area until he/she has secured a competitor or pit permit and signed a release sheet for that particular event.
3. Competitor or pit permits are not transferable and are not to be signed by anyone except the person to whom it was issued.
4. Any member returning to competition or usual occupation after injury shall be deemed, for the purposes of the Benefit Plan, to be physically fit, and further disability benefits and/or medical benefits shall cease as of the date.
5. Any member involved in an accident while on the premises and who does not report to an Official before leaving the premises (providing said member(s) is/are able to make such a report) will not be eligible for benefits prescribed under the Benefit Plan.
6. All participants are asked to please stand at attention during the National Anthem. All cars must be stopped with engines off during the National Anthem.

7. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the pit area. Anyone using alcoholic/intoxicating beverages before entering pit area, or while in the pit area, will be ejected from the pits and suspended and/or lose pit privileges. No person or persons involved in the racing events shall be under the influence of intoxicating beverages. No participant may buy or drink beer at the concession stand until their racing events are over for the evening. Any member suspected to be under the influence of alcohol may be subjected to a breathalyzer test at the request of a Salem Speedway Official and/or Police Officer acting as a representative of Salem Speedway. Failure to do so will result in an admission of guilt. If any member of a race team is found to be using intoxicating beverages in the pit area during competition it will result in ejection of the entire race team for that event.

8. All persons admitted to restricted areas of the track must obey all guidelines and regulations set forth by Salem Speedway. Each person so admitted will sign all releases of liability requested by the track.

Participants Insurance

1. No one under 14 years of age will be allowed to participate as a competitor on the half-mile track and no one under 12 years of age will be allowed to participate as a competitor on the quarter-mile track in any Salem Speedway racing division. This includes any on-track activities (practice, qualifying or races). If not a competitor, individuals must be at least 14 years of age to drive vehicles in pits or any other area on Salem Speedway property. Competitors ages 12 through 17 must have a Minors Release form signed by either a parent or legal guardian prior to being admitted to the pit area.

2. Participants legally entering the pits and/or restricted areas are covered by insurance for accidental death and dismemberment. Any questions regarding insurance coverage by the speedway should be directed to the Competition Director. When involved in an accident involving an injury, advise the Officials in charge so the necessary insurance forms can be handled properly. No claims will be considered unless reported prior to leaving the property that day.

3. Minors: There will be no age minimum for pits, but any one under the age of 17 must have a Minors Release form signed and on file prior to being admitted. Legal parents must sign release.

4. Insurance is void if participant partakes of any alcoholic beverages, stimulating, depressing or tranquilizing drugs, or is otherwise under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or is suspended or not properly admitted to the pits and/or restricted areas.

5. The only people allowed on the racetrack are Salem Speedway Officials. Everyone must stay off the track at all times unless requested by an official to assist for some special reason. When involved in a crash, stay in your car. Do not get out and examine your car while the race proceeds on the track. Pit crews, car owners and personnel related to any car are not allowed on the track following an accident or injury.

6. Do not enter the racing surface without expressed authorization. An Official will direct your entry at the track.

Safety

1. Snell 2010 or newer helmet mandatory with sticker visible for inspection.

2. Clean, fire-retardant driver uniform and racing gloves mandatory for fire protection.

3. No driver shall compete in any event with head or arm extended outside of a closed-bodied race car.

4. No race, qualifications, or practice shall start unless there is adequate safety and emergency equipment on the premises.

5. No race cars shall be allowed on track until track has opened for official practice.

6. No person shall be permitted to ride on the outside of a race car at any time.

7. Roll bar padding rules require the necessity of resilient padding designed for roll bar use and must be installed on any roll cage member that can be reached by any extremity of driver while the driver is normally seated with restraints fastened.

General Racing Procedures

1. All driver changes must be reported to the Pit Steward prior to the car going on the track to line up. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the car.

2. When a driver change is made, other than the driver who qualified for that program, the car must start at the rear of the field. If a driver change is made during an event, that car must start at the rear of the field.

3. The Starter and Race Director has the authority to start any event whether all cars called to the track are ready or not. Cars will be given a three-minute time limit to be on the track and ready to race.

Practice: The amount of practice will be determined by number of divisions present, type of divisions present, weather conditions and track situations.

Qualifying: For Individual Car Qualifying Drivers will receive one warm-up lap and one qualifying lap, as long as they are in line when qualifying begins. Group Qualifying will be used for the majority of the track divisions in an effort to save time as a designated Practice/Group Qualifying session. In the event of identical qualifying times, the position will go to the car that qualifies before the other. A driver may qualify only one car per division and a car may be qualified only one time per program. If a car is scratched, a driver may qualify another car. Qualifying will determine line-ups for heats, last-chance races and feature events. The fast qualifier will roll one dice for the feature event's invert, 4, 5, or 6.

Previous feature winner starts behind the invert. Cars arriving after qualifying is completed will have to start on the tail of any racing events. Remember, heat races and/or last chance races may not pay anything, but you must start the heat race and/or last chance race if necessary, to retain your starting position in the feature. Feature event lengths will vary between series and events, check the day's schedule.

Line-Ups: Line-ups will be posted for each division at their designated areas. It is the responsibility of the drivers to check his/her starting positions and be ready to race when called for an event. The program will not be held up for an empty slot in the line-up; the race will begin without them. Cars not ready to race may be placed at the rear of the line up or disqualified from the event. All cars not in place when the Race Director gives the command to roll the field will be placed at the tail of the field. Anyone that goes back to his/her pit area after the first car rolls will be placed at the tail of the field. If anyone scratches from the field after the official line-up is set, cars will move straight ahead to fill vacant position. It is your responsibility to see that your car is legal. No equipment will be considered as having been approved by reason of having passed through tech inspection unobserved.

Car Numbers

1. All numbers must be at least 24 inches tall and it is recommended that the total width of each number be 50% of the height. All features of each number must be a minimum of 4 inches wide. Number must be on both doors and on top with number readable from outside of track. Number must also appear in the upper right-hand corner of the windshield. This number must be at least 6 inches tall.
2. All numbers must be applied in bold, contrasting colors. No reflective mirror material. All cars must have a number assigned to the driver at all times.
3. Once a car has entered the pit area for a race program the number cannot be changed or assigned to another car except by Officials to avoid duplications. No backup cars. Cars must be entered with driver and situated in pit area to be eligible for competition.

Point Distribution

Qualifying: 1st – 5, 2nd – 4, 3rd – 3, 4th – 2, 5th – 1

Feature: 1st – 100, 2nd – 97, 3rd – 94, 4th – 92, 5th – 90, 6th – 88, 7th – 86, 8th – 84, 9th – 82, - 10th – 80, 11th – 78, 12th – 76, 13th – 74, 14th – 72, 15th – 70, 16th – 68, 17th – 66, 18th – 64, 19th – 62, 20th – 60, 21st – 58, 22nd – 56, 23rd – 54, 24th – 52 – 25th - thru the rest of the field 50 (Show up points without racing 25)

Prize money and contingency awards will be paid to the owner of the participating car number unless otherwise directed.

Any car that loses a wheel, has a door, hood or trunk lid come off or open, or is dragging any part or component, or loose door bars or exhaust protruding in width outward from the car will be black flagged.

One person must stay with a wrecked car to assist the wrecker driver.

No cars or haulers will be permitted to leave or enter the pit area until the last race is over.

Tow-rigs will be prohibited from entering pit area after practice has started.

No firearms are allowed in the pit area