

2026 Birch Run Speedway General Rules and Regulations

Rule Book Disclaimer

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events at Birch Run Speedway, aka and to establish a minimum of acceptable requirements for such racing events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and, by participating in an event at Birch Run Speedway all participants are deemed to have read these rules and complied with the rules set forth. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury to, or death of, a participant, spectator, or official. The Race Director, or his representatives shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose further restrictions that in his/her opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements.

NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS.

Any interpretation of or deviation from these rules is left to the discretion of track officials. This Sport is DANGEROUS under the best of circumstances. It can be deadly under the worst. By signing the pit waiver, it acknowledges that you have read and fully understand the risk you are placing yourself in while competing in motorsports.

Purchasing a pit pass to compete, crew or spectate means you have read and agree to abide by the following rules, it is the driver & teams responsibility to follow the rules.

1. CONDITIONS:

Rule changes or interpretation of rules are at the discretion of Birch Run Speedway track officials, and they have final say in all rule decisions.

- A. No consumption of alcohol in the pit area prior to completion of the last event.
- B. Drivers must be 14 years of age or older. Drivers under 14 may be allowed to compete at the discretion of track management and approval of insurance company.
- C. Birch Run Speedway officials reserve the right to reject or allow the entry of any driver or car.
- D. Punishment for deviating from the rules is at the discretion of track officials, but may include docking of points, docking of laps, docking of starting positions, docking of prize money, being placed at the back of the field, loading your car for the night, suspension, fines, expulsion, and more.
- E. The decision of track and or track officials is FINAL, (there is no appeal process)
- F. Birch Run Speedway officials reserve the right to deduct from your prize money any fees owed to the track for any purchases, fees, penalties, and fines.
- G. all track officials are allowed in the tech area: along with the DRIVER and ONE mechanic or crew member, phones in tech area are not allowed, (videotaping by a driver, team help, crew chief or anyone affiliated with a race team is not allowed in tech facility or tech area) offenders of this rules in tech facility will be escorted out of the tech facility by Security, Failure to follow tech area rules will be a disqualification to the team.
- H. Pets are allowed in the pit area but must be kept on a leash and must not be left unattended. Pets are NOT allowed in the grandstands at any time under ANY circumstances. Walk pets in grassy areas - clean up and bag up waste after your pet.
- I. The tower is for racetrack officials only, anyone entering without approval will receive disciplinary actions.

2. DRIVER/CREW MEMBER CONDUCT:

- A. Drivers assume ALL responsibility for the actions of his or her pit crews and visitors. Drivers may be issued penalties for pit crew and visitor misconduct. Such penalties, if applied, may extend to the car as well as the driver. Penalties may include loss of winnings, suspension, exclusion, and/or fines.

B. Unsportsmanlike driving, rough driving, or unnecessary bumping is prohibited and may result in removal from a race. Flagrant and/or repeated unsportsmanlike conduct on the track or in the pits may result in suspension and/or exclusion. This suspension may span the winter hiatus and be completed in the following season.

C. Unsportsmanlike, violent, or abusive behavior, use of improper language toward officials, competitors, and/or fans is prohibited and subject to suspension or exclusion.

D. Fighting in the pits or on the racetrack premises at any time is PROHIBITED and will be subject to SUSPENSION or PERMANENT EXPULSION.

E. General misconduct in the Pit Area may result in penalties.

F. Exiting your vehicle on the racetrack, unless there is evidence of imminent danger, may result in suspension or expulsion.

G. Entering another competitor's pit stall to start or settle a dispute at Birch Run Speedway is strictly prohibited. It may result in suspension from competition for the individual that entered the other racers' stall. This counts for drivers, pit crew, family members, friends or fans. A racers pit stall is off limits for conflict.

H. videotaping by a driver, team help, crew chief or anyone affiliated with a race team is not allowed in tech facility or tech area) offenders of this rules in tech facility will be escorted out of the tech facility by Security, Failure to follow tech area rules will be a disqualification to the team.

3. VEHICLE INSPECTION/QUALIFICATION:

Before any car may take part in any race, it is subject to inspection by Birch Run Speedway officials.

