



***TO: ALL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE NEW PARIS SPEEDWAY  
DRIVERS AND CREW:***

**THE FOLLOWING SAFETY RULES, GENERAL RULES AND CODES OF CONDUCT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE 2023 SEASON TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT AT NEW PARIS SPEEDWAY THAT IS SAFE AND ETHICAL AS WELL AS PROMOTING A FUN AND COMPETITIVE FAMILY ATMOSPHERE. AS PROMOTERS, VOLUNTEERS, DRIVERS AND CREW MEMBERS IT IS OUR DUTY THROUGH OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS TO ASSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY'S PERCEPTION OF NEW PARIS SPEEDWAY IS A SAFE AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES FOR A GREAT EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT AND EXCITEMENT.**

**SINCERELY,**

**TRACY AND CHRIS**

**NEW PARIS SPEEDWAY**

# 2023 SAFETY AND GENERAL RULES

## **SAFETY:**

*A Special Safety Note to all drivers: it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check over your safety equipment, both what you put on your body as well as what you bolt on your vehicle! Inspect your firesuit rating and general condition as well as your helmet, racing gloves and shoes for any wear that may cause them to not perform as specified. Check your 5 point safety harness for manufacture date as well as any wear that may cause failure. Also check your harness mounts for anything that may cause them to fail, such as welds, fasteners and mounting points. We also urge everyone to refer to the :*

*[SFI SEATBELT INSTALLATION GUIDE](#) for recommendations on mounting and installing seatbelts. Please inspect your fuel cell mounting straps, check valve, fill spout, cap, cap seal and vent tube as well as all fuel lines for potential wear that may cause failure. New Paris Speedway highly recommends a higher quality racing seat with a headrest. If any of the above items are not up to safety standards, it is time to invest in bringing these up to standard before spending another penny on your vehicle. If you have any questions about the aforementioned items please contact the Speedway office and we will direct you to someone that can answer any questions and will make sure you fully understand the importance of these items.*

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## **SAFETY:**

1. *All vehicles must have a minimum of a 4 post roll cage with at least 3 bars at the driver's door and a welded or bolted steel plate of 1/8" x 10" x 30" at the driver's door.*
2. *Rolls bars must be padded with a non-flammable material near drivers area.*
3. *All cars are required to have a driver's headrest.*
4. *All drivers must wear a helmet at all times during competition. Driver's helmet must meet Snell 2000, 95 Series or newer standards and must be in good condition including the chinstrap.*
5. *A full SFI Fire Suit is required. All fire suits must be in good condition with no exposed holes.*
6. *Racing gloves are required for all classes in all events.*
7. *A full 5 point restraint system with 3" belts is required and may be no older than 3 years old.*
8. *Neck collars or HANS type devices are required for all participants in all classes other than NOD events.*
9. *Quick release window nets must be used at all times during participation and may be no older than 3 years old. Window nets must be in good condition. The window net latch must be located at the top front portion of the window.*
10. *A minimum 2 1/2" lb. fire extinguisher is required to be securely mounted within the driver's reach.*
11. *All vehicles must have shut off switch next to the driver's window which can easily be reached from the outside of the car.*
12. *Drivers must be able to exit through both the left or right side windows.*
13. *Raceceiver type communication devices required for all classes. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A RACECEIVER YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE!***
14. *Rear windows and Spoilers must be completely see through. No decals or lettering will be permitted.*
15. *Bumpers, nerf bars, mufflers etc. must be free from sharp edges points or corners or vehicle will not be allowed to participate.*
16. *Jack stands are required at all times when anyone is working under a vehicle.*
17. *All ballast weight must be constructed of lead, securely fastened, painted white and clearly marked with vehicles number. Drivers will be fined \$10.00 per pound for any ballast weight that falls of their vehicle at anytime and anywhere on the racetrack including the infield.*

