



2023 General Rules and Regulations Birch Run Speedway

Rule Book Disclaimer The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events at the Birch Run Speedway & Event Center (BRSEC), 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 the BRSEC, 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.

1. CONDITIONS: Rule changes or interpretation of rules are at the discretion of track officials - Motorsports Director has final say in all rule decisions.

- A. NO Alcoholic Beverages OR Controlled Substances are to be consumed before or during races by any Driving Teams, including and NOT limited to Drivers, Pit Crews, &/or Team Members.
- B. Drivers must be at least 14 years of age with a birth certificate and have a minor participant form notarized and signed by both parents and or legal guardians.
- C. BRSEC 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 officials is FINAL.
- F. In the event that parking assignments are available for purchase, there may be events where parking assignments may change, depending upon the event.
- G. BRSEC officials reserve the right to deduct from your prize money any fees owed to the track for any purchases, fees, penalties, and fines.
- H. Only track officials are allowed in the tech area: along with Driver and one mechanic.

- I. Dogs are allowed in the pit-area, but must be kept on a leash and must not be left unattended. Dogs are not allowed in the grandstands at any time under any circumstances. Walk dogs in grassy areas - clean up and bag up waste after your dog.
- J. The tower is for Race Track Officials only.

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 behaviour, 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 may 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.

3. VEHICLE INSPECTION/QUALIFICATION: Before any car may take part in any race, it is subject to inspection by BRSEC officials.

- A. During Tech Inspection and throughout the night, different things could be checked on different cars at the officials discretion. The argument that you have to check every car if you are going to check mine 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: Times will be recorded during Divisions practice sessions.
- 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 before qualification will be allowed.
- E. Technical inspection is intended to assure minimum compliance with the rules. Where compliance is not met, BRSEC officials may direct that repairs or alterations 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. 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 a BRSEC 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) BRSEC officials reserve the right to disqualify the driver for the night with no money or points for the entire night.

H. 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.

I. If a car does not arrive at the track by the time qualifications begins, BRSEC officials reserve the right to place the car at the back of the heat races and any feature race.

4. VEHICLE SPECS:

A. No Mirrors or radios allowed on Modifieds, Street Stocks, Pure Stocks, Sportsman, American Trucks, Eve of Destruction Cars, or Enduro Cars

B. Lead Ballast ONLY (NO other type of Ballast Allowed) 1. Must be Painted White with Car Number Painted on It. 2. Must be BOLTED to car. a. NO WELDING

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

D. Driveshaft must be painted white

E. All cars must be equipped with a working starter.

F. Battery can NOT be located in the driver compartment Must be located behind the rear firewall.

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

H. Traction Control is ILLEGAL. Any driver caught running with traction control, or any components for traction control mounted in their vehicle, will lose all points and money for that event and that driver will serve a minimum 2 race suspension. If found during Tech, you will be instructed to load up your car and that will be considered your first week of suspension.

5. TIRES: BIRCH RUN SPEEDWAY HOOSIER RACE TIRE INSPECTION PROCEDURE AND POLICY

A. Hoosier F70 tires only race tires allowed in rwd divisions.

B. No recaps.

C. No softening, soaking, conditioning, siping, or grooving of tires. a. SOAKING OF TIRES IS PROHIBITED AND STRICTLY ENFORCED. (This rule applies to ALL tires in the pits, on the car, in the trailer or hauler, ALL tires). Tires may be checked at any time. i. First soaking violation results in a 4-week suspension and a \$500 Fine. Loss of points to date for season. ii. Second soaking violation results in a season long suspension and a \$1000 fine. Loss of points to date for season. Methodology for testing tires is as follows: Tire will be collected after feature event. Tire will be cleaned at inspection area by clean abrasive tool. Tire surface will be heated with an electric heat gun to the temp of 200* Fahrenheit. If upon inspection from that point, tire durometers at a range of 49 or less, or is out of the spectrum of the norm of the parameter, the tire will be confiscated and sent for laboratory testing. Winnings and points will be frozen upon failed inspection period. Winnings will be awarded upon cleared inspection from laboratory. If the tire tests above 49 winnings will be paid immediately and points awarded (provided all

other tech inspections pass for event) All tires sold at Birch Run Speedway are to be powdered prior to mounting.

