

# COLUMBIA COUNTY RACING ASSOCIATION

## 2024 GENERAL RULES

### 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 the minimum acceptable requirements of such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all such 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 PUBLICATIONS OF, OR COMPLIANCE WITH, THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS. These rules 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. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES: The Board's interpretation shall be the official interpretation and will supersede any or all other possible interpretation. If you are in doubt on any rule, ask for an official decision of the interpretation. Where there is no specific rule to govern the occasion the BOARD'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL!!

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Continuous developments in racing may necessitate changes that cannot be anticipated at the time rules are formulated. Hence, if necessary, rules may be updated, modified, added to, or deleted at any time, as needed. In addition to this, the "Except in Rare Instances" rule will be in effect at all times. CCRA intends for all participants to be competitive with each other. If you do something to change your Vehicle that these rules have overlooked, and that CCRA feels gives you an unfair advantage over other competitors, you will be required to reverse these changes. If there is a question on any rule herein, on specifics or clarification, the best "rule of thumb" is, if you do not see something specifically explained, consider it to be illegal, because CCRA will. Due to safety and liability, No Pregnant Women shall be allowed to race.

### RULE APPLICATIONS

1. The General Rules section applies to each and every driver, mechanic, and/or pit personnel. You are expected to know the rules, ignorance of the rules will not be tolerated as an excuse.
2. As a driver and/or owner, you are an independent contractor and assume full responsibility for all charges, premiums, and taxes, if any, payable on any funds you may receive for your participation in any event supported by CCRA.
3. All persons participating in CCRA events are subject to the individual track rules and regulations, as well as, any and all state, county, and city laws. Any person not upholding these laws may be subject to arrest, fines or permanent suspension from competition as a result.

## ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

1. All drivers must be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age, with the exception of tracers micros and 4 cylinder for the **age of thirteen (13)**. Any driver under the age of eighteen (18) years of age must have a properly executed parental consent form signed and notarized for admission to an event. Ages 14-15 must furnish and have past racing experience to compete in upper divisions.
2. All Ages are allowed in the Pits. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age must have a properly executed parental consent form signed.
3. All persons participating in CCRA events must have all outstanding fines/fees paid prior to admittance in the pit area.
4. President and Vice President will have the option of pulling a driver from said class if they believe there is a safety issue present.

## CONDUCT

1. The consumption or distribution of any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance at any time in the pit area is strictly prohibited. By entering the restricted pit area, all participants agree to accept this policy and procedure.
2. Any time the conduct of a team member or driver is a discredit to CCRA, the racing industry, or to himself/herself, he/she may be subject to removal from the track and all CCRA racing activities. The driver is responsible for all people associated with his/her Vehicle and /or anyone signed in at the track that is associated with that Vehicle.
3. Any fighting or reckless driving in the pit area may subject the offender to suspension and/or fine contingent upon the seriousness of the incident and the decision of the track officials and/or CCRA Officer/Board Member. Any continuing problems from the same individual may result in season long or permanent suspension and/or fine.
4. Abuse of any track official and/or CCRA Officer/Board Member, including, but not limited to abusive or profane language, will not be tolerated, and will result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action will be determined on a case by case basis. CCRA expects you to look and act like a professional, to be clean, and to look respectable to the public.
5. CCRA Race Officials must be notified immediately if you or a team member is injured at a race event. Do not leave the premises without reporting any injury first.

## General Policies

1. CCRA RACE OFFICIALS WILL RESOLVE ANY DISAGREEMENT OVER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS OR OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS RACE PROCEDURES AND CONDUCT. WHEN A DECISION IS RENDERED, THE DECISION IS FINAL AND BINDING.
2. Before entering the racing area, a release, registration, and/or entry forms must be read and signed by all participants. Entering the racing area and/or pit area without the permission of track officials is prohibited.
3. CCRA Race Officials reserve the right to reject or disallow entry of any driver or other individuals for any reason.

