



2020 General Rules

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General Disclaimers

- The rules set forth herein are designed 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 racing events. To participate in said events, participants must comply with these rules. The rules set forth shall be effective for Hawkeye Downs Speedway's 2020 racing season. Management reserves the right to amend, alter, suspend, delete, or supplement these rules as conditions warrant and without any prior notice. Any changes will be posted in the inspection area and on the website. It is your responsibility to be aware of changes posted. These rules shall govern the condition of all Hawkeye Downs Speedway events.
- No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from publications of, or compliance with, these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official.
- The race director/promoter, and track officials/management shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that, in their opinion, do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements.
- Hawkeye Downs Speedway is private property. Any person on this property without the permission of management is guilty of trespassing and subject to the penalties prescribed by law. Through your registration you have been given the authority and the right to be on this property in conjunction with your racing activity only. However, the management of the race track reserves the right to revoke and cancel this authority at any time it is felt that your presence or conduct is not in the best interest of auto racing, your fellow competitors, spectators, management, or employees of Hawkeye Downs Speedway.
- Although every effort has been directed toward complete, understandable, and correct rules, Hawkeye Downs Speedway officials cannot possibly anticipate every situation, circumstance, or interpretation. The absence of a specific rule does not imply approval, consent, or permission regarding that subject. Any questions or doubts regarding that subject, and any questions or doubts regarding such matters, should be directed in writing to Hawkeye Downs Speedway officials.
- The definition of stock means "no modifications to factory parts or factory specifications."
- I acknowledge and agree I am an independent contractor assuming all responsibility for money received because of my activities including, but not limited to, income tax, FICA, Workman's Compensation, and Withholding Taxes. I warrant, agree, and represent I am not an employee, servant, or agent of Hawkeye Downs Speedway or the All Iowa Agricultural Association.
- If an owner of a registered car, I certify I have good and marketable title to said vehicle or any part thereof in the event the same is claimed pursuant to the rules.



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- I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of Hawkeye Downs Speedway now published or hereafter amended. In consideration of the acceptance, I recognize my obligations to the public and Hawkeye Downs Speedway agrees to compete in all possible events at Hawkeye Downs Speedway.
- I agree on behalf of myself, my executors, heirs, and assigns that my maximum entitlement for injuries or death which are as a result of injuries or death sustained in Speedway events shall be limited to the benefits of the Competitor, Accident, Policy procured by Hawkeye Downs Speedway. The foregoing shall constitute the maximum limit of financial liability of the Speedway for any injuries (or death) occurring to me at any Speedway event. I understand all prize money will be sent to the car owner as listed on registration.
- **ADVERTISING RELEASE:** I consent to the use of my name, pictures/video of myself, and my car for publicity, advertising, promotion, recording, or reporting and the reproduction of the same for sale and for endorsements before and after all events, and further consent to the publication or sale of the same in such manner as Hawkeye Downs deems appropriate without compensation to the undersigned.
- **RELEASE:** I hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge Hawkeye Downs Speedway, the All Iowa Agricultural Association, and all officers, directors, agents or employees of the same, all owners sponsors, or manufactures of any and all racing equipment on All Iowa's (Released party's) premises from any and all liability of any kind or character including all claims, cause of action, or possible causes of action, which may accrue to me, my heirs, next of kin, and/or personal representatives from every type of loss, damage, or injury (including death) that may be sustained by me or by my property while on, in, about, in route to, or exiting from All Iowa's premises. This Release is to be interpreted in the broadest form possible to release any and all potential claims of any kind against the Released Parties whether arising from racing activities or otherwise.
- **FINAL DECISIONS:** By signing the registration form, I agree that any controversy or claim of any nature arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement, to racing activities; or the application of racing rules to race track related activities, will be decided solely by All Iowa Agricultural Association (Hawkeye Downs Speedway), and such decisions are final and binding and are not subject to further dispute, interpretation, or court action of any kind or character-the decision of All Iowa being final.
- **ARBITRATION:** In the event of any dispute arising between the myself and All Iowa Agricultural Association (Hawkeye Downs Speedway), the parties hereto covenant, contract, and agree that such dispute must be resolved by binding arbitration on behalf of themselves, their heirs, next of kin, or personal representatives. By signing the registration, I acknowledge this contractual dispute resolution requirement and on behalf of himself/herself, their heirs, next of kin, and/or personal representatives understands, acknowledges, and agrees litigation in the courts of the State of Iowa or elsewhere is expressly prohibited as a result of this provision.



