



NATIONAL SERIES PROCEDURES (2010)

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for 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 PUBLICATION OF, OR COMPLIANCE WITH, THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.** They are intended as a guide for conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official.

The Race Director/General Manager and Track Officials shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that, in their opinion, do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS.** Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

The rules set forth shall be effective for THE 2010 racing season. Management reserves the right to amend, alter, suspend, delete, or supplement these rules as conditions warrant and without any prior notice. Any changes will be posted in the inspection area. It is your responsibility to be aware of changes posted. These rules shall govern the condition of all USST National Events.

Auto racing is a competitive sport, and like any other sporting event that depends on fan support, there is a great deal of showmanship and public relations required. Starting on time, running events in a professional manner, proper uniforms or attire, race cars brightly painted and the conduct of the competitors both on and off the track must be established.

No one is permitted to sell, distribute, pass out, etc. any merchandise, services, flyers, information, at any USST National Event without the express written consent of the USST National Event Management. Any person on property without the permission of the owners or management is guilty of trespassing and subject to the penalties prescribed by law. Through your registration you have been given the authority and the right to be on this property in conjunction with your racing activity only. However, the management of the Race Track & USST Officials reserves the right to revoke and cancel this authority at any time it is felt that your presence or conduct is not in the best interest of auto racing, your fellow competitors, the fans, management, or employees of USST.

INTENT/SPIRIT OF THE RULE

USST management reserves the right to determine the intent of all rules and regulations regarding the conduct of USST events and to make changes, adjustments and modifications without notice in the interest of safety, better competition and according to the size of the field, the crowd, the track conditions, the weather, tradition, local rules or customs, or other circumstances. Any situation not specifically covered herein, will be acted upon by USST Management and their decision is final and binding.

- **ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD COMPLETE, UNDERSTANDABLE, AND CORRECT RULES, AS WELL AS THE SAME FACTORS IN PUTTING THEM INTO PRINT, USST OFFICIALS CANNOT POSSIBLY ANTICIPATE EVERY SITUATION, CIRCUMSTANCE, OR INTERPRETATION.**
- **THE DEFINITION OF “STOCK” MEANS “NO MODIFICATIONS TO FACTORY PARTS OR FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS.**
- **THE ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC RULE DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL, CONSENT, OR PERMISSION REGARDING THAT SUBJECT. ANY QUESTIONS OR DOUBTS REGARDING THAT SUBJECT, AND ANY QUESTIONS OR DOUBTS REGARDING SUCH MATTERS, SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE USST OFFICIAL.**
- **YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW THE FOLLOWING RULES – BEING UNAWARE OF THESE RULES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AS AN EXCUSE!**

INSURANCE RELEASE

1. Before entering the pit area each person must sign (signature MUST be legible) an insurance release and shall receive a pit pass. The pit pass must be visible at all times.
2. When in the pit area, maintain a constant watch for your own protection.
3. In the event of accident or injury, advise the Race Director immediately so necessary reports can be filed. If you are physically unable, a crew person or family member is responsible for the report. Contact the rescue vehicle driver or safety crew and give a full report before you leave the speedway.
4. Each driver must inspect the racing surface and track area to learn of any defects, obstructions, or anything that is unsafe. Unsafe conditions should be reported to the Competition Director. Any driver participating in any event is considered to have inspected the track and found all conditions satisfactory. If a driver considers the track unsafe, the driver should not race. This further indicates the driver is aware auto racing involves risks and the driver assumes these risks with full awareness and knowledge.
5. USST assumes no responsibility for damage to, or loss of, equipment, vehicle, or any parts by any means in the pit area.
6. Minors and his/her parents or guardian must complete a Minor's Release Form prior to participation in his/ her first event. This Release will remain on file throughout.
7. USST Drivers/Crew and any member entering the Pit Area attending any USST event assume all liability and USST highly recommends each Driver obtain some form of Race Insurance in case of accident or Injury.

RAIN AND FOUL WEATHER

1. It is the policy of USST to complete all scheduled events whenever possible.
2. If a program is cancelled, rain checks will be honored on a date announced. Such announcement will be posted at the USST Trailer and at www.usstracing.com.

