



## ***2024 Racing Procedures***

In an effort to make your experience with us more enjoyable, we have written out the track guidelines and rules for your convenience. Please note that if any controversy should occur, all decisions will be based on the written rules. Should the rules not cover a specific controversy then the race director will make a decision to cover said incident.

### **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 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 will result from publication of or compliance with these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport of racing and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator or official. **Racing is a dangerous sport that can result in serious injury or death. Participation in all aspects of the sport is voluntary. The ultimate responsibility for participant and vehicle lies with the participant, vehicle owner, and driver and crew members.**

We hope that you enjoy your racing experience with us. It's our goal to provide a family friendly environment that is enjoyable for you and your family.

### **1.0 Authority**

Any condition considered to be unsafe by The Painesville Speedway (TPS) and/or Lorain Raceway Park (LRP) officials will be adequate grounds for barring or withdrawing a vehicle from participation in any event, until the fault has been remedied to the satisfaction of track officials. The decision of track officials will be considered final in all inspection or elimination protests or procedures. Tech Staff reserves the right to disqualify any car not meeting the rules or the spirit of the rules. TPS/LRP may choose to move an underperforming car to tail for safety and competition concerns TPS/LRP staff also reserves the right to make amendments to the rules at later dates.

### **2.0 Refunds**

TPS/LRP has a "no cash refund" policy. This is regardless of rain, complaints, and technical problems with your car or the track facility. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### **3.0 Rain Out**

#### **Rain delays are not considered a rainout.**

TPS/LRP reserves the right to call or cancel any race due to weather. This includes water, rain, snow, sleet, lightning or anything, which TPS/LRP deems to be unsafe for the racers and or the fans. If this occurs before the heat races are completed, the races are “cancelled” and a rain check will be issued. This decision is at the discretion of TPS/LRP. If the heat races have been completed, and then the event was cancelled due to any of the above reasons, then the event will be deemed a complete night and no rain checks will be issued.

### **4.0 Wristbands**

Wristbands will be used at all events in the restricted area. These wrist bands MUST be worn throughout the event and may not be removed for any reason. These wristbands are “nontransferable”. Every person allowed to enter the pit area will be issued a wristband which MUST always be clearly visible. Anyone found giving or loaning his/her wristband to allow someone entry who is otherwise not entitled will be fined \$100.00 and ejected from the facility.

### **5.0 Pit Area**

Spectators will be allowed in the pit area at the conclusion of the racing program. Anyone wishing to be in a pit area during the racing program must have a wrist band.

### **6.0 Coolers**

Personal Coolers are permitted in the pit area only. No outside food or drink shall be transported into the spectator area. ABSOLUTELY no glass bottles or outside alcohol.

(Note: TPS/LRP reserves the right to check coolers)

### **7.0 No Drinking in the Pits**

Any person observed by track officials to be consuming any amount of alcohol while in the pits before racing has concluded for the day, will be removed from the pits and fined \$100. If a scene is made, you will be removed from the speedway property completely and be suspended for (1) week, along with a \$250 fine. TPS/LRP reserves the right to increase these fines and suspensions for multiple offenses.

### **8.0 Speed Limits**

The speed limit in the pit area is approximately 5 MPH. Anyone “speeding” will be subject to a fine of \$100, 2nd offense \$200 fine plus a one-week suspension, 3rd offense \$250 fine, plus 1 calendar year suspension from TPS/LRP. SLOW DOWN! There are kids in the pits, pay attention!