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Insurance

- Before entering the pit area each person must print, sign, and write their duty (Duty includes car number, printed name MUST be legible) on an insurance release and shall receive a pit pass which will be valid for that event only.
- The pit pass must always be visible. Anyone assisting an unauthorized person into the pit area, or letting an unauthorized person use their pit pass, will be ejected and suspended.
- When in the pit area, maintain a constant watch for cars and other dangers for your own protection.
- **Hawkeye Downs Speedway liability and medical policies are available at the pit sign-in office.**
- In the event of accident or injury at any Hawkeye Downs Speedway event:
 - Advise the Executive Director and/or Race Director immediately
 - If physically unable, a crew member or family member is responsible for reporting
 - No medical claims can be considered unless reported prior to leaving the speedway property on the date of the incident.
- Each driver is responsible for inspecting the racing surface and track area to learn of any defects, obstructions, or unsafe qualities.
- Unsafe conditions should be reported to speedway officials.
- Any driver participating in a speedway event is considered to have inspected the track and found the track conditions satisfactory. A driver that considers the track unsafe should not race.
- By participating in a speedway event, the driver is aware auto racing involves risks and assumes risk with full awareness and knowledge.
- Hawkeye Downs assumes no responsibility for damage or loss of equipment, vehicle, or any parts in the pit area.

Minors

- Minimum age for all drivers is 14, unless pre-approved by Hawkeye Downs Management. Must show birth certificate for proof of age.
- Anyone entering the pits under the age of 18 **must** have a Liability Release Waiver Minor Release Form. This waiver must be signed by the minors' parents or guardian, recognizing the danger and risk of injury and possibly death to the minor.



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Rain & Foul Weather

- It is the policy of Hawkeye Downs to complete all scheduled events when possible.
- If a program is cancelled with less than ½ of the scheduled events completed, rain checks will be honored on a future date that will be announced.
- If ½ or more of the scheduled events are completed, an event can be considered official and the remainder of the event cancelled. Rain checks will not be honored. Points and money will be paid for all events completed, make-up features may be rescheduled.

Competitor Rules

- No driver changes will be made at any time without notifying and receiving approval from speedway officials. These changes can be made at the discretion of the officials. Any driver that is not registered or changes cars without notifying officials will be disqualified for the night.
- Once a car/driver combination has qualified (time trials or heat race), that must be the same car/driver combination that competes in the race. i.e. After qualifying for a race, there will be no driver or car changes.
- A driver receives the points, not the car.
- Once a driver changes cars, he/she must finish the program in that car. Drivers changing cars cannot claim.
- All new drivers, regardless of age, are subject to the approval of track management.

Conduct

- Professional and courteous conduct is always expected from everyone.
- Anyone going to the scoring tower, flag stand, or starting line to argue a call during the racing program may be subject to disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.
- The driver and car owner are responsible for the conduct and actions of himself/herself, crew members, sponsors, and family members both on the track and on social media.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct such as arguing, fighting, reckless driving through the pits, threat of bodily harm, or improper language may result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.



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- Continued problems from the same individual or any display of weapons will result in stiffer penalties which may include a ban.
- Entering a fellow competitor's pit area causing a fight will result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.
- Statements made on social media, public forum, media, or other form that management deems detrimental will not be tolerated. This should be considered as the first warning. Such statements will result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fines.
- No person or vehicle other than Hawkeye Downs Officials allowed in the staging area or on track without permission of officials.
- No personal vehicles other than haulers in the pit area. This includes golf carts, scooters, motorcycles, mini-bikes, and ATV's unless authorized by track officials in special circumstances.
- Cooking or distributing food/drink in the pit area is forbidden until after the races conclude.
- Consumption, distribution, or possession of any controlled substance anywhere on the property is strictly prohibited.
- Alcohol may not be consumed in the pits by any person until the races have been concluded and all cars have returned to their pits.
- No profanity, profane, controversial, or political signs/logos on your car, hauler, trailer, or clothing.
- Any threat of legal action may result in that person and/or team being suspended from Hawkeye Downs.

