

Kalamazoo Speedway General Rules for 2016

*****Kalamazoo Speedway is a NASCAR sanctioned track and all drivers in all 6 weekly classes are required to purchase a NASCAR License before your first week of competition.**

*****Temporary Nascar Licenses are Now Available from the track on race day.**

*****Race Day & Social Media Misconduct from our Drivers & Teams – Although we all participate in a highly emotional sport, you are still expected to act professionally and courteous while at the track as well as on the non-race days of the season. We ask that you be fair & considerate on social media to all involved parties of any racing or other incident. You are the stars of this track and ultimately will be the voice of reason to the many thousands of followers; many of whom will be children! The use of Improper Language or Gestures as well as Negative Social Media Postings may result in Suspensions from Participating at Kalamazoo Speedway.**

*****If a car is involved in an accident and can no longer keep going and no extenuating circumstances exist such as smoke in the cockpit or fire, the driver should not loosen any personal safety equipment until directed to do so by safety personnel or a track official.**

2016 General Track Policy Updates (More Updates to follow in the coming weeks)

1. In the event that one or more cars cross the finish line and receive the checkered flag and then a caution comes out, the race will be considered complete. The race will then be scored as follows:

- a. The cars that have crossed the finish line and received the checkered flag will be scored in the order they crossed the line;
- b. The cars that did not cross the line before the caution lights came on will revert back to the last completed lap for their scoring (provided they cross the line under caution and take the checkered flag) with the exception of the car(s) that caused the caution and/or any car that did not maintain a reasonable speed on the last lap.
- c. Those cars will be placed on the tail of the lap they were running.

2. If any driver/car does not qualify they may start at the tail of the feature, unless there are enough cars for a last chance race, then they would start at the tail of the last chance. They also will start on the tail of the fast heat.

3. There is a start/restart box located in turn 4. On any start/double file restart the front row cars must be side by side when they get to the box. At that time the leader (control car) may decide to start at any time before the end of the box. If the leader gets to the end of the box and has still not accelerated, the flagman will throw the green at that time. The same rules apply to single file starts, with the obvious exception being that the top two cars will not be side by side. If a driver fails to adhere to the start box rules they may be placed to the tail of the field.

4. Any ties in qualifying will be broken by the driver highest in the 2016 driver point standings. The exception will be on opening night, where a tie will be broken by the 2015 driver point standings. If the tie can still not be broken then it will be broken by a coin flip (2 cars) or a blind draw (3 or more cars).

5. Any ties in the point standings will be broken as follows:

- a. Number of feature wins, 2nd place finishes, etc.
- b. Number of qualifying 1st places, 2nd places, etc.
- c. Number of heat race wins, 2nd place finishes, etc.
- d. Coin flip (2 drivers) or blind draw (3 or more drivers)

6. For any lineups during the race officials will line up cars based on the computer scoring of the

cars from the most recent completed lap, unless any obvious exceptions occur (transponder didn't pick up, etc.). The car(s) causing the caution flag will be put to the tail. On the last lap and ONLY for the victory officials will use all necessary means (scoring system, videos, photos, etc.) to determine the winner.

7. Every race (with the exception of the main event for the program) will have a time limit of one minute per lap. With that said, no race will be called official before reaching the halfway point. If a race has reached its time limit and half of the race or more has been completed the next caution will end the race. Final scoring will revert back to the last completed lap with the caution car(s) being moved to the tail of their lap. If the caution is out when the time limit is reached and half of the race or more has been completed then there will be one more attempt to complete the race and the next caution will end the race, if it comes before the scheduled distance.

8. In the event that weather or some other factor causes the program to be cancelled, the race on the track would be considered complete and official if it has reached the halfway point.

9. In the event that weather or some other factor causes a program to be cancelled part of the way through, points will be given for all completed events. For example if qualifying was complete, 2 divisions had run their heats and the third division had run one of their two heats then complete points would be given for qualifying, as well as heat race points for the divisions that completed their heat races. Heat points would not be given for the division that only completed one of their two heats.