# 2023 GENERAL AND SAFETY RULES CONTINUED

## GENERAL RACING RULES:

- 1 **Pit Access:** Any person(s) in the pit area must have a valid Pit Pass and have signed a Pit Pass waiver for the event date of the Pit Pass. **Minors must also have a completed Minor Release form on File!**
- 2 **Transponders:** A transponder must be securely attached to all vehicles entered in competition. Any vehicle entered in competition without a transponder will be black flagged and not allowed to return to the racing surface until a transponder is attached to the vehicle.
- 3 **Communications:** Communication devices permitting 2 way communications between drivers and any crew member, team member, fan or other driver are strictly **prohibited!** Only 1 way "Raceceiver" type communication devices are permitted and are required at all times when vehicle is on the racing surface.
- 4 **Traction Control Devices:** Traction Control Devices are **prohibited** at New Paris Speedway. Any driver found to be using a traction control device of any nature will be disqualified from the event, forfeit any prize money and forfeit all points accumulated for the racing season. Driver and vehicle may also face up to a one year suspension from New Paris Speedway.
- 5 **Entering the Track:** Vehicles may only enter the track at the track entrance at the beginning of turn 4 and only after the pit steward has directed them to do so.
- 6 **Track Entrance:** Only New Paris Speedway officials (**SAFETY CREW, TURN 4 FLAGMAN, PIT STEWARD, TRACK OWNERS**) are allowed beyond the "**RED LINE**" at the track entrance. Anyone crossing the "**RED LINE**" will be subject to **EXPULSION** from the event. This is for the safety of any crew member or spectator with a pit pass.
- 7 **Racing Surface Access:** At no time after the start of a race or before the completion of a race shall any non-competing member, crew member, vehicle owner, person associated with a competing vehicle or spectator be allowed to enter the racing surface or infield without permission from a New Paris Speedway track official. Violations may result in disqualification or being placed at the rear of the field.
- 8 **Race Accidents:** In the event of an accident during any racing activity in which the vehicle is unable to continue, the driver must remain in the vehicle with all safety gear securely in place until instructed that it is safe to exit the vehicle by a New Paris Speedway track official. **Exiting the vehicle and performing any hand or verbal gestures or throwing any items at another vehicle or person will result in a minimum 2 week suspension.**
- 9 **Driver and Car Changes:** Driver and car changes are only permitted prior to the start of a race. The official start of a race is determined when the field enters the racing surface and begins to line up. One complete lap does not define the official start of a race. All cars must enter the track under their own power to earn points and start money. Any driver changes must be communicated to the race director prior to the beginning of the race by either the driver or crew chief. Failure to communicate a driver change prior to the start of the race will result in forfeiture of all points and earnings for the event. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Any drivers making a vehicle change will start at the tail of the lesser race. For example if a driver qualifies for the A feature and the vehicle qualified for the A or B feature or did not qualify the driver will start at the tail end of the B feature. Points are awarded to the driver not the vehicle.

# 2023 GENERAL AND SAFETY RULES CONTINUED

## GENERAL RACING RULES:

- 10 **Scoring for Position:** Scoring for position begins at the completion of the first green flag lap.
- 11 **Initial Lap of a Race:** To reduce reckless driving on the initial lap of a race, any car obviously driving recklessly and causing a caution will be sent to the tail of the field. Any cars entering the pits under a yellow flag during the first lap of a race will be sent to the rear of the field upon re-entering the race. Under a first lap red flag driver's may exit their vehicle to examine their vehicle and make any adjustments not requiring tools or assistance. Drivers must be in their vehicles when the yellow flag replaces the red flag or they will be sent to the tail of the field.
- 12 **Post Tech Changes:** Any changes to a vehicle post tech must be reported to the technical director including but not limited to changes affecting weight, spoiler adjustments, carburetor changes etc. Discovery of unreported changes during post race technical inspection may result in forfeiture of points and earnings for the entire event.
- 13 **Break Out Rules:** The breakout time for any competing vehicle will be that vehicles qualifying time with a 1/10 second tolerance. if during any race a driver runs 2 laps under the break out time they will be black flagged. Drivers will be informed of a breakout by radio communication from the tower (Raceceiver), the flagman and by the announcer. If this occurs during a heat race they will be done for the heat race and the time will be reset for the feature race. If a driver breaks out during a feature or last chance race the driver must safely move to the tail end of the field. At this point the driver is exempt from breaking out again. Failure to move to the tail of the field after violating the breakout rule will result in disqualification for the entire event and forfeiture of all points and earnings for the event. The top 2 qualifiers in each class are exempt from the breakout rule for the event in which they qualified.

