

Official 2019 Rules

General Rules of Racing (Apply to all classes)

1. Drivers/Membership: Every racer that competes on any night during the racing season must be a member of the lawn mower racing association. Membership fees are \$30 per mower, per season, and must be paid before a driver competes. If mower is inspected after test and tune the cost will be \$40. Non-drivers that wish to become members will pay a flat fee of \$25. ALL mowers competing at any race on the "Crazy Racers" schedule MUST be inspected by the Pukwana tech inspection committee. Drivers must be at least 16 years old to compete in the Stock Class and at least 18 years old to compete in the Modified, Super Modified, and Outlaw Classes. Mowers are only allowed to compete in the class that they are registered and inspected for. (Rules for Kart driver entry and membership are in the Kart class rules)

2. Initial Tech Inspection: Before any driver competes, his/her mower or kart must be inspected by a minimum of three designated inspectors. If the driver fails the initial tech inspection for any reason, other than safety items, he/she will have a one-race grace period. Changes must be made and approved before he/she is allowed to race on the following race night.

3. Alcohol: No driver or pit member may consume any alcohol immediately before or during any race night. Any driver/pitman that is caught consuming alcohol or that appears to be under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to race or be in the pits until after the race that night. Also, there is no alcohol allowed in the pit area during or before racing. Alcohol is only allowed in the pit area after the completion of the final feature race of the night.

4. Pit Crew/Officials: The pitman must pay the same pit entry fee as the drivers and wear the same pit bracelet at any time he/she is in the pit area. Any individual that is in the pit area during an event must be a minimum of 14 years old. No one is allowed on the racing surface while the green flag is shown; this includes the track officials, penalty for breaking this rule is an immediate two race suspension.

5. Race time: Race times will be posted and advertised before every race. All drivers must be present at the track a minimum of fifteen minutes before the Calcutta is scheduled to begin. Any driver missing this deadline will start all of the night's races at the rear of the field.

6. Mower Protest Rule: Any driver may protest any other driver's mower or kart, in his or her own class, that is used in competition, in any night. The protesting party must file a complaint with a Track Official or the Pit Steward before that class's feature race. (I.E. if a protesting party wishes to file a complaint about the stock class they must file this before the start of the stock class's feature race.) There will be a protest fee in the amount of \$150 cash. This protest will include the entire mower or kart – from front bumper to the rear, however, the protesting party must point out the part, or parts, of the mower or kart that he or she wishes to have inspected, and have a reasonable reason for the inspection of the parts. Only these parts will be viewed by inspectors. This complaint must be filed in writing (a form will be furnished) and additional parts may not be added once the form is filed. The mower or kart will be inspected at a neutral location by a minimum of three designated tech inspectors, if three inspectors are not present at the race the entire mower or kart will be impounded and stored at the Puk U Bar until some time when three inspectors are present. Only the tech inspectors and the owner of the mower or kart are allowed to be present during the inspection. The mower or kart's owner will disassemble the mower or kart's engine in presence of the three inspectors. If the mower or kart and motor is found to be illegal the complaint fee will be returned to the complaining party, the driver found using the illegal motor will forfeit any points and/or prize money earned that night, will be suspended for one race, will be fined \$50, and must reimburse the person that purchased their mower in the Calcutta, payable before that driver can compete again. The finishing order of the races will then be scored as if that driver was not competing in that night's events. If the mower or kart, and motor is deemed legal, the driver will receive \$100 of the complaint fee, the balance of the \$150 complaint fee will be paid to the tech inspectors, and the driver will be awarded any points and/or prize money that he/she is entitled to. If an inspection is refused the

same penalty applies. Random tech inspection violation carries the same penalty as a protest violation. If the mower or kart's motor is found to be illegal, by random inspection or protest, you will forfeit any and all points earned from the beginning of the racing season to the date of the infraction. Any illegal parts found in any inspection, whether by protest or random tech inspection, will be confiscated and destroyed. Any parts that are determined to be illegal but are also determined to be damaged or moved out of position due to contact during racing action, on the night the inspection was held, will not be considered illegal. (Also see claim rule in Kart rules)

7. Flags: The following flag signals will be obeyed without question:

Green: The race is underway.

Yellow: Caution, take care. No passing on the entire track. Drivers will form a single line, close up with the leader, and look to the flagman for directions.

Red: Bring mowers to a complete stop immediately.

Black: Generally for a driving or equipment violation. A furlled black flag pointed at a driver is a warning to clean up his/her act. A waved black flag indicates disqualification from a race. A driver that receives the black flag must exit the track immediately.

White: One lap remaining in the event. Crossed with green flag indicates ½ way point.

Checkered: The race is over, complete the lap and pull into the pits. Mowers and karts must complete the race under their own power; drivers are not allowed to push their mower or kart across the finish line.

8. Driver Safety Equipment: Any time that any mower or kart is driven at speed on the racetrack drivers must be wearing the following safety items: racing helmet approved by tech committee, which must be D.O.T. or Snell approved, chest protector, gloves, long-sleeved shirt with no holes, jeans