

EAST ALABAMA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

2012 GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

2012 Rule Changes Will Be In [Blue](#).

Section A - General Rules

1. E.A.M.S. reserves the right to determine the type of racing program, distance of races method of starting, number of cars to be entered in any event and/or readjust prize money.
2. Prize money may be adjusted in any class that has less than 15 participants.
3. Interpretation of rules and decisions of speedway officials will be final in all causes and not subject to protest.
4. Printed rules and regulations governing car owners and drivers are available at all times. Ignorance of these rules will not be accepted as an excuse of their violation.
5. The signing of all release and registration forms is agreement by drivers, car owners, and crewmembers to abide by these rules.
6. The management reserves the right to refuse entry to any car or person without question.
7. Any driver, car owner, mechanic, or crew member who encourages or takes part in adverse demonstration on the track or surrounding premises before, during, or after a racing event shall be subject to a fine, immediate suspension, and/or all prize money and championship points earned to date will be forfeited.
8. Any driver, car owner, mechanic, or crew member who shall commit assault or threaten to do bodily harm to any speedway official or other person under their orders, shall be barred from competition at E.A. M.S. and/or subject to prosecution and immediate ejection from premises.
9. The conduct of any driver, car owner, or crewmember that is considered unsportsmanlike or detrimental to the continuance of an event, shall be subject to a fine, loss of championship points, immediate ejection from premises, and/or barred from further competition at E.A.M.S.
10. All persons entering the pit area must sign all track release forms and secure and display official pit pass for each such racing event.
11. Only tow vehicles with racecars attached, and vehicles designated by speedway officials, will be permitted through pit gate. No others allowed. No vehicles in the pit or infield area will be covered by insurance.
12. The driver alone will be held responsible for the conduct and personal appearance of their pit crewmembers. The driver alone shall be the sole spokesman for their car owner in any and all matters pertaining to the race and must talk with officials in charge.
13. Open drinking of intoxicants in the pit area or on track property will not be tolerated. Offenders will be subject to immediate ejection from the premises.
14. Any car owner, or crew member who fails to properly sign all release and registration forms will be disqualified and any prize money and/or championship points earned by driver in that event shall be forfeited.
15. Any prize money earned in any racing event will be payable directly to the driver or authorized representative. Prize money must be picked up on that race night.
16. No disorderly conduct will be allowed at the pay-off window. Violators will be subject to suspension, fine, and/or forfeiture of winnings.
17. When a racing event is halted due to adverse weather conditions or other unfavorable circumstances and rain checks are issued, prize money will be paid only to drivers in those events completed prior to postponement.
18. When a racing event is halted due to adverse weather conditions or other unfavorable circumstances and rain checks are not issued, those events not completed will be run as part of a double feature at a later date. The incomplete portion of a racing event will start the program at a later date.
19. Speedway officials may stop any race if and when they deem track conditions unsafe or unduly hazardous.
20. Drivers may not switch from one division to another without the permission of officials. Drivers are not allowed to compete in more than 1 division per racing event. Drivers are not allowed to switch from a higher division to a lower one without permission.

21. First time competitors at E.A.M.S. may be eligible to run one (1) race without meeting all track rules except safety (Section 1-D). However, cars and drivers competing under this rule are not eligible for the track championship program. Division to be determined by tech inspector.
22. Speedway officials reserve the right to temporarily change racecar number to avoid duplication. All numbers must be registered with E.A.M.S.
23. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a notarized release of liability statement and written permission from their parents or guardian to be allowed to race.
24. Children must be supervised in the pits at all times. Any child without proper supervision will be escorted to the grandstands or may be asked to leave. This is a safety issue and there will be no exceptions.
25. Any fines, suspensions, and/or protests must be settled with speedway officials before a driver, car owner, or crewmember will be allowed to participate in another event at E.A. M.S.
26. The Race Director will act upon any situation not specifically covered by this rulebook and his decision will be final.
27. Attendance by drivers at all drivers meetings is mandatory. Failure to attend the drivers meeting could result in the loss of right to protest and technical procedural or scoring matter following an event.
28. E.A.M.S. reserves the right to move a driver from one division to another based on type of car and driving performance.

Section B - Flag Rules:

NOTE: Specific flag rules and special situations will be covered at the drivers meeting. However, the following flag rules are general policy at all times.

1. GREEN-Start the race-Go-Track clear.
- 2.. YELLOW-Caution-Wreck or danger on the track-SLOW DOWN-follow the car you were behind on the last complete green flag lap; No passing; **DO NOT RACE BACK TO THE START/FINISH LINE ON A YELLOW FLAG!!!**
3. RED-Emergency-Stop as quickly as possible on the front of the straight away by the flag stand. Failure to stop on a red flag will result in a lap penalty or disqualification. Cars will again be lined up as they were running on the last green flag lap. Drivers must remain in their cars. **NO WORKING ON CARS!!**
4. BLUE / YELLOW (move over flag)-You are about to be lapped-move to the Inside immediately. Failure to obey the move over flag will result in a 1 lap penalty.
5. **CROSSED FLAGS** - Halfway signal.
6. **BLACK**-Consultation flag-Immediately pull to the pit area for consultation. A car receiving a consultation will no longer be scored if it remains on the racetrack for three consecutive laps.
7. **WHITE** - One lap to go.
8. **CHECKERED FLAG**-End of race-Reduce speed and pull off the track the next lap. Failure to pull off the track after the Checkered flag or stopping for other than mechanical reasons will result in disqualification. The race winner will immediately pull to the victory lane area.
9. The meaning of the track signal lights will be the same as the flag rules.
10. All flag rules and track signal lights will be obeyed at all times, including during practice. Failure to follow these rules will result in penalties, disqualification, and/or suspension.

