



**TO: ALL NEW PARIS SPEEDWAY HORNET CLASS PARTICIPANTS:**

**THE FOLLOWING HORNET CLASS RULES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE 2026 RACING SEASON. THESE RULES ARE MEANT TO CREATE THE FAIREST, MOST COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE. LADIES ARE FREE AT ANYTIME TO MOVE UP TO THE HORNET CLASS BUT MAY NOT RUN BOTH CLASSES. WE WILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RULES IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY AND COMPETITIVENESS. IF CHANGES ARE NECESSARY, WE WILL INFORM YOU A MINIMUM OF 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THESE CHANGES. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT YOUR PASSION, HARD WORK AND COMPETITIVE SPIRIT WITHIN EACH OF YOU AND YOUR DESIRE TO HAVE THE FASTEST VEHICLE THAT IS CAPABLE OF WINNING. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THIS STATEMENT AS WELL AS ALL YOUR EFFORTS TO GROW THESE, THE MOST AFFORDABLE WEEKLY CLASSES AT NEW PARIS SPEEDWAY.**

**SINCERELY,**

**TRACY AND CHRIS**

**NEW PARIS SPEEDWAY**



## 2026 HORNET RULES

PLEASE REFER TO RULE BOOK DISCLAIMER, GENERAL AND TRACK RULES

### **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. *A full 5 point restraint system is required and may be no older than 3 years old.*
3. *Window nets must be used at all times during participation and may be no older than 3 years old.*
4. *Neck collars or HANS type devices are required for all participants.*
5. *A minimum 2 1/2" lb. fire extinguisher is required to be securely mounted within the driver's reach.*
6. *All Cars must have shut off switch next to the driver's window which can easily be reached from the outside of the car.*
7. *Raceceiver type communication devices required for all classes.*

### **BODY:**

1. *Front wheel drive cars only. **No convertible or 2 seat coupe vehicles are permitted.***
2. *All Bodies must be completely stock.*
3. *All Front and rear Firewalls must remain stock. Holes in either firewall or floorboards must be patched with sheet metal only. **No Aluminum panels.***
4. *Inner body panels must remain intact except to add clearance for the roll cage.*
5. *Four door vehicles may remove the door/window posts between the two doors.*
6. *All doors must be welded or bolted shut. **Chains are not permitted.***
7. *All stock exterior body panels must remain in place.*
8. *Any non factory hole (rust) in an exterior body panels must be covered with a patch. Sheet metal or aluminum patches are permissible.*
9. *Overlaying of factory body panels is permissible for cosmetic appearances. Materials must be sheet metal or aluminum.*
10. *Hood and trunk must be operable and held down with 2 quick release hood type pins provided the factory hinges are in place. If factory hinges are removed 4 quick release hood type pins must be used. **All factory hood, trunk and hatch latches must be removed.** Hatchbacks may remove bolt or weld hatch.*

# **2026 HORNET RULES CONTINUED**

## **BODY CONTINUED:**

**10. Nerf bars must be no larger than 1" in diameter and smoothly capped. A minimum of 4 smooth head bolts must be used for securement. Carriage or equivalent bolts recommended.**

**11. All front and rear bumpers must be chained to the chassis to prevent dragging. Factory bumpers may add additional support to the chassis. Angle iron or flat stock may be used with a thickness of no greater than 1/8". Homemade steel bumpers may be used to replace damaged factory plastic bumpers. Steel homemade bumpers must be no larger than 4" tall and no thicker than 1/8" wall.**

**12. All mirrors, headlights, tail lights, marker lights, antennas, hitches and loose exterior trim or aftermarket accessories must be removed.**

**13. All interior carpet, upholstery, trim, door panels, headliners, mirrors, dash pads or any other flammable material must be removed. This includes hood insulation and any carpet or liners in the trunk area.**

**14. All Exterior glass with the exception of the windshield must be removed. Sun roofs must be covered with a one piece sheet metal patch that must be welded, bolted or riveted in place. Full Lexan windshields are highly recommended.**

**15. Fuel tanks may be factory stock mounted in the stock location with stock mounting methods only or a racing fuel cell may be used providing it is blocked off from the cockpit by an aluminum or sheet metal barrier.**

**16. All loose rust flakes or glass must be removed from both the interior and exterior of the vehicle.**

**17. Aluminum racing seats are highly recommended. Stock seats are permissible but tracks must be welded or bolted fast and rear of seat must be secured to the horizontal cross bar of the rear safety hoop.**