### **9.0 Fighting**

Drivers are responsible for their crews. Stay in your pit. If you enter another pit with malicious intent, you will be removed from TPS/LRP for the remainder of the night. If you make physical contact with another person your punishment will fit the crime. Fighting or physical altercation anywhere on the property (track, pits, stands, parking lot) will receive the following punishments: (these punishments can be stacked with other punishments)

1st offense \$200 fine and 2-week suspension

2nd offense \$300 fine and 3-week suspension

3rd offense \$500 fine and at least 1 calendar year suspension

## **10.0 Conduct**

Drivers and Crew Members at any event shall conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship, particularly in relation to other competitors, track officials, track employees, and track sponsors in a manner that will not harm the reputation of TPS/LRP. Failure to do so will result in penalties ranging from disqualification from the event to being banned from TPS/LRP. This is at the discretion of the track officials. In addition to other offenses or violations of specific rules, each of the following shall be deemed a breach of the rules.

1. Reckless or dangerous driving in the pits or on the track.
2. Failure to obey any direction or order of an official.
3. Refusing to cooperate with, interfering with, or obstructing the actions of any track official in the performance of their duties.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
5. Physical violence or verbal abuse towards any other participant, official, or spectator at an event.
6. No weapons shall be allowed on the premises.
7. Going on the track (beyond the yellow area's) without permission from an official will result in the following punishments:

1st offense escorted off the property, \$100 fine

2nd offense escorted off the property and at least one-week suspension, \$250 fine

3rd offense escorted off the property and at least one calendar year suspension, \$500 fine

## **11.0 Pit Pads**

There are reserved parking spots. To avoid the hassle of finding a space at the last minute, you can reserve a pit spot for \$100.00 per season. TPS/LRP reserves the right to allocate reserved spaces for special events, meaning you may be asked to relocate for the night, and this is understood when you purchase your pit pad.

One "tow vehicle" will be allowed in the pits. No personal vehicles of any type will be permitted in the pits. Please be aware of your fellow racers and avoid blocking them in from either their pit space or the rear of their trailer. At TPS, please make sure you keep all vehicles off the back straight pavement. There must always be clear access for 2 vehicles to pass.

## **12.0 Transponders/Raceceivers**

Transponders and Raceceivers are mandatory for all drivers participating at The Painesville Speedway. **There will be zero tolerance for not having a transponder and/or a raceceiver.** Should you choose not to have either in place and working during a random check and throughout every race, you may be disqualified from the race. **THIS IS NOT DEBATABLE AND WILL BE ENFORCED.** Two-way communication of any type with anyone other than TPS/LRP is not permitted during any racing event. Being caught with this will result in immediate removal from the track and possible suspension at our discretion.

### **12.1 Registration**

*All drivers must register their car and transponder number BEFORE entering the track for any hot laps, qualifying, or racing. This is regardless of whether your transponder is owned or rented. No qualifying times will be awarded for unregistered cars. No cars will be permitted to race until registered.*

### **12.2 Safety Equipment Requirements**

*All safety equipment must be worn when a car is on the track for hot laps, qualifying, or racing.*

*This includes a fire suit, approved helmet, racing shoes and fire-retardant gloves.*

*All drivers must have a working transponder and raceceiver on at all times when on the track.*

***THIS INCLUDES ALL HOT LAPS, QUALIFYING, AND RACING.***

*Failure to follow this may result in loss of qualifying times and possibly being disqualified from the event.*

### **13.0 Safety Items**

Refer to individual division rules

### **14.0 Emergency Response Procedure**

Any driver that is involved in an accident, please drop your window net to signal to the safety crew that you are ok. The officials will help you put it back up if you are able to continue racing. Do not exit your car or leave your car unless fire is present, or you are instructed to do so by an Official. Any driver leaving their car for any other reason may be disqualified from the event and/or fined.

TPS/LRP is not responsible for any payment to the EMT's if you require a trip to the hospital.

### **15.0 Inspections**

TPS/LRP may inspect any given car to be conforming at any time. This may require the car to be placed on a lift that is onsite and inspected thoroughly. You may be asked to remove at your expense motor parts, carb, rear end cover, etc. Should a car be deemed "non-conforming", that car/driver shall forfeit the winnings and points won for that race night and then the car must be re-inspected at the car owner's expense before they can compete again. In the event the car is sold after being deemed illegal, then re-inspection will be required before the car may compete. Any car deemed to be detrimental to the sport can be banned from competition at the discretion of TPS/LRP. Should any car/driver refuse to go to tech, said car/driver shall be considered "non-conforming" and forfeit any winnings and points for that race night, one week of points from week prior will be forfeited, and may also be subject to a fine that must be paid prior to competing again.