CONDUCT

1. Detrimental statements made in public forums (such as Internet, Media, or on the PA) may result in fines and/or suspensions.
2. Anyone going to scoring tower, flag stand, or starting line to argue during a racing program will result in suspension for the entire race team for a minimum of one race.
3. The driver and truck owner are responsible for the conduct and actions of himself/herself, crew members, sponsors, and family members.
4. Professional, courteous conduct is expected at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct such as arguing, fighting, reckless driving through the pit area, or improper language will result in probation, suspension, and/or fine.
5. Continued problems from the same individual will result in permanent suspension.
6. Presence in the staging area or on the track is prohibited without permission of USST officials.
7. Fighting, display of any type of weapon, (Weapon is classified as any item able to inflict injury) or threat of bodily harm will result in suspension of minimum of one race.
8. Motorized vehicles are only allowed in pit area at venues where the host track allows them. This includes golf carts, scooters, motorcycles, mini-bikes and ATVs. Authorization can be revoked at anytime at the discretion of USST and Host Track Management.
9. Do not run engines during the National Anthem, pre-race ceremonies, or drivers' meeting.
10. Consumption, possession or distribution of alcohol is not allowed in the pits till **All** race activities have been completed. Any controlled substance in the pit area is strictly prohibited and will result in suspension for one year.
11. No profanity, profane or controversial signs or logos on trucks, haulers, or clothing is permitted.
12. Any threat of legal action will result in that person, and team, being suspended from USST till pending litigation is completed to the satisfaction of USST.
13. USST reserves the right to grant membership or attendance to any USST event.

GENERAL COMPETITOR RULES

1. If the original truck experiences mechanical problems or is crashed in a preliminary event (time trials, dash, heat, last chance), the driver may use another (back-up) Truck.
2. Drivers may compete in more than one Series, but racing will not be delayed to accommodate them.
3. Use or Anti-freeze during practice or race is prohibited. Dumping Anti-freeze on the track will result in a \$100 fine. If anti-freeze is caught in the tech line the fine will be \$50.

POINTS

Points will be awarded and accumulated per race based on driver finishes in preliminary and main events as posted at the USST Trailer and on www.usstracing.com. Points will accumulate throughout the season and terminate upon completion of the Point Championship race as scheduled to conclude the season.

GENERAL RACING RULES

1. USST management and officials' decisions are final and binding.
2. USST management and officials establish the length, frequency, and administration of all events.
3. Video tape replays will not be used to make decisions or impose penalties.
4. Exceptions to rules, specifications, and format of events may be made at the discretion of management and officials.
5. The payoff, format, and event order will be posted in the tech area and is subject to change as directed by Track Officials.
6. It is the responsibility of the driver to sign in for each event.
7. Line-ups will be made no later than one-half hour prior to race time. Any driver not signed in by that time will start at the rear of the feature.
8. **Every race truck must be inspected and approved prior to entering the track.**
9. Any competing vehicle that causes a safety problem or retards track activity will be removed from racing.
10. Slow Trucks should stay low on the track to allow faster Trucks to pass on the outside.
11. USST management and officials reserve the right to start any car at the rear of the field for safety reasons.

12. USST management and officials reserve the right to forbid any competitor or car to compete for safety reasons.

ROUGH DRIVING PENALTIES

1. Rough or over-aggressive driving, including but not limited to causing another Truck to crash out of an event, may result in disqualification, suspension and/or fines, or other action deemed appropriate by USST officials.
2. Contact deemed, by the Race Director, with malicious intent of causing another Truck to spin or crash will result in the offending Truck restarting at the rear.
3. Penalties may be issued at the next yellow flag or at the end of the race for over-aggressive driving that does not cause a yellow flag.
4. Bumping or ramming during pre-race warm-up, pace laps, yellow flag, red flag, or after a race will result in fine, suspension or disqualification.
5. Improperly improving position on a restart will result in penalty of offending truck restarting in the rear or disqualification.

ACCIDENTS

1. All trucks determined to be involved in an accident that causes a yellow or red flag will be restarted at the rear of the field.
2. Trucks that stop or spin to avoid an accident and DO NOT make contact with other cars or the wall will maintain their positions.
3. Trucks that stop or spin to avoid an accident and DO make contact with another car or the wall will be sent to the rear of the field.

