

## **2026 Birch Run Speedway Stock Compact Rules**

### **Oval and Figure 8**

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ALL IDENTIFIED RULE INFRACTIONS MUST BE RESOLVED, (A WEIGHT PENALTY IS NOT FIXING THE RULE INFRACTION)

**Please Note:** It is the driver's responsibility to look over and/or upgrade all personal safety equipment. It is highly recommended that all safety equipment meets the SNELL 2015 rating and be SFI/1 approved. It is the driver's responsibility to read through these rules thoroughly and understand them.

Please keep your cars looking clean and professional in appearance. All body panels must be on the car including bumper covers, fenders, deck lid, and hood and rear hatch or deck lid. Cars must have clearly legible numbers that are visible for race control and score keepers. Numbers are to be on both doors and the Roof. A 5" or larger number is to be on the upper right corner of the windshield and left rear of trunk area.

1. **Figure 8 will be ran as part of the Sport Compact Championship Season (8 laps) and utilize the same rules. Points for Stock Compacts will be awarded through Qualifying, Heat Race, Feature, Figure 8 (Figure 8 lineup will be determined based on Finishing order with lead lap cars inverted and non lead lap cars behind the feature winner.**
2. **Stock, Stock, Stock... if it does not say you can, DO NOT!**
3. **The FWD Tech Crew will inspect all FWD cars before racing at the Speedway.**
4. **Any infraction MUST be fixed before being allowed to race. NO EXCEPTIONS! The pre-tech crew's decision is final. No debating or appeals.**
5. **Vehicle Choices: Any front wheel drive cars or mini vans with a minimum of 106-inch wheelbase are allowed to run up to 225/60/16 tire. Under 106-inch wheelbase MUST run 70 series width tires. NO 50 series tires for any FWD. 16-inch wheel max. Passenger vehicle radials only! NO RACING TIRES! ALL TIRES MUST HAVE 400 TREAD WEAR RATING OR HIGHER. The tires you qualify on you must race the entire night, flats may be replaced with the same size and approved by Birch Run Speedway Tech official. Figure 8 will be allowed to adjust air pressure of tires but still must run tires that were qualified on.**
6. **Stock OEM, OEM Replacement and Racing Rims allowed with 7 1/2 inch maximum width and 4-inch minimum wheel backspacing (no 3,2, or 1 inch backspaced rims allowed). NO WHEEL SPACERS ALLOWED.**
7. **Engines: 4 and 6 cylinder engines only. 8-cylinder engines, DOHC V6, Hondas engines, engines with turbochargers, and or superchargers or nitrous are NOT ALLOWED. Engine MUST start with a stock key switch.**
8. **Engine, transmission, and gas tank must remain stock and in stock locations. Manual transmissions are not allowed. Engine coolant: Antifreeze not allowed – WATER ONLY!! Fuel pump power shut off switch required, this must turn off with ignition key. No fuel lines allowed inside of car.**
9. **Catalytic converter MUST be removed and replaced with exhaust pipe. Stock, single exhaust must exit behind driver. All V-6 powered cars MUST have 30" of 1 1/2" outer diameter exhaust with a turn down. All 4-CYL powered cars MUST have 30" of 2" outer diameter exhaust with a turn down. NO EXHAUST LEAKS ON ANY CARS!**
10. **Computers (ECM/TCM) must remain stock, no aftermarket computers. Tuning of the stock computer is allowed. No rewiring, relocating, or modifying of OEM computers. Factory datalink connector MUST be in place, no standalone wiring harnesses. Tuning of the computer does not allow for altering the throttle body.**