10. Transponders must be run at all times while on the track. If a car does not have a transponder on at any time the car will be black flagged and will not be allowed back on the track until the transponder has been put on the car.

11. Outlaw Super Late Models ONLY - The top running eligible lapped car at each caution will receive the "Lucky Dog Free Pass". A car is not eligible to receive the "Lucky Dog Free Pass" when, in judgment of the officials, 1) The car caused the caution 2) The car was in the pit area when the caution came out or 3) The car has been penalized with a discretionary call. In the case of a discretionary penalty, it will be made known to the competitor, at the time the discretionary penalty is imposed, that the car will not be eligible to receive the "Lucky Dog Free Pass" to make up the penalized lap(s). Transferring the "Lucky Dog Free Pass" will only occur when the first eligible car becomes ineligible to receive the "Lucky Dog Free Pass" because of a discretionary penalty, because the car pitted under the caution or because the first eligible car is not in competition at the time the yellow flag is displayed. Then the "Lucky Dog Free Pass" will be transferred to the next eligible car. There will not be a lucky dog on a "false start".

12. Outlaw Super Late Models ONLY - All Double File restarts, even in the Last Chance race. The leader will choose their lane and the second place car will fill the other position on the front row. Starting with 3rd place on back odd numbered positions will line up on the inside and even numbered positions will line up on the outside. In the event there is a car being sent to the tail, a lucky dog and a car coming out of the pits, they will be lined up in that order. All cars on the lead lap will restart ahead of all lapped cars, provided they are on the track when the double up is called for by the race director. Lapped cars will line up behind the lead lap cars in the order they were running on the racetrack at the time of the caution, not necessarily in the order they are running in the race.

*****100 Decibel Noise Limit on all Cars-No Exceptions! All Exhaust will exit below the car in all classes – NO Exhaust exiting out the door.**

Raceceiver's are required for all cars in our six weekly divisions. These are not optional, as any car caught racing without a Raceceiver will be black flagged and done competing in that event. These are a great safety feature and have worked very well for lining up cars and getting the show back to racing. At anytime during a race, if a driver does not have a Raceceiver in place, you will be blacked flagged and be done competing in that race.

Running into cars on the track after the checkered flag comes out or on a Yellow Flag. We will have the option in 2016 of taking away points and money for that race if this takes place on the track. This is senseless and all drivers need to act professional enough to control your emotions and put an end to this act of aggression!

A Special Safety Note to all drivers: Highly recommended that you have a Snell 2005 or higher rated helmet & all safety equipment being SFI/1 approved. It is your responsibility to check over your safety equipment, both what you put on your body as well as what you bolt on to your car!

Look over your fire suit rating and general condition, and check over the condition of your racing gloves and shoes. Look at your five-point safety harness manufacture date, the condition of your safety harness, the mounting brackets and fasteners, as well as the way these belts are mounted to your chassis. Look at how your fuel cell is mounted; check for the proper straps below and above the actual fuel cell can. Check the check-valve on your fuel cell fill spout and vent tube and check your fuel line from front to rear. Highly recommended are a collapsible steering shaft, a higher quality racing seat, and a short track head and neck restraint system. **If your fire suit, helmets, racing safety harness, racing gloves, fuel cell, etc, is not up to safety standards, it is time to put an investment into these items, before spending a penny on your car.** If you are not sure about any for-mentioned items, contact the speedway office, we will get you in contact with someone that does understand the importance of these items.

RULE BOOK DISCLAIMER

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 EXPRESS 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 the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury to or death of a participant, spectator, or official.

The race director or his representatives shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS.** Any interpretation of or deviation from these rules is left to the discretion of the officials.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THIS SPORT IS DANGEROUS.

Traction control devices & Tire Soaking/Tampering are illegal at Kalamazoo Speedway Penalty for this infraction will be loss of prize money for the event, loss of all points accumulated for that season, and up to a one year suspension from participating at the track.

1. CONDITIONS

- A. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are to be consumed before or during races by anyone entering the restricted pit area.
- B. All drivers must be at least 14 years of age with a valid driver's license, ID, or birth certificate and have a minor participant form notarized and signed by a parent or legal guardian. We will allow

drivers to race in the Cyber Stocks, Mini Stocks, Pro Stocks and Super Stocks at the age of 14 years old.