Racing Rules

- Hawkeye Downs Management & Officials establish the length, frequency, and administration of all events.
- Hawkeye Downs Management & Officials decisions are final and binding.
- Exceptions to rules, specifications, and format of events may be made at the discretion of management & officials.
- Each event order will be posted in the tech barn.
- Drivers must sign in each event. It is the responsibility of the driver to sign in. If a driver is not signed in, they may not be allowed to race or may be disqualified.



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- Line-ups will be made ½ hour prior to race time. Any driver not signed in by that time will start at the rear of the heat race.
- Each car must be safety inspected and approved prior to its first event each year. This became mandatory in 2014 and must be done before your car will be allowed to race. Inspection forms will be used and are available to you in advance.
- Any competing vehicle that causes a safety problem or delays track activity will be removed from racing.
- Slow cars must stay **low** on the track to allow faster cars to pass on the outside.
- Officials reserve the right to start any car at the rear of the field for safety reasons.
- Officials reserve the right to forbid any competitor or car to compete for safety reasons.
- Only safety crews and wrecker crews are permitted on the track in the event of an accident.
- Pit crew members are not permitted on the track. Any member on the track without authorization from track officials is subject to disqualification.
- Drivers are required to stay in their car in the event of an on-track incident.
- If a driver exits a car on the track during a caution period, the race will automatically be placed under a red flag and all cars will come to a complete stop.
- Drivers that exit their car without permission from safety crew are subject to fines, suspension, or disqualification. Exceptions include such cases as the car being on fire.
- Drivers are encouraged to drop their window net after an accident as a sign to approaching safety crew that they are okay, especially in a multicar situation to alert safety crew which drivers need urgent attention.
- There is no time limit for heat or feature races. The track officials can, at their discretion, conclude the race on the next yellow flag for the sake of time if needed.
- Points are awarded to the driver, not the car.
- Drivers that do not make a start in the feature race do not receive any feature prize money or feature points. (May receive 2 hard luck points).



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Rough Driving

- Rough/over aggressive driving will result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.
- Contact with another car causing them to spin or crash may result in your car starting at the rear.
- Bumping or ramming during pre-race warm-up, pace laps, yellow flag, red flag, or after a race will result in disqualification, fine, and/or suspension.
- Improperly improving position on a start/restart will result in penalty.
- Speeding or reckless driving in the pits at any time will result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.

Accidents

- The car or cars deemed as the cause of the caution will be restarted, if able, at the tail end of the longest line. Fault shall be a judgment call and the officials' decision is final. Fault may be described as, but not limited to; instigating the action, result of the action, or part of either.
- Cars that stop, slow, or spin to avoid an accident and do not make contact with other cars, the wall, or foam blocks may maintain their position.
- Cars causing two yellow flags in a heat race or dash will be sent to the pits and out of the race.
- Cars causing three yellow flags in a feature race will be sent to the pits and out of the race.

Start of Race/Restarts

- Drivers must be prepared for the start/restart at any time. The field will be notified by one-lap-signal, and/or yellow lights being turned off when the cars are on the backstretch.
- There will be no shifting gears during starts/restarts for ½ mile divisions.
- For heat races, the one-lap-signal will be given coming out of staging.
- For feature races, there will be a parade/wave lap.
- Green flag will be displayed for the start. If the start is deemed not acceptable, the yellow flag and light will be displayed before a full lap is completed.



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- If the yellow flag is displayed within one lap after a start/restart, there will be a complete restart. Any driver causing multiple false starts will be put to the rear.
- If an accident occurs on the first lap, cars involved will go to the rear.
- During a yellow flag period, all drivers will slow down, get single file, watch for safety crew, and follow instructions from track officials. After the field has been reset, the race will be restarted.
- On restarts, cars line up in the order of the last completed lap before the yellow was displayed. A lap is considered complete when the leader has crossed the start/finish line.
- All restarts will be leader up front, second place gets lane choice in the second row, and so on. Double file from second row back with lapped cars starting at the rear.
- On all ½ mile restarts, there is to be no passing before the start/finish line.
- The leader occupies the front row alone on restarts unless one green flag lap hasn't occurred.
- The green flag/green light signifies start of racing on starts/restarts, cars must maintain position until green flag displayed.
- During a green flag period, cars will be allowed onto the track from the pits at the race officials discretion.