A. During Tech Inspection and throughout the night, different things could be checked on different cars at the official's discretion. The argument that we must check every car if you are going to check yours does NOT apply. We normally look at 3 specific things per night, per car in each division.

B. Starting positions may be determined by time trials, handicap system, last chance race, points, or by draw.

C. Qualifying: Will consist of Group or Individual cars. Each driver will get 1 opportunity to get a timed lap, either with their group or individually. Late qualifying session will be allowed if you are in the staging area before 6:30, late qualifiers will only be allowed 1 timed lap. Times can be recorded during division's practice sessions if needed. Drivers attempting to qualify without a Transponder WILL NOT get a second opportunity.

D. Car/Driver must meet minimum total weight and percentages on the scale at inspection. If weight and percentages are not met on the first attempt, the car/driver must be reweighed and meet minimum requirements. Can be checked at any time.

E. Technical inspection is intended to ensure minimum compliance with the rules. Where compliance is not met, Birch Run Speedway officials may direct repairs or alterations to be made before being allowed to qualify. Officials may reject the entry of a car into the program when appropriate alterations cannot reasonably occur in the pits.

F. No crew members are to touch their car while it is in tech without the permission of officials. This includes both pre-race and post-race tech inspections. Car may be required to run to steer car onto and off scales. At no time during the scaling process, entering or exiting, is the car to be in gear.

G. NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE ON OR OFF THE SCALE ABSOLUTELY NONE!!

H. Once a car has cleared Tech, it must conform to all the rules at any time while the car is staged for qualifying, during and after qualifying, staged for any race, and during and after the race. If it is determined by an Birch Run Speedway official that the car has been intentionally altered (including, but not limited to, moved or removed weight, raised quarter panels, or moving the spoiler back) Birch Run Speedway officials reserve the right to disqualify the driver for the night with no money or points for the entire night.

I. Hoods and deck lids must remain on the car after the tech inspection and prior to qualifying attempt. No cars shall be jacked up during this period.

J. If a car does not qualify during their scheduled time or late qualifying, Birch Run Speedway officials reserve the right to place the car at the back of the heat races and any feature race.

K. Unapproved changes: any change to a race vehicle for single car qualifying, qualifying session or after pre-qualifying tech must be discuss with chief technical inspector only, race director will be notified, all unapproved will start in the rear, receive reduced qualifying attempts or eliminated from qualifying all together.

4. MISC. ITEMS TO KNOW:

A. No mirrors allowed on Modifieds, Street Stocks, Pure Stocks, Limited Late Models, American Trucks, Front Wheel Drive, Destruction Cars, or Enduro Cars. No Radios or Blue Tooth Communication devices are allowed. Drivers will be REQUIRED to have a Receiver to relay communication from track officials, DRIVERS NOT RESPONDING TO THE DIRECTIONS ON THE RACE RECEIVER WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE TRACK SURFACE (be prepared, have a spare battery, and listen during other races to ensure yours is working)

B. Lead Ballast ONLY (NO other type of Ballast Allowed)

1. Must be White with Car Number Painted on It.
2. Must be BOLTED to car, NO WELDING!
3. If unsecured ballast is found on track, team ballast belongs to can be subject to punishment.
4. Left side / right side % weight/ride height: race classes that have left side/right side percentage/ride height rules & limitations will follow this procedure (all driver equipment in driver's lap or on, including helmet, Hans etc. driver must have hands on steering wheel or hand's on helmet in lap, you will not be allowed to lean or grab bars in car, 1 warning only & you will not be given qualifying time in any session of practice / qualifying) if items are found in air inlet ducts, tubes or exhaust to counter the % rule you will start at the rear of all events for the night.

