

WELCOME TO HICKORY MOTOR SPEEDWAY!

The rules and regulations set forth herein are designed to provide drivers and crew members with a safe and competitive racing atmosphere. It is your responsibility to read these rules, understand them, and abide by them, assuring that your equipment, your vehicle, and your personal safety habits are up to standard.

We hope your racing experience at Hickory is enjoyable and memorable. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance.

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TRACK FACTS

Location: I-40 to Fairgrove Church Rd. (exit 128). Follow 'Speedway' signs from exit. Located just 65 miles north of Charlotte, NC.

History: Opened July 1951 as a NASCAR-sanctioned facility. 2026 will mark the 75th consecutive season of racing.

Track Surface: .363-mile paved asphalt oval. Turns 1 & 2 have 14 degrees banking while Turns 3 & 4 have 12 degrees.

Capacity: 9,500

Mailing Address: 3130 Hwy. 70 SE, Newton, NC 28658

Website: www.hickorymotorspeedway.com

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HICKORY MOTOR SPEEDWAY INTERPRETATION OF RULES

HICKORY MOTOR SPEEDWAY regulations contained in this book are presented in a positive manner. Final translation and rule interpretations are completely the option of HICKORY MOTOR SPEEDWAY and its OFFICIALS.

It is the racer's responsibility to keep his / her car legal at all times. If a car passes entry inspection, it is not automatically declared legal.

GENERAL RULES & CONDUCT

COMPETITOR AND CREW LICENSING: The National Association for Stock Car Automobile Racing, Inc. (NASCAR) will be the sanctioning body at Hickory Motor Speedway. All drivers must secure and maintain a valid NASCAR NAAPWS license. All NASCAR division drivers must be 14 years old or older. 14 yrs and up must secure and maintain a valid NASCAR Learner's Permit as required by NASCAR. See NASCAR Weekly Series 2026 rulebook for more details. All crew members must secure and maintain a valid NASCAR crew license. Applications for NASCAR licenses are available through the Speedway Office. ~~Limited Late Model is a non-NASCAR sanctioned division.~~ All other divisions require a NASCAR license.

"Participant" is defined as a driver, owner, crew member, family member, official or speedway employee who has been issued a pit pass by Hickory Motor Speedway.

INJURIES: Hickory Motor Speedway carries insurance for all race events. All injuries must be reported to the Race Director before exiting the track that night. REPORTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATER.

PITS: Anyone under age 21 entering the pit area must have a Minor's Release signed by one or both parents on file at the Speedway Office.

REGISTRATION: Any driver change, car change or number change must be reported at or to sign-in / scoring . Failure to do so will result in not being paid at the end of the night and no points will be issued. Drivers competing in multiple events will be required to pay a \$25.00 entry for each additional event entered.

PAYOFF PROCEDURE: Each driver will receive a check for their racing efforts (provided there is no DQ). Either the driver, the owner or a racing business may receive the check, but must provide SS# or FEIN# for the person or entity to whom the check is written. Purse checks will be honored for three months. Drivers wishing to have their purse checks mailed must notify the Speedway Office. Issuance of a replacement check for any reason is subject to a \$25.00 fee. Payoff checks may be picked up **after 3 pm** on Wednesday.

Division Sponsorships/Points Money: All Competitors must run Division Sponsorship Windshield and / or Spoiler Decals for all of the events they participate in to be eligible for any season ending Hickory Motor Speedway points fund monies if applicable. All competitors eligible for any Hickory Motor Speedway points fund and / or monies must run at least 90% of the Hickory Motor Speedway scheduled events and the Top 5 in the final point standings in each division must attend the season ending banquet to receive their awards / monies.

IRS REPORTING: All drivers earning \$600.00 or more will receive a 1099 form at year-end. Anyone receiving pay from Hickory Motor Speedway must fill out the appropriate tax forms (forms available at the Speedway Office).

DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY: Each driver is responsible for the actions of his or her crew members, family and guests. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES. IGNORANCE OF THE RULES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE FOR AN INFRACTION. We expect courteous behavior from all participants at all times. We will not tolerate profanity to discredit Officials, other drivers, crew members, associates, fans or the management; nor will we tolerate any racist or incendiary comments or threats. Any time your actions, dress or conduct are not in the best interest of HMS you may be asked to leave the facility immediately and fines and/or suspension may be levied. Weapons are not allowed in the pit area. The display or use of a weapon may result in the arrest of involved parties.

