

# 2025 Weekly Racing Rules

## GENERAL RULES

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## APPEARANCE AND REGISTRATION OF CAR NUMBER

- All cars must have bright paint jobs and bright numbers in contrasting colors. No tape or shoe Polish numbers will be allowed.
- Car numbers must be a minimum of 24 inches high and three inches wide on each door and on the roof facing the passenger's side. Letters added to numbers must be legible.

## RACE NIGHT TIMES (SATURDAY NIGHT REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAM) - Times will be one hour early at I-55 during weekly races for cooler weather early in the season.

Pit Gates Open:	3:30 PM
Pill Draw Closes:	5:30PM (I55) – 6:30 (Brownstown)
Drivers Meeting:	5:10PM (I55) – 6:45 (Brownstown)
Hot Laps/Qualifying:	Immediately following drivers meeting
Racing:	6:30 PM (I55) – 7:30 (Brownstown)

## **PILL DRAW**

- Driver or crew member will be allowed to draw a pill. You must have your transponder and have it properly installed for hot laps.
- Pill draw will close at 6:00 PM at I-55 and 6:30 PM at Brownstown on regular race nights.
- Switching cars after pill draw will result in moving to the rear of that cars designated heat race.
- If the driver switches cars after heats, driver takes backup car to rear of the next race they are scheduled to compete in.
  
- If running late you can call right before pill draw ends and we will draw for you.
  
- DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION MUST BE NOTIFIED OF ALL DRIVER CHANGES PRIOR TO THEIR RACE, FAILURE TO DO SO WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.

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**Exceptions-** On championship nights, Top 6 drivers will remain in their position in the feature after switching cars. Driver can switch cars for a make-up race.

Car & driver must be present by the first heat race on Championship nights.

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## **Track packing**

ALL CLASSES WILL BE REQUIRED TO HELP PACK THE TRACK IF NEEDED. IF YOU DO NOT HELP PACK THE TRACK. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HOTLAP. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## **QUALIFYING**

- Late models will hot lap/qualify in their group determined by the pill draw. The format will be green, white, checkered. Last heat race winner will roll a dice to determine invert for feature. Modifieds will group qualify on special events as determined. Eighteen or fewer cars and you will qualify against the entire field to set heat race(s) lineups. Nineteen or more cars and we will utilize group qualifying and you will qualify against cars in your heat race only.
- Transponders must be installed for the hot lap/qualifying session, if you do not have your transponder in, you will not receive a time & will start on the rear of your heat race. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

## **Crew on the track**

- No crew member will be allowed on the racetrack at any time during any event, or during any yellow or red flag situation, unless otherwise instructed to do so.
- There will be a designated hot pit area. All crew members must remain in this area until their race has been completed. Hot pit is for features only. Maximum of two members per car only.

## **SIGNAL STICKS**

- No type of lighted signal sticks are permitted.

## **HOT PITS**

- There will be an open hot pit area located in the center of the infield. This area will only be open during the feature events. Pit crews must be remained in the designated area.
- If you must use the hot pit area, you will have two courtesy laps after the lineups are done.

You will not be able to re-enter the track Under the green flag. If you do re-enter under the green flag, you will be **Black Flagged**.

- There will be **Two Courtesy** laps given after the lineup is set.
- If you go to the outer pit area during the race, you will NOT return to that race! (Only exception is if during the race you get off the front straight away and cannot get back on the track before turn one and the caution comes out. Car must come immediately back on track.)

### Transponders/Raceceivers

- Each driver will receive a serial number transponder at pill draw each night. The Driver will be responsible for that transponder for that evening. The driver must turn in their transponder at payoff to receive that evening's pay. **No exceptions**. \$50 fine if it is not turned in that night.
- Be sure your transponder is mounted in its proper location. For all weekly racing events, the transponder is mounted on the rear axle. The 4 cylinders will mount them on the rear suspension. If there is a question about the location, see I-55/Brownstown Bullring track officials.
- If your transponder is lost or damaged, you will be charged \$200 replacement cost before being allowed to race at the I-55 or Brownstown Bullring next racing event.
- **You must have your transponders in for hot laps**
- It will be your responsibility to see that your transponder is on your car for every race you are in that evening. If you do not have your transponder in, you will be black flagged for that race.
- Every car must have a transponder pouch. No duct taping or any other form of attaching your transponder will be allowed.
- Transponders are the official scoring for close finishes. For all close finishes, track officials will verify cars involved in the close finish have their transponders mounted in the right location and as long as they are, the electronic scoring is official. If one car has their transponder mounted in the wrong location, the car with it mounted in the right location will automatically be scored in front of the car with it in the wrong location.
- Race Receivers are mandatory in all classes! It is the driver's responsibility to ensure they have working batteries and working earpieces. (Race Receivers are not only good safety equipment, but they also help the track run a more efficient race program)
- If you do not have a race receiver, they will be available for purchase or rental at the track. Default channel is 454.00 Will be used for all classes.
- If you do not have a working race receiver during your race, you will be disqualified.