Section C - Protest All Divisions:

1. The management assumes no responsibility for detection of irregularity or violation of any rule governing mechanical specifications of racing cars. Inspection and ruling of eligibility of any car will be made upon properly presented protest.
2. A protest shall be brought to the attention of speedway officials in writing by a driver or car owner participating in said race only. Technical and visual protests will be filed with the chief Technical Inspector. Scoring protests will be brought to the attention of the chief Scorer. Other safety or rule violations will be brought to the attention of the chief Pit Steward or the Race Director.
3. All visual protests shall be made in writing prior to the start of the first heat race for that division. All visual

protests made after the start of a heat race shall be void. A visual protest shall be interpreted to mean any components or equipment which is outwardly visible, including that located underneath hoods or other covered areas that is accessible to observations without the use of tools. EAMS has sole discretion in interpretation of what constitutes a visual protest. EAMS has the right to inspect cars for visual violation of the rules at anytime.

4. Technical protests will be made in writing within ten (10) minutes following the completion of division's post race technical inspection. Only a participant of said race may file a protest. All technical protests must be accompanied by a minimum \$900 cash bond, for Late Model Division, all other divisions is a minimum of \$300- \$400 depending on division (see individual class rules for protest fees). Fuel protests \$50, visible protest \$25, all divisions. Any car protested must be ready for inspection within thirty(30) minutes from the time the protest is filed or the car will be disqualified. Drivers found illegal during protest or refusing to tear down will result in disqualification, forfeiture of all prize money and must start in the rear of the following regular weekly feature. Part of the posted bond will go to the speedway regardless of protest outcome while the winner of the protest will receive the remainder (see individual class rules for fees).

5. Must finish in top 3 to be eligible to protest, 3rd place may protest 2nd or 1st. Reverse protesting is allowed, if counter protest is filed, first place car will tear down first, if found illegal, then counter protest is voided, and all protest monies will be refunded. If first place car tears down, and is found legal, then second place car must tear down. Only 1 member from each crew is allowed inside fence area. Protested car may have 2 additional persons to help with teardown. Any misconduct from either team may result in disqualification or forfeiture of protest.

7. Any driver found illegal or refusing to teardown three times in one season will not be allowed to race until proving legality by tearing down. Driver will not receive compensation for the teardown.

8. If deemed necessary, track may require teardown of any car to prove legality. Track will provide gasket set.

9. Scoring protests must be made within ten (10) minutes after the official finish has been posted. Only a participant in said event may file a protest or have the official scoring checked. Scoring protests will only be done in an orderly manner. NO ARGUING! Any disorderly conduct will result in disqualification and/or suspension.

10. Impounding of an engine or race car, for a later inspection date will be at race tracks sole discretion. All protest fees will be held by management until inspection is completed. Date and time of inspection will be agreed on by all parties or protest will be void. Refusal of impound or inspection, will result in disqualification.

Section D - Safety All Divisions:

1. Steel roll over bars are mandatory and must be approved. Aluminum and other soft materials are not permitted. Front and rear roll bars must be connected at top (cage type) and bottom of both sides at seat height. Side roll bars are mandatory and must extend into door panels, (minimum of three (3) on left side and two (2) on right side with additional support on the back of the roll bar. All bars must be welded and not less than 1 1/2" O.D. steel tubing. No pipe fittings allowed. (See illustration B.)

2. A quick release safety belt of no less than three (3) inch wide material is mandatory and must be fastened to roll bars with bolts and not less than 3/8" in diameter. Shoulder harness mandatory 3" minimum. Belts must be dated 2008 or later. (See illustration A)

3. Only approved full face helmets will be allowed. Must have Snell rating of SA2005 or SA2010.

4. All drivers in all divisions will be required to wear a complete fire resistant driver's suit. Fire resistant gloves, underwear and shoes are highly recommended.

5. All cars will be equipped with their own fully charged 2 lb. minimum fire extinguisher in good working order and installed within easy reach of the driver. On board fire extinguisher systems recommended.

6. Battery must be securely mounted in the trunk area of all cars. No batteries allowed in the driver's compartment.

7. Safety type racing fuel cell with steel outer covers are mandatory in all divisions, All fuel tanks and cells must be mounted with a minimum of 2" x 1/8" steel safety straps that completely surround tank. No gas cans or beer kegs allowed. No fuel cooling devices allowed.

