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RULE BOOK DISCLAIMER:

These rules and/or regulations 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 the 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.

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Definitions

The following terms, which appear periodically throughout this rule book, have the following meanings.

Rule Book

The rules in this rule book. They may be amended from time to time as provided.

Officials

Persons employed by Open Wheel Showdown and appointed to officiate as an employee or independent contractor at an Event.

Event

An Open Wheel Showdown event. The event includes the race and all ancillary activity leading up to and following the event's conclusion, including registration, sign-in, inspection (pre- and post-race), participant meetings, practice, qualifying, heat races, last chance races, dash, and features.

Competitor

A driver, car owner, crew member, or any other person (other than an Open Wheel Showdown Official) who participates competitively in an OWS-sanctioned Racing Event. Whenever the words Competitor, driver, car owner, mechanic, family member, team member, or crew member are used unless the context indicates otherwise, the term used shall be interpreted to include any driver, car owner, crew member, or other person assigned to or a member of the same racing team.

E.I.R.I

Except in Rare Instances. Referencing an occasion or circumstance that may not be contemplated and may require an adjustment, addition, or revision to the posted Specifications and Procedures.

Open Wheel Modified

A specified racing vehicle that fits the specifications outlined in the Open Wheel Showdown Rule Book

General Rules

Effective Date

The Rules are effective upon the date of publication by the Open Wheel Showdown for any event, regardless of when a Competitor receives actual notice.

Amendment

The Open Wheel Showdown rules may be amended by publication of an amendment in a bulletin or during an event drivers' meeting under the authority of the Open Wheel Showdown officials. An amendment is effective upon the publication date, regardless of when a competitor receives the actual bulletin.

Interpretation and Application

If there is a disagreement or dispute regarding the meaning or application of the rules, the interpretation and application of the Director of Race Operations will prevail. All phases of design and construction are subject to the approval of the Technical Director. The Race Director and the Technical Director may exclude any car, design, or construction, which they deem unsafe or not meeting specifications, the spirit, and/or the intentions of the rules contained herein.

Testing Policy

No Sprintcar testing will be allowed at The Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway prior to the event. This will result in a automatic disqualification of the event.

Age Requirements

Sprint car Drivers must be 18 years of age. Drivers who are 17 and younger that are emancipated will be available for review by the Open Wheel Showdown staff and considered for a review of this rule. Super modified and Open Modified drivers must be a minimum of 18 years of age, drivers who are 16 and younger will be available for review. Legends has a minimum age of 10 years old. Bandolero drivers has a minimum age of 7 years old.

For any questions about age requirements please reach out to one of our staff members and we can discuss further.

Open Wheel Showdown has the right to refuse a competitor from competing due to age, experience, and or risk factor.

1. Conduct

1.1. General

1.1.1. All Competitors agree to act professionally as determined by Open Wheel Showdown. The professional manner includes, but is not limited to verbal representation, written representation, any representation that may represent Open Wheel Showdown, the sport of racing and/or motorsports in general, and/or any affiliates. All Competitors MUST conduct themselves in a manner not detrimental to Open Wheel Showdown the Event or the Organizer.

1.1.2. Profanity in front of race fans, Officials, management, profane signs or writing on cars, etc., will not be tolerated and may subject the offending party to penalties.

1.1.3. Social Media content deemed detrimental to the Open Wheel Showdown Organizers, Officials, Events, Sponsors, and Competitors will not be tolerated. Detrimental content will be subject to dismissal from the event or prevention of attending the event.

1.1.4. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT OR CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPORT OF AUTO RACING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

1.1.5. The general appearance of Members and Competitors MUST be neat and clean looking.

1.1.6. A competitor that stops his or her car on the track to argue or discuss an incident with the starter or other Officials will not be tolerated.

1.1.6.1. In the event you have a safety issue (i.e.: belts, helmet, raceceiver, track conditions) you may pull to the designated area announced in the driver's meeting during a caution and retain your spot on the track. If the track is green and you cause a yellow for a safety check, you will restart at the back of the pack.

1.2. Abuse and Altercations

1.2.1. Verbal or physical abuse of Officials, including improper language or actions will result in sanctions from Open Wheel Showdown

1.2.2. Fighting will not be tolerated.

1.2.2.1. Drivers will be held responsible for the conduct of all persons connected with their car, and violations will be dealt with accordingly. Any person from a crew, including the driver, going to another pit area where any altercation erupts, will be considered at fault and will be subject to consequences.
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1.2.3. A driver's pit is their domain.

1.2.4. Any driver who, in the judgment of Open Wheel Showdown Officials, engages in rough driving, deliberately running into, blocking, or swerving in front of another car may be subject to the owner and driver to an immediate and indefinite suspension from the event and future Open Wheel Showdown events.