11. 4-point roll cage is mandatory (hoop with 2 down support bars is acceptable), hoop and halo recommended, must not extend past the rear strut. If your driver door is gutted out, you MUST have a 4-point cage as well as 3 or 4 (no more than 4) door bars. Bracing between front and rear struts is allowed. No cutting of any interior or exterior body panels except driver's door for bars. Must retain ALL body panels (trunk, hood, fenders) and have NO sharp edges. Bumpers may be replaced with exhaust tubing only. Bumpers must be attached at no more than 4 points. All glass must be removed except windshield. The windshield can be removed if there are three 3/8" bars securely welded behind opening in front of driver. No Mirrors allowed. All plastic and molding must be removed. 1" square tube may be used to reinforce radiator support, attached only to the support and down to frame at 2 points. Interior must be stripped except front seat. Racing seat is recommended. Dash may be removed. Stock belts MUST be removed and replaced with a minimum of a 4-point harness. All airbags MUST be removed. Window net required on driver's side window with quick release latch. Hood and trunk latch must be removed and replaced with hood pins. Doors must be chained, bolted, or welded with no sharp edges protruding. 1" square rub rails allowed. Must be securely attached with round head bolts and ends must be capped.
12. All brakes must be in working order.
13. NO ADDED BALLEST!
14. The ONLY suspension modification allowed is any amount of camber in the right front wheel ONLY! May alter right front strut tower and steering knuckle to gain camber. All modifications will be inspected and must be considered safe by the tech officials.
15. Fire extinguisher is mandatory and should be mounted near the center of the car.
16. Full Face 2015 Snell Automotive approved helmet MANDATORY with shield. Racing suit, racing gloves and a neck roll are MANDATORY.
17. DOMINANT CAR: In the event WRC officials determine there is a dominant car, that car will be issued an intake restrictor. This will be determined by a track official's discretion at any time. Once a car is issued a restrictor, that car will be required to run the restrictor for the remainder of the season.
18. The goal of this class is to keep it fun, economic and competitive. If it starts to go in any other direction, a class meeting will take place to make any rule adjustments needed.
19. Any complaints/accusations to tech inspector will result in both cars being inspected. Failure to pass tech will result in loss of points and money for the night as well as an extra 50-point deduction from your season championship point's total.
20. Violations must be remedied before you are allowed to race again.
21. FWD COMPETITION CLAUSE \$150 (\$25 to the speedway, \$125 to the car being inspected if found legal). If the car being inspected is found illegal, \$125 is returned to the person requesting the inspection. Inspection includes but is not limited to: Cam lift, exhaust integrity (no holes or significant leaks), thorough inspection of ALL suspension components (see camber rule), inspection of PCM and wiring harness, tires. Items being inspected are subject to change without notice. It is possible that more than what is listed may
22. be inspected. If your car does not pass inspection, you will lose all points and money for the night plus an additional 50 points from your season point's total. Car MUST be inspected again and deemed legal before allowed to race again. If found illegal, you will have 2 points nights off. If found illegal 3 times, you are done for the year. Refusal to be inspected is an automatic DQ for the night. Any driver wanting to have another car inspected must bring money to the tech man or designated official within 5 minutes of the feature ending. • Inspection can only be initiated by a race car driver – not the owner.
23. AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME IF NECESSARY, TO BETTER THE FUTURE OF THE FWD CLASS
24. Personal Safety is the responsibility of the driver:
  - a. All drivers should have a Snell SA approved helmet with a SA2015 or later certification.
    - i. Tag must be inside.
    - ii. Helmets must be worn at all times while on the racing surface.
    - iii. No motorcycle or dirt bike helmets are allowed.
  - b. Drivers are required to wear a flame retardant SFI rated driving suit that is free of cuts, rips, tears and not oil soaked.
    - i. Flame retardant racing gloves and shoes must also be worn.
    - ii. No mechanics gloves.

- c. HANS's device or similar restraint suggested, basic neck collar required.
  - i. All HANS and Necksgen certification stickers must not be older than five years old from the present year.
- d. SFI approved window net is required and to be securely mounted with a latching device at the top, Window net must remain latched whenever the car is on the racing surface.
- e. Seat belt minimum is 3" if a conventional type neck collar is being used. if a HANS device or similar head and neck restraint is being used where the seat belt shoulder straps go over the platform of the head and neck restraint you will be allowed the use of a 3/2/3/ seat belt system which consist of 2" shoulder straps that pass over the head & neck restraint platform all other belts are 3" seat belts can be used up to maximum age of 5 years. Seat belts must be in good condition and free of cuts or tears, grinder marks, weld splatter, melted areas, extremely sun faded or areas that are rough and extremely weathered. If any of the poor conditions are visible with your seat belts they will not be allowed for use.
- f. Aluminum seat or a containment seat is mandatory, Seats must be mounted to the roll cage using 1" minimum diameter tubing or material with equivalent or better strength. Must be bolted with a minimum of 4 – 3/8" or larger grade 5 or better bolts with large O.D. washers to prevent pull through.
- g. Raceceivers are mandatory and a part of the driver's personal safety equipment, every driver is responsible for making sure they have a fully charged battery and know their Raceceiver is working before going on the track surface, a random Raceceiver check can be done before a race, if you're found to not have a working Raceceiver you will not be allowed to race.
- h. Safety inspections will be conducted for each car. Cars that meet Birch Run Speedway tech approval will be marked by tech officials. Any car not inspected and/or approved by Birch Run Speedway tech will not be allowed to participate in any on track sessions or races until approval has been granted by officials after completing the inspection.

