

# ADAMS COUNTY SPEEDWAY

## 2017 GENERAL RULES

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(New or altered rules will be underlined)

*On behalf of Adams County Speedway, Adams County Fair and Racing Association and its entire group of staff and volunteers we would like to thank you for choosing to race with us here at the half mile. We strive to be consistent and fair in all calls made involving the track and its competitors and respect of these decisions is appreciated. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the rules and procedures as they apply to each and every person at the Adams County Fairgrounds and Adams County Speedway. By signing in to the pit area or gaining entry into the grandstands you acknowledge that you have read and understand the rules and procedures and agree to abide by the rules and official decisions.*

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 shall govern the condition of all Adams County Speedway events, and by participating in these events, all Adams County Speedway competitors are deemed to have complied with these rules. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication of, or compliance with these rules and regulations. They're intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and in no way guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators, and others. The race director(s) shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications in these rules or impose any further restrictions that in their opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from such alteration of specifications. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the race director(s). ALL RACE DIRECTOR(S)' DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL!

### CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

#### *Section 1-1 Aggressive Behavior:*

- A. Any form of aggressive behavior, including but not limited to fighting, verbal or physical threatening, vandalism or attempted vandalism of competitors' equipment will not be tolerated on or near any part of the Adams County Fairgrounds.
- B. Violation of this policy will subject the offender and the car he/she is associated with to possible disqualification (including loss of purse and points), additional point penalties, fine, expulsion, and/or suspension.

#### *Section 1-2 Pit Stall:*

- A. Any competitor's vehicle, pit stall or pit area is considered a safe-zone for that competitor and his/her crew.
- B. Entering another competitor's vehicle, pit stall or pit area in any aggressive manner will be considered a violation of the aggressive behavior policy.

#### *Section 1-3 Language:*

- A. We will not tolerate any profane language in front the race fans, officials, or management. Please be clean and look respectable.

#### *Section 1-4 Questions/Concerns:*

- A. If at any time you have a question or concern for race officials, ask or notify them and you will be answered.
- B. Any driver, while involved in a race, exiting his/her car while not in the pit area to approach an official, staff, volunteer or fellow competitor may be subjected to immediate disqualification from that race.
- C. Further punitive measures may be imposed at the discretion of the race director(s).

#### *Section 1-5 Responsibilities:*

- A. Each driver is responsible for their crew members/occupants from a driver's designated pit area and their actions. Unsportsmanlike conduct by drivers, owners, crew members/occupants from a driver's designated pit area may be grounds for disqualification, fines and/or suspension.
- B. No driver, car owner, or mechanic shall have claim for damages, expenses or otherwise against Adams County Speedway, ACFRA board, or any officials by reason of disqualification, confiscation, or damage to, either race car of driver or both; and car owner, driver and mechanics agree the track is in safe condition if they take part in racing activities.
- C. Driver is the sole spokesman for the car owner and pit crew in any and all matters pertaining to the race and the driver only shall take part in any arbitration with the officials and/or race director(s).

### PIT AREA

#### *Section 2-1 Wristbands and Releases:*

- A. When you enter the pit area, you are entering at your own risk.
- B. The pit area is a restricted area and all entrants must sign the pit release sheet for the current year and have a valid pit pass wristband on them at all times for that night's events.
- C. All individuals in the pit area must have a valid wristband displayed on wrist at all times while on the property (This includes after racing is over, until you leave the grounds).

- D. No one under the age of 20 will be allowed in the pits until all minor releases have been signed by a parent or guardian.
- E. Maintain a constant watch at all times for your own safety.
- F. No driver or crew member may enter the racing area until he or she has completed all releases, registrations and/or entry forms.
- G. No person will be allowed to sign release and waiver sheet for anyone other than themselves.

**Section 2-2 Speed:**

- A. The speed limit in the pit area is limited to idle speed only.
- B. Any driver exceeding the speed limit may be subject to fine.
- C. Vehicle movement within the pits is restricted to the designated driving lanes.

**Section 2-3 Unused Pit Stalls:**

- A. DO NOT drive across unused pit stalls.
- B. Driving across unused pit stall may put the driver subject to fine, disqualifications, and/or suspension.