1.3. Social Media Policy

In the fast-evolving world of digital media, social media can mean many things. Social media includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the Internet, including to your own or someone else's web blog, journal or diary, personal website, social networking or affinity website, web bulletin board, or a chat room, whether associated or affiliated with OWS, as well as any other form of electronic communication. The most common forms of social media are Facebook, X, Instagram, and Snapchat. Any other form of peer-to-peer and user-generated content sites are also included in this policy.

Even though these forums may seem informal, often they are home for people who choose to vent frustration. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for what is posted online from accounts managed by yourself, family members, or team members. Before creating online content yourself and/or allowing others the ability to post online content for you, consider some of the risks that you may pose. Keep in mind that any of your conduct that adversely affects OWS, our track partners, our sponsors, and all other members and participants of OWS may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

This Social Media policy applies to all OWS Competitors and Officials. A Competitor is a Driver, Entrant, Family Member, Crew Member, Sponsor, or any other individual or entity who participates competitively in an OWS Sanctioned Event.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES/RULES

Carefully read these guidelines, as well as the Rule Book, and ensure your postings are consistent with these policies. Inappropriate postings that may include discriminatory remarks, harassment, threats of violence, or similar inappropriate or unlawful conduct will not be tolerated and may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

BE RESPECTFUL

Always be fair and courteous to others. Also, keep in mind that you are more likely to resolve complaints by speaking directly with others than by posting complaints to a social media outlet. Nevertheless, if you decide to post complaints or criticism, avoid using statements, photographs, video, or audio that reasonably could be viewed as malicious, obscene, threatening, or intimidating, that disparages others, or that might constitute harassment or bullying. Examples of such conduct might include offensive posts meant to intentionally harm someone's reputation or posts that could contribute to a hostile trackside environment based on race, sex, disability, religion, or any other status protected by law, rule, or policy.

BE HONEST AND ACCURATE

Make sure you are always honest and accurate when posting information or news, and if you make a mistake, correct it quickly. Be open about any previous posts you have altered. Remember that the Internet archives almost everything; therefore, even deleted postings can be searched. Posts are "on the record" and available to the media, public, sponsors, and other business partners and subject to discovery in litigation matters. Never post any rumors, speculation, or information about OWS or others until an official announcement, release or other post by official social media accounts has been made to the public and media.

DO NOT RETALIATE

OWS prohibits taking negative action against any OWS Official or other for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation. Any Competitor/Official who retaliates against another Competitor/Official or other for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension.

PROMOTION

By entering an Open Wheel Showdown event you give Open Wheel Showdown to use your name or likeness in the promotion of the event including but limited to: Social Media Posts, Flyers, Shirts, Websites, etc.

OWS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THIS POLICY AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE IN ITS DISCRETION.

Tire Rule: Thursday's optional practice will not have a tire rule. Teams may run whichever tires they like. Tire sales will begin Wednesday. Starting Friday, all tires that hit the track need to be stamped 970 compound tires purchased at the event or pre-ordered ahead of time from Hoosier Tire West.

Race Format: Thursday: Optional practice.
Friday: Practice & Single Car Qualifying. Heats & Pole Shuffle
Saturday: C Main, B Main, A Main Features. 26 cars make the A Main feature. 75 lap feature.

Open Motors
- 2500 LBS MINIMUM
- 58% LEFT-SIDE WEIGHT MAX
- 410 C.I. MAX
- 8" SPOILER
- 78 INCH FRONT TREAD WIDTH

602 MOTORS
- 2450 LBS MINIMUM
- 59% LEFT-SIDE WEIGHT MAX
- 10" WHEELS

All other LVMS modified rules apply.

2026 Open Wheel Modified Tire Format

Below outlines the tire rules for the 2026 Open Wheel Showdown. Hoosier Tire West will be at the track for the event and will be able to help mount and dismount tires for the team should they need it. Tire Sales begin Wednesday.

- Each team will be allowed a maximum of 4 sets of tires. 4 LF 4 RF 4 LR 4 RR tires to be stamped for the event. Maximum of 4 tires per corner can be purchased.
    - All 4 corners will be 970
    - You can use your stamped tires as you desire during the event.
- You Must Run the OWS stamped tires across all 4 corners starting with the first practice on Friday and running through the balance of the event.
- You may use ANY tire on Thursday for Practice. No tire enforcement on Thursday. Can be tires brought from home or tires purchased for the Event.
- Starting Friday MUST be on Stamped Tires from OWS
    - You will pay for your tires before selecting them
        - No open accounts. Must have Cash, Check, or Card
    - Maximum of 2 people per car allowed in the tire tent at one time
    - You may call Hoosier Tire West and pre order your tires for this event 559-485-4612

Purse

1st. $10,000.00
2nd. $2,600.00
3rd. $1,600.00
4th. $1,100.00
5th. $900.00
6th. $800.00
7th. $700.00
8th. $600.00
9th. $500.00
10th. $500.00
11th. $500.00
12th. $500.00
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