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SPEEDWAY 2017
RULES AND
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**(IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, DISCUSS THEM WITH
MANAGEMENT)**

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PARTICIPATION IN ANY EVENTS**

I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ THE BRIDGEPORT SPEEDWAY 2014 RULES &
REGULATIONS & THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE RACETRACK REGULATIONS
(Chapter 62).

BY SIGNING THIS, I AGREE THAT I UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THESE MANUALS.
I ALSO AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND OPERATING PROCEDURES
STATED IN THESE MANUALS.

REPRESENTING CAR # _____

SIGNATURE: OWNER _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: DRIVER _____

DATE: _____

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These rules and regulations supersede the rules contained in the previous years' Rulebook, as amended, and shall remain in effect until the next updated rulebook. These rules and regulations are used in conjunction with the full rule listing of the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, and rules and regulations of the DIRT Official Rulebook.

The Rules and regulations as set forth 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, 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 or death to participants, spectators or others.

Bridgeport Speedway officials reserve the right to reject any entrant for any reason they deem necessary and applicable. All participants are to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects favorably on the sport at all times. Bridgeport Speedway reserves the right to change any rule or regulation that they feel necessary. Any deviation or exceptions to these rules are subject to the decision of the officials. Their decision will be final. Bridgeport Speedway management reserves the right to confiscate any and all parts, used in competition at Bridgeport Speedway, if they are deemed illegal in a post-race inspection.

Interpretation of rules will be at the discretion of the Bridgeport Officials. All decisions by the Bridgeport Officials will be final. These rules are intended to be a guideline in the construction of race cars and the conducting of race events. If the rules do not state you can do something, assume you **CANNOT**.

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A. General Rules:

Verbal abuse with a track official WILL NOT BE tolerated. If you cannot address an official & conduct your business in a professional manner, then it is recommended that you send someone else from your crew to represent your issue.

- i. Aggression & verbal abuse with a track official will result in the car Starting in the rear for that night (or the next if event has ended)
- ii. If a second offense is encountered, the aggressor will be immediately escorted from the property. If he does not leave without aggression, the team will be disqualified

1. These Rules are presented in condensed form. Where questions arise, don't assume, ask Bridgeport Officials. Car Owners and Drivers are responsible for their crews. In the event of "gray" areas, the tech will be assisted by the tech committee or division spokesman and a 72 hours period may be required to conclude.
2. Bridgeport Speedway rules will be in effect at all invitational races, except where they pertain to safety and legalities determined by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety DMV. The pit steward is permitted to make minor deviations where safety will not be compromised.
3. Reserved pit spaces are issued to owner/driver combinations and may not be reassigned by anyone other than Bridgeport Speedway Management. A reserved space is a privilege that can be revoked.
4. The pit speed limit, as posted, is 5MPH. This is a regulation by the State of New Jersey. Violation of this posted speed limit will result in the following. Cumulative for the year
 - 1st Offense – Verbal warning
 - 2nd Offense – Start in the rear for that night (or the next if event has ended)
 - 3rd Offense – Shut down for that night (or the next if event has ended)

B. State Regulations

1. All persons entering the pit area must sign the insurance waiver.
2. Age Regulations: All persons entering the pit area must be at least 16 years of age with proof of age and photo ID or birth certificate. All race car drivers must be at least 17 years of age and not have a revoked or suspended driver's license. For drivers that are 17 or younger in all

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classes - must have a waiver signed by guardian and copy of original birth certificate. You must be at least 16 years of age to race a 600 micro sprint, 600 xcel modified and the 4 or 8 cylinder Enduros. You must be at least 14 years of age to race a 270 micro, slingshot, stage-1 mod. The NJSP will make a 'rules modification' to allow experienced drivers to compete in these divisions one year younger than the above ages. You must submit a rules modification application and have your request granted in order to compete at the younger ages. For more information on this process please call the speedway at 856-467-4408.

**If the driver is driving in a vehicle that has less than 400hp, he/she can race at 16 years of age, upon following the steps above. If you are traveling to New Jersey to race in a division as part of a touring series, and you are 14 or 15 (or 16 in a car above 400 hp) years of age, a parent/guardian must contact the NJSP by writing a short letter as to why your son/daughter wishes to race at Bridgeport Speedway. In the letter, explain how they are part of a series that is traveling to the racetrack and that you wish your child to participate in the event. Include a history of the driver's accomplishments (tracks, divisions, results), along with a copy of their birth certificate WELL in advance (40-60 days) prior to the date of the event. Once approved by the NJSP, the driver is cleared to race those events.