**Section 2-4 Leased Pit Stalls:**

- A. A pit stall leased for the season entitles the owner to a pit stall for all events, but location of said pad may be changed for special events.
- B. No outside pit stalls or pitting.
- C. All cars competing will pit inside the track. (Excluding special events and special ground condition exceptions)

**Section 2-5 Grilling:**

- A. No grilling in infield area during the races. (Hot Laps to Last checkered flag is during)

**Section 2-6 Alcohol and Illegal Drugs:**

- A. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL BE CONSUMED IN THE PIT AREA UNTIL A TEAMS LAST RACE HAS BEEN COMPLETED. ALL DRIVERS/OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CREWS ADHERENCE TO THIS POLICY. IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS FOUND TO BE CONSUMING ALCOHOL IN YOUR PIT AREA YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR ALL REMAINING RACES OF THE EVENING (NO POINTS/NO PURSE)! NO ALCOHOL SHALL LEAVE A TEAM'S PIT AREA UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE NIGHT'S LAST RACE. ANY VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PITS IMMEDIATELY! REMEMBER, WE ARE ALL HERE TO HAVE FUN.....BE RESPONSIBLE!!!
- B. ANY INDIVIDUAL IN THE PIT AREA SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DRUG AND ALCOHOL TEST AT ANY TIME.

**Section 2-7 Tech/Claim Area:**

- A. Tech/claim area is not a place for spectators. If your car is not involved, stay away.
- B. Two people per car allowed in tech/claim area unless ACS tech officials or race director(s) authorize more people.
- C. Any unauthorized persons (crew, spectators) in tech/claim area may be fined up to \$100.00 per occurrence, per person.
- D. Refer to Section 2-8 After The Checkers (Any driver or team member in the tech area is required to stay with their car. If a driver or team member leaves the tech area without approval of a tech official or race director(s) will forfeit points and purse for that night's events)

## FINES & PENALTIES

**Section 3-1 Receiving Penalties/Fines:**

- A. Racing penalties on the track or in the pits will be imposed by ACS race director(s).
- B. Adams County Speedway reserves the right to have race cars of the same class to use the same fuel or fuel mix. Fuel sample may be taken from any car at any time. Penalty for illegal fuel is disqualification from the event and \$250 fine - first offense.
- C. When prohibited use of siped or grooved tires will result in disqualification and loss of points. Chemically treated tires will result in \$1,000 fine, 30-day suspension and loss of all points for the season; second offense will result in \$2,000 fine and 60-day suspension.
- D. Fighting and/or physical assault: First violation, minimum \$250 fine and/or suspension. Second violation is a minimum \$500 fine and minimum two-week suspension. Third violation \$1,000 is a minimum one-year suspension.
- E. Unsportsmanlike conduct and/or verbal assault: First violation, minimum \$100 fine and/or suspension. Second violation is a minimum \$250 fine and minimum two-week suspension. Third violation is a minimum \$500 fine and minimum one-year suspension.
- F. Any driver intentionally using his/her vehicle in a malicious manner: minimum \$250 fine and/or suspension at discretion of officials and race director(s).
- G. Physical assault of a NASCAR official, track employee or volunteer: First violation is a fine of no less than \$1,000 and/or suspension of driver of no less than 21 days.
- H. Penalties may be one or more of the following; Verbal warning, requiring the driver to start at the rear of the field, temporary on permanent suspension from any or all ACS events, expulsion from the Adams County Fairgrounds, fined, and loss of prize money and/or points.

**Section 3-2 Payment Of Fines:**

- A. When driver or crew member is assessed a fine, the fine must be paid before the driver, crew member, or the car they're associated with will be allowed to compete at ACS again.
- B. All fine money assessed and paid during the current racing season will go to the speedway.

### **Section 3-3 Legal Actions:**

- A. Any team, competitor, car owner, or crew member who initiates legal action or causes legal action to be initiated against the Adams County Speedway shall be suspended from all competition until such legal action is settled.
- B. Any ACS competitor found to have any form or any type of a traction control device will be fined up to \$5000, the device confiscated by ACS officials and sold, and the driver will not be eligible for competition for the following ten nights of racing. Any altered crate motors will be confiscated by ACS officials and sold, receive a fine up to \$5000, and the driver will not be eligible for competition for the following ten nights of racing. Proceeds from the sale will go to ACS.