## **Chassis, Suspension and Steering:**

- 1. Chassis must remain factory stock and be complete. A piece of 1 3/4" .090. thickness tubing may be added between the frame horns to add a solid attachment point for your hook up chains.**
- 2. A minimum 4 point roll cage must be installed. Minimum tubing size is 1 1/2" diameter with a minimum thickness of .095". Tube or plate steel mounting points along the rocker areas are permitted in the interest of safety. 1 3/4" maximum rear bars from the top of the cage angling downward are permitted and may have an X bar between them. 1 1/2" minimum diameter front bars and hoops are also permitted for safety and strength purposes.**
- 3. Steering must remain stock and in the stock location from the Steering Knuckle down. An aftermarket Steering shaft from the knuckle up and quick release steering wheel hubs are permitted.**
- 4. All suspension components must remain stock and mounted in the stock location front to rear and side to side.**
- 5. A maximum of 1" camber may be added to the right front wheel. This will be measured with a 24" carpenters square or equivalent device.**

# 2026 HORNET FWD RULES CONTINUED

## *Chassis, Suspension and Steering continued:*

6. Alterations of any kind to coil or strut springs is prohibited. No cutting, stretching or heating of any springs. Struts may be removed at any time for inspection. All vehicles must move freely up and down as it was intended from the factory. **SPRING RUBBERS OR ANY BUMP STOP DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED.**
7. Locked front axles are prohibited. All cars will be checked by jacking one front wheel up and testing for free spin with the other front wheel on the ground.

## *Engine, Transmission and ECM:*

1. Factory stock 4 or 6 cylinder engines standard for the make and model of the vehicle are required. Aluminum Harmonic Balancers are prohibited.
2. Stock ECM computers are mandatory. No chips or altering of any kind is permitted. Vehicles suspected of altered ECM's will have ECM checked and if found to be altered will be disqualified and will forfeit all points and earnings for the event including pit pass money.
3. Fuel delivery system must be factory stock for the engine. No super chargers or turbo vehicles are permitted.
4. Anti-freeze must be removed from all vehicles. **VEHICLES CONTAINING ANTIFREEZE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THAT EVENT AND ALL POINTS AND PAY FORFEITED!**
5. Stock transmissions for the make and model are required. No altering of transmissions or clutches are permitted.
6. Exhaust must be stock and exit behind the driver's seat. Maximum of 2" O.D. exhaust pipe is mandatory. Catalytic convertors may be removed. **STOCK MANIFOLDS OR TUBULAR FACTORY HEADERS ALLOWED. AFTERMARKET HEADERS ARE NOT ALLOWED!**
7. All stock wiring must be left intact without alteration.
8. Vehicle must start with either the factory key or a simple push button/toggle switch.
9. **Lithium Batteries are Prohibited.**

## *Class Breakout Rules:*

1. The established breakout time for the 2026 Hornet class is: 17.000 seconds per lap in addition to the general breakout rules stated in the 2026 General Rules.
2. If a Vehicle violates the class breakout rule (**16.999**) or quicker during **practice**, qualifying, Heat Races or Feature, that vehicle and driver must start the remainder of the night at the tail of the field and 1 lap down. The vehicle and driver are also exempt from the "Lucky Dog" rule.
3. If a driver and or car violates the breakout rule twice during the season, then both the car and driver are exempt from the class for the rest of the season. Points do not transfer to another class.

# **2026 HORNET RULES CONTINUED**

## ***Tires and Wheels:***

- 1. Single Ply sidewall DOT radial tires only.***
- 2. Z rated, bias ply, trailer, recap, triple tread or high performance tires are strictly prohibited!***
- 3. Front Tire sizes must match. Rear tire sizes must match.***
- 4. Tire sizes must be 55,60,65,70,75 or 80 series radial tire 165-215 mm with a minimum tread wear rating of 300. All sizes and rating must be clearly visible on the outside of the tire.***
- 5. Stock wheels for year make and model are mandatory.***
- 6. A 3" MAXIMUM BACKSPACE Right Front Safety Wheel with a maximum width of 7" is permitted.***
- 7. All inside and outside wheels weights must be removed.***

***ALL RULES INTERPRETATIONS AND RULINGS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF  
THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AND ARE FINAL!***

***CARS MUST CONFORM TO THE RULES AND BE LEGAL FOR  
EVERY EVENT! THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY 1 WEEK  
GRACE PERIODS!***