### COMPETITIVE SPEED

If a car is not maintaining an up to speed pace and falls two laps down, they will be considered a safety concern and will be removed from the race. If time allows, the track will allow new drivers some laps after the races to help them improve.

### ROUGH DRIVING

- If you make contact with another car with that car spinning out, you will go to the tail along with the car that was spun out. No exceptions.
- If the Race Director determines you intentionally spin out or run over another car, you will be black flagged for that race.

### STAGING

- All races for each class will be required to report to the staging area two races prior to their scheduled race. Failure to do so will result in you being placed to the tail of that race. Once in staging pit crew/driver may work on car until race is called to the track. When race rolls onto the track, any car not leaving staging or moving forward immediately when race is called on track will be put to the rear of that race. The only exception is if you are in staging but

blocked in by cars from the next race.

## **LINEUPS**

- Heat race lineups will be determined by pill draw unless a class is qualifying and any class qualifying will be lined up based on qualifying times straight up with the fastest car on the front row pole of heat race one and so on. Number of heat races needed per class will be determined by number of cars signed in. There will be no more than nine cars per heat race on regular race nights.
- Feature lineups will be determined by finishing order of the heat races with the winner of the last heat race of the evening rolling a dice to determine the invert for ALL feature races.
- Officials will determine if B-Mains are necessary based on car counts and the number of cars that have scratched for the night. The number of cars transferring from the heat race and B-Mains will be determined by the number of heat races ran. Feature events at I-55 will typically start up to 22 cars and feature events at Brownstown Bullring will typically start up to 20 cars.
- If any car is missing from the posted lineup, the row the car(s) are missing from will move straight up in the lineup. No crisscrossing the field at any time.
- If there is a complete restart of a race and any cars are unable to restart, the row the car(s) are missing from will move straight up in the lineup. No crisscrossing.
- If a driver's car is unable to start their next race, the driver may switch cars and start at the rear of their next race.
- Feature Time Limit is 30 minutes. If the time limit is reached and a caution comes out, the race will be restarted with a green/white/checkered finish.

## **STARTS AND RESTARTS**

- Original starts will be double filed with pole sitter setting the pace. You must be side by side and nose to tail. The front row will be given two chances to get this done. If not, the front row will be penalized to the second row and the 2nd row will be moved to the front row. Original starts will be off turn 4 at the last ute tire on the infield at Brownstown or at the turn 4 infield pit opening at I-55.
- Original starts:
  - First and second, start caution – All cars involved in the caution and able to restart that do not go to hot pit will get their original starting spot.
  - Third, start caution: All cars involved in the caution will go to the tail and it will be a single file start.
- If the Race Director determines you caused an intentional yellow, you may be black flagged for that race.
- All laps will be counted and scored complete if the leader plus one car crossed the start/finish line. This includes the first lap. Cars not passing the start/finish line will be relined based on their last completed lap, with the cars involved in the caution placed behind them. If the leader takes the checkered flag and caution waves, the race is over. All others will be scored how they crossed the line on the previous lap.
- **STARTS AND RESTARTS:** Delaware double file restarts will be implemented in the Heats, Dashes, B Mains and will be utilized to the end of the race unless race director determines a single file restart is necessary. Delaware double file restarts will be utilized during the Features until there are 3 laps or less to go. Delaware double file restarts are defined as the leader out front and the remainder of the field double filed with lapped cars lined up behind lead lap cars. Second place car chooses high or low, with everyone else lining up accordingly. Restarts are in turn 4, not in turn 3. No jumping. You cannot pull up along the rear quarter panel of the car in front of you before the green flag. Even on Delaware double restarts, rows three on back are nose to tail

behind the second row. No fanning out before the green flag. Track officials may elect for a single file restart after an excessive number of cautions. All single file restarts are nose-to-tail with no fanning out before the green.