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3. Fuel Cells are mandatory and must meet the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Safety DMV guidelines. The manufactured fuel cells must meet the FIA-FT3 Standards. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Mufflers are mandatory for all divisions.
5. No crew members are permitted on the Racetrack.
6. State of New Jersey Department of Law and Safety DMV requires that all race cars must come to a complete stop on all red flag conditions. Disqualification will result for moving under the red.

C. Track and Race Procedures;

1. All qualified cars and the Top 5 finishers in the Feature must report to the scale. Failure to

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meet the minimum weight requirement will result in disqualification and/or loss of money and points for that event and will be placed in last finishing position. Failure to report directly to the scale will result in the same. DO NOT LEAVE THE TRACK WITHOUT GOING TO THE SCALE. Track scales are official. In the event of overheating (or any other type emergency) the driver MUST get approval from a track official before returning to the pits. Heat and consi cars will be notified by the in car radio to report to scales and top 5 in feature must report to scale unless notified on in car radio.

2. It is the car owners' responsibility to make sure that the handicapper is aware of their arrival and readiness for participation. Any car not reporting to the handicapper will start all races in the rear.
3. At the handicapper's discretion, any car arriving less than 45 minutes before the start of the evening's program may be made to start in the rear. Call the speedway if you are going to be late – this is a courtesy, not a guarantee.
4. Only the driver or owner may enter the pit shack ~~and or tower.~~
5. A driver may attempt to qualify only once during the qualifying heat races. A driver may attempt to qualify a second car in the consolation event starting last. Driver must drive the last car qualified in the qualified event. Once you get out of a qualified car and into another car, you lose your qualified position. You must scratch 1st car to drive the 2nd car. Once a car is scratched from an event, it cannot be re-entered for that event. If a qualified driver scratches the car after qualifying, the driver may use another car for the feature, starting in the rear. Driver may only use a car from the same class.
6. All driver changes must be reported to the pit steward. All drivers that change cars must start the event in the rear. It is the owners'/drivers' responsibility to report all changes to the pit steward.
7. Drivers may compete in more than one class, but they must forfeit one of the two purses earned that evening if they do so. **This rule applies to the 5/8 mile track only**
8. When racers are called for their event, they must move to the staging area and line up immediately.
9. Any racer not in the staging area when the event enters the track will lose their starting position and be placed at the rear of the event. All remaining cars will be advanced in the field, via the entire row. In other words if the pole is late, the 3rd place car, as well as those following him, will fill that position. We will not criss-cross the remaining field, but simply advance the entire row up to fill the vacant spot.

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10. If a car is unable to compete, it is the owner/drivers' responsibility to notify the pit steward.
11. All car repairs must be made off the racetrack. Racers may then rejoin the race at the rear of the field. Any car going to the pit area must go to the rear of the field upon returning to the race track. **This also applies to the Micros, but they must return under yellow only.**
12. The starter will have complete control of the racetrack. Any driver that does not obey the flag rules will be subject to disqualification.
13. Rough riding will be left up to the discretion of the starter and the race director. Fine, suspension, and or loss of points and money for that event could be levied.
14. All cars must enter the racetrack under their own power, any car requiring a push start onto the racetrack from the staging area will be sent to the rear of the field. *A car will be allowed the use of a push start if staging behind the grandstand. **Except 270 micros**
15. All double file starts will be in the area between the third and fourth turns, when the starter at his discretion, displays the green flag. All starts must maintain an even pace, no backing up the field, or stop and goes, will be allowed. The starter will have the option to send any driver to the REAR. No passing until the green flag is displayed. The starters' decision is final.
16. On double file restarts, the leader has the option to choose the inside or outside lane for the restart, after one lap has been completed. **THE LEADER STARTS THE RACE.**
17. All original starts and restarts will be double file during qualifying (Modified, Sportsman, Outlaw Stocks), and until 5 laps to go in the Modified and ½ way in Sportsman, and all the way in Outlaw Stock feature events. After those points, single file restarts will occur. All starts will be nose to tail type, any car not nose to tail will be considered jumping. Driver's will be given a warning on the first offense. A penalty of two cars per car jumped will result, on the second offense incurred during the same event. The penalty will be administered at the next yellow flag condition or at the end of the event, whichever comes first. On all single file restarts, there will be NO PASSING prior to the start/finish line. The starter or race director will have the right to send a racer to the rear or to the pit area for this violation. Anyone intentionally delaying an event is subject to being black flagged and/or disqualified. The starter and the race director will have the option to restart any race single file after multiple yellow flags or for safety concerns.
~~17a. On the ¼ mile track, double file restarts will be utilized on heats and feature until halfway~~
18. A YELLOW FLAG signifies caution on the speedway; all cars must SLOW DOWN immediately, NO PASSING, and form a SINGLE LINE. All cars must leave room (about 1 ½ car lengths) for the track crew to realign the restart order if necessary. Any driver failing to go