All cars must pass a safety inspection and have a Safety Inspection Sticker to enter the track

### **16.0 Post - Race Inspection**

In the feature races, a predetermined number of top finishers will report to the tech garage for post-race inspection. The driver must always stay with the car. Driver and one (1) other person associated with the car will be allowed in the garage at a time, unless you are required by tech to remove engine parts, then a maximum of two (2) persons and driver per car will be allowed in the garage. If your car is found non-conforming, you must be re-inspected prior to your next competition.

At the tech's choice he may bring any finishing car to tech for post-race inspection.

If a driver is in more than one (1) division the tech inspector will impound your car until you are available for tech

Any time during a race event you may be required to report to tech for inspection. Failure to comply will follow non-compliance penalties.

All cars must exit the track at the conclusion of the feature event in turn four and report straight to tech, not stopping at ANY pit area. If you stop at a pit area it will result in a disqualification from the night's activities.

### **17.0 Open Pits/Pit Stops**

All divisions have open pits during the feature races only, except for Ironman Figure Eight and Old School Figure Eight. You will get a three-lap allowance, meaning after the lineup is correct, they will do three laps under caution. This means on the second lap under caution the field will get the white flag, on the 3rd the green will fly. After the green, if the leaders are on the backstretch, you will not be allowed back on the track. You will not be allowed onto the racetrack after that green flag flies, unless a caution comes out before any laps are complete. No car one lap or more down, will be permitted back onto the racetrack.

### **18.0 Time Limits**

All preliminary races in all classes will have a maximum of fifteen (15) minute time limit. All feature races in all classes will have a maximum thirty (30) minute time limit, all other races fifteen (15) minutes. Special races may be exempt. TPS/LRP Management reserves the right to cancel or postpone any division or race in the matter of time limit.

### **19.0 Burnouts**

The feature winner is the only person that will be allowed to do a victory burnout or spin out. Any other car that does a burnout may be fined accordingly.

### **19.1 Intentional Damage**

*Any intentional damage done to TPS/LRP property will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to track surface, infield grass, parking lots or any track facilities or property. Any post-race celebrations or burnouts should be done in a manner not to damage any grass or track surface.*

*Fines of \$500 or more may be assessed according to the damage done.*

### **20.0 Hot Laps**

Line up with your class. All required safety gear along with a raceceiver and transponder must be present to hot lap. The only way to receive extra hot laps is at the discretion of the track officials. Please ask the Pit Steward; they will discuss with the tower and either grant permission or deny. You will receive only two laps to test your car, if permission is granted.

### **21.0 Qualifying/Prelims**

All divisions will receive two laps to qualify. Group qualifying may be used from time to time. *You must qualify with your division before that divisional qualifying has closed. No exceptions. Failure to qualify will result in starting scratch for the night.* You must run a heat to run a feature unless your car broke in hot laps, qualifying or dash race. Any car advancing their position while left side tires are below track edge indicators (turtles) will be disqualified. If below track edge indicators during qualifying, given time will be disallowed and the car will start scratch.