- Jumping on starts or restarts you will be penalized two cars for every spot jump to be assessed at the next caution. If there is no caution, it will be assessed at the end of the race
- Lap cars will go to the tail of all future restarts. Cars involved in the caution will go ahead of the lap cars, if they are on the lead lap.
- Any car brake checking on starts or restarts will be warned once and will be sent to the tail on the second occurrence.

### **YELLOW FLAGS**

- If you are determined by the Race Director to be involved in the caution, you will go to the tail for the restart. If track officials determine you only made slight, incidental contact while trying to avoid the other cars involved, you will get your position back.
- If you come to a stop on the track, you must remain in the car until told by Track Official or safety personnel to exit your car unless there is a fire. If you exit your car, you will be disqualified for the remainder of that race. Exiting car means feet outside the driver's compartment. No exceptions.
- Stopping without making contact to avoid an accident, you will be given your position back.
- Any car causing intentional yellow will be black flagged for that race.

### **TWO SPIN RULE**

- There will be a two-spin rule in effect for all races. This means that if you are charged with a two yellow flag situation, you will be black flagged for that race. If for any reason you are a provisional starter in the race, you will be black flagged if you are charged with causing any single caution.
- Only the car or cars that cause the yellow will be charged.

### **WHITE AND CHECKERED FLAGS**

- Heat, dash or B-Mains, If the leader plus one car receives the white flag prior to a caution, that race will be considered complete. The finish will be based on the order they were running on the last completed lap, with the cars involved in the caution place to the rear of the field
- If the leader plus one car does not receive the white flag prior to the caution, the race will be restarted going green, white, checkered.
- Features: All features will finish under the checkered flag. When the leader receives the checkered flag, the race is over if there is a caution. After the leader receives the checkered, the rest of the field not crossing the start finish line reverts back to the last lap with the cars involved in the caution being scored behind all cars not involved. If there is a caution before the leader receives the checkered, the race will restart. Green & white together with the checkered displayed the next time by.

### **SCALING**

The following cars must weigh:

Qualifying: All cars. You must pull on the infield on the backstretch immediately after taking the checkered flag.

Heats: Top 3 Finishers

Dash (when ran): All Cars

B-Mains: All cars transferring to the feature

Feature: Top 5 finishers unless otherwise instructed.

**CARS MUST REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SCALE/TECH AREA, NO EXCEPTIONS**

Any cars determined to be light after weighing or not going to the scales will be disqualified from that race. They will forfeit any money and points if it is after the feature. If after a heat race, they will be scored last in the heat race but allowed to run the B-Main or Feature event.

All added weight to cars must be painted white and have your car number visible on the weight. Any weight falling off your car will result in a \$25 fine.

### **TECH/CLAIM AREA**

- Tech claim area is located by the scales in the infield unless otherwise notified
- You must finish in the top 5 in the feature and be a track member to claim or file a protest.
- Any driver found to be illegal or refusing a claim will forfeit their total championship points up to the night of the infraction in all prize money from that evening's event
- Brownstown Bullring and I-55 Management reserves the right to refuse any and all claims or protest.
- All claims or protest must be placed with the director of Competition no later than 10 minutes after the A feature
- The protest fee is \$100 and must be given to an official along with the protest. Car and protest will be checked after the main event. If the car in protest is found illegal, the protester will be returned to his \$100. If the car is found legal, the \$100 will be given to the car in protest.

### **TIRES**

- A I-55/Brownstown Bullring official can confiscate or take samples of any tire on any night to be evaluated and returned within a reasonable time period
- Anyone found with an illegal tire or tires will receive a 30 day suspension from all I-55/Brownstown Bullring events. Loss of championship. Points and all purse money for that event.

### **SAFETY**

- Each competitor is solely responsible for the effectiveness and proper installation, per the manufacturer's specifications, of personal safety equipment and determining it to be adequate for competition at every event. Each competitor is expected to investigate and educate themselves for continuing improvement regarding their own personal safety equipment.
- All drivers are required to wear a fire-resistant driving uniform meeting the minimum of the SFI 3.2A/5 specifications and display a valid SFI 3.2A/5 label on the outside of the uniform.
- Drivers must wear gloves at all times they are on the track. Driver's gloves must meet or exceed the SFI 3.3 specifications and have a legible and valid SFI 3.3 label.
- Drivers must wear shoes that meet the minimum of the SFI 3.3 specifications and display a valid SFI 3.3 label.
- All drivers must wear a full faced helmet with a minimum safety rating of FIA 8860-2010, FIA 8860-2018, Snell SA 2015, Snell SA 2010 and/or a valid SFI 31.1/2005 label.
- Track officials will place their yellow flag on any car, directly in front of the driver's view, before doing any

work on that car so the driver knows not to move until that official removes the yellow flag.