START OF RACE

1. Flagman will display either one lap to go or white flag signal prior to start.
2. Green flag will be displayed for start of race. If start is not acceptable, yellow flag and light will be displayed before a full lap is completed.
3. If yellow flag is displayed after start, there will be a complete restart. Any driver causing multiple false starts may be disqualified, this includes brake checking, jackrabbit starts or starting to slow.
4. If an accident occurs on the first lap, trucks involved will be restarted at the rear.

RESTARTS

1. During yellow flag period, driver will have one lap to line up after informed of line up position on scanner. Failure to line up within one lap may result in disqualification and/or suspension.
2. On restart, trucks line up in order of the last completed lap before the yellow flag was displayed.
3. A lap is considered complete when the Leader has crossed the finish line before the caution flag was displayed.
4. In the event of a yellow flag with one lap to go the race will restart/finish with Green-White-Checkered.

GREEN FLAG/GREEN LIGHT

1. Green flag and green light signifies the start of racing.
2. On starts and restarts, trucks maintain position until the green flag is displayed and the green light is turned on. Passing is allowed only on the right until crossing the start/finish line.
3. All starts will be at the speed the Pace Car set. Shifting gears on initial starts, restarts, qualifying, or while racing is prohibited and will result in a one lap (1) penalty per infraction.
4. During a green flag period, trucks will only be allowed onto the track from the pits at officials' discretion.

YELLOW FLAG/YELLOW LIGHT

1. Yellow flag and yellow light means all trucks, regardless of location on track, slow down and maintain position.
2. Do not race back to the starting line. Scoring reverts to the previous lap completed under the green flag.
3. If a pace car is used during a yellow flag period, no truck is to pass the pace car unless instructed to do so by USST official.
4. Passing other race trucks or the pace car during a yellow flag period will result in disqualification.
5. Trucks may go to the pit area during a yellow flag period and the truck may be worked on. Upon returning, truck will restart at the rear of the field.
6. Any truck stopping on the track intentionally to cause a yellow flag will be disqualified.
7. A yellow flag and yellow light displayed on the final lap may result in the conclusion of the race, at the discretion of officials.

RED FLAG/RED LIGHT

1. Red flag and red light means all trucks, regardless of location on track, stop as soon as safely possible.
2. After stopping, officials will direct competitors where to line up for restart or to proceed to pit area.
3. If the red light is displayed, no trucks are to come onto the track from the pit area unless directed by officials.
4. Trucks may go to the pit area during a red flag period and the truck may be worked on. Upon returning, the truck will restart at the rear of the field.
5. Trucks may not be serviced on the track during a red flag period unless approved by officials.
6. Crews will not be allowed onto the track during a red flag period unless instructed to do so by officials.

BLACK FLAG

1. Black flag means go immediately to the pit area. This may be for penalty, for a problem with a race truck, or at the request of the crew.
2. Ignoring a black flag will result in disqualification, fine, and possible suspension.
3. A rolled up Black Flag could be displayed as a warning before the Black Flag is displayed.

WHITE FLAG

1. During a race and time trials, the white flag indicates one lap remaining.
2. Prior to the start, the white flag indicates one lap until the start.
3. During practice, the white flag indicates one lap remaining in the session.

CHECKERED FLAG

1. During a race and time trials, the checkered flag indicates the conclusion of the session.
2. During practice, the checkered flag means the session is over. Do not take an additional hot lap!
3. Feature race winners should proceed immediately to victory lane.
4. Be careful of officials, photographers, sponsors, and victory lane personnel when celebrating victory.

PIT STOPS

1. Trucks must go to the pits for repairs. No repairs or assistance may be made by driver or crew on the track at any time.
2. Trucks that go to the pit area for repairs/service under yellow or red flag conditions will restart at the rear of the field.
3. Reentry to the track under green flag conditions will be at the discretion and direction of staging area officials.

4. Trucks that are multiple laps down, that have little or no chance of improving their positions, will not be allowed to return to the race or if they may have a negative effect on race program at Race Directors discretion.
5. Trucks that are deemed unsafe or hazardous will not be allowed to return to the race.
6. Speed limit on all driveways in the pit area is 10 mph, regardless of circumstances.
7. Reckless driving or speeding in the pits will result in disqualification, fine and possible suspension.

