

# Coles County Speedway Track Rules 2009

## ALL DRIVERS AND CAR OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE GENERAL RULES AS WELL AS THEIR CLASS RULES

The rules set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events. These rules shall govern the conditions of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. These rules are intended as a guide for the conduct of the event and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to the participant, spectator, or official. The race director shall be empowered to permit reasonable deviation from any specification that in his opinion does not alter the acceptable requirements. Any deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final. The race director will be the head official

Track officials shall have responsibility for rules and regulation enforcement at Coles County Speedway events. At the discretion of track officials, any competitor may be disqualified for rule violations or hazardous equipment or hazardous actions

All decisions are final and upheld for all events of the program

*The Race Director's decisions are not up for debate!*

### **UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR**

Any un-sportsman-like conduct by drivers, owners and/or crewmember shall be grounds for disqualification and/or action by Coles County Speedway Board of Directors. Drivers are responsible for the conduct and actions of their crewmembers. Drivers are subject to disciplinary action for the conduct of their crew.

**Fighting:** Coles County Speedway will not tolerate any driver or crewmember that either verbally or physically attacks another driver, crewmember or an official. The track board and race director will be involved in all disciplinary actions.

**Guns** or other weapons will not be allowed on any person at the track or at any organization activity. Anyone found guilty of threatening a person with a weapon will be suspended for 1 full calendar year from the date of the infraction and the local law authorities will be notified.

### **PITS:**

Everyone in the pits, except drivers in racing suits, must have a visible pit band on their wrist at all times. Anyone caught within the pit area without a pit wristband will be removed from the pits. A second offense will mean a 1 year suspension.

Car owners and drivers: warn your crewmembers, family members and friends: Absolutely **NO** alcoholic beverages will be allowed or consumed in the pits during the event. Use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs, even a hint of consumption, will result in the individual being removed from the pits. Anyone associated with a participating car that is removed from the pits for this reason will cause the disqualification of the car for the remainder of the program.

Anyone under the age of 16 may not use a four-wheeler in the pits

Four-wheelers must run at idle speed. No four-wheeler racing in the pits. No four wheelers or golf carts outside the pits. Only one person on a four-wheeler at a time. No scooters or bicycles are to be ridden after the pits are closed.

**There will be no reckless driving in the pits. Run at idle speed.**

When entering and exiting the racing surface, all drivers will use care and caution. Any driver speeding in the pits or driving in a reckless manner will be immediately disqualified from

competition. .

Everyone must stay out of track entry and exits gates.

**Driver/Car Changes:**

If a driver changes cars after his/her participation in any heat race, he/she must run the remainder of the races scratch.

No driver changes are allowed during any race currently being run.

Once a car goes to the pits, for any reason, it may not return to the track.

No electronic voice communication with driver is allowed while car is on track during hot laps, or at any time during race events.

**SAFETY:**

All cars entered in a Coles County Speedway event are subject to be inspected at any time. Approval of Coles County Speedway by the inspector shall mean only that the race car is approved for participation in a competitive event and shall not be construed in any way to mean the inspected race car is guaranteed mechanically sound. Be it further declared that the inspector shall not be liable, nor shall Coles County Speedway or its officials, for any mechanical failure, not for any losses or injuries resulting from it.

Anytime a car is started in the pits or on the track the driver must have on a helmet and seat belts must be fastened.

During a race, if your safety belt comes unfastened, roll to a safe stop in the infield at the start/finish line. An infield official will assist you.

Keep all Safety equipment on while in car and on the track.

If a driver, under caution, or before and the event takes the green flag, feels their car might have a problem that would cause their car to be unsafe, or their safety equipment (seat belts came unhooked, neck collar fell down, arm restraints not on) to fail, the driver CAN drive the car to the Race Director, or a Corner Flagman and have the looked at. (The driver cannot have his/her pitman check the car). This will not cause a driver to forfeit a position. If an official wants to see a car to insure safety, he/she can at their discretion, and gives the car its position back. This rule is to promote safe racing at all time.

**STARTS:**

If the yellow comes out before the first lap is complete, the restart will be two abreast. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt to have a completed 1<sup>st</sup> lap, the referee may line the cars up single file.

