



General Rules

The General Rules and Regulations listed below apply to all drivers, car owners, crew members, and any other person entering the Pit Area.

It is YOUR responsibility to know and adhere to the rules set forth, and in each respective class.

Failure to follow or comply with any rule could result in disqualification, or removal from the property, as well as fines or suspensions as determined by track officials.

ALL track official's decisions are FINAL.

NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION 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 or death to a participant, spectator, or official. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials.

These rules and regulations are in place to provide orderly conduct of racing events.

Talladega Short Track & Raceway Park is private property, and individuals are allowed access to the property only in conjunction with racing events or other entertainment events that are open to the public. Anyone on the property without the permission of Talladega Short Track & Raceway Park will be considered guilty of trespassing and subject to any penalties prescribed by the local laws. The ability to attend and being on the property can be terminated at any time that is felt your presence or conduct is not in the best interest of the sport of auto racing, your fellow competitors, the fans, management and/or the employees.

Anyone entering the property must purchase an armband or ticket and sign the Insurance Waiver. If caught without proper ticket or armband, you will be escorted out and subject to begin banned from the property indefinitely or having to purchase two tickets to re-enter.

All children under the age of 14 in the pit area must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Failure to adhere to this rule could result in being removed from the pits/track.

ATV Rules

- 1.) Any person operating any ATV, pit bike, side-by-side, golf cart, etc. MUST be 16 years old.
- 2.) When required, proper passes must be attached in clear view for use of ATV, pit bike, etc.
- 3.) No high speeds, riding in restricted areas, or use outside of pit use are allowed.
- 4.) No riding on the Kart Track.
- 5.) Anyone caught in violation of these rules will be subject to having their privileges revoked, and their vehicle impounded until the completion of event.

Registration and Sign-In

- 1.) ALL drivers in ALL divisions are required to provide information including Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and Tax Recipient Information before registering or competing at Talladega Short Track.

- 2.) **MINORS** – a parent/guardian release is REQUIRED for competition and pit area. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to participate in any on track or in car activity without the required release. Drivers under the age of 16 must have prior approval from the track before being allowed to compete.
- 3.) TST utilizes MyRacePass for registration, scoring, and points. We encourage each driver to setup and complete their MRP Profile before arriving to the track.
- 4.) Registration and pill draw will take place at the Registration Building behind the Coca-Cola scoreboard by the kart track.
- 5.) Registration will remain open until 10 minutes before Hot Laps begin. Drivers who miss registration will have to report to the tower and will be added to the rear of a heat race, or added into the qualifying order first or last(to be determined). Please reach out to the track at (256)831-1413 to enter if you are running late!
- 6.) Any class with less than 6 cars will pill draw for position and run a feature event only. Classes with a consistent low car count are subject to removal from the racing schedule.
- 7.) Drivers may not compete in more than one division, with the exception of a “special” event in any given class. Exceptions are Ice Bowl, NASCAR Weekend, and other special events. Please check with TST for approval before assuming.
- 8.) Cars may not compete in more than one class. In the case of drivers running multiple classes, they must have a different car to compete in each class.
- 9.) By registering and entering for competition, drivers agree to abide by the rules and conditions of their respective class. ALL official’s decisions are FINAL.

Points

Points will be awarded to each feature finishing position as follows:

1 st – 26	13 th – 13
2 nd – 24	14 th – 12
3 rd – 23	15 th – 11
4 th – 22	16 th – 10
5 th – 21	17 th – 9
6 th – 20	18 th – 8
7 th – 19	19 th – 7
8 th – 18	20 th – 6
9 th – 17	21 st – 5
10 th – 16	22 nd – 4
11 th – 15	23 rd – 3
12 th – 14	24 th – 2

All cars finishing 25th or worse or attempting to qualify will receive 1 point.

Points are awarded to the driver, not the car or car owner.

Drivers are required to provide information including Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and Tax Information to receive points awards.

Driver’s MUST compete in 80% of point’s races to receive season end points awards

Rain-Out Policy

- 1.) NO refunds or exchanges in the event of a rain out.

- 2.) Talladega Short Track & Raceway Park will make every effort to complete the program and offer rainchecks if the event is not completed.
- 3.) Once a feature has been completed in ANY division, the racing program will be considered a complete show.
- 4.) In the event of a rainout after a feature has been completed; the classes that did not complete their feature event(s) will run double feature at the next event, or next suitable date to do so.
- 5.) A race is considered official if ½ of the scheduled feature laps have been scored complete.
- 6.) In the event of a double feature, the lineup will be set from the rainout for the makeup feature as long as qualifying or heat races are complete.