ALCOHOL: Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the pit area before, during or after any racing event. Anyone caught in the possession of alcoholic beverages will be guilty of an infraction of these rules and the driver associated with such person will be held responsible. Hickory Motor Speedway reserves the right to test for alcohol or any controlled substance at any time.

FIGHTING/DISRESPECT: Fighting or disrespect of officials, and/or security, and or HMS staff will not be tolerated. Anyone found involved in these activities is subject to suspension, fines and/or arrest. Any team member entering another team's pit area and becoming involved in an altercation will be escorted from the premises and harsh punishment will be forthcoming. **1st Offense - Could result in a minimum \$200 fine and/or probation and/or suspension from the facility.**

HITTING OR DAMAGING ANOTHER COMPETITOR'S CAR/TRUCK UNDER PACE LAPS, CAUTION OR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE RACE: 1st Offense will result in a fine (based on severity) and/or disqualification and/or loss of finishing position and/or loss of points and/or suspension and/or probation. **2nd Offense** - Minimum \$300 fine (base on severity) and/or disqualification and/or loss of finishing position and/or loss of points and/or suspension and/or probation

ADMISSION / PARTICIPANT PRIVILEGE: Hickory Motor Speedway is private property. Through your admission ticket and/or participant pit pass you have been given the authority and privilege to be on this property in conjunction with racing activities; however, the management of Hickory Motor Speedway reserves the right to revoke or 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 or the management of Hickory Motor Speedway.

Hickory Motor Speedway Management will continue to work hard and strive for a level playing field for all competitors. Professional behavior and representation by all drivers / teams will be required by Hickory Motor Speedway Management. This professional behavior and representation includes, on track, at the track, on the speedway grounds, social media posts and any other representation towards Hickory Motor Speedway, track management, officials, employees, etc. Violation of Rules Addendum 2 could result in fines, season point deductions, purse and/or suspensions.

This Rule Addendum is not in any way to silence social media, but to continue a positive move towards short track racing and attempt to slow / stop the misrepresentations made toward all short tracks.

RULES INFRACTIONS

1st OFFENSE - Any rules infraction or unapproved part could result in a fine (based on severity), loss of winnings, confiscation of unapproved or illegal part or parts and/or finishing position relegated to last place with last place points and/or disqualification with no points for that event as per the discretion of the Officials.

2nd OFFENSE - A second rules infraction or unapproved part could result in a minimum \$300 fine (based on severity), loss of winnings, and/or confiscation of unapproved or illegal part, disqualification and loss of all points for that event as per the discretion of the Officials.

3rd OFFENSE - To be determined

HICKORY MOTOR SPEEDWAY TRACK RULES

TRACK RULES: If one or more NASCAR rules are inconsistent with track rules, the track rules shall prevail. If this rulebook does not specifically state that you may change, add or alter something, then you must consider that change or modification is illegal. Ask first!

PIT PASSES: All participants must purchase their pit passes at pit registration. All competitors must be properly signed-in and must display their pit passes and/or wristbands at all times. We will sell a participant pit pass after 6pm at the Main Office for the regular price of the event.

NON-LICENSED PIT PASSES: Non-Licensed Pit Passes are sold as a courtesy to our guests who are not doing any work on race cars, or involved with the racing events in any manner. These passes are for usage by your sponsors, your family members, etc. Anyone working on racecars in any manner is required to have a current NASCAR license.

RAINOUTS/RAINCHECKS: Race day expenses are extremely high and are incurred by the speedway regardless of whether any racing events are run. When the pit gates open, insurance, salaries, etc. are set into motion and cannot be recouped. For that reason the following rain out/race cancellation policy has been implemented:

In the event of race cancellation because of inclement weather or any type of incident that may prevent completion of the racing program, rain checks for pit fees will be issued only if less than ½ of the total number of laps of the feature event scheduled for the evening's program have been completed. Rain checks will only be issued to drivers in divisions that did not complete their schedule of events and those rain checks will ONLY be honored for the next regular scheduled event for said division.