### **FIGHTING**

- There will be no tolerance concerning this rule. If you were involved in a fight, the first offense, you will be put on probation and fined \$100 before being allowed to return to I-55/Brownstown Bullring. Second offense will result in a fine of \$500 and one week suspension, loss of points and pay for the night. Third offense will result in being banned from I-55/Brownstown Bullring for the remainder of the race season.
- Anyone approaching any I-55/Brownstown Bullring official or staff member with the intent to fight, or anyone using abusive language or gestures will be put on probation and fined \$100. All fines must be paid before being allowed to compete at I-55 and Brownstown Bullring.
- This includes all drivers and their crew members. Drivers will be always held accountable for their crew members
- If this offense occurs, you will Also lose all championship points and money awarded for that event.
- No one shall leave their pit stall or approach or enter another's drivers pit stall at any time with the intent to start an altercation.
- Fighting penalties will be enforced before, during and after any Brownstown Bullring or i-55 sponsored event.

### **PROVISIONALS**

- Will be determined by the promoter on special events.
- You must attempt to race your way in. Cannot make one lap and pull in.
- You must start your assigned race and complete the race capable
- You will only be allowed one provisional per year promoters option for special events.

### **PAYOUTS**

- Payouts Will be mailed the first week after the event. Your transponder is due at the end of the night. Checks will not be mailed until you turn in your transponder.
- I-55/Brownstown Bullring reserves the right to take any outstanding fines or monies owed by either the driver or the car owner out of the driver or owners prize money check.

### **RAINOUT POLICY**

- If an event is cancelled for any reason before the feature lineups for ALL classes are fully set (meaning all heats and B-Mains are complete), then the event is considered cancelled with no makeup features and pit passes and tickets stubs will be good towards future events.
- If an event is cancelled once we have gotten all feature lineups set for ALL classes, then any features that have not been ran will be ran as a makeup feature at a future event with that date determined by officials. Pit passes and tickets will no longer be good towards future events.

### **I-55 & BROWNSTOWN BULLRING TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP AND AWARDS**

- Driver/Car registration is required to compete for championship points and be eligible for

year-end awards. You must be a member by the first Friday in June to be eligible for these awards. No exceptions. Driver memberships are \$100 per driver and covers both tracks. Fan/Crew Memberships are \$50 per person. Membership benefits include \$5 discount on pit admission at I-55 and Brownstown Bullring.

- Track championship points will be awarded to all feature finishing positions at every racing event unless noted otherwise
- Track champions will be held accountable for their actions at all times.
- Will be the responsibility of the driver or car owner to declare their rookie status at the beginning of the racing season and fill out the proper paperwork.
- Points Championship will be determined by your top 15 or 20 finishes of the season based on the class you race in. Late Models and Factory Stocks will be based on your best 15 finishes of the season between both tracks. Modifieds, Pro-Mods/B-Mods, Sportsman and 4 Cylinders will be based on your best 20 finishes of the season between both tracks.
- You must race at least two events at each track to be eligible for points championship awards.
- Points will be awarded as follows for the feature events: 1<sup>st</sup> 100 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 90 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 85 points, 4<sup>th</sup> 80 points, 5<sup>th</sup> 75 points, 6<sup>th</sup> 70 points, 7<sup>th</sup> 65 points, 8<sup>th</sup>, 60 points, 9<sup>th</sup> 55 points, 10<sup>th</sup> 50 points, 11<sup>th</sup> 48 points. Each position beyond 11<sup>th</sup> will drop by two points. Each driver that signs in and at least attempts hot laps will also get 15 show up points. There are no points awarded for qualifying, heat race or B-Main finishes.
- Driver/owner must be present at the awards banquet to receive year end awards.

#### **FINAL JUDGMENT**

Decisions of the Director of Competition, Pit Stewarts and track owner will be Final any situation not covered will be acted upon by the officials in charge, whose decision is final and binding to all participants. If it is not written, it will be considered illegal.

It will be the responsibility of all participants to know and understand all rules set forth by I-55/Brownstown Bullring officials.