8. All cars and drivers will be required to meet all safety regulations prior to competition. No Exceptions!

9. Center top of steering post must be padded with at least 2" of soft material.

10. Drivers must be able to exit car from either side.
11. Racing type seats allowed. They must be securely bolted within the roll cage area of the car with 3/8" minimum bolts.
12. No one will be permitted to cross the track at any time unless instructed to do so by a speedway official. Violators will be subject to ejection from pit area.
13. No racecar shall be allowed on the track unless the official starter is in his position and the track has been declared officially open.
14. All drivers, car owners, or crewmembers when running a car around the track at any time must wear approved helmet, safety belt and fire resistant suit.
15. All cars must have front and rear tow hook or provisions for hooking up to a wrecker. Wrecker crew and speedway officials will not be responsible for damage done to cars without provisions.
16. All weights must be painted white and securely bolted inside or on the frame of the car with 3/8" minimum bolts.
17. All rollbars close to driver's head, arms and legs must be fully padded.
18. Kill switch is required within easy reach of driver.
19. All drive shafts must be painted white.
20. Window nets mandatory for all divisions except Late Model.
21. E.A.M.S. reserves the right to change, omit and/or enforce any rules necessary to maintain a safe program.

Section E - Race Procedures:

1. It will be the driver's responsibility to be lined up prior to the start of a race. Line-ups will be posted on the board located on the pit concession wall.
2. Initial start of race will be in turn 4. The pole position car (inside car of the first row) sets the pace. Any driver causing a caution after a lap is complete will be put in the rear. Restarts after one completed lap will be on the front straightaway by the flagman.
3. Anytime a driver thinks he has been lined up in an improper position, the driver is to report it to the pit steward station in an orderly manner, and if an error has been made, it will be corrected.
4. Any driver, car owner, or crewmember that climbs on the flag-stand without being instructed to do so will automatically be suspended for 2 weeks.
5. Any problem - pull to the right of the pit exit. Pit steward will check it out. Any car that pulls down to the guardrail and stops anywhere but at the pit steward's station will be penalized.
6. No repair work will be done on racecars on the track. All repair work must be done in pit area behind the guardrail. Drivers and car owners are responsible to insure that their crew members remain in the pit area at all times, especially during an accident.
7. All cars must exit the pits by the pit steward's station on the front or rear straight away. Exiting the pits at any other location will result in a penalty unless the pit lane is completely blocked.
8. Any driver spinning their tires and/or entering or exiting the pits excessively fast or in an unsafe manner will be subject to a fine and/or suspension.
9. Spin-out rule: If you purposely spin the car in front of you, you will be put to the rear and the car spun will go back to his original position. The judge's decision will be final!!!
10. Any car, which causes a yellow flag to be displayed, will restart on the rear. Judges decision will be final!!
11. Any car entering the pit area during a red flag condition before one lap is completed will restart in original position. After one lap is completed car will restart on the rear.
12. Any car going to the pits during a yellow flag period will restart on the rear.
13. No courtesy laps will be given for any reason.
14. The chief technical inspector will determine which cars are to cross the scales, in which order, and in what condition. Failure to cross the scales as instructed before or after an event will result in disqualification.
15. E.A.M.S. officials reserve the right to conduct technical and safety inspections of any car prior to, during, or after a racing event to determine their eligibility.
16. Any car in any division is subject to P&G and compression check on any race night.
17. To be the official leader of any race, you must have led the last completed green flag lap.

18. A race will be considered complete once the leader is given the checkered flag and crosses the start/finish line. Should an incident occur after the leader has been given the white flag, the caution flag will be displayed and the race will be restarted based on the last completed green flag lap. If an incident occurs after the leader has crossed the start/finish line and has been given the checkered flag, the remaining cars will be scored in the order that they cross the start/finish line.

19. Failure to follow the instructions of any track official before, during, or after an event, will result in disqualification, penalties, and/or suspension from the speedway.

20. The only time that anyone is allowed in the scoring tower is after the conclusion of the racing program. One representative per car allowed. Any driver, car owner, crewmember, or wife not abiding by this rule may disqualify driver and cause loss of money and points earned in that event.

21. No radio communication equipment allowed in any division. RaceCeivers are mandatory in all classes.

Section B - Track Championship:

1. To be eligible for the Track Championship Program, a driver must meet all of the following requirements:

a. Be a member of the E.A.M.S. Championship Program.

b. Display an E.A.M.S. decal on both sides of the car in a highly visible area.

2. In the event of any driver participating in the Track Championship Program should change car owners or race teams, his further eligibility will be subject to review by E.A.M. S. officials.

3. Points will be awarded for each division of cars competing at each racing event.

4. E.A.M.S. reserves the right to determine which events shall or shall not be Championship Program events.

5. Points are awarded to the driver who starts the feature event. No substitute drivers.

6. Failure to join E.A.M.S. Track Championship Program will result in a \$10 entry fee per race event, to be paid at registration or taken out of winnings. The \$10 fee does not go toward joining the Track Championship Program.