4. Drivers, owners, and mechanics shall have no claim against, or cause of action for damages, expenses, or otherwise against CCRA Race Officials or CCRA Officer/Board Member.
5. Race entry applications and/or fees are nonrefundable and nontransferable after the first A main starts, including rain-outs.
6. CCRA Race Officials will establish the number of competitors in each race, length, frequency, and administration of all events and programs and their decisions will be final.
7. Any and all race vehicle may be subject to CCRA inspection before, during and after any race event.
8. CCRA reserves the right to establish an impound area and determine how many people are permitted in the impound area. CCRA Race Officials assume no responsibility for impounded race vehicle.
9. CCRA reserves the right to impound any race Vehicle for inspection purposes.
10. CCRA reserves the right to confiscate any part and/or equipment found to be improperly modified or illegal during an inspection, and will not return illegal parts.
11. Drivers with 2 charged yellows in the heat are off track for that race. Drivers with 2 charged yellows in the main event are sent to their trailer.
12. There will be no invert with less than 10 cars in the main event.
13. 1, 2, 3 Rule. 1<sup>st</sup> contact noted 2<sup>nd</sup> contact rolled up warning 3<sup>rd</sup> contact black flag.

#### PROTESTS

1. After the final results have been posted you have fifteen (15) minutes in which to protest the finish. The ONLY way a finish will be changed is if it is an error in scoring.

#### MECHANICAL PROTESTS

1. A Vehicle entering in a race may be protested by any paid-up driver of CCRA in good standing of the same division. The protesting driver shall deliver his protest in writing together with a \$150.00 fee to the pit gate no later than 15 minutes after the end of the last racing event of that day's program. The written protest shall include the official number of the car protested, the name of the owner (if known) and the driver (if known) of the protested Vehicle, the part/design of the car under protest. The protest must be signed by the protesting driver.
2. If the Vehicle is found to be illegal according to CCRA rules, the protesting member will receive the protest fee from the Treasurer no later than the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Directors. In addition, the owner of the car will pay a fine of \$50.00 to the Treasurer of the Association no later than the next succeeding scheduled race event. The owner of the illegal car shall bear the cost of any gaskets. The car found to be illegal, and the driver will forfeit all money and points won on that day. A second offense by the same car and/or driver will result in both being automatically suspended until fees or fines have been paid. If car is found legal then half of the money put up for the protest will go to the protested car/driver and half will go to CCRA.

#### SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Before any race Vehicle may participate it is subject to inspection by CCRA Race Officials.
2. A main battery power switch must be easily accessible from the outside. Switch must be clearly marked for "on" and "off" positions.
3. No person will be permitted to ride on the outside of a race car, truck or trailer at any time.

4. Motorized transportation must be pre-approved by the board.
5. Race Receivers are required to race, unless otherwise stated.
6. Fire Suits are required for all drivers when racing.
7. All divisions helmet must meet or exceed 2010 date code.