Any individual race in a program will be considered complete if at least ½ of the scheduled laps for that race have been completed

Except as otherwise provided when an event is halted, the event may or may not be rescheduled to a mutually agreeable date.

COMMUNICATION: The driver shall be the sole spokesperson for the car owner and pit crew. The driver assumes all responsibility for the actions of his or her crew, including any unpaid fines.

DRESS CODE: All drivers and crew members entering the pit area must wear shirts with sleeves (NO tank tops) and shoes that fully cover each foot. No short-shorts. Drivers must wear Hickory Motor Speedway approved uniforms and safety apparel anytime while on the track in the race car. Fire retardant gloves are highly recommended.

HEAD & NECK RESTRAINTS: While Hickory Motor Speedway does not mandate Head & Neck Restraints, we STRONGLY encourage you to wear some form of approved Head & Neck Restraint. While they are "pricey", they are much cheaper than one trip to the Emergency Room or missing work for weeks.

INSPECTIONS: All cars are subject to inspection by HMS officials at any time and in any manner as determined by said officials. HMS officials have the right to confiscate any and all parts which fail to meet applicable specifications. Failure to submit to a post-race inspection or failure to surrender parts deemed illegal may result in a fine, disqualification, confiscation of racing equipment and/or loss of points at the discretion of Track Officials. Failure or refusal to submit to a post-race inspection a second or recurring time could result in suspension for the remainder of the year.

PROTESTS: Only competitors can file Protests. The protest must be filed with the Technical Director within 20 minutes of the checkered flag signaling the completion of their event. Any competitors who have taken the green flag in that event may file a protest. The first item of a protest will be accompanied by a \$500.00 fee; with each additional protest item costing \$300.00. Exceptions will be as follows: the removal of a cylinder head or camshaft will be accompanied by a \$1,000 fee, piston and/or connecting rods will be \$1500.00 and considered one item and the crankshaft will be \$2000. Complete engine protest will be \$3,500 and will cover engine components. Any non-approved modifications to a "crate" engine will result in confiscation of the illegal part and possible confiscation of the entire motor. The Technical Director shall decide if a matter is protestable and shall inform all parties of decision. Any illegal components discovered during a protest are subject to confiscation, even though the items were not protested. If protested items are found to be illegal, protesting driver will get 50% of the protest fee and track will retain the remaining 50%. If protested items are found to be legal, protesting driver forfeits all money and the protested driver receives 50% and track retains the remaining 50%. All illegal items will be confiscated and will not be returned.

Extra fees will be charged for any items requiring off-site inspection. Fees will be based on our cost of further inspection. Protest fees must be paid in cash.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: A disqualification shall result in the driver receiving NO POINTS and NO PURSE for that particular event in which he or she was disqualified.

DRIVER CHANGES: No driver changes shall be made without proper notification at registration and to scoring tower. Drivers failing to do so will not be paid and will not receive any points.

CAR NUMBERS: The track will maintain a registration of car numbers for each division. Duplicate numbers will be allowed with a letter added that is at least 50% the height of the numbers. Track retains the right to change car numbers as needed.

RESERVED PIT SPACES: Race teams may reserve pit parking spaces. Reserved spaces will be held until first practice. HMS reserves the right to assign unoccupied space to someone else. Pit spaces may not be resold and are intended for use by driver purchasing space only. Reserved spaces will be kept for late arriving teams with advance notice only.

RACING EQUIPMENT: Competitors are solely and directly responsible for the safety of their race cars and their racing equipment. They are obligated to perform their duties (whether driver or crew member) in a manner that will minimize the risk of injury to themselves and to others. Racers are required to utilize all safety equipment any time the car is on track, whether during a race or practice.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Rookie of the Year honors will be available to drivers who have not competed in that division or a higher division of competition more than five times previously or to be determined by HMS officials. Each driver should declare their eligibility at the start of the race year. Rookies of the Year will be determined through final points standing, race finishes and conduct, both on and off track. This decision will be made at season's end by track management with selected officials and veteran competitors.

DRIVER ELIGIBILITY: To compete in a Hickory racing event, competitors must:

Have valid NASCAR license (except Limited Late Model). If requested by track officials, submit to and pass driving ability tests conducted by and at the discretion of track officials, whose decision as to the applicant's driving ability is final and binding.