- C. Kalamazoo Speedway officials reserve the right to reject or not allow the entry of any person, driver, or car into the restricted pit area.
- D. Fighting in the pits or on the racetrack premises at any time is prohibited and may be subject to suspension, loss of points or money for the said event, or exclusion.
- E. **Abuse of any KS official and/or use of improper language or gestures** at any time is prohibited and subject to suspension, loss of points and money for the said event, or exclusion of event(s).
- F. Rule changes or interpretation of rules is at the discretion of track officials.
- G. The decision of track officials is final.
- H. Kalamazoo Speedway reserve the right to deduct from your prize money any fees owed to the track for any safety systems, pit stalls, track rentals, tires, race fuel, etc. Suspensions will be strictly enforced for fighting or any other acts the management of Kalamazoo Speedway deem inappropriate. Any actions that need be will be handed over to the Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department, to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- I. Kalamazoo Speedway has the right to impound any car that competes at Kalamazoo Speedway at any time.

2. Driver/Crew Member Conduct

- A. The driver assumes responsibility for the actions of his or her pit crew. Drivers may be issued penalties for pit crew misconduct. Such penalties, if applied may extend to the car as well as the driver.
- B. Un-sportsmanlike driving, rough driving, or unnecessary bumping is prohibited and may result in removal from a race. Flagrant and/or repeated un-sportsmanlike conduct on the track or in the pits may result in suspension. This suspension may span the winter hiatus and be completed in the following season.
- C. Un-sportsmanlike, violent, or abusive behavior toward officials, competitors, and/or fans is prohibited and may result in penalties.
- D. General misconduct in the pit area may result in penalties, suspensions, fines, or the matters may be turned over to the proper authorities for legal action.

3. RACING RULES

- A. At no time shall any non-competing member, crew member, owner or other person associated with a race car be permitted on the racing surface following the start of a race and prior to the completion of a race without the express permission of a speedway official. Violation may result in the car being placed at the rear of the field, a lap penalty assessed and even disqualification. This rule is in place for your crew members' safety. During a red flag or major caution period, one crew member may be allowed on the track at the discretion of track officials.
- B. In an effort to cut down on the wreckless driving on the first lap of each race, the following rule will stay in affect: Although it will continue to be a complete side by side restart, if there is an obvious car/driver(s) that is the cause of that yellow flag, that car/driver(s) may be sent to the rear of the field, just like any other restart. Hopefully this will erase a lot of the three and 4 wide bonzi moves going into turn one on the green flag starts.
- C. If you are black flagged for going over your time in a heat, your time and position will be adjusted for your next event, but you will not bump into the inversion. If you are black flagged during a feature event for going over your time, we will send you to the tail of the lead lap cars and you can

continue to finish that race without a break out time.