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single file or not allowing a car directed by track officials to fall in line will be sent to the rear. Continued failure to comply will result in disqualification from that event. Aggression with cars under caution is not allowed, and will be result in the following, Cumulative for the year

- 1st Offense – Verbal warning
- 2nd Offense – Start in the rear for that night (or the next if event has ended)

19. A RED FLAG signifies an emergency situation, all cars must STOP IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT EXIT your car unless directed by track safety personnel or under an emergency situation. DO NOT move your car until the red light is turned off, unless directed by track safety personnel. After the emergency is stabilized, the YELLOW/RED FLASHING LIGHT will come on allowing cars that want to pit to enter the pits to work on their cars. All other cars MUST remained stopped until the YELLOW LIGHT comes back on. DISQUALIFICATION WILL RESULT FOR MOVING UNDER THE RED.

20. A BLACK FLAG signifies a problem with your car, slow down and proceed to the pit area or the infield. The pit steward will inform you of the reason for the black flag. Failure to obey the black flag may result in a fine and or disqualification or suspension. The black flag does not mean an automatic disqualification from an event.

21. In car scanners are mandatory for all divisions. Failure to have a working scanner may result in improper scoring and will not be objected.

22. Bridgeport Speedway track tire rule will be in effect for all events except special events. Bridgeport Speedway is NOT responsible for tire supply. Does not apply to the ¼ mile

23. Any race may be shortened because of weather, safety concerns, best interest of the track, or curfew. Regardless of the number of laps finished for the race to be called a complete event, drivers will be scored and paid on the position they would have held on the restart. Feature events must reach the ½ mark to be considered an official event.

24. A race will be declared official, if there are no official protests, 15 minutes after the pit steward posts the finish. Bridgeport Speedway reserves the right to withhold all payoffs pertaining to a protested position until the protest is ruled on and the race is declared official. Only the owner or driver of a car involved in the event may file a protest. No protest will be accepted unless filed at the pit shack within the 15 minute grace period. After the protest time, NO finishes will be changed.

25. Any car passing the pace car/truck, unless directed by a track official, shall be subjected to a one lap penalty.

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26. Any car may enter the racetrack under a green flag or a yellow flag condition, but only when directed by the third turn flagman. Any car ignoring the third turn flagman's signal will be subject to disqualification. (5/8 mile track)
27. A car causing 3 yellow flags for single spins, or a combination of spins and accidents, can be black-flagged at the discretion of the starter or race director.
28. If a car stops on the track and doesn't maintain their position, Dead on the Track – 4 wheel stop, the car will go to the rear of the field.
29. Under a yellow flag, lapped cars can maintain their position or drop to the back at their discretion, until 5 laps remaining in the feature events when they must fall to the rear of the field.
30. Top 5 leaders in the current point standings will be guaranteed starters in the feature event providing they make an attempt to qualify and use a provisional starting spot. Driver must use a car from the same class. Only (1) One provisional will be allowed per driver, per year. Further, only one provisional will be allowed per year & the driver with the most points to date will take priority. Does not apply to the ¼ mile
31. Top 5 cars and drivers must report behind the grandstands at the completion of the feature race or they will be fined \$100 for that evening. CARS MUST REPORT TO THE SCALE FIRST. Fine will be assessed if the driver goes to the pits before reporting behind the grandstands. Not reporting at all will forfeit the night's points & winnings
32. All drivers must attend the season end banquet to collect their point money. If not attending the banquet, half of the monies will be mailed to the driver/owner & the other half will be forfeited.
33. If a car is disqualified, it will be placed last and all other cars move up one position during any event.
34. During the Modified & Crate/Sportsman feature one courtesy lap will be allowed for a flat tire.
35. No fighting will be permitted on the Bridgeport Speedway grounds. Fines, suspensions and prosecution may result. Entering another driver's pit area will be considered initiation and aggressive behavior and will be dealt with more seriously. STAY IN YOUR PIT AREA.

