

# HAWKEYE DOWNS SPEEDWAY 2010 GENERAL RULES

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The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. **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/General Manager and Track Officials 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.

**NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS.** Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

The rules set forth shall be effective for Hawkeye Downs Speedway's 2010 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. It is your responsibility to be aware of changes posted. These rules shall govern the condition of all Hawkeye Downs Speedway events.

Auto racing is a competitive sport, and like any other sporting event that depends on fan support, there is a great deal of showmanship and public relations required. Starting on time, running events in a professional manner, proper uniforms or attire, race cars brightly painted and the conduct of the competitors both on and off the track must be established.

Hawkeye Downs Speedway is private property. Any person on this property without the permission of the owners or 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.** Further, no one is permitted to sell, distribute, and pass out, etc., any merchandise, services, flyers, information, etc., on Hawkeye Downs property without the express written permission of Hawkeye Downs management.

## INTENT/SPIRIT OF THE RULE

Hawkeye Downs Speedway management reserves the right to determine the intent of all rules and regulations regarding the conduct of Hawkeye Downs Speedway special events and to make changes, adjustments and modifications without notice in the interest of safety, better competition and according to the size of the field, the crowd, the track conditions, the weather, tradition, local rules or customs, or other circumstances. Any situation not specifically covered herein, will be acted upon by Hawkeye Downs Speedway management and their decision is final and binding.

***ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD COMPLETE, UNDERSTANDABLE, AND CORRECT RULES, AS WELL AS THE SAME FACTORS IN PUTTING THEM INTO PRINT, HAWKEYE DOWNS SPEEDWAY OFFICIALS CANNOT POSSIBLY ANTICIPATE EVERY SITUATION, CIRCUMSTANCE, OR INTERPRETATION.***

***THE DEFINITION OF STOCK MEANS "NO MODIFICATIONS TO FACTORY PARTS OR FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS."***

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 to Hawkeye Downs Speedway officials.

## INSURANCE

1. Before entering the pit area each person must print and sign (**signature MUST be legible**) an insurance release and shall receive a pit pass. The pit pass must be visible at all times. Anyone assisting an unauthorized person into the pit area, or letting an unauthorized person use their pit pass, may be ejected and suspended.
2. When in the pit area, maintain a constant watch for your own protection.
3. Hawkeye Downs Speedway liability and medical insurance policies are available in the pitsign in office.
4. **In the event of accident or injury:** a.) Advise both the General Manager & Race Director immediately so necessary reports can be filed.  
b.) If you are physically unable, a crew person or family member is responsible for the report.  
c.) No Medical Claims will be considered unless reported prior to leaving the Speedway Property the date of the incident.  
d.) Contact the rescue vehicle driver or safety crew, and give a full report before you leave the speedway.
5. Each driver must inspect the racing surface and track area to learn of any defects, obstructions, or anything that is unsafe. Unsafe conditions should be reported to the Competition Director. Any driver participating in any event is considered to have inspected the track and found all conditions satisfactory. If a driver considers the track unsafe, the driver should not race. This further indicates the driver is aware auto racing involves risks and the driver assumes these risks with full awareness and knowledge.
6. Hawkeye Downs Speedway assumes no responsibility for damage to, or loss of, equipment, vehicle, or any parts by any means in the pit area.

## MINORS

1. All new drivers, regardless of age, are subject to the approval of track management.
2. IMCA age limits will apply for IMCA sanctioned divisions.
3. Late Model, Modifieds and Sportsmen Drivers must be 14 to compete
4. Underage drivers licensed by a major sanctioning body may be allowed to compete in Late Models and Sportsmen
5. Minimum age for Hornets is 14, subject to approval of track management. Must show birth certificate for proof of age
6. Everyone in the pits must be at least 14 years of age.
7. Anyone entering the pits under the age of 18 must have a Liability Release Waiver Minor Release Form each time entering the pits.  
This waiver must be signed by the minor's parents or guardian, recognizing the danger, and risk of injury or possibly death to the minor.

## RAIN AND FOUL WEATHER

1. It is the policy of Hawkeye Downs Speedway to complete all scheduled events whenever possible.
2. If a program is cancelled with less than 1/2 the scheduled events completed, Rain Checks will be honored on a date announced.
3. If more than 1/2 the scheduled events are completed, and the remainder of the event is cancelled, rain checks will not be honored.  
Points and money will be paid for all events completed. Double or Make-Up features may be attempted at a later date.