Be physically fit as determined in the sole discretion of HMS. HMS may require a competitor or applicant to submit to and pass one or more physical examinations by a qualified physician(s).

Be at least 14 years of age for all NASCAR divisions, drivers must provide proof of birth date if requested.

TRANSPONDERS: Transponders must be installed on the rear end housing before you will be able to practice. Transponders are deemed an item that could be inspected. Transponders not located in the specified position may result in penalties that could result in loss of qualifying position and/or disqualification from the event, and/or loss of points and/or loss of purse. Transponders must be returned to the tech shed immediately after your event. Failure to return transponder could result in delay on purse payments.

HICKORY MOTOR SPEEDWAY RACE PROCEDURES

RACING SURFACE: No one is allowed on the racing surface at any time, for any reason unless that person is directed to go onto the racing surface by a HMS official. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE INDEFINITE SUSPENSION at the discretion of the track official. In the event of wrecks, NO ONE except authorized safety personnel and HMS Officials are allowed on the track. Let the trained professionals do their job.

DRIVER'S MEETING: A mandatory driver's meeting will be held each week prior to the actual race. One crew member from each team should attend with the driver. Roll call may be taken. Any driver not present by the roll call may forfeit one lap of qualifying, starting position and/or start at the rear of the field. Missing the driver's meeting can result in a fine of \$50.00 at the discretion of HMS officials. If you feel that you will be unable to make the Drivers Meeting, inform Track Officials immediately.

STARTING FIELD: Unless prior notice is given, a full field will be thirty-two (32) cars.

QUALIFYING: Qualifying will normally be one lap; however, two lap qualifying attempts may be given to all competitors within a division at the discretion of HMS officials. No driver and /or car may attempt to qualify more than one (1) car per division in time trials or qualifying races. Should a car spin, no additional attempts will be allowed. The Race Director shall make the final decision. In all circumstances, no more than two qualifying attempts will be allowed. If the time trials are not completed due to weather or other circumstances, the field will be lined up based on track points first, draw for first time cars, or for Special Events by the terms of the Entry Blank.

In the event of duplicate qualifying times, giving preference through track point standings will break the tie. If track point standings do not prevail, the driver to post said time first would be given preference.

START/FINISH LINE: While the start/finish line is considered to extend across pit road, during a regular Saturday night event (races of 100 laps or less) a green flag can only be taken on the track racing surface. At the Race Director's discretion, cars entering the racing surface from the pits, as the field takes the green, may be considered to have taken the green flag with the field, provided they leave the pits after all cars on the track have passed. Any cars that have taken the track during pace laps will be considered to have started the race. The line will extend across pit road on races greater than 100 laps in length when the scoring pit loop is used.

RACE DISTANCE/LENGTH: Races will be run the scheduled or advertised number of laps. Cautions will not count unless specified. All races will be run until the leader has completed the advertised distance. The race can be considered officially completed after the halfway mark has been reached by the leader, provided circumstances make it impractical to continue the race within a reasonable period of time after it has been stopped. Races stopped after the halfway point will be considered a full race. All Cautions go back to the

last completed lap, however if a race is completed to the halfway point and must be stopped, provided circumstances make it impractical to continue the race within a reasonable period of time after it has been stopped. It is the discretion of Hickory Motor Speedway of going back to the last lap or considering the event completed.

START OF RACE: Once the pace laps have begun, the race will officially have started even though distance/time are not yet being measured. Any car entering the pits and reentering the racing surface before the green flag is displayed will be considered as having made a pit stop and must start in the rear. Any car that enters the pits during the pace laps will be considered as officially starting the race and may reenter the racing surface at any time, even after the initial green flag.

LINE-UPS/STARTING GRID: Hickory Motor Speedway wants to keep the event moving along throughout the night. All cars must be lined up in their correct position on pit road before the white flag is displayed in the race preceding them. The pole sitter will choose their starting position inside/outside at this time. No other cars will have that option. Any car not in line when the white flag is displayed in the race preceding them will forfeit their starting position and must start in the rear.

MAKING UP/LOSING LAPS UNDER CAUTION: Lapped cars cannot make up a lap under caution. No competitor can lose a lap under caution. No racing back to the yellow flag. Lucky Dog may be used in special events.