A photo submitted to, or taken by a track official will be the only requirement to enforce this rule;

- Entering another racer's pit area & creating a scene will result in starting in the rear for the team in violation (drivers & owners are responsible for their crew)

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- Any physical contact in another racer's pit area will result in one of the following. The person violated will decide the penalty.
 - LOCAL POLICE TO BE CALLED (856) 467-0061 TO INVESTIGATE
 - Shut down for the night & must leave the property & the next event
 - Fine of \$500.00 to be added to the point fund
 - Loss of points for the night if the feature has finished
 - If a second, **non-physical** offense is encountered, the aggressor will be immediately escorted from the property. If he does not leave without aggression, the team will be disqualified.
 - If a second, **physical** offense is encountered, the aggressor will be immediately escorted from the property **and banned for the balance of the season**. If he does not leave without aggression, the team will be disqualified.
36. All non-qualified cars must exit the racetrack immediately at the end of the race through the turn two pit gate.
37. If an event is postponed, the DRIVER is qualified for the make-up date and will retain the original starting spot.
38. Drivers entering the racetrack WITHOUT all mandatory safety equipment will be disqualified for that event.
AS OF 2017, ALL DRIVERS, REGARDLESS OF DIVISION, MUST WEAR 38.1 COMPLIANT HEAD AND NECK RESTRAINT DEVICES
39. All cars finishing the consolation must scale to be eligible for the feature. Any car being disqualified from the consolation for any reason cannot start the feature.
40. Any driver misconduct will result in the driver being disqualified for that event. Multiple infractions will result in increased penalties. Drivers are not allowed to exit the car while on the track, unless smoke, or an eminent safety risk is present. Exiting the car will result an immediate 'Red Flag', all cars will be stopped, the driver will be assisted off of the track, car will be towed to the infield & driver/team will be fined \$200.
If aggressive or unprofessional behavior (or ANY contact) is exhibited driver will be shut down for the remainder of the night &/or the following week & fined \$500.00
41. — **On the 1/4 mile track, no car may re-enter the race after going into the pits. (micro sprints & 4 cylinders)**
42. Visible protests involving the cars of other competitors must be made 20 minutes prior to the start of the evening's event to the pit steward. Visible protests are protests that do not require the use of a tool or mechanical device to determine the cars compliance. All other protests must be made to the pit steward within 15 minutes of the official posting of the race finish. If you are

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found guilty after the protest, you may be fined and lose track points. Bridgeport Speedway reserves the right to confiscate any and all parts deemed illegal at a post-race inspection. Protest fee by the competitor for any class is \$1000 paid up front. Only owners, drivers and crew chief can file a protest.

43. Anyone entering the pit area must have a valid Bridgeport season license, or purchase a Bridgeport one day temporary license.

44. All drivers must have a valid Bridgeport license, no temps, and must present same for payoff.

45. Whenever a caution light is thrown for a 'False Start', cars will line up in the position they were running before the false start occurred. If an accident occurred during or because of a false start, all cars will line up in the position they were in before the false start, including the cars involved in the accident. (A false start is when the flagman dislikes the start and throws the caution immediately following the green, due to cars jumping out of position, etc.)

46. On the ¼ mile track, all starts will be off turn four, in the starting zone between the designated cones. In qualifying, original starts will be double file with single file restarts after halfway. In the feature, the original start and restarts will be double file, with single file restarts at 5 laps to go (remaining).

47. Whenever a caution light is thrown, cars will line up in the position they were running when the caution was thrown. Cars involved in the caution must go to the rear if stopped on the track and involved in the caution. If a caution is thrown for safety reasons, and the car causing the caution does not stop on the track, they will fall in where they were running when the caution was thrown.

48. All cars must have a working transponder for scoring purposes. Failure to have working transponder will be moved back 2 spots in the finishing order of the event

49. Transponders must be mounted in the positions as specified in the car division rules

D. Techs & Protests;

1. Cars will be teched in the pits prior to the start of the night's events.

2. The winner of every division will be teched immediately after the driver interview. During his/her interview, they will draw a pill for 2nd car (from the top 5 finishers) to be teched as well. (Both techs will be conducted behind the grandstands).

3. In the event of a Disqualification, or a "gray" area is observed, the tech will be assisted by the

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tech committee or division spokesman and a 72 hours period may be required to conclude.