### ***Diva Hornet/Hornet Class Breakout Rules:***

**SEE 2022 HORNET RULES FOR CLASS  
BREAKOUT RULES**

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## GENERAL RACING RULES:

- 14 **Qualifying:** *New Paris Speedway will be using a single car qualifying method weekly classes. event. Qualifying will consist of 2 laps with the best time being used as the qualifying time. A completed qualifying session is determined when a driver completes a minimum of 1 green flag lap during a qualifying session.*
- 15 **Unqualified Cars/Drivers:** *Unqualified cars or drivers will start at the tail end of the lowest feature or last chance race. The driver must also start at the tail end of the slowest heat race as well.*
- 16 **Time Limit Rule:** *All races will have a time limit of one minute per lap providing the race is at a minimum of the halfway point. If the time limit has been reached and the race is not at the halfway point then the race will end at the next caution. Scoring will be established by the running order of the last lap prior to the caution with the vehicles involved in the caution being moved to the tail of their lap. If the caution is out when the time limit is reached and the race has reached the halfway point or more there will be one final attempt to finish the race caution free. If a caution is necessary on the final attempt then the race will be complete upon the beginning of the caution and be scored at that point.*
- 17 **Line-Ups:** *Any driver refusing to take the position directed to them by the track official causing a delay they may be black flagged for the event. If any further actions by the driver are deemed inappropriate the driver may lose any or all earnings and points for that event and may face suspension from future events.*
- 18 **Restarts:** *Line-ups for restarts will be determined by the last completed lap as scored by the computer. The exception would be the vehicle or vehicles causing the caution being moved to the tail of the field or if a transponder is not picking up for any reason at which time race officials will determine that vehicles position. The start/restart line is located at the beginning of turn 4. The flagman will throw the green flag when the lead car reaches the start/restart line. All vehicles must line-up side by side for double file restarts. The leader will have the option to start either on the inside or outside of row 1 and the second place car must start in the opposing front row position. Position number three and higher must line-up with odd numbered positions on the inside and even numbered positions on the outside. Lapped vehicles will start behind all lead lap vehicles and must start in the position they were running prior to the restart and not their race position.*
- 19 **Final Scoring:** *New Paris Speedway Officials will determine the final scoring by any necessary means available (Transponder Scoring System, Videos, Photos etc.) All scoring decisions made by track officials are final and irreversible.*

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## GENERAL RACING RULES:

- 19 **Lucky Dog Free Pass (Feature Races Only):** The “Lucky Dog Free Pass” will allow the highest positioned lapped vehicle to be placed at the rear of the field and will then be placed on the lead lap unless ruled to be ineligible based on the following criteria:
- A. That vehicle caused the caution.
  - B. That vehicle was in the pit area when the caution came out.
  - C. That vehicle has been penalized with a discretionary call made by track officials. If a Penalty is assessed the driver of that vehicle will be informed by track officials.
- Transferring of the “Lucky Dog Free Pass” will only incur when the first eligible vehicle has been deemed ineligible due to one or all of the above stated conditions. The “Lucky Dog Free Pass” will then be awarded to the next eligible vehicle.
- 20 **Rookie of the Year:** Rookie of the Year award eligibility is based on the following criteria:
- A. Driver may not have participated in more than 6 events over the past 5 seasons in the current class they are competing in.
  - B. Driver may not have participated in more than 6 events over the past 5 seasons in a Higher class than they are currently competing in.
- 21 **Program Cancellations:** In the event that a racing program or event has to be cancelled due to weather or any other unforeseen reason the following conditions will apply:
- A. Any race underway at the time of the cancellation will be considered completed and Scored if the race has reached the halfway point or beyond.
  - B. Points will be awarded for all completed events in that particular class. For example:
    - 1. All Qualifying complete: Points awarded.
    - 2. All Heat Races complete: Points awarded.
    - 3. All Feature Races complete: Points awarded.
  - C. Any event with a minimum of 1 completed Feature Race before cancellation will be considered complete and the remaining feature will be run the following scheduled event as double features.
  - D. Any event cancelled prior to any features being run will be considered cancelled. All Pit Passes will be honored for the next scheduled racing event for these classes.