Yellow Flag/Cautions

- A yellow flag and yellow light display means all cars, regardless of location on track, slow down and maintain position.
- Under yellow, do not race back to the start/finish line. The line up is determined by the last completed lap before the yellow was displayed.
- If a pace car is used during yellow flag period, no car is to pass the pass car unless directed to do so by officials.
- Cars may go to the pit area during a yellow flag period and the car may be worked on. Upon returning, the car will restart at the rear of the field.
- Any car stopping intentionally to cause a yellow flag will be sent to the pits and out of the race.



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- A yellow flag/light displayed on the final lap will result in the conclusion of the race. Any cars involved in an incident on the final lap is subject to the discretion of the officials where the car will be played in the final finish order.
- Please slow/stop and move out of the way for fire safety to get onto the track and attend to any cars/drivers in distress.

Red Flag

- Red flag/red light means all cars, regardless of location on track, stop as soon as safely possible.
- After stopping, officials will direct competitors where to line up for restart or to proceed to pit area.
- If the red light is displayed, no cars are to come onto the track from the pit area unless directed by officials.
- Cars may not leave the track during a red flag period unless directed by officials.
- Cars may not be serviced on the track during red flag unless approved by officials.

Lay-Over Flag/Blue Flag

- The blue lay-over flag means the leaders are ready to pass you, and you need to hold your line. Continue holding this line as lead-lap traffic passes.

Black Flag

- A black flag means you need to go to the pits immediately. This is because of a penalty or a problem with the race car and will usually be communicated over the Raceiver.
- If you do not pull into the pits within three laps of receiving the black flag, you will be disqualified for the night and may also result in fine or suspension.

White Flag

- A white flag means there is one lap remaining.



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Checkered Flag

- A checkered flag indicates the conclusion of the session.
- Feature race winners should proceed to victory lane. Heat race winners do not stop in victory lane.
- Be on the lookout for officials, photographers, sponsors, and other persons after the checkered flag or celebrating victory.

Pit Stops

- Cars must go to the pits for repairs. No repairs or assistance may be made by driver or crew on the track at any time.
- Cars that go to the pit area for repairs/service under yellow flag conditions will restart at the rear of the field.
- Re-entry to the track under yellow flag after a pit stop will be at the discretion and direction of staging area officials.
- Cars that are multiple laps down, having little or no chance of improving their position may not be allowed to return at the discretion of officials.
- Cars that are deemed unsafe or hazardous will not be allowed to return to the race.
- The speed limit on all driveways and in the pits is **10 mph** at all times.
- Reckless driving or speeding in the pits will result in disqualification, fine, and/or suspension.

Technical Rules and Penalties

- Cars selected by the officials must proceed immediately to tech barn without stopping in pit area. This is mandatory for the top-four finishers in all feature races, as well as randomly selected cars.
- Only the driver and TWO crew members in the tech barn during post-race tech inspection. Other crew, owners, sponsors, etc. must remain outside the tech barn. Refusing to do so will result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.
- Any driver/crew not being teched should not be in the tech barn while post-feature tech is going on. Walk around the tech barn if needed.
- Any car not passing technical inspection will be disqualified, as well as suspended or fined if needed.



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- If in doubt a part is legal, check with the Tech Inspector prior to using the part.
- If the legality of a part is in question, the burden of proof rests with the driver to prove satisfactory and correct factual evidence establishing the origin and legality of the part.
- It is the duty of the driver/owner to know the rules of their respective series. See rules in respective series for engine penalties, other penalties, and claims.

Protests & Disputes

- Rulings of track officials are final and binding.
- Rulings on the track cannot be disputed or overturned.
- All disputes regarding tech rules, illegal equipment, must be made by the driver only. Owners, crew members, sponsors, or others arguing will result in the driver being disqualified, fined, and/or suspended.

Rules for Cars Competing in All Divisions

- No on-board computers may be used during races or hot laps. No traction control devices of any kind are allowed.
- Use of Antifreeze is strictly prohibited, and will result in fine and/or disqualification.
- All cars must meet maximum 98 decibel reading. Failure to meet decibel reading will result in a warning for first offense, \$100 fine for second offense, and disqualification for 3rd offense.

General Appearance Rules for Competing Cars

- All cars will be required to display decals for division, series, sanctioning body, and contingency sponsors as necessary.
- All cars must be neat appearing with good paint job.
- One and two-digit numbers only. Three digit numbers and duplicate numbers must be approved in advance by track management.
- All numbers must be uniform in height. No “small” first or second digits to give appearance of different number.