## **PROTESTS**

### **Section 4-1 Filing A Protest:**

- A. All protests must be in writing and filed with officials within a reasonable time to allow officials to determine whether to allow or reject protest. One item is allowed per protest.
- B. All protests will be handled at track level and must be accompanied with a cash deposit. If item being protested is found legal the entire deposit will be forfeited with \$50 going to the track and the remainder given to protested driver. If the protested item is found nonconforming all of deposit will be refunded to protester. Protests will be \$100 unless the protest is for an internal engine item, which will be \$200.
- C. Any situation not covered by these rules shall be referred to ACS officials for decision. This protest must also be in writing and accompanied by deposit.
- D. The party against whom a protest is made has a right to know the charge and have a written copy thereof so that they may adequately defend themselves against any action.

*ACS race officials reserve the right to inspect race cars at any time. They further reserve the right to disqualify any driver and race car from competition and confiscate any and all nonconforming parts. It is the responsibility of the driver and crew to disassemble race car for inspection when requested to do so. Refusal to comply will result in disqualification and forfeiture of prize money and points and may be subject to fine and/or suspension.*

## **SAFETY**

### **Section 5-1 Track:**

- A. No person shall be allowed on the track during a race. ONLY officials, fire crew and safety crew will be permitted on the track during a yellow or red flag. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- B. Adams county officials or the fire and safety crew will not work on any race car on the race track, in any manner with the exception of removing it from the racing surface.
- C. Any work to be done on any race car will be done in the pit area. This includes pulling out fenders, removing parts or debris or any other thing the car may need to continue in the race.

## **CLAIMS**

### **Section 6-1 Claim Procedures:**

- A. Claim rule will not be in effect on the first two track point nights or on season championship night.
- B. Driver can only claim one engine, one shock (one or all shocks at the same time), and one carburetor during current calendar year.
- C. Driver allowed only one claim per event, regardless of outcome. Driver claiming engine cannot claim shocks or carburetor on same night. No driver may claim the same driver more than once during current calendar year – engine, shocks or carb. Driver being claimed is subject to only one claim per event. If multiple claims are made on the same driver, engine claim takes precedence over shock or carburetor claim. Shock claim takes precedence over carburetor claim.
- D. When claim rule is in effect, failure to report directly to claim area will result in disqualification, loss of money and points for first infraction (all items are still claimable); will be treated as engine claim refusal for second infraction. (Exception: If car is involved in accident or rendered unable to report directly to claim area. Car should be taken to claim area.)
- E. Unsportsmanlike conduct during the claim procedure or while the engine is being pulled will result in a \$100 fine, forfeiture of prize money for the night and/or possible loss of points.
- F. Top five finishers will pull into the scale area then to the claim/tech area following feature events.
- G. Top four finishers in the feature will be subject to be claimed.
- H. Any driver who has competed in the last two ACS events and not lapped by the 1st place driver and running competitively in feature event will be eligible to claim. Last 2 events includes current race event.
- I. Any driver not making a qualifying attempt will not be allowed to claim.
- J. In the event of multiple claims on the same claimable item, first driver to declare claim with scale official gets the claim.

- K. Two people per car are allowed in claim area.
- L. The driver will be the sole spokesman for their car during the claim process.
- M. Any driver wishing to claim another driver must pull across scales and notify the official at scales of their desire to claim and proceed to tech area with money and notify official of car and what they are claiming.
- N. Claimed car has 3 minutes to decide whether to accept claim.

### Section 6-2 Engine Claim Procedures

- A. Both engines must pass post-race tech.
- B. Once an engine claim has been made and accepted, the claimed engine(s) are not to be started under any circumstances. Any driver starting an engine after it has been claimed will forfeit all winnings and points for the night in question. All claimed engines must be removed at the race track.
- C. Speedway wrecker will pull ALL engines involved in any engine claim.
- D. A claim refusal does not constitute a completed claim.
- E. Claim does include; engine block and components, cylinder heads and components, complete valve train, intake manifold, timing gears and chain, harmonic balancer, oil pan, spark plugs, dip stick and tube, valve covers.
- F. Any disqualification will not affect a legal claim. The engines will be pulled and transferred prior to any penalties being assessed. If any nonconforming engine parts are found during the pulling of engines, claimer has right of refusal at this time and a refund of money.