In the event an entire event needs to be cancelled due to weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, New Paris Speedway will post said cancellation at: [www.newparisspeedway.com](http://www.newparisspeedway.com), Facebook and on the answering machine of the track phone number: 574-831-3050. **NOTE:** If an event is held over to be completed as part of another program, points and payouts will be held until the completion of the rescheduled event.

22. The preceding is an outline of how New Paris Speedway intends to officiate its racing program. In rare instances it may be necessary to deviate from the stated rules to make the “Correct” call for an unusual situation. It is our sincerest intention to be as fair as possible at all times in all cases. In such cases all decisions are final and not subject to appeal under any circumstances!



# 2023 GENERAL AND SAFETY RULES CONTINUED

## Codes of Conduct:

- 1 **Minimum Driver Age:** Drivers must be a minimum of 14 years old to compete in any racing activity. Proof of age must be provided in the form of 1 or more of the following: 1. Valid Driver's License 2. Government issued Picture ID or 3. Birth Certificate. Drivers under the age of 18 must have a completed MINOR CONSENT FORM signed by a parent or guardian and Notarized by a registered Notary Public.
- 2 **Alcohol and Controlled Substances:** Consumption of alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden by any driver, crew member or anyone in the pit area before and during all racing activities. Controlled substances of any kind are forbidden at all times anywhere on the New Paris Speedway property. Violation of any Alcohol or controlled substance policy will result in immediate **EJECTION** from all New Paris Speedway property and may result in a temporary or permanent suspension The New Paris Speedway.
- 3 **Driver Responsibility:** Drivers participating at New Paris Speedway are responsible for the actions of his/her crew members. Any violation of the codes of conduct by a crew member may results in penalties to the driver and vehicle up to and including suspensions, fines or legal action.
- 4 **Altercations:** Physical altercations, malicious destruction of property or using any type of vehicle including racecars to retaliate or attack another driver or car of any kind are prohibited on New Paris Speedway property by any driver, crew member or person associated with any race team and are against the law. Violations of this policy within a racing season will be enforced in the following manner:  
  
**FIRST OFFENSE:** 4 race suspension from all activity at New Paris Speedway for the driver, vehicle and crew including hot laps and spectatorship. May carryover into the next season.  
**SECOND OFFENSE:** Suspension from all activity at New Paris Speedway for the driver, vehicle and crew for the one calendar year  
**THIRD OFFENSE:** Suspension from all activity at New Paris Speedway for the driver, vehicle and crew for life.  
  
**4a. THREATS:** Any Threats or intimidation communicated verbally to a track official or seen in writing by a track official via Social Media or any other means of any type will result in an immediate suspension from any activity at New Paris Speedway for a period of 1 calendar year.
- 5 **General misconduct:** General misconduct in the pit area of any nature may result in: penalties, fines, suspensions or matters being turned over to local authorities for potential prosecution.
- 6 **Unsportsmanlike Racing:** Any acts of unsportsmanlike driving, rough driving, unnecessary bumping or unnecessary swerving is prohibited at all times at New Paris Speedway. This includes: Hot Laps, Qualifying, Green Flag Racing, Yellow Flag Racing and Post Race. Violations may result in any or all of the following: disqualification, loss of earnings, loss of points or suspension. Suspensions depending on length may carry over into the next season.