LAP PENALTIES: The Race Director will assess all lap penalties.

SCORING RE-CHECKS: A request for a scoring re-check will be honored if requested within fifteen minutes of the posted finishing order. The request must be made through the Race Director. After the fifteen minute time period, the finishing order will become official, unless adjustments are necessary based on post-race inspection.

ROUGH DRIVING: In the event a driver causes another competitor to spin, HMS Officials do not attempt to regulate intent, only the results and if in the opinion of HMS officials, it was anything other than a racing incident, you could be penalized. Normally this means being put to the rear of the field, however, more severe penalties may be levied for repeat offenses or for extreme cases. This judgment call on the part of HMS officials is not subject to appeal. Any driver intentionally hitting another car under caution or after completion of race may be parked immediately, penalized position and/or fined. Any driver stopping his car and getting out on the track to confront another driver or official will immediately have their scoring stopped and be ordered to the pits.

DRIVER CHANGES: In order for a driver to receive points and prize money, the driver must start the race. Driver changes will not be permitted from the start of pace laps until after the car completes its first scored lap. All driver changes must be authorized by the Race Director.

SPOTTERS: Competitors in Late Model Stocks, Limited Late Models, Super Trucks, 4-Cylinders, Street Stocks and Renegades are required to supply a Spotter in radio contact with the driver at any time the car is on track. During racing events, Spotters are required to report to the HMS Spotters Stand (atop the Turn 4 Grandstands) before Pace Laps before their event begins. If Officials have to wait for your spotter to start the event, your car will be sent to the back of the field. It is recommended that you supply your spotter with an extra charged battery for your event. Hickory Motor Speedway recommends that all spotters monitor race control with a scanner. The track frequency is 151.655.

The Race director will review the race procedures in its entirety for each event during the drivers meeting.

RACE START PROCEDURE: All initial starts will be made double-file. The pole sitter will choose whether he or she starts on the inside or outside during the pace laps. No other cars will move. Each car should stay in line and keep pace with the rest of the field. When the pace car pulls onto pit road, the pole sitter should bring the field to the green flag gradually and consistently (no brake checking, etc.). The competitors will start the race at the second restart line together in the box. The Race Director has the option of starting the race single file if a successful attempt by the front row to start the race is not obtained. Repeated unsuccessful attempts by the front row could result in their starting position being relinquished and either or both drivers sent to the rear.

PASSING ON THE INITIAL START: On the initial start, no car will be permitted to pass to the inside until he or she crosses the start/finish line. A penalty for improperly starting the race may be imposed in the form of a black flag, requiring a complete stop on pit road. If you have made a pass before reaching the start/finish line and give that position back in turn one/two, the race director may choose to nullify any penalty.

CAUTION BEFORE ONE (1) LAP COMPLETION: In the event of a caution before one lap is completed, there will be a complete restart EXCEPT for the cars involved in the caution, or those entering the pits. They will be placed to the rear of the field. Any cars causing the race to be stopped, such as a spin out, shall be considered as involved in an accident. Any cars stopping due to a mishap and not driving immediately to the starting line shall be considered as involved in the accident. Interpretation of the words 'spin out' and 'immediately' shall be left to the discretion of the track officials.

During the course of any event Hickory Motor Speedway will not have a spin to avoid rule in place. All cars that are deemed to be involved in the caution will be sent to the rear of the field.

RESTARTS: Leaders will have the option to choose the inside/outside line with two to go (or one to go, if two not given). When one to go has been given, please keep all cars straight and up to the pace car speed. The Leader will restart the race inside the restart box in Turn 4 (lines on track – red lines on wall). Caution laps will not count on races of less than 100 laps. Races greater than 100 laps will be clarified on the entry blanks or at the drivers meeting. The competitors will re-start the race at the second restart line together in the box.

BLACK FLAG: If you receive a black flag for any reason, you must slow down and come to the pits immediately for consultation. There is NO "Three Lap Rule". Failure to honor the black flag will result in the car no longer being scored and further penalties. If the race has concluded and the driver has not responded to the black flag, the Race Director can impose penalties by removing completed laps from the driver.