- D. If you are racing at a certain weight, due to the variation of weight rules, and you change something on your car that would put you in a different weight category, you are responsible to notify the head tech official immediately. If you are caught doing this in any type of a post-race tech, it may result in loss of money and points for the entire event. This same penalty applies to anyone changing something on their car after they have gone through tech (changing carbs, raising your spoiler height, etc).
- E. Kalamazoo Speedway officials reserve the right to request a doctor's release at any time, for a said driver to participate at Kalamazoo Speedway.
- F. Driver and car changes are permitted only prior to the official start of a race. The official start of a race is when the field enters the track, and goes on the front stretch. When determining the official start, one lap does not have to be completed. However, scoring for position does not begin until one green flag lap has been completed. All cars will need to enter the track under their own power to get start money and points. After that point, no change of drivers is permitted. Any drivers making a change will go to the tail of the field in the lesser race that the driver/car combination is qualified for (Example: If the driver is qualified for the A Feature and the car is qualified for the Last Chance, the car with the new driver will start tail of the Last Chance). Points earned will be awarded to the driver starting the race. If a driver wishes to change cars prior to the event start, only the driver or crew chief is allowed to inform the race director in the pit tower of the change prior to the start of the race. If this does not occur, the driver will forfeit all points and payout earned in the event. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- G. Any driver may only qualify one car per event, per class. No car will be qualified by more than one driver per event. A completed qualifying session for any said driver is when the driver takes the green flag and completes one of their qualifying laps. After this point, the driver is eligible to make a driver/car change per the rules, but cannot jump in another car to re-qualify for that event.
- H. On a yellow or red flag that happens on the start of a race, any car(s) that enter the pits will go to the tail of the field, even though a full lap has not been completed. On a red flag, a driver may exit their car to check over their own car but can only make an adjustment on their own car without any tools or assistance from anyone in the infield. The driver must be back in their car ready to go when the yellow flag comes out. Violation will result in the car being placed at the rear of the field.
- I. Cars may only enter the track from the front stretch, as directed from the pit steward.
- J. No electronic communication devices are permitted within the car.
- K. If a driver refuses the official's order to take a certain position on the track (i.e. go to the back of the field), resulting in a delay of the race, he/she may be black flagged. If the actions by the driver continue to be inappropriate as seen by the race officials, that driver may lose their points and money for that event, as well as face a possible suspension of future racing events.

4. GENERAL

- A. Tire treatment or altering of any kind will not be allowed for the Outlaw Super Late Models, Super Stocks, Pro Stocks, Mini Stocks or Cyber Stocks!**
- B. All Fuel Cells in all classes will be 8" off the ground or be 100% above the frame rails, no exception will be allowed for this rule!**
- C. No mirrors or radios of any kind, beside the mandatory use of the Raceceiver.
- D. Lead ballast will be painted white with the car number on each piece. No cement, Mercury, or liquid style weight is allowed. All weight will be securely bolted to the car.
- E. One drive shaft hoop on forward half of shaft.

- F. Drive shaft must be painted either silver or white.
- G. All cars must be equipped with a working starter.
- H. Battery cannot be located in the driver's compartment. Must be located behind rear firewall.
- I. No clip-on wheel weights on outside of wheel. Stick-on weights, if used on outside, must be glued and taped down.
- J. Mufflers are mandatory, with no cars checking over 100 decibels – See rule #1! This will be checked from the judge's stand, on a weekly basis.
- K. **No anti-freeze in radiators – None!** Environmentally friendly coolant or lubricant, such as Water Wetter is allowed.
- L. **All fuel cell caps shall have your car number on them. If you lose your cap on the track & it doesn't have the number clearly on the cap, your car will be sent into the pits.**
- M. **Rookie Status is as follows:** To be eligible for a Rookie of the Year status in any class, you can't compete in that said class for any more than 6 events during the past 5 seasons. You also will not be eligible for Rookie of the Year status, if you have raced over 6 events in any higher class than you are presently competing in.

5. SAFETY

- A. **It is highly recommended that you have a Snell 2005 or higher rated helmet & all safety equipment being SFI/1 approved** and that drivers wear a minimum of a double-layer suit of fire resistant material OR single-layer suits with full coverage fire resistant underwear that effectively covers the body from the neck to ankles and wrist. Full coverage fire resistant gloves are mandatory. Any medical information tags should be attached to your helmet.
- B. All cars will be equipped with a minimum 5-point seat belt harness, with 3" wide belts. All belts should be properly mounted and should be no older than 3 years.
- C. A taunt driver's side window net with quick release is required.
- D. It is recommended that all drivers use a Head and Neck Restraint System.
- E. Driver must be able to enter / exit both doors through window openings.
- F. Rear windows must be completely see-through (no decals or lettering).
- G. An approved headrest will be located directly behind the drivers head with the driver normally seated.
- H. All roll bars near driver must be well padded.
- I. All safety equipment must be less than three years old.
- J. Safety shoes (fire resistant racing shoes) strongly recommended.
- K. All foot boxes and firewalls (if applicable) must be steel, recommended 22-gauge minimum.
- L. All cars will have jack stands in use, when anyone is working under a car.

Drivers Printed Name _____

Drivers Signature _____

Date_____