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## Codes of Conduct:

7. **Treatment of Officials** : New Paris Speedway Officials are to be treated with the upmost respect. Any abuse whether it be: Physical, Verbal or Obscene Gestures will not be tolerated. Violation of this policy will result in disqualification, loss of earnings, loss of points for that event and may result in suspension.
8. **Technical Inspection Area**: The Technical Inspection Area is limited to the Driver and one Crew Member per car from the time the gates open until the final feature and Post Race Inspection has been completed. Any Driver, Crew Member or Car Owner that enters the tech area for any reason during any time unless the vehicle they are associated with is being inspected and they are one of the 2 authorized members to be with that vehicle will be expelled from the property immediately and the vehicle they are associated with will be disqualified from the entire event forfeiting all points and monies for that event.
9. **Tower Restrictions**: Only New Paris Speedway Officials are allowed in the tower at any time unless you have received an invitation to enter the tower or face expulsion from the premises.
10. **Refusal of Entry**: New Paris Speedway officials reserve the right to refuse anyone entry onto New Paris Speedway Property.
11. **Rule Changes and Interpretations**: All rule changes and interpretations are at the discretion of New Paris Speedway officials.
12. **Officials Decisions**: All decisions made by New Paris Speedway officials either on or off track are final.
13. **Earnings deductions**: New Paris Speedway reserves the right to deduct from any driver's earnings for any and all fees owed to New Paris Speedway. This includes: Safety Devices, Tires, Pit Stalls, Track Rentals etc. Any purchases from New Paris Speedway are to be paid on delivery and no credit will be extended to anyone.
14. **Doctor's Release**: New Paris Speedway reserves the right to request a copy of a Doctor's release before allowing any competitor participate in any racing activities.
15. **General Conduct**: Drivers and crews are expected to act professionally and courteously while at the track whether it be an event day or non-event day. They are also expected to be fair and considerate of other: drivers, teams and fans on social media. Remember you are the role models for thousands of people and especially children who look up to you and idolize you. The use of inappropriate language, gestures and negative social media posts about New Paris Speedway or its volunteers, Drivers, Crew members or fans may result in suspension from New Paris Speedway.
16. **Rules Comprehension**: It is the responsibility of all drivers and crew members to know and understand all General, Class and Code of Conduct rules. In the event of any change in rules New Paris Speedway will in form you in advance via website, social media or verbally during driver's meetings. Rules changes will also be updated on rules documents downloadable on the New Paris Speedway website.

# 2023 GENERAL AND SAFETY RULES CONTINUED

## **Disclaimer and Acceptance:**

**Rules Disclaimer:** *The Rules and regulations set forth herein and the Racing Class rules are designed to provide the safest, competitive and orderly conduct of racing events at New Paris Speedway and to establish minimum acceptable requirements of such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events and by participating in these events all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. **NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND OR REGULATIONS.***

*These rules are a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death of a participant, spectator or official. The Race Director or any New Paris Speedway official shall be empowered to create minor deviations from any of the specifications herein or impose additions rules that is in his/her opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **NO EXPRESS WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS.** Any deviation or interpretation of these rules is at the discretion of New Paris Speedway officials.*

*In addition every driver must inspect the racing surface and track area to familiarize themselves of any defects, obstructions or anything else that is in the drivers opinion is unsafe. It is also the driver's responsibility to report any of these conditions to New Paris Speedway officials.*

*Any driver participating in a racing event is considered to have inspected the track and found all conditions satisfactory. If not that driver should not race! The participant further acknowledges that racing involves certain risks and assumes the risks with full awareness and knowledge.*

*Media Consent: By signing this document, all participants at New Paris Speedway consent that they or their vehicles image may be used without any risk of litigation or compensation upon the New Paris Speedway for marketing activities such as: Videos, Social Media, Website or Printed materials.*

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT RACING IS A DANGEROUS SPORT AND EXTREME CAUTION IS TO BE EXERCISED AT ALL TIMES.**

**Acceptance:** *We the undersigned acknowledge that we have been provided a copy of the aforementioned rules, understand and agree to comply with all rules and accept any penalties for non-compliance.*

**Drivers Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_