PRE-RACE INSPECTION: All cars must pass pre-race technical inspection or will not be allowed to race.

POST RACE INSPECTION: At the completion of the event the top five (5) finishers must report to the scale house immediately for post-race inspection. Other cars may be chosen to report to inspection at random at the discretion of the Race Director & Technical Director. Failure to submit to post-race inspection will result in the driver being disqualified and receiving no points and no purse. Failure to submit to a post race inspection a second time or on a recurring basis will result in the driver not being allowed to compete in future events and/or being fined. When cars are weighed after the race, the only additional fluids that may be added to make weight will be enough water to top off the radiator, maximum of 2 quarts of motor oil in the engine and enough racing fuel to top off fuel cell filler and vent hose. In the event that your car loses sheet metal during the event, you will be allowed to place the sheet metal atop the car to make post-race weight. However, every effort must be made to secure or reattach displaced sheet metal to the satisfaction of HMS Officials during the event.

PIT ROAD SPEED: Cars entering or leaving pit road must maintain a reasonable safe speed in order not to endanger other teams, track officials or spectators. Obvious violations will be penalized as explained in pre-race drivers meeting. Stop and go penalty and/or a \$100.00 fine.

COMPLETION OF THE EVENT: For the safety of our competitors, it will be at the discretion of the race director to display the caution if necessary on the white flag lap. At this point the scoring line up (with exception of the cars involved in the caution) will go back to the last completed lap for a green/white/checkered finish. There will be a maximum of 3 attempts at a green/white/checkered to complete the race. In the event that the checkered has been displayed to the leader and a caution would be displayed, the race is over. The officials will attempt to illuminate the yellow caution lights indicating for all competitors to maintain their position and slow to a safe speed to complete the event and their finishing positions will be determined by the last completed lap (with exception of the cars involved in the caution) for those that had not taken the checkered when the caution had been displayed. There will be NO racing back to any flag and a one lap penalty could be issued for this violation.

2026 FUEL RULES

All competitors except HMS Renegades will be required to purchase Sunoco Racing fuel from Hickory Motor Speedway. Late Models will be required to purchase at least ten (10) gallons of fuel, **Limited Late Models will be required to purchase at least ten (10) gallons of fuel**, Trucks will be required to purchase at least five (5) gallons of fuel, and Street Stocks will be required to buy (3) gallons of fuel from Hickory Motor Speedway per race event. Track Fuel purchased during the week of the race does count towards your race night fuel purchase requirements. This is the only fuel that is allowed in competition at Hickory Motor Speedway. If you do not purchase the required amount of fuel, it will be deducted from your purse check from that event. We will no longer allow teams to carry over a fuel balance from event to event. Fuel must be picked up during that night's activities, before the last race. Any competitor caught using illegal fuel or fuel additives will be penalized.

Decisions on approved / unapproved fuels will be determined by color and testing by Hickory Motor Speedway officials. Although color is a factor, testing will be the determining factor of whether a fuel will be deemed legal or illegal. If fuel is deemed legal through Hickory Motor Speedway testing, and the color is found to be inconsistent with track fuel fines could be imposed as indicated below:

1st offense - \$250.00

2nd offense - \$500.00 and probation for the balance of the season

3rd offense - \$1,000.00 and/or suspension from future activities at Hickory Motor Speedway

Hickory Motor Speedway will not offer any fuel testing prior to the Official Testing during each event

2026 TIRES

<u>Class</u>	<u>Tire</u>
Late Models	Hoosier F-45 Star
Trucks	Hoosier F-45 Star (Used from HMS tire store)
Limiteds	Hoosier F-45 Star
Street Stocks	Hoosier F-45 Star (Used from HMS tire store)
Renegades	Hoosier 790 (scanned and recorded)
Mini Stocks	Hoosier 800

Tires raced in each division at HMS must be purchased from the track. A record of tires purchased will be kept for each division. Any tire found not purchased from HMS will be deemed illegal and the driver could face possible disqualification and/or fines.

Tires may not be defaced in any way. All factory and HMS markings must be complete and intact.

Tire softening or treatment of any kind is illegal. A gas sniffing device or a durometer, both prior to, and after any event may be used for testing. Illegal tires will be confiscated (including wheels). \$1000 fine for tire soaking.