TECHNICAL RULES AND PENALTIES

1. Each truck team will be given an assessment sheet before all events. This assessment sheet must be complete before entering the Tech Area and the results of the assessment sheet will determine how your required weight will be calculated
2. Trucks selected by the officials must proceed immediately to the tech area without stopping in the pit area.
3. Driver and crew chief or Owner only in the tech area. Other crew, owner, and sponsors must remain outside the tech area.
4. Any truck not passing technical inspection may be disqualified, fined and possibly suspended. Additional penalties, including but not limited to starting at the rear of the field for a designated number of weeks, may be imposed.
5. **Illegal parts will be confiscated and marked.**
6. **If in doubt that a part is legal, check with the technical director prior to using the part.**
7. If the legality of a part is in question, the burden of proof rests with the driver to provide satisfactory and correct factual evidence establishing the origin and legality of the part.
8. Tampering with an engine or any part sealed by the technical director will result in disqualification, two-week suspension, and a fine.
9. Tampering with a crate engine will result in disqualification, two-week suspension, and fine. That engine will not be allowed to compete in future events until it has been inspected and illegal parts removed.
10. USST reserves the right to impound any truck or motor for further technical inspection or testing at the discretion of the Technical Director.

PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. Officials' rulings are final and binding.
2. Rulings on the track (during racing) cannot be disputed or overturned.
3. All disputes regarding technical rules, illegal equipment, or finishing positions must be made by the DRIVER only.
4. Protest regarding legality of a race car must be made, in writing, with protest fee, within ten minutes of the finish of the event to the technical director.
5. Protest regarding scoring must be made, in writing, to the race director or chief scorer within ten minutes of the posting of results.
6. Driver may protest one time only. Protest fees are as follows: Scoring - \$50.00; Minor car inspection (body measurements, height rule, spoiler size, track width, wheelbase) - \$100.00; Major car inspection (engine, carburetor, drive train, suspension) - \$200.00. Internal engine inspection - \$400.00.
7. Twenty-five percent (25%) of each protest fee will be retained by USST. The remainder will be returned to the protester if the car is found illegal or scoring is incorrect. The remainder will be awarded to the protested driver or scorer if car is found legal or scoring is correct.
8. Technical director may impound truck, seal engine, or mark parts for later inspection after a protest.

USST NATIONAL TIRE RULES and PROCEDURES

1. The 2010 Spec Tire for the USST National Series will be the Hoosier 1070 tire.
2. All USST National Series Race Tires must be purchased through Great Lakes Tire for all USST National Scheduled Events.
3. Tire cost for 2010 will be \$125.00 per tire.
4. All Teams will be able to purchase a maximum of eight tires for your first USST National Series Event. After your first USST National Event you will only be able to purchase a maximum of four tires for each event thereafter.
5. All USST National Series tires will be purchased, marked and mounted at the event.
6. All tires that are purchased through Great Lakes Tire can be used as practice and/or race tires for all upcoming scheduled events.
7. To guarantee you have tires for a National Event you must contact Great Lakes Tire at least one week prior to the scheduled event and order your tire quantity and size requests at that time.
8. If you do not pre-register for an event with USST, and you do not call to pre-order your tires through Great Lakes Tire , we cannot guarantee there will be tires for you to purchase and you will not be able to run on any other tire other than those purchased through Great Lakes Tire.
(Only exception is if you purchase tires that another Team had purchased through Great Lakes Tire and you have notified USST Tech Personnel of such said purchase.)
9. If at any time Unauthorized Tires are used at a USST National Series Event that will result in disqualification and loss of all monies and points for that event.

Great Lakes Contact information will be posted at www.usstracing.com .

Call or email Brad Barlow at 913-991-3369 / bradbarlow@usstracing.com if you have any questions.

RACE DAY PROCEDURES

1. Race day schedule and procedures will be posted on the entry form and on www.usstracing.com .
2. Typical format will be a Practice Day with at minimum Safety Tech prior to entering the Track. Race Day will include practice if time permits, Pre-qualifying Tech, Pre-race Impound, Feature, Post Race Tech Inspection, and Purse Payout.
3. All Teams must bring three copies of the USST National Championship Tech Sheet to each event. Tech Sheets are specific to track size so you will have to fill out a different form for each event. This form will be available by mail, or at www.usstracing.com.