C. One drive shaft hoop on forward half of shaft. (2 hoops recommended)

D. Driveshaft must be painted white.

E. Battery cannot be located in the driver compartment Must be located behind the rear firewall.

F. No Driver/Crew operated adjustable devices of any kind allowed while car is on track. Exception: Brake Bias

G. Traction Control is ILLEGAL. Any driver caught running with traction control, or any components for traction control mounted in their vehicle, will be subject to: loss of all points and money for that event, driver can serve at least a 4 race suspension. Full punishment is at the discretion of Speedway Officials. If found, Birch Run Speedway reserves the rights to confiscate any pieces suspected of being a part of Traction Control System and will become property of Birch Run Speedway and will not be redeemable.

5. TIRES:

Race Tire Policy All Classes Hoosier / DOT / Towel City

1. Tire tampering to soften or enhance tire performance, will carry strict penalties
2. All Hoosier, Towel City, or DOT tires in competition at Birch Run Speedway will have a solvent sensitive stamp or be significantly internally powdered to indicate if solvents were used in or on the tire.
3. All Classes Hoosier, Towel City, and DOT "except" race tire policy & inspection procedure. Tampering or softening tires with chemicals or solvents is not allowed.
 - a. This rule applies to all Hoosier, Towel City, or DOT impound or non-impound tires in the pits, on the car, in the trailer, in the hauler, etc. "ALL tires"
 - b. All Tires may be checked at any time.
 - c. A race team that uses a tire other than the designated tire allowed / approved per your specific class rules will automatically receive an offence for tire tampering.
 - d. No softening, soaking, conditioning, siping, grooving, to enhance performance of race tires.
4. Testing procedure for race tires is as follows:
 - a. Tire(s) will be collected after feature event.

- b. Tire(s) will be cleaned in the area of officials choosing. Cleaning will be done by the team with the teams own cleaning tools.
- c. Cleaned tire inspection area will be heated with heat gun, to the temp of 200* Fahrenheit and then checked with a durometer.
- d. Tire durometer will be used to determine what tire / tires will be sampled and sent to laboratory for testing.
- e. When tire samples are sent to the lab, all Winnings and points will be frozen until results are received.
 - i. Final lab results that produce a failed sample inspection, no winnings or points will be awarded, and the team will receive their discipline for tire tampering.
 - ii. Final lab results that produce a clean un-failed tire sample inspection, upon receiving cleared inspection results from laboratory, all winnings held will be rewarded.
- f. Tire samples can be taken at any time, before, during, or after the event.
- g. Tire Samples will be put in an evidence vial per Blue Ridge Laboratories Inc. & then sealed in an evidence bag and sent to: Blue Ridge Laboratories Inc., 2766 Blue Creek Road, Lenoir, NC 28645.
- h. Birch Run Speedway will tag all sampled tires with a serial number cable tag.

*Birch Run speedway will retain all tires sampled till tire sample results are received.

*Birch Run speedway will not return any tire / tires to a race team if they produce failed test results, a tire that produces a failed test result will become Birch Run speedway property, race team has no option to redeem it.

*Birch Run speedway will return all tires that produce a clean or passing test result to the race team.

*Birch Run speedway will not be liable for or replace any tires that test samples are taken from, Regardless of tire or tires testing / sample results.

*Birch Run speedway will award race team with a D.Q. for failed tire sample results, further discipline depending on the severity of the tire tampering violation is at the discretion of Birch Run Speedway officials, all decisions are final and cannot be appealed or protested.

6. RACING RULES:

- A. At no time shall any non-competing member, crew member, owner, or other person associated with a race car be permitted on the racing surface (this includes staging ramp/pit chute) following the start of a race and prior to the final lap without the express permission of a Birch Run Speedway official. Disciplinary action will be taken. This rule is in place for your crew members' safety.
- B. Birch Run Speedway officials reserve the right to request a doctor's release at any time.
- C. Drivers are permitted to race in more than one division on any given night. Drivers may race in two divisions. Teams must be completely prepared to have both cars ready for both events without the driver's assistance. The transition between divisions must be seamless and not affect the racing program in any way. Drivers running in a different division, either higher or lower, must follow the tire rules pertaining to that division.
- D. All repairs or adjustments to cars must be made in the pits. This includes portions of the race run under yellow or red flag conditions. Disciplinary action will be taken.
- E. Cars may only exit the pits from turn four under racing conditions if sent on by pit chute steward. The only time this will occur is when coming to the green and the field has passed during a flat tire caution or other caution. Hot chute racing occurs during Enduro races only. At no other time, in any other event will you be directed onto the racing surface under green flag conditions.
- F. ONLY RACECEIVER electronic communication devices are allowed within the car during racing events.
- G. Any Driver that does not obey the Flag Rules, Raceceiver, and or Lights will be subject to Disqualification.
- H. Under a Yellow Flag a car will be placed at the rear of the field if:
 - 1. A restart is delayed by a driver or crew member
 - 2. The car leaves the racing surface
 - 3. The car or cars that were the cause of the yellow flag
- I. If a driver refuses the official's order to take a certain position on the track resulting in a delay of the race, he/she could be black flagged and/or disqualified.