## **25. Transponders**

- a. Transponders must be mounted at or behind the rear axle, under the car using a proper mounting bracket or pouch,
- b. Any driver that loses or damages a transponder will be responsible for the full cost of a new replacement.
- c. You will not be paid any money for the event until your transponder has been turned in and verified.

## **26. Additional Rules**

- a. Mirrors are not allowed in the Stock Compact class, all mirrors must be removed, no tape over mirrors.
- b. Drivers and teams are required to allow complete access to their racing vehicles by any Birch Run Speedway official for the purposes of inspection and rules compliance.
- c. Any attempt by a driver, team member, or team representative to limit access to a race vehicle or to conceal a rules violation from officials will result in an immediate disqualification regardless of the condition of the race vehicle.
- d. Disqualification can include but is not limited to:
  - i. A change in heat race, feature race, or Figure 8 starting position.
  - ii. Expulsion from the racing event or racing series.
- e. It is the driver's responsibility to know when he / she should be in the Birch Run Speedway tech area, examples: the driver is required to present themselves and car to the inspection area for pre & post tech as advised, If your class is called to tech, breaking a track record, post-race top 5, could also come in the form of a verbal notice directly from an official, a notice via radio transmission (Raceceivers), or by hand signals/gestures from officials.
- f. It is the responsibility of the driver to know when and where he/she is required to report for technical inspection. Failure to report directly to the technical inspection area when required will be considered a deliberate attempt to conceal a rules violation and will result in an automatic disqualification.
- g. It is the responsibility of the driver to be ready and know when their practice / qualifying, and races are taking place. We cannot and will not hold up the show or make any special accommodation for practice or qualifying.
- h. Drivers required to report for technical inspection that deliberately stops in their pit area or visits another team's pit area, while in route to the tech inspection area will be immediately disqualified with no exceptions.

- i. Race drivers required to report for post-race technical inspection must arrive in the tech inspection area in the exact condition as when the race vehicle exited the race surface, any part removal, part installation, adjustment to the race vehicle will be a disqualification.
- j. During the technical inspection process by Birch Run Speedway tech officials, anything found illegal will result in disqualification, (penalties T.B.D.)
- k. During pre or post technical inspections, pre or post qualifying tech.
  - i. Only the driver and a maximum of one crew member belonging to the race car will be permitted in the inspection area.
  - ii. Any driver or crew member not belonging to the car being inspected by officials are required to remain outside of tech facility where cars being inspected.
  - iii. A driver or crew member that refuses or attempts to delay, limit or prevent officials from performing a technical inspection, will be disqualified.
  - iv. Violations of these rules will result in those involved being disqualified.
- l. Two-way communication devices are not allowed.
  - i. Any team suspected of using two-way radios will be disqualified.
  - ii. Drivers are required to use a Raceceivers type device to monitor race control during line-ups, qualifying, racing, and any other time the car is on the racing surface.
- m. If any driver, crew member, or team representative yells, curses, abuses verbally or physically touches an official or speedway staff, they will be immediately disqualified and required to load and leave the premise immediately, forfeit all money and/or points for the event as well be subject to disciplinary actions including potential of being banned from competition for the remainder of the racing season.
- n. All Birch Run Speedway officials will gladly listen to any concerns or complaints (at the appropriate time) as long as you are respectful and courteous. Please treat all officials the way that you want to be treated.
- o. Drivers are responsible for their team members.
- p. Drivers that are disqualified from an event will be subject to loss/forfeiture of event championship points, applicable event starting pay, tow money, and event purse payout as determined by the Birch Run Speedway officials and the race director.
- q. Drivers must remain with any disabled car to assist track personnel in removing the car from the racing surface and returning the car to the pit area:
  - i. Drivers with a wrecked or disabled car must not exit their car until instructed to do so by a track or safety official, unless the driver is in direct danger or physical harm (such as fire, leaking fuel, smoke in the cockpit, fumes, etc.).
  - ii. Drivers leaving their cars to confront another competitor, or a race official will not be tolerated.
  - iii. Obscene gestures and profanity will not be tolerated.
  - iv. Any driver that leaves their vehicle without permission of officials or track safety personnel will be penalized or expelled.
  - v. Any crew member that approaches the racing surface for the purpose of confronting a competitor or official will be penalized or expelled.
  - vi. Any crew member or family member coming onto the racing surface without permission of officials will be immediately expelled from the event premises.
  - vii. Penalties for improper conduct may also include fines, suspension from racing events, and/or expulsion from the racing series.
- r. The technical inspector's decision is final on car safety, personal safety equipment, and cars meeting these rules. If they find something and tell you it needs to be fixed, get it fixed. If they find a gray area or may need to implement a penalty, the official will come to management, management will meet to determine a decision and solution.
- s. Do not go to management if the official tells you that something needs to be changed, repaired or fixed with your race car.
  - i. The technical inspector decision / ruling is final when it comes to any technical rules stated above for this series.
  - ii. If anyone, driver, crew member, family member, or team representative yells at, argues with, curses or gestures anything in any way to our tech officials, that team will receive a penalty or be disqualified for that event and possibly face further penalties.