### **21.1 One Car / One Driver**

*Only the registered driver will be allowed to qualify and/or race the registered car. A different person may, with prior approval from the race director, "hot lap" the car during its designated time only. That will be considered that cars turn for that session.*

**No driver swaps will be permitted for qualifying or racing on any given race day.**

*Once a car is qualified, that qualifying time is locked in to that car and driver only. All lineups, inverts, qualifying points, etc. will be determined using that qualifying time.*

*In the event a driver chooses to qualify more than one car:*

*- The driver must declare to the line-up official which car will be used for the entire day. This must happen immediately upon completion of the final qualifying session for that particular division and before final lineups are generated. Failure to timely declare a car for the night will result in that drivers LAST qualified car/time to be used. All decisions will be final.*

*- If the driver wants to switch cars for any reason, the new car will be considered a back-up car and will start tail for all races it enters from that point on. The original car will be done for the night and may not be driven by that driver in any race from that point forward. No switching back and forth between cars will be permitted.*

### **21.2 Scratching.**

*Drivers choosing to scratch for a particular race or for the entire night has become excessive and has caused an undue burden on our line up and scoring personnel and system, as well as caused numerous delays and confusion as the next race was being lined up and entering the track.*

*For this reason, scratching will only be allowed for the following reasons:*

*-A mechanical issue arises during the race day causing concern for safety*

*-A NEW driver wants to start tail to avoid traffic.*

*-A car is not performing correctly and needs to start tail for safety and concern for the competition.*

*All requests for scratching must be made BEFORE your race is called up and must be approved by the race director*

*Driver requested scratching will not eliminate the possibility of breaking out*

*Scratching will no longer be allowed as a strategy and will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Excessive scratching will not be tolerated.*

### **22.0 Break Out Time**

*When you qualify, you will receive a qualifying time. If at any time during a race you go faster than your qualifying time by .05 seconds (.2 seconds at LRP) on any 2 laps, you will be black-flagged. Here is an example: if you turn a 15.50 in qualifying and you turn laps of 15.45 and 15.41 in any race, you will be black-flagged, and your new breakout time will be 15.41. During heats or pursuits, you must go to the pits and not remain on the track.*

*Feature race only: To allow cars to continue racing for the feature, if you are black flagged during the feature you must go to the rear of the field by dropping back and allowing the field to pass you. You will be told over the radio when to resume racing. At any time, the Race Director can throw a competition caution to realign the field after a breakout or other infraction.*

### **23.0 Black Flag Rule**

If you are black flagged from an event and you do not adhere to the black flag after the third warning, you will forfeit any points and money from that event and possibly be fined. Do not hold up the program by refusing to leave the track when you are told to. If this occurs, you will be asked to leave the property immediately and you will lose all points and money earned for that night of racing. If another offense occurs, you will be suspended for a minimum of two weeks. Any driver causing three cautions in one race, will be black flagged from that race and must exit the track.

### **24.0 Starting the Race**

The outside car on the pole sets the pace for the start of the race. Maintain a good speed, not too fast and not too slow. There will be a restart zone in turn 4 where you must be side by side. Race control reserves the right to not start the race or call the start back by going yellow. You will have 2 attempts to start the race. If you fail to provide a good start after 2 attempts, both cars will be put to the tail. The race starts when the green flag drops, unless it's the pursuit. In the pursuit, you must pass the start finish line before you can pass or attempt to overtake another car. Failure to maintain your groove on a start or restart may result in being sent to the tail of the field.

### **25.0 Feature Race Laps**

Street Stocks - 30 Laps

Figure Eight - 20 Laps

Chargers - 25 Laps

Old School Figure Eight - 15 laps

Warriors - 15 Laps

Trophy Stocks - 15 Laps

Rising Stars - 15 laps

\*\*\* Laps shown are for Regular events at TPS. Laps will vary at LRP and Special events at TPS. Management reserves the right to add or subtract laps due to car count or time limit

### **26.0 White Line Rule (TPS ONLY)**

The white line rule is always in place. When you are being challenged for position, you need to give each other room. Stay below the white line if you are on the inside. Stay above the white line if you are on the outside. Do not go over the white line with the inside edge of your passenger side lines. Give each other room to pass. This doesn't mean lie over. Continue racing. You will have 2 warnings; your third will be a black flag. Listen to the radio; the flag man may not always be able to point at you to warn you.