A. Tire tampering is prohibited. Tampering includes, but is not limited to, SOAKING, switching with other drivers and siping. Scrubbing, by hand, with a wire brush is allowed. Penalty for tampering is driver suspension from competitions for a period of 4 consecutive race dates on the first offense, remainder of race season on the second offense, and expulsion on the third offense. In addition, driver will forfeit all winnings and points.

B. When tires and rims are impounded, they must be clearly marked with driver's car number, and initials before entering impound.

C. BRSEC is not responsible for tires and rims left in impound longer than 30 days.

D. Tires must be kept in plain view at all times (ex. not inside trailer)

E. Must run all racing events on the tires you qualified on unless prior approval is received from the Race Director.

F. Officials reserve the right to test any tire suspected of tampering.

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 following the start of a race and prior to the final lap without the express permission of a BRSEC official. Violation will result in the car being placed at the rear of the field and a one-lap penalty assessed. This rule is in place for your crew members safety.

B. BRSEC 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. Violation will result in the car being placed at the rear of the field and a one-lap penalty assessed.

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 approved 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. Under a Red Flag a car will be placed at the rear of the field if: 1. If a restart is delayed by a driver failing to take his position in the car
- J. 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 will be black flagged and/or disqualified.

7. SAFETY:

- A. It is mandatory that driver's helmets meet SNELL 2010 series or more recent standards, and that drivers wear double-layer suits of fire resistant material or single-layer suits with full coverage fire resistant underwear that effectively covers the body from neck to ankles and wrists. Full coverage fire resistant gloves are mandatory.
- B. Approved race car 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. A six point seat belt harness is strongly recommended for all other divisions. Six point seat belt harness must be properly installed with six separate bolts. Belts must have crotch strap, two piece shoulder harness, and metal to metal central release. Restraint system must also be securely attached to the roll cage structure. Belts may not be older than 3 years.
- D. A taunt drivers side window net with quick release is required.
- E. Safety Neck Restraint. Hans, Hybrid, Etc. highly recommended.
- F. Driver must be able to enter/exit both doors through window openings.
- G. Rear windows must be completely see-through (NO decals or lettering)
- H. An approved head restraint will be located directly behind the drivers head with the driver normally seated.
- I. All roll bars near the driver MUST be well padded.
- J. All safety equipment must be no more than 3 years old.
- K. Safety shoes REQUIRED (Fire Resistant racing shoes)
- L. All fuel cells must have two straps (1" solid by 1/8"). Four straps are recommended
- M. All foot boxes must be enclosed for fire protection.
- N. Tethered fuel cell caps are MANDATORY
- O. Racing alcohol is NOT permitted in any regular BRSEC division.
- P. On-board fire suppression system with a minimum 5 pound extinguisher is recommended. a 5 pound fire extinguisher mounted in the car is required.
- Q. Mandatory adjustable steering shaft (Sweet, Woodward, etc)
- R. Either a 1/8" steel or 3/16" aluminum plate centrally located, covering the front side of the fuel cell is recommended.
- S. An OBERG vacuum style or ball type fuel shut off placed on top of fuel cell at the point fuel exits the cell is recommended. .
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, 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 a yellow flag is displayed, BRS allows 3 laps for flat tires only. 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 can not re-enter safely 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.
- C. BRS officials, and or sublet companies working safety or 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, we will do a Delaware, Madhouse, or Owosso style restart. This choice for us will be called the "Dixie Decision". The Caution cone will be put on display. Leader and subsequent cars will be given lane choice after that point. The next lap the caution cone will be removed as the cars parade white flag lap. The next flag displayed will be Green.
- E. We use racievers. In order to save time, we may forgo white flag laps. When the green flag is about to occur, the lights will go out. Be ready to race when the lights go out.
- F. Upon conclusion of a Feature Event, Top 3 finishing positions always report to the tech barn. If you are unsure where you finished, report anyway. Tech will direct you from that point on.
- G. Upon green flag, Races are allowed one minute per lap. If excess cautions take place, your race may be time shortened. You will be notified by racever if this is about to occur.
- H. We may blackflag anyone, at any time, at any position in any race if they are breaking out of their qualifying time for 2 consecutive laps. If they are smoking, putting liquid down, have a flat tire, have 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. Exit the racing surface in the safest manner possible. Having your receiver in working condition will inform you, and the other competitors on the race track why the flag is occurring and what to be on the lookout for.
- I. The Finish Line is an arbitrary line, physical and defined plane from the flagstand towards the infield, from the flagstand to the opposite side of the track. A car may finish the race, while sliding in any direction and as long as 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, 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, you do not accumulate points"