Starts and Restarts

- 1.) All starts will be in the “starting zone” at the exit of turn 4.
- 2.) Drivers will be given one warning for a jumped start. A second fault will result in the driver being moved back one row.
- 3.) Initial start of the race, the pole sitter sets the pace by middle of the back straightaway and must fire inside the starting zone.
- 4.) Cars must line up door to door, and nose to tail in a tight formation. NO laying back anticipating the starts or fanning out wide out of line.
- 5.) Race Leader must set a steady pace, no speeding up or slowing down, and NO BRAKE CHECKING.
- 6.) Restarts – leader must choose inside or outside; the rest of the field will fill double file. The leader sets a pace by the middle of the back straightaway and may fire from the center of turn 3 and 4.
- 7.) No passing is allowed until the exit of the starting zone cones/markers. Any positions gained by jumping will be penalized two(2) spots for each one(1) passed at the next caution or the end of the race.

Race Procedures

- 1.) All official's decisions are final.
- 2.) All cars must have a large, legible number on both sides, and on the roof.
- 3.) Track officials may issue penalties which include fines, suspensions, probation, or combination of any at any time.
- 4.) No one allowed in the tower at any time.
- 5.) No fighting allowed. Any driver/crew member that enters another driver's pit area will be considered the aggressor. Away from either driver's pit area, both will be considered aggressors. All participants involved will be subject to penalty. Drivers are responsible for their crew.
- 6.) Anyone caught consuming alcohol, using marijuana or other controlled substances will be suspended and removed immediately. Breathalyzer tests may be conducted on drivers at any time. If caught, they will forfeit prize money and points and be subject to suspension.
- 7.) Using obscene language or gestures in the area of race fans will be disqualified and subject to suspension.
- 8.) Obscene language, threats or touching track officials will result in disqualification and loss of pit access privileges.
- 9.) Cars should maintain a safe, slow speed in the pit area. Drivers speeding or driving recklessly in the pit area will be disqualified and could face other penalties.
- 10.) Weight may be added for minor rules violations.
- 11.) All drivers are required to have a Raceiver one way radio.
- 12.) No two-way radios or mirrors in any division.
- 13.) Cars must be lined up in staging before the completion of the previous race. If you are late rolling onto the track once cars have been sent, you will line up at the tail of that race.
- 14.) Any car that intentionally brings out the caution flag will be disqualified.
- 15.) Any car causing two cautions will be sent to the pit area for that event.

- 16.) Any car that goes to the pits under the caution or red flag, will line up at the rear of the field at the restart.
- 17.) No crewmembers are allowed on the track at any time. If crew enters the track surface the car will be disqualified. No work will be allowed to be done on the track by crew members.
- 18.) Cars are encouraged to safely exit the track into the infield or off the turn 3 road if they are experiencing mechanical issues.
- 19.) Drivers are not allowed to exit their car on the track unless for safety reasons (fire, towing, etc). Exiting the car on the track will result in disqualification for that event.
- 20.) Unnecessary roughness on the track will result in disqualification of that car/driver. Any contact under caution or after the checkered flag will result in disqualification and loss of points and money.
- 21.) The top 3 finishers of each race must report directly to the scales/tech area in the infield. Tech officials will determine if they must remain in the infield or are clear to exit. Leaving the tech area without being cleared may result in disqualification.
- 22.) Cars are allowed a one(1) pound per lap burnoff for green flag laps at the end of the event.
- 23.) Cars deemed light at the scales will receive last place points and money.
- 24.) Any car found illegal other than weight, will be disqualified and lose all points and money.
- 25.) Do NOT leave used tires on the property. We will monitor surveillance measures and issue a \$25 per tire penalty if you are caught leaving tires in the pit area.
- 26.) Payout window is located at the registration building. Payout window will be open until 30 minutes after the final checkered flag of the night. Payout money must be picked up on the night of the event, or please make arrangements with track staff before leaving the property. Payout must be picked up or arrangements made on race day in order to receive it!