## CONDUCT

1. Professional, courteous conduct is expected from everyone at all times.
2. Detrimental statements are encouraged not to be made in public forums such as Internet, Media, or on the PA.
3. Anyone going to scoring tower, flag stand, or starting line to argue during a racing program may result in suspension.
4. The Driver and Car Owner are responsible for the conduct and actions of himself/herself, crew members, sponsors, and family members.
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct such as arguing, fighting, reckless driving through the pits, display of weapon, threat of bodily harm, or improper language may result in probation, suspension, and/or fine.
6. Continued problems from the same individual may result in permanent suspension.
7. No one other than Hawkeye Downs Officials allowed in staging area or on track without permission of Officials.
8. No Personal Vehicles other than haulers allowed in Pit Area. This includes golf carts, scooters, motorcycles, mini-bikes, and ATV's.
9. Do Not Run Engines during National Anthem, Pre-Race Ceremonies.
10. Cooking or Distributing Food or Drink in the Pit Area is forbidden, until after 10:00 pm.
11. Consumption or distribution of alcohol, or possession of any controlled substance, in the pit area, is strictly prohibited.
12. No Profanity, profane or controversial signs or logos on your car, hauler, or clothing.
13. Any threat of Legal Action may result in that person, and/or team, being suspended from Hawkeye Downs.

## GENERAL COMPETITOR RULES

1. Once a driver is established in a car by competing in a preliminary event (time trials, dash, heat, last chance), the driver may only race that car. If the original car experiences mechanical problems or is crashed in a preliminary event (time trials, dash, heat, last chance), the driver may not use another (back up) car. If a car experiences problems during practice and is unable to continue, a back up car may be used.
2. Drivers may compete in more than one division. Racing will not be delayed more than a couple minutes to accommodate drivers holding their starting position.

## POINTS

1. Points awarded to the driver, regardless of the car number.
2. IMCA Drivers that **earn** a spot in the feature by competing in a heat race, and do not start the feature, receive last place feature points. Non-IMCA Drivers that do not take the Green flag in a feature race **do not** receive any points.

## GENERAL RACING RULES

1. Hawkeye Downs Management and Officials' Decisions are final and binding.
2. Hawkeye Downs Management and Officials establish the length, frequency, and administration of all events.
3. Video Tape Replays will not be used to make decisions or impose penalties
4. Exceptions to rules, specifications, and format of events may be made at the discretion of Management and Officials.
5. The payoff, format, and event order will be posted in the tech barn.
6. It is the responsibility of the driver to sign in each event.
7. Line-ups will be made 1/2 hour prior to race time. Any driver not signed in by that time will start at the rear of a heat race.
8. Every Race Car must be safety inspected and approved prior to the first event.
9. Any Competing Vehicle that causes a safety problem or retards track activity will be removed from racing.
10. **Slow cars should stay low on the track to allow faster cars to pass on the outside.**
11. Hawkeye Downs Management and Officials reserve the right to start any car at the rear of the field for safety reasons.
12. Hawkeye Downs Management and Officials reserve the right to forbid any competitor or car to compete for safety reasons.

## ROUGH DRIVING PENALTIES

1. Rough or over aggressive driving may result in disqualification.
2. Contact causing another car to spin or crash may result in that car restarting at the rear.
3. Contact from over aggressive driving causing another car to crash out of an event may be subject to disqualification.
4. Bumping or ramming during pre-race warm-up, pace laps, yellow flag, red flag, or after a race may result in disqualification.
5. Improperly improving position on a re-start may result in penalty or disqualification.

## ACCIDENTS

1. Cars determined to be involved in an accident that causes a yellow or red flag, if allowed to continue, **may maintain position or re-start at the rear of the field, based upon the decision of the Race Officials.**
2. Cars that stop or spin to avoid an accident and do not make contact with other cars, the wall, or foam blocks may maintain their position.
4. Cars causing two yellow flags in a heat race or dash will be sent to the pits and out of the race.
5. Cars causing two yellow flags in a feature race will be sent to the pits and out of the race.

## TIME LIMITS

1. There is not a "one minute per lap" time limit; instead the Competition Director can at his discretion inform the drivers that the race will be called on the next yellow flag.