The front drivers will have two chances to lead the field to green flag. If one driver is obviously jumping the other driver, then that driver will be sent to the rear of the field.

All starts begin coming out of turn four. All cars must be nose to tail. Any driver that is out of position, not nose to tail, is considered to "jump" the start, and will go to the rear.

All cars that come onto the racing surface from the infield must do so on the straightaway, front or back. There will be no re-entry in the turns.

**YELLOW FLAGS**

Get single file immediately so that we may correct the line-up quickly!!

Drivers are to maintain their position at low speed.

Cars stopped or in the infield during a yellow flag will go to the tail of the field. If the referee can determine that another car caused the car that brought out the yellow to spin or come to a stop, that car also will go to the rear.

Once a car goes to the pits, for any reason, it may not return to the track.

If a car stops on the track for any reason after taking the green flag, it goes to the tail. The only two exceptions:

- 1) If a car is involved in an accident, it will go to the back of the pack, regardless of who caused the accident. This rule applies to the start, complete restarts and single file restarts. If a car stops immediately after another car flips, but does not make, and did not make contact prior to the car turning over, the driver is determined to NOT be involved, and is given their position back
- 2) If a track official stops a driver for an inspection and determines the situation to be satisfactory, there is no penalty and the driver receives his original racing position. However, if the official finds the situation unsatisfactory, the official will direct the driver to the tail of the field or to the pits.

If a driver is involved in three yellow flag situations, the driver is to go to the pits. No arguments, no questions or holding up of the race go to the pits. If a driver is told more than once to go to the pits because of three yellow flags, a penalty may be assessed.

## **RESTARTS**

Single file, nose to tail. Do not lag back in order to get a running start. You may pass once you pass the cone, if you pass prior to the cone or hit the cone you will be put at the end of the field.

No brake checking on restarts. You will go to the tail.

On a yellow flag or a red flag line-ups, restarts are determined by the last completed green flag lap. If a car passes a car for position, and a yellow or red flag is displayed, the position will revert to the last completed green flag lap, (other than for those drivers causing the yellow or red flags). The drivers involved will line up at the back of the field according to their running order at the last green lap. If a caution flag is displayed, and a complete restart is needed, cars will pull forward to fill the positions left by those going to the rear of the field, or that are out of the race. If a car fails to line-up, and the yellow light is out, then the cars will pull forward to fill the position left open. Lapped cars do not go to the tail of the field on a yellow flag or a red flag. Lapped cars will line-up according to their position on the track, not their running position in the field line-up.

Look at the white board or hand signals for your line-up position from the infield stewards or the flagman.

## **BLACK FLAGS:**

The black flag is used at the discretion of the officials and the flagman.

**Rough Driving:** Rough driving or deliberately causing an accident will be subject to the disciplinary action based on the official's decision. Cars creating a hazard to others on the track will result in a black flag. If a driver has incidental contact with another car, and both cars maintain position, no foul is committed. If a driver is "banging" on the rear of one car, in an attempt to pass that car, which will be considered "rough driving" that car can be disqualified. Rough driving calls will be at the head referees discretion.

## **RED FLAG**

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DURING A RED FLAG, DO NOT BLOCK ANY ENTRANCE ONTO THE TRACK. Stay off the track until an official signals that the track is open.

Drivers when you see a red flag/light stop as quickly and safely as possible. Crewmembers may enter the track after the pit steward gives the okay. Cars must be moved into the infield to perform any work, no working on cars during a yellow.

Driver must stay in their car. Be ready to roll when we go from a red to yellow.

Crewmembers may enter the track, however, once the announcement is made to clear the track, the work must be complete. If your work holds up a restart of the race you will not be permitted to join the field even though the work is complete.

**Impound Area:**

**All cars will be subject to inspection at any time.**

The Tech Official will determine the number of cars held in impound. Any vehicle not reporting immediately to the impound area as requested will be disqualified. Only the car owner and driver are allowed in the tech area. Car owners and drivers are responsible to make sure no other persons are in the tech area or at their car. The tech official has the option to request any car, from any class to go to tech.

The rules may be amended at anytime, without notice, to make the competition at Coles County Speedway safer, and better for all.