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- A number of at least 16'' or more in height must appear on both doors of the car in contrasting color.
- Cars must display roof top numbers of 24'' high, readable from the right side.
- Drivers are encouraged to place last name below or adjacent to the number.
- No profanity, objectionable logos, designs, phrases, or words on cars, haulers, etc.
- Cars must have hood, fenders, trunk lid, and bumpers in place to compete.
- Cars that lost body parts during a race may not be allowed to compete at official's discretion.
- Snell SA2005 full face helmet required and must be worn at all times the car is on the track.
- SFI approved NOMEX full fire suit, fire retardant neck brace, gloves, and shoes required. Must be tear free and clean.
- Fire retardant head sock, socks, and underwear recommended.
- Driver's eye protection mandatory. Full face helmets mandatory.
- Minimum three-inch wide five-point safety belt assembly required and must be mounted securely to roll cage.
- Late Models, Sportsman, and Legends competitors must use a Hans Next Generation, Simpson, Impact restraint, or equivalent approved manufacturers for the 2019 race season. This is highly recommended for hobby stocks and hornets.
- Safety belts older than three years old will not be allowed.
- Drivers side window net required – minimum 16 in x 20 in ribbon or mesh style and must be mounted so latch is at top front of window.
- A kill switch is required within easy reach of driver or safety crew and must be clearly marked "OFF" and "ON".
- It is the responsibility of the driver to prepare a car free of defects and in safe racing condition.
- Drivers seat must be aluminum racing seat. See individual divisions' rules for details.
- Any right side headrest must be a part of, or bolted to, an aluminum seat.
- Center-top of steering post must be padded with at least 2'' of resilient material.



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- All cars must run steel floorboard under the driver; metal fire walls unless otherwise specified in series rules.
- No person as a passenger will be permitted to ride on the outside or inside of any car unless authorized by officials during certain events.

GENTLEMANS AGREEMENT 2015:

Any driver wishing to “Tap Out” and give another driver his or her spot back after an on-track incident may only do so on the front straightaway under the flag stand by pulling down on the checkered flag area & signaling a Tap on roof of car, Tap on their own helmet or the door, once acknowledged by the flagman, driver will be signaled to move on by the flagman & return to the end of the longest line for the restart. In some cases, driver may also be disqualified by being black flagged if Track Officials view the prior contact as actions detrimental to stock car racing code of conduct.



FINES AND PENALTIES

1. Penalties due to drivers, owners, or crews disregard to the rules can include fines, loss of points, disqualification, or suspensions. Each penalty is determined by the situation and may vary by circumstance. Monetary fines may range between \$100 and \$1000. Any fines must be paid by cash, certified check, or money order prior to returning to competition.

- a. Penalties

- i. The chart below applied for violations as shown. Once a penalty has been applied, a subsequent violation will be counted as 2nd offense, etc., regardless of category. Also, on championship night, manipulation of this system to improve your position in the standings will not be allowed.

1. Weight	Lbs Lite		<u>Points</u>	<u>Fine</u>
1 to 5	1 st Offense		Warning	\$0.00
		2 nd Offense	10 Points	\$25.00
		3 rd Offense	20 Points	\$50.00
6 to 50	Any Offense		2 Points per pound	\$10 per pound
		Over 50	Any Offense	DQ

2. Left Rear %	<u>up to .2%</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Fine</u>
high	1 st Offense		Warning	\$0.00
		2 nd Offense	2 Points	\$0.00
		3 rd Offense	5 Points	\$50.00

.3% to .5% high	1 st Offense		2 Points	\$25.00
		2 nd Offense	10 Points	\$50.00
		3 rd Offense	20 Points	\$75.00

<u>Over 0.6%</u> high	1 st Offense	20 Points	\$75.00
	2 nd Offense	DQ	DQ

3. Track Width	<u>up to 1/8"</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Fine</u>
wide	1 st Offense		Warning	\$0.00
		2 nd Offense	2 Points	\$0.00
		3 rd Offense	5 Points	\$50.00

3/16 to 1/2" wide	1 st Offense		2 Points	\$25.00
		2 nd Offense	10 Points	\$50.00
		3 rd Offense	20 Points	\$75.00

Over 1/2"	1 st Offense	20 Points	\$75.00
	2 nd Offense	DQ	DQ