## START OF RACE

1. Be prepared for start/restart at any time.  
Notification will be by one lap signal, and/or yellow light will be turned off when cars are on the backstretch.
2. For heat races, one lap signal will be given coming out of staging.
3. For all feature races, parade or wave lap all divisions.
4. Green flag will be displayed for start. If start not acceptable, yellow flag and light will be displayed before a full lap is completed.
5. If yellow flag displayed after start, there will be a complete restart. Any driver causing multiple false starts may be disqualified or put to the rear.
6. If an accident occurs on the first lap, cars involved will be restarted at the rear.

## RESTARTS

1. During yellow flag period, all cars will stop on the frontstretch, be realigned and sent to turn one to wait. After the complete field is reset, we will proceed to restart the race. Any cars in the pits for repairs will be given the length of the yellow flag plus one lap.
2. On restarts, cars line up in order of the last completed lap before the yellow flag was displayed.
3. A lap is considered complete if at least 1/2 of field has crossed the finish line before caution flag/light was displayed.
4. In the event of a yellow flag with only one lap to go, there will be 2 laps remaining in the race (**Green, White, and Checkered**).
5. All restarts in all divisions will be leader up front with double file on back with lapped cars to the rear.
6. On all restarts (1/2 mile), no passing before the Start/Finish line.
7. **Restart lineup after a caution or red flag, the race leader will occupy the front row alone, except if 1 green flag lap hasn't occurred.**

## GREEN FLAG/GREEN LIGHT

1. Green Flag and Green Light signifies start of racing on starts and restarts, cars maintain position until Green Flag displayed and Green light on.
2. **During a Green Flag period, cars will be allowed onto the track from the pits, at race officials discretion only.**

## YELLOW FLAG/YELLOW LIGHT

1. Yellow Flag and Yellow Light means all cars, regardless of location on track, slow down and maintain position.
2. Do not race back to the starting line. Scoring reverts to the previous lap completed under the Green Flag.
3. If a Pace Car is used during a Yellow Flag period, no car is to pass the pace car unless directed to do so.
4. Cars may go to the pit area during a Yellow Flag period and car may be worked on. Upon returning, car will re-start at the rear of the field.
5. Any car stopping on the track intentionally to cause a Yellow Flag will be sent to the pits and out of the race.
6. A Yellow Flag and Yellow Light displayed on the final lap may result in the conclusion of the race at the discretion of officials.

### RED FLAG/RED LIGHT

1. Red Flag and Red Light means all cars, regardless of location on track, stop as soon as safely possible.
2. After stopping, officials will direct competitors where to line up for restart or to proceed to pit area.
3. If the red light is displayed, no cars are to come onto the track from the pit area unless directed by officials.
4. Cars may not go to the pit area during a Red Flag period unless directed by officials.
5. Cars may not be serviced on the track during a Red Flag period unless approved by officials.
6. Crews will not be allowed onto the track during a Red Flag period, unless instructed to by officials.

### BLACK FLAG

1. Black Flag means go immediately to the pit area. This may be for a penalty or a problem with race car, or at the request of the crew.
2. Ignoring a Black Flag may result in disqualification.

### WHITE FLAG

1. During a Race and Time Trials, the White Flag indicates one lap remaining.
3. During Practice, the White Flag indicates one lap remaining in the session.

### CHECKERED FLAG

1. During a Race, Practice, and Time Trials, the Checkered Flag indicates the conclusion.
2. Feature race winners should proceed immediately to victory lane. Heat Race winners do not stop in victory lane.
3. Be careful of officials, photographers, sponsors, and victory lane personnel when celebrating victory.

### PIT STOPS

1. 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.
2. Cars that go to the pit area for repairs/service under yellow flag conditions will re-start at the rear of the field.
3. Re-Entry to the track under **yellow** flag conditions will be at the discretion and direction of staging area officials.
4. Cars that are multiple laps down, having little or no chance of improving their position may be allowed to return at the discretion of officials.
5. Cars that are deemed unsafe or hazardous will not be allowed to return to the race.
6. Speed limit on all driveways in pit area is **10 mph**, regardless of circumstances.
7. **Reckless driving or speeding in the pits will result in disqualification, fine, and possible suspension.**

### TECHNICAL RULES AND PENALTIES

1. Cars selected by the officials must proceed immediately to tech barn without stopping in pit area.
2. Driver and only one crew member in tech barn. Other crew, owner, and sponsors must remain outside the tech barn.
3. Any car not passing technical inspection may be disqualified, fined, and possibly suspended. Additional penalties, such as starting at the rear of the field for a designated number of weeks, may be imposed.
4. If in doubt that a part is legal, check with the Tech Director prior to using the part.
5. **If the legality of a part is in question, the burden of proof rests with the driver to provide satisfactory and correct factual evidence establishing the origin and legality of the part.**
6. Tampering with Sportsmen engine sealed by the Hawkeye Downs may result in disqualification, fine, and loss of points for season.
7. See Late Model, Modified, and Sportsmen rules for Crate Engine penalties.
8. See IMCA Rules for Stock Car and Hobby Stock penalties and claims.

### PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. Officials Rulings are final and binding.
2. **Rulings on the track (Racing) cannot be disputed or overturned.**
3. All disputes regarding technical rules, or illegal equipment, must be made by Driver only.

### GENERAL RULES FOR CARS COMPETING IN ALL DIVISIONS

1. No on board computers may be used during races, No Traction Control Devices of any kind.
2. Use of Anti-Freeze is strictly prohibited, will result in \$500 fine and/or disqualification
3. Late Model Driver or Spotter may monitor VHF Frequency 151.625 (If using 2 way radio--see Late Model Rules for details).
4. All cars must meet maximum 98 decibel reading. See individual division rules for details.
5. Failure to meet 98 decibel reading will result in: 1st Offense: Warning, 2nd Offense: \$100 Fine, 3rd Offense: Disqualification.
6. Tow hooks attached to frame rails mandatory front and rear, also must be within easy reach of the safety crew.
7. Steel Lug Nuts Only. Wheel Weights are not allowed.
10. No tire softening or altering allowed in any division.

### GENERAL APPEARANCE RULES FOR CARS COMPETING IN ALL DIVISIONS

1. All cars will be required to display decals (supplied by Speedway) for division, series, sanctioning body, and contingency sponsors.
2. All cars must be neat appearing with good paint job.
3. One and two digit numbers only, three digit numbers and duplicate numbers must be approved in advance by Track Management.
4. All numbers must be of uniform height. No "small" first or second digits to give appearance of different number.
5. A number of at least 16" or more in height must appear on both doors, of the car in contrasting color.
6. Cars must display roof top numbers of 24" high, readable from the right side
7. Drivers are encouraged to place last name below, adjacent to, or inside number.
8. Must have car number on right front passenger side headlight and on one rear taillight.
9. Minimum race weight must be printed on upper front corner of driver's door.
10. **No "For Sale" Signs** displayed on the racing track.
11. No profanity or objectionable logos, designs, or phrases.
12. Cars must have hood, fenders, trunk lid, and bumpers in place to compete.
13. Cars that lost body parts during a race meet may be allowed to compete at official's discretion.

### GENERAL SAFETY RULES FOR DRIVERS COMPETING IN ALL DIVISIONS

1. Snell SA2000 helmet required and must be worn at all times car is on the track.
2. SFI approved full fire suit, fire retardant neck brace, gloves, and shoes required.
3. **Head and neck restraints are mandatory for ½ mile racing.** Fire retardant head, sock and underwear recommended.
4. Driver's eye protection mandatory. **Full face helmets mandatory.**
5. Minimum three inch wide five point safety belt assembly required and must be mounted securely to roll cage.  
Seat Belts recommended no more than 1 year old. Belts older than 3 years old will not be allowed.
6. Driver side window net required, minimum 16 inch X 20 inch ribbon or mesh style and must be mounted so latch is at top front of window.
7. Kill switch required within easy reach of driver and must be clearly marked 'OFF' and 'ON.'

### GENERAL SAFETY RULES FOR CARS COMPETING IN ALL DIVISIONS.

1. It is the responsibility of the driver to prepare a car free of defects and in safe racing condition.
2. Driver's seat must be aluminum racing seat. See individual divisions' rules for details.
3. Any right side headrest must be a part of, or bolted to, an aluminum seat.
4. Center top of steering post must be padded with at least 2" of resilient material.
5. All cars must have an approved fire extinguisher within ready reach of driver and safety crew.  
Pressure type metal containers used as part of a fire extinguisher system will only be approved for installation and discharge in the driver's compartment in conjunction with the fire extinguisher system. The container cannot be concealed in any manner.  
Limit of one container for each fire extinguisher system.  
Fire Extinguisher mounting brackets must be of the manufactured snap-band type with safety pin.  
No carbon tetrachloride Fire Extinguishers  
Fire Extinguisher must be of the air pressure or charged type.
6. All cars must run steel floorboard under the driver; metal fire walls. No tub type interiors.
7. No person as a passenger will be permitted to ride on the outside or inside of any car at anytime.