J. If a driver is disqualified from an event during qualifying or a heat race, the race vehicle is also parked for the night and a driver change is not allowed to happen.

7. SAFETY:

A. It is mandatory that driver's helmets meet SNELL 2015 rating, the snell 2015 series is nearing its end through 2026 to enter more current standards which will be listed when required.

*drivers are required to wear at minimum a single layer fire suit, free of holes, tears or being oil soaked, which are all unsafe.

*Fire resistant undergarments or a double layer fire suit is highly recommended.

*Full coverage fire resistant gloves are mandatory.

B. Approved race car Snell automotive rated helmets only. No motorcycle helmets; no M-designated helmets.

C. All cars will be equipped with a minimum 5-point seat belt harness constructed from 3" wide belts. Belts must have crotch strap, two-piece shoulder harness, and metal to metal central release. The restraint system must also be securely attached to the roll cage structure. Belts may not be older than 5 years. If a HANS or similar device is used a 3-2-3 shoulder harness may be used.

D. A taut driver's side window net with quick release is required. May not be older than 5 years.

E. Safety Neck Restraints (Horse collar) required. Hans, Necksgen, Hybrid or Ets restraints are highly recommended.

F. Rear windows, must be a full window only of 1/8" minimum lexan if allowed in your class, (see class specific rules for allowance) must be completely see-through (NO decals or lettering).

G. All roll bars near the driver MUST be well padded.

H. All safety equipment must be no more than 5 years old.

I. Safety shoes and fire resistant gloves REQUIRED (Fire Resistant racing shoes)

J. All fuel cells must have minimum of two straps (1" solid by 1/8"). Must be safely and securely mounted.

K. All foot boxes must be enclosed for fire protection.

L. Tethered fuel cell caps are MANDATORY.

M. 2.5 lb. or 5.0 lb. extinguisher is required (On-board fire suppression highly recommended)

N. a 1/8" steel or 3/16" aluminum plate centrally located, covering the front side of the fuel cell is recommended if car has a Quick Change rear end.

O. an OBERG vacuum style fuel shut off is (highly recommended) where fuel is drawn out of the fuel cell.

8. Flags:

Any driver who does not obey the flag rules and/or lights will be subject to disqualification.

1. Green: Start race.

2. Blue Flag/Yellow Stripe: Move over HIGH TO THE TOP OF THE TRACK, the leaders are overtaking you.

3. Yellow: Caution, go slow and hold your position. Listen for direction and or lineup order on Receiver (frequency 454.000)

4. Red: Danger, race stopped. Stop your car in a safe manner, no matter where you are on the track immediately.

5. Black: Pull off track for consultation.

6. White: One lap to go

7. Checkered: End of race.

Birch Run Speedway Rules to know that may be different from your home track:

- A. We are a mandatory Raciever facility. The track frequency is 454.000.
- B. If the yellow flag is displayed for a specific car with a flat tire, Birch Run Speedway allows 3 laps for a visibly flat tire if the car with the flat tire can make it to its pit under its own power only. The 3 laps rule does not apply for cars towed to their pit area. Drivers are fully responsible to ensure officials are aware they are asking for 3 laps for a visible flat. The lap count begins when you reach your pit stall. You will be allowed on the racing surface again by the pit chute official while the track is under the yellow flag. If you cannot re-enter safely then the steward will hold you until the next available safe condition. You will not be allowed to return to the racing surface under green flag conditions. Drivers are fully responsible to ensure officials are aware they are asking for 3 laps for a flat.
- C. Birch Run Speedway officials, sublet companies working safety, tow companies or security are not allowed to pull fenders or work on your car in any way. Only your crew members are allowed to work on your car while it is in the pits out of harm's way.
- D. When feature cautions occur, in preparation of going back to green, Birch Run speedway will determine the start positions. Once lineup is correct by race control, cars will take the white flag lap. The next flag displayed will be Green.
- E. In order to save time if necessary, we may forgo white flag laps. When the green flag is about to occur, the lights will go out. Listen to your Raciever and be ready to race when the lights go out.
- F. Upon the finish of a Feature Event, the top 5 finishing positions MUST report to the tech barn. If you are unsure where you finished report to tech barn, tech personnel will keep or dismiss you from tech area. Excuses such as I was not told by tower will not work, it is the driver's responsibility to report to tech. do not stop at, drive in or have discussion with crew by your pit stall, any attempt to stop, drive slow or have discussion with crew during you're path traveled to tech barn will be a D.Q.
- G. feature races will be granted a two minute per lap time limit (example: a 20 lap race will have a 40 minute time limit, etc.). Heat races will be six laps or six minutes, whichever comes first.
- H. Breakouts: Any driver who goes any 2 laps .25 faster than their qualifying time will be black flagged in your heat. If you break out in your heat you will start at the tail of your feature and not subject to the breakout rule, if you breakout during the feature we will throw a caution and move you to the rear of the field and will count as 1 of your cautions, if it will be your second caution we will just black flag you.
- I. Black flag circumstances: If a car is smoking, putting liquid down, has a flat tire, has equipment hanging that could come loose as a safety hazard, could impale another driver or track worker or numerous other infractions. If you are black flagged, it may be disciplinary, or it may be for equipment. Must Exit the racing surface in the safest manner possible. Having your Raceiver in working condition will inform you, and the other competitors on the racetrack, why the flag is occurring and what to be on the lookout for. If you do not exit the track when shown the black flag in a timely manner you will be disqualified for the night, disobeying the black flag relinquishes any possibility to argue, appeal or protest an official decision.
- I. the Finish Line is an arbitrary line, physical and defined plane from the flag stand towards the infield, from the flag stand to the opposite side of the track. A car may finish the race, while sliding in any direction and if it crosses that plane first. After the white flag is displayed the next lap is considered coming to the checkered. A competing car crossing that plane, on the final lap, completes that race.
- J. Cars in parade formation that have not taken the green flag and have not completed a lap. They will not be scored for points in that respect. If you have not "started the race by taking the green flag", you do not accumulate points or pay.
- K. Any checks paid to drivers on race night that must be replaced at request of the driver will be subject to a \$35 stop check fee to cancel the previous check.
- L. Drivers and Owners must verify check is made to correct party at time of receipt.
- M. Any check paid to the Speedway that is returned NSF will be subject to a \$35 NSF Fee that will be added to the amount owed. NSF checks must be paid up before competitor will be allowed to compete.
- N. Previous feature winner will start behind the invert.
- O. Any competitors with disciplinary fines must pay in full before being allowed to compete again.

P. Drivers are responsible for making sure no duplicate MyRacePass profiles are in existence. If a driver discovers it they may request Birch Run Speedway officials submit the profiles to MyRacePass to be merged. Duplicate profiles can result in inaccurate point's tabulations.

Q. Rookie Eligibility: Drivers must have made no more than (3) starts in a higher division in any one year. Late Model Sportsman and Modifieds are considered equivalent levels. Drivers with experience in any National touring series (NASCAR, ARCA, Owosso super Late Model, Reveal the Hammer, ASA/CRA, CARS, etc.) will not be eligible for rookie consideration. Final decision on rookie status will be made by Birch Run Speedway officials. Extenuating circumstances not presently considered may be factored into decisions regarding rookie eligibility with final decision made by Birch Run Speedway officials.