2026 SAFETY REGULATIONS

SEATS

Bucket seats are mandatory, but must be factory manufactured aluminum and acceptable to Track Officials. Positively no homemade aluminum, plastic or fiberglass seats allowed. Seat must be properly installed and seat back-rest cannot be moved back further than the trailing edge of the door. An added padded headrest is mandatory.

HEAD AND NECK RESTRAINTS

At all times during an event (practice, qualifying, and competition), drivers should connect their helmet to a Track approved head-and-neck restraint device/system. The head-and-neck restraint device/system when connected, should be configured, maintained, and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DRIVER, NOT TRACK OFFICIALS OR THE PROMOTER, TO INSURE THAT HIS/HER DEVICE/SYSTEM IS TRACK APPROVED, CORRECTLY INSTALLED, MAINTAINED, AND PROPERLY USED.

The following are the currently TRACK approved Head and Neck Restraint Devices/Systems.

- HANS Device Professional Series Fixed or Sliding Tethers
- HANS Device Extra/Economy Series Fixed or Sliding Tethers
- HANS Device Sport Series Fixed or Sliding Tethers
- Hutchens Device Hybrid
- Safety Solutions Hybrid Pro Rage
- Safety Solutions Hybrid Rage
- Safety Solutions R3 Rage

SEAT BELTS AND SHOULDER HARNESS

A quick-release belt no less than two (2) inches wide is mandatory. Both ends of the lap belt must be fastened to the roll bar cage with high quality bolts no less than 3/8 inch in diameter. Belts must be rated SFI 16.5 with SFI 16.5 label.

Shoulder harness must be no less than two (2) inches wide and must come from behind the driver's seat. Where the harness crosses the roll cage, it must pass through a steel guide welded to the roll cage that will prevent the harness from sliding side to side. Shoulder harness inertia reels cannot be used.

A center (crotch) belt must be securely mounted to the lower seat frame at the bottom and to the lap seat belt on top.

Where the belts pass through the seat edges, it must have a grommet installed, be rolled and/or padded to prevent cutting of the belt.

All seat belts and shoulder harnesses must connect at the lap belt with a NASCAR approved quick-release buckle.

Harness systems must have the date on the belts and may not be older than 3 years. Track officials reserve the right to not accept any belts that have no date, are frayed, or stretched. Manufacturers recommend that belts be replaced every three (3) years regardless.

HELMETS

Each driver should use a track-approved helmet with a valid SA2015 or SA 2020 Standard Snell and/or safety guidelines as per 2026 NASCAR Rule Book. NO motorcycle helmets.

FIRE CONTROL

It is recommended that each car have, within driver's reach, built-in fire extinguishing equipment. This extinguisher system should meet the SFI 17.1 specification and display a valid SFI 17.1 label. This cylinder should contain a minimum of five (5) pounds of fire extinguishing agent, visibly designated on the label as DuPont FE-36 or equivalent type agent. The fire extinguisher must be securely mounted beyond the right side or to the rear of the seat.

Any car not equipped with a built-in fire extinguisher system must have a track-approved fire extinguisher securely mounted beyond the right side of the seat. Tie wraps, worm drive clamps or hose clamps are not allowed. Fire extinguisher must have a quick-release latching mechanism. All fire extinguishers must have a gauge on the bottle indicating the condition of the bottle and a manufacturer's date label certifying inspection every 2 years.

It is recommended that at all times, while the car is being refueled on a pit stop or while fuel is being transported to and from the pit area, all crew members involved should wear a fire resistant suit, gloves, shoes, and head and face shield that effectively covers the body.

It is mandatory that drivers compete in a track-approved flameproof driver's uniform as per the safety guidelines as per 2026 NASCAR Rule Book. The uniforms may either be one or two piece. No holes will be allowed in uniforms. **Track has discretion to prohibit a driver from competition if they feel fire suit is unsafe.**

No aluminum or stainless steel steering wheels.

NO antifreeze allowed in any race car.

WINDOW NETS

An approved nylon window net must be used on the driver's side of the car. The net must be raised and securely fastened each time the car is on the track. Net should be mounted so that the forward edge of the net must be equal to or in front of the steering wheel. No mesh nets.