- iii. The tech officials are there to make sure everyone is safe, on a level playing field, and adhere to the regulations listed above.
- t. All Birch Run Speedway officials and staff are to be treated with kindness and respect, as we do for all the fans and drivers.
- u. Birch Run Speedway reserves the right to modify or revise these rules in the interest of competition and safety. Your knowledge of, and compliance with, the rules and regulations as stated above is greatly appreciated. We want the best show possible for our drivers and fans.
- v. Breakout time of .25 any 2 laps (NOT CONSECUTIVE LAPS)
  - i. Breaking out results in a black flag, no caution, driver must exit the track for remainder of event.
  - ii. Birch Run Speedway reserves the right to implement breakout adjustments depending on track conditions.

## **27. Race Tire Policy All Classes Hoosier /Towel City/ DOT**

1. Tire tampering to soften or enhance tire performance, will carry strict penalties
2. All Hoosier 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 and DOT "except" (outlaw super late models) race tire policy & inspection procedure. Tampering or softening tires with chemicals or solvents is not allowed.
  - a. This rule applies to all Hoosier 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.
  - i. \*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.
  - j. \*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.

28. **Conduct or Behavior Zero Tolerance**

- a. Birch Run Speedway officials have a zero-tolerance policy for unnecessary events that take place anywhere on Birch Run Speedway property, on track or in the pits, such as but not limited to:
  - i. Arguments.
  - ii. Unnecessary behavior of any kind.
  - iii. Intentional / Aggressive contact between cars on track, during a caution will not be tolerated, the driver or driver's intentionally making contact with another race car under caution will receive the black flag, you will not be scored & sent to their pits.
  - iv. Vulgar language.
  - v. Threatening other racers, teams, help or family.
  - vi. Going to another race teams pit to argue.
  - vii. Unnecessary speed in pits with your race car.
  - viii. Bumping others race cars with your race car in pits expressing your anger.
  - ix. Unnecessary actions toward Birch Run Speedway officials, about tech decisions or on track decisions.
  - x. DRINKING OF ALCOHOL IN PITS BEFORE RACE NIGHT IS FINISHED, AUTOMATIC DQ
- b. If security is called, fines, penalties or discipline is to the discretion of Birch Run speedway officials.
- c. If argument or unnecessary actions continue, fines, penalties or discipline is once again, to the discretion of Birch Run speedway officials

\*THE ABSENCE OF A PARTICULAR RULE DOES NOT SUBSTANTIATE ITS APPROVED FOR COMPETITION\*

"BIRCH RUN SPEEDWAY OFFICIALS, DECISION IS FINAL ON ALL RULES & DECISIONS"

\* RULE INFRACTIONS PER CLASS OR GENERAL RULES.

\* OCCURANCES ON TRACK OR IN PITS.

\* NOT OBEYING THE DIRECTION OF RACE CONTROL.

"NO DECISION WILL BE APPEALED OR REVERSED" ARGUMENTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!

\*Birch Run Speedway Reserves the right to Revise Rules for Issues Not Foreseen with This Rule Package.

\* Birch Run Speedway Reserves the right to retain a 3<sup>RD</sup> Party inspector or company to examine any part of the race car or part in question.