### **27.0 After the Checkered Flag**

After you receive the checkered flag, continue to race into turn two. The pit exit will be closed until you make another lap around the speedway. This will help eliminate the tail end of the field from piling up or causing an accident.

## **28.0 Damaged Vehicles**

Officials will only pull a fender to prevent tire rubbing. If a car needs more than that, they will be sent to the pits for repair. Open pit rules apply for the feature events.

## **29.0 Penalties/Suspensions**

Any driver or crew that receives a suspension more than two times may then be suspended for the remainder of the season. *Any suspension for a full season, or for the remainder of any season will not automatically expire and will be reviewed during the off season to determine if the suspension will be removed. Until such review and determination, all terms of the original suspension will remain in effect.* All penalties set forth in this document must be paid in full before returning to TPS/LRP facilities. If at any point you disagree with the penalties assessed against you, you may file an appeal with the TPS/LRP review board comprised of owners, race director, officials and inspectors.

## **30.0 Racing Penalties**

Management reserves the right to dock positions due to rough driving or unsportsmanlike conduct.

## **31.0 Prize Money**

Prize money will be distributed weekly in the form of a check. No payment will be made unless the entire membership packet is completed including tax information. Any disputes with payout should be addressed to TPS/LRP owners.

## **32.0 Winner Photos**

All preliminary race winner photos will be taken in the infield and feature wins will be taken on the front stretch. Please use caution when entering and exiting the track surface for feature photos. A limited number of spectators may enter the track surface through the pit area or front stretch gate and must exit only ~~through~~ the front stretch gate.

## **33.0 Rules and Regulations**

The following rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conducting of events at TPS/LRP 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 parties are deemed to have read, understood, and agreed to these policies and procedures.

No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publications or compliance as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participant, spectator, or official.

TPS/LRP Officials shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in its opinion shall not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL COME FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICS. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decisions are final.** Continuous developments in racing may necessitate changes that we cannot anticipate at the time these policies and procedures are written. Hence, we may update, modify and add or delete specific portions of the policies.



### **34.0 Social Media**

Everyone must be aware that posting on social media is like speaking into a live microphone. Media outlets can and quite often do pick up on social media comments. Be aware that all teams depend on their sponsors to race weekly. Everyone should respect the value of our fan base and sponsors. By the time an offensive post or tweet shows up, it is too late to stop the spiraling effect for the Speedway. You may feel that you cannot control the comments made in support of your initial comments, but that is not the case. Negative social media in any form about TPS/LRP, TPS/LRP officials, or racers will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity of the incident, fines or suspensions may be assessed. Please help us by speaking with your entire team about this policy.

### **35.0 Substitute Driver Policy**

TPS and Pure Stocks at LRP ONLY. All drivers may miss up to two weeks of racing for the season without losing all the points for the night. In their absence, each driver can designate one person to drive their car for the night(s). This substitute driver will accumulate points for the regular driver's standings. The substitute driver must be named prior to the beginning of qualifying for the current race event. The points will follow the original driver of the car. No substitute driver option will be used at LRP.

### **36.0 Points and Payout Structure**

Please see separate page for division you are racing.

### **37.0 Antifreeze**

Absolutely **NO ANTIFREEZE** is permitted.

A minimum fine of \$100 (or more if an extended cleanup is required) as well as being disqualified for the night and suspended for the following week.

### **38.0 Minimum Age for Drivers**

Unless a specific age is listed in the rules for an individual division, the minimum age for competing as a driver at TPS and/or LRP is 13 years old. Anyone under the age of 18 may be required to provide a photo ID showing drivers birthdate, or a copy of the driver's birth certificate.

**By signing this document, you acknowledge and accept the rules, procedures and penalties it contains. No person will be allowed in the pit area or on the competition surface without submitting a signed copy to the track.**

**Signee Copy**

Signature

Name Printed

TPS/LRP Official Signature

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