### Section 6-3 Engine Claim Costs:

- A. *All Engine Claims Will Be Cash Plus Motor (This is a mandatory swap claim rule):*

Hobby Stock	<u>\$1,250</u>	+	<u>\$500 (Non-refundable claim fee)</u>
B-Mod	<u>\$1,250</u>	+	<u>\$500 (Non-refundable claim fee)</u>
Stock Car	<u>\$1,750</u>	+	<u>\$500 (Non-refundable claim fee)</u>
Modified	<u>\$2,000</u>	+	<u>\$500 (Non-refundable claim fee)</u>

- B. Any sealed crate engine may be allowed to run exempt from claim at the discretion of track officials. Allowances for weight variances (increased or decreased) may be made by track officials at their discretion.
- C. Penalty for refusing an engine claim will be loss of points and purse for that event and the following fines:
 

Hobby Stock	<u>\$750</u>
B-Mod	<u>\$750</u>
Stock Car	<u>\$1,000</u>
Modifieds	<u>\$1,250</u>

### Section 6-4 Shock Claim Costs:

- A. All Shock Claims Will Be Cash Plus Exchange:
- B. Hobby Stock, B-Mod and Stock Car - \$50 per shock up to four shocks
- C. Modified - \$50 per shock up to five shocks.
- D. Penalty for refusing a shock claim will be loss of points and purse for the event and following fines:
 

Hobby Stock, B-Mod and Stock Car	- \$100 per shock up to four shocks
Modified	- \$100 per shock up to five shocks.

### Section 6-5 Carburetor Claim Costs:

- A. All Carburetor Claims Will Be Cash Plus Exchange:
 

Hobby Stock	- \$50
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- B. Penalty or refusing a carburetor claim will be loss of points and purse for the event and the following fine:
 

Hobby Stock	- \$100
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### Section 6-6 Claim Fines:

- A. Any driver that claims an engine will be required to run that claimed engine the next time they compete at ACS or pay a \$500 fine.
- B. Fines must be paid to ACS Officials prior to being allowed to compete in any class at ACS.

## FEATURE EVENT QUALIFYING AND SUBSTITUTION RULES

### Section 7-1 Eligible Cars:

- A. No car can compete in multiple classes on the same race night.

### Section 7-2 Qualifying:

- A. ACS policy is to start 24 cars in any feature event. If the field of registered cars for the heat races is less than 27 cars in any class all entries will be allowed in the feature. Any car competing in a feature event who did not take a green flag in a qualifying event (heat or B-feature) will be lined up at the rear of the field and will be awarded only 50 percent of the stated purse for the position they finish. The other 50 percent of his/her purse will go into that class' point fund. Under no circumstances will a B-feature be added after heat race lineups are posted to allow qualification of late arriving vehicles.

- B. The number of heat races [and cars eligible for inversion](#) in each class will be determined by track officials [and announced at the driver's meeting](#). In the event of the disqualification of a qualified car the next heat race finisher will become eligible. If a qualified driver voluntarily scratches from the feature a replacement will not be moved up from the heat for inversion. Cars not in attendance at the previous [3](#) points events will be lined up behind all qualified cars that were in attendance the previous [3](#) points events. Disqualification is the equivalent of not being in attendance.

#### **Section 7-3 Car Substitutions:**

- A. A driver may drive any car in their assigned position in a heat race. This means if your car is damaged in hot laps or is otherwise unable to race you may substitute another car prior to your heat race without penalty. No car may be driven in more than one heat race or more than one B feature.
- B. Any driver already qualified for the A feature may switch to any other car already qualified for the A feature by notifying the track officials and starting at the rear of the A feature event. The driver surrendering his/her qualified car may not attempt to qualify again. If the car you wish to borrow is a B feature qualified car, you may forfeit your A feature qualifying position to attempt to qualify that car for the A feature. If you qualify through the B for the A, you must still start at the rear of the A feature.
- C. Only cars assigned a heat race starting position are eligible to be used borrowed cars.

#### **Section 7-4 Points and Purse:**

- A. All cars listed in the starting field of an A feature event will receive points for that event regardless of their starting the event.