#### RACE TRACK OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. ATTENDANCE AT THE CCRA DRIVER'S MEETING IS MANDATORY.
2. All drivers must compete in the event in which they are scheduled. Any driver not ready to compete when called may be sent to the rear of the race at the discretion of the CCRA Race Officials.
3. The only people permitted on the race track and infield are those specifically authorized by CCRA Officials. Everyone must stay away from the race track at all times unless requested to assist for some special reason by an official. When crashed, stay in your Vehicle, unless in immediate danger, such as fire. DO NOT get out of your Vehicle to examine the extent of possible damage. Pit crews, owners, and/or personnel related to any Vehicle are not permitted on the track following an accident or injury. No driver may get out of his or her Vehicle on the track or infield to argue or discuss the race with the starter or track officials. If this rule is violated, the driver may be disqualified or suspended for the event and/or suspended according to the decision of the CCRA Board and/or track officials.
4. Do not enter the racing surface without express authorization. Track officials will approve your entry at the track entrance and signal for you to proceed.
5. Any Vehicle observed to be operating in a manner hazardous to other vehicles may be black-flagged. If you receive three (3) consecutive black flags you will not be scored. In the event there is less than three laps the scoring will be at the discretion of the flagman.
6. Race vehicles entering the pit area must adhere to safety rules. No speeding or unsafe driving will be allowed. Unsafe driving in the pit area may result in penalty, possible suspension, and/or fine.
7. Refusing to obey track officials may result in being penalized laps, finishing positions being taken away, the race stopped, the driver black-flagged, and a possible suspension and/or fines by the track.
8. Rookie drivers must declare their "Rookie Status" on their membership form at the beginning of the season to be eligible for "Rookie of the Year". A rookie driver must participate in normal qualifying procedures. However, a rookie driver must also "tag the field" or "start scratch on the field" for the main events in his/her first three (3) races. (It is the driver's responsibility to make sure that they are placed at the back of the main event they qualified for during this three race period.) After the three race minimum, the driver may then start the main events as qualified. Additional "rookie race time" may be requested by the driver, until the driver is comfortable enough to take his qualifying time and starting position. Eligibility is three (3) or less main events in that division (excluding non-points events). Team driver must also be a rookie. If the team driver is not a rookie and they drive then they forfeit their rookie status.
9. Identification: Each driver must have his own officially assigned number. These numbers must be at least 18" high and 3" wide, on both doors and roof. Number must be in a color contrasting with the body color and if the number is not legible from the scoring tower, the race Vehicle will not be scored. (NO CHROME.) CCRA assumes no responsibility for errors in scoring if the assigned number is not legible or is not used. A 6" number is required on upper right corner of windshield and left rear of car (tail light area).

10. The Vehicle that the drivers signs up to drive for the evening at the pit gate is the car he/she will run for the night. If switching cars throughout the night, you are forfeiting points accumulated previously throughout the day and qualifying positions.
11. Team Drivers MUST be signed up prior to that team's second racing event. The team is allowed only three drivers to accumulate points per car. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
12. A representative from Vehicle must draw a pill before 3:30pm track time. Exception Sunday of 2 day race when it will be 1 hour earlier. If you do not draw pill, you start at the back of your heat.
13. Radios in vehicles are not permitted.
14. NO MIRRORS ALLOWED!!
15. Smoking will not be permitted in the Vehicle at any time while the car is on the track.
16. All vehicles must wheel pack when requested to do so.
17. All fuel cans or containers must be clearly labeled to show they contain gasoline. Water containers should also be clearly labeled. Each pit shall have a fully charged 2 1/2 lb. fire extinguisher in view.
18. All vehicles must be removed from the fairgrounds within 24 hours of the race program finish.
19. Any vehicle (tow rig, passenger car, race car, push truck, etc.) shall not be allowed on the race track unless directed by a CCRA Official.

#### PENALTIES

1. Violations of any CCRA rule or regulation by a member may result in disqualification, suspension, loss of points, loss of purse, fines, or a combination of any of the aforementioned penalties.
2. Any driver, owner, crew member, and/or race vehicle may be expelled from the pit area and competition while under suspension and/or fine.
3. Any driver, race vehicle owner, or mechanic who participates in any demonstration or fight on the track premises before, during, or after a race event shall be subject to suspension and/or fines.
4. Until a suspension is lifted, the race vehicle to which the suspended member is registered may be restricted from competition, at the discretion of CCRA Officials.
5. Any abuse, assault, or threat thereof by any driver, race vehicle owner, or mechanic, or any person operating under orders to any track officials or CCRA Officers/Board Members shall be subject to suspension and/or fines and expulsion from the pit area and/or track premises.
6. CCRA reserves the right to withhold any prize money and driver's points stemming from penalties and/or other violations preceding or following post race inspection.

#### APPEALS

1. A Vehicle owner or driver may file an appeal against a judgment imposed by the CCRA Board provided that the individual submits such appeal within five (5) days, in writing. The appeal must be signed by the applicant.
2. Decisions made by the CCRA Board on appeals shall be final and binding.
3. CCRA reserves the right to penalize any driver, Vehicle owner or crew member judged to be spiteful, malicious, or who acts contrary to the rules and regulations of the Columbia County Racing Association.