Scoring and Line-Up Procedures

- 1.) Pill draw at registration will determine Heat Race or Qualifying Line-Up positions.
- 2.) The first lap of the race is considered official once all cars have completed the first lap.
- 3.) A lap is counted as scored when the leader and one car cross the start/finish line.
- 4.) A race is considered official if ½ of the scheduled feature laps have been scored complete.
- 5.) Lineup is done by the last completed lap, with lapped cars or caution cars placed on the tail.
- 6.) If a driver is forced to use a backup car, they will be lined up at the tail of the event for a car swap. Track officials are to be notified of car or driver swaps.
- 7.) If a driver change is made after heat races or qualifying, that car will have to lineup at the tail of the next event for the driver change.

Flags

- Green – start of the race
- Yellow – caution; accident or debris on the racing surface. Slow down quickly and safely, and remain in single file order. Do not race back to the start/finish line.
- Red – stop; immediately come to a stop as safely as possible. Do not pass any cars or continue on the speedway. Failure to stop could result in penalty or disqualification.
- Blue/Yellow Stripe – layover; you are about to be lapped. Maintain your racing line and allow the leaders to pass safely and cleanly.
- Black – disqualification; exit the track immediately due to unsportsmanlike conduct or mechanical issues.
- White – one lap to go to the finish; we will race back to the start/finish line once the white flag is displayed unless the track is blocked, or driver is in danger.
- Checkered – race is complete; exit to the scale area or exit to the pits.

Safety

- 1.) Drivers should inspect the racing surface, track, and other areas for any obstructions or defects that they feel are unsafe. Any areas of concern should be presented to track officials in writing if found.
- 2.) All drivers participating in any race event are believed to have done a thorough inspection and found conditions satisfactory for their participation.
- 3.) Participants also acknowledge that they understand and acknowledge the inherent risks associated with auto racing and assume such risk with full knowledge and understanding.

Accident Claim/Injury Information

- 1.) All injuries must be immediately brought to TST officials for proper reporting.
- 2.) Should someone be unable to physically report or provide necessary information, a crewmember or other responsible party shall provide all necessary information to allow insurance guidelines to be followed.
- 3.) No injury or accident claims will be considered unless reported to TST officials before leaving the property on the day of the event.

Promotional Release

Any competitor competing at Talladega Short Track & Raceway Park during any event, consent to the use of their name, pictures of themselves or race car, video of themselves and their race car for publicity, advertising and endorsements both before and after the events, and relinquishes any rights to photos or videos taken into connection with events and consents to the publication or sale of such photos as the speedway desires.

Protests

- 1.) All claims must be filed at the scales within five(5) minutes of the checkered flag.
- 2.) All protest fees must be present, and in CASH only.
- 3.) Drivers must finish in the top five and on the lead lap to file a protest. No reverse protest will be allowed (protesting a car that finishes behind).
- 4.) Driver being protested has five(5) minutes to accept or refuse protest/teardown.
- 5.) If a driver refuses a protest or teardown, they will be disqualified and receive no points or money, as well as being placed on probation for 60 days. If a driver refuses a protest or teardown for a second time, they will be disqualified and receive no points or money, as well as suspended for the remainder of the season.
- 6.) If a driver refuses a protest or teardown, the driver filing the protest will receive 100% of their protest fee back.
- 7.) Drivers and teams are responsible for tools to tear down and cleanup of any fluids.
- 8.) A maximum of three(3) people are allowed from the protested car. Maximum of one representative for the protesting driver.
- 9.) All Tech Officials' decisions will be final and official.

Protest Fees

- 1.) All Crate Racin' USA or other sanctioned classes will abide by those rules.
- 2.) V8 Engines
 - a. \$350 for one head and two valves (track retains \$50)
 - b. \$400 for oil pan (track retains \$50)
- 3.) ALL Classes
 - a. \$150 flywheel and clutch (track retains \$25)
 - b. \$50 for carburetor (track retains \$25)
 - c. \$50 to check wheelbase (track retains \$25)
 - d. \$150 to check rear end (track retains \$50)
 - e. \$150 to sample tire (track retains entire amount to pay for testing)

Pit Stops and Hot Pit

- 1.) Hot pit for crews will be located outside of turn 3 and 4, by the entrance/lineup grid.
- 2.) Courtesy laps for a flat tire will only be given during feature events.
- 3.) 2 courtesy laps will be allowed to change a tire during the feature.
- 4.) Any car bringing out the yellow and determined not to have a flat, will be sent to the pits and not allowed to return to the track.