## **POINTS SYSTEM**

#### **Section 8-1 Points:**

- A. Track points will be awarded to each driver in the main event as follows:  
1st - 100 points, 2nd - 95 points, 3rd - 91 points, 4th - 87 points, 5th - 84 points, 6th - 81 points, 7th - 78 points, 8th - 76 points, 9th - 74 points, 10th - 72 points, 11th - 70 points, 12th - 68 points, 13th - 66 points, 14th - 64 points, 15th - 62 points, 16th - 60 points, 17th - 58 points, 18th - 56 points, 19th - 55 points, 20th - 54 points, 21st - 53 points, 22nd - 52 points, 23rd - 51 points.
- [A-2. Late Models: Points will be kept with 100 points for a win 96 for second 94 for third and a continuation of a 2 point decrease till the last place position. In a B Feature every non-qualifier will receive 40 points.](#)
- [A-3. Late Models: All other drivers that start the main event and finish below 23rd are awarded 50 points. All drivers that fail to start or qualify for the main event are awarded 45 points.](#)

#### **Section 8-2 Disqualification:**

- A. Driver does not get any points. (No point average for the week, Not 0)

#### **Section 8-3 Championship Eligibility:**

- A. In order to be eligible for championship track point fund money (paid through NASCAR) and championship trophies you must take the green flag in your class' features for 60% of the regular races, whether it is double features or not.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Section 9-1 Tech/Track Issues:**

- A. Any disagreement over technical questions will be handled by the tech officials and their decision will be final. Any on track situation will be handled by the race director(s), flagman, spotters, officials and scorers and their decisions will be final. Race director(s) and officials will establish the length, frequency, and finishing positions, and administration of all events and programs and their decisions will be final.

#### **Section 9-2 Raceceivers:**

- A. All drivers are required to use a working Raceceiver brand radio to monitor communications from the track officials at all times when they are within their vehicles.
- B. Failure to have an operating Raceceiver during competition may subject the driver to penalties including, but not limited to, position penalties or disqualification.
- C. ACS will have Raceceivers available at the track for purchase.

#### **Section 9-3 Transponders:**

- A. Adams County Speedway recommends that all competitors run a hard wired transponder in the authorized location.
- B. The track will have hard wired and wireless transponders available at the track to use with a check written in the amount of \$500.00.
- C. ALL hard wired transponders shall be returned by Oct 1 of current race season with NO EXCEPTIONS, or check WILL be cashed!
- D. Any rechargeable transponders will be checked out with driver's license and MUST be returned at the end of the night!

#### **Section 9-4 Car Numbers:**

- A. We encourage the use of distinct numbering and paint schemes to avoid confusion.
- B. Recommend numbers measuring a minimum of 20 inches tall with a font body averaging a minimum of three inches wide. Any letter used shall be a minimum of 15 inches tall and in the same color scheme as the numbers.
- C. All numbers shall be of a contrasting color in relationship to the background color.

**Section 9-5 Required Decals:**

- A. All race cars must display the official NWAAS (NASCAR Whelen All-American Series) decal and required contingency class sponsor decal, which will be furnished by Adams County Speedway.
- B. All competitors are encouraged to run the complete NASCAR sticker package to be eligible for all awards.

**Section 9-6 Social Media:**

- A. Negative social media in any form about or directed towards Adams County Speedway, its officials, sponsors, employees, volunteers, fans or race teams will NOT be tolerated. It may result in a fine and/or suspension to anyone.

**Section 9-7 Photographs:**

- A. Adams County Speedway and its sponsors reserve the right to use photos of any competitor or their car for promotional purposes.

**Section 9-8 Race Director:**

- A. Race director(s) will have choice and placement of track and tech officials, infield employees and volunteers also to include the pit gate and flag stand.
- B. Race director(s) will run everything involving the track and infield excluding the infield concessions.
- C. Race director(s) will be available at the Coke Tower for 30 minutes immediately after the last checkered flag of the evening's events.

**Section 9-9 Officials:**

- A. Any track official will be licensed with NASCAR.
- B. Licensed officials are required to interpret and administer the rules as published by Adams County Speedway impartially and fairly with all competitors.
- C. All officials will operate under the guidance, supervision and decision of the race director(s). They will refer all disputes to the race director(s).

**FINAL NOTES**

Any item not covered by these rules will be taken under advisement of ACS officials and race director(s). Their decisions will be final.

ACS race director(s) and officials shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in their opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. ACS race director(s) and officials reserve the right to amend these rules at any time with the proper notice given to all affected competitors.

Track officials shall have responsibility for rules and regulations enforcement at NASCAR weekly sanctioned events. At discretion of track official(s) any competitor may be disqualified for rule violations, hazardous equipment or hazardous actions. All disputes developing as a result of local track rules must be settled at the track the night of the dispute.

Decisions of officials and race director(s) are final and binding without exception! Any rule changes or clarifications during the course of the year will be published at [www.acspeedway.com](http://www.acspeedway.com) and will be considered as an official part of rules.