4. In the event of a split decision, the owner (Brian Ramey) will consult with everyone involved, and make the decision.
5. Visible protests involving the cars of other competitors must be made 20 minutes prior to the start of the evening's event to the pit steward. Visible protests are protests that don't require the use of a tool or mechanical device to determine the cars compliance. All other protests must be made to the pit steward within 15 minutes of the official posting of the finish. If you are found guilty after the protest, you may be fined and lose track points. Bridgeport Speedway reserves the right to confiscate any and all parts deemed illegal at a post race inspection. Protest fee by the competitor for any class is \$1,000 paid up front. Only owners, drivers and crew chief can file a protest. 25% is to be retained by BPS and 75% to be returned or given to the "Not Guilty" protested car.

E. Safety:

1. Must have a conspicuously labeled ignition switch within the driver's compartment.
2. Batteries located within the drivers or fuel compartment must be shielded to prevent leakage in the event of damage or turnover.
3. Brakes -all cars must have four (4) wheel hydraulic brakes in good working condition, as approved by NJDMV.
4. Oil cooling systems will not be allowed in the driver's compartment or on the roll cage exposed to the driver's compartment.
5. Closed and open cockpit racecars require a minimum of 3" clearance between the top of the helmet and the bottom of the roll cage and at least 6" to the rear of the helmet.
6. ~~Neck restraints are mandatory starting 2005.~~
7. Headrests are mandatory and must be attached to the back portion of a one-piece seat or to the roll bar. A minimum of 16 sq/in and 2" thick padding and a minimum dimension of 4".
8. All fire extinguishers must be checked and labeled at least once a year.
9. Race cars with permanent tops shall have the doors secured by welding metal straps or U-bolts so the threads of the U-bolts are on the outside of the body. Use wing nuts on U-bolts

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with free running thread.

10. Fuel and Fuel Tanks: For 5/8 track Only

- a. Fuel shut off valves are mandatory and to be easily accessible in the drivers compartment and to be conspicuously painted with fluorescent paint.
- b. Fuel lines must be a minimum of 3" from the motor, headers, or have a metal shield. Any fuel lines going through the driver's compartment must be in metal shields.
- c. A reinforcing member of the same kind and size material as that used in the roll cage or chassis material shall be installed to the rear of the fuel tank joining the rear most position of the longitudinal chassis member.
- d. Fuel throttle must have a toe clip.
- e. Fuel Tanks:
 1. Except as set forth in number e-2 (directly below), vehicles using a self-contained fuel cell with an inner bladder shall bolt the self-contained fuel cell to the frame of the vehicle utilizing an "X" type framework under the cell. At least three 1" metal straps, 1/4" thick shall be bolted to the frame of the vehicle by at least two 3/8" three line bolts and angled to go entirely around the cell, except for the bottom, so as to apply maximum pressure against the frame.
 2. Units not utilizing an "X" type frame shall have four 1" metal straps, 1/4" thick, bolted to the frame of the vehicle by at least two 3/8" three line bolts and angled to go entirely around the cell to apply maximum pressure against the tank to the frame.
 3. All fuel cells must be grounded.

11. All open drive lines must have safety collars.

F. Safety & Personal;

- 1 Safety belts must be dated within 2 years, be 3" wide, made of nylon, fastened with 5/16" grade 5 bolts minimum, and be of a five point harness type.
- 2 Drivers must wear a helmet of the type approved by the Director of the NJDMV. If helmet is type SA must have a fire retardant sock.

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- 3 Arm restraints are required.
- 4 Fire resistant one-piece fire suits, gloves, socks, underwear, and shoes must be the type approved by the NJDMV and are MANDATORY and in good condition.

G. Bodies;

- 1 No Carbon fiber wheels will be allowed in any division.
- 2 The rear bumper, or combination of rear bumper and nerf bar, shall cover the width of the vehicle at least to the center of the rear tires.
- 3 The rear bumper shall be centered at the height of the rear wheel hub. The front bumper shall be the same height as the rear bumper and be as wide as the chassis. Stock car bumpers are acceptable if they are mounted at a common height to all competitors.
- 4 All cars must have nerf bars extending within 2" of, but not beyond, the outside edge of the tires.

H. Frames:

- 1 Frame must be a minimum 2" x 3" x 120".
- 2 Roll over bars must be welded to the frame and remain visible for easy inspection. Tubing 1 3/4" x .095 or 1 1/2" x .120. Gusset plates are required for all joints. Roll bars must be padded 2" around the driver's seat and it is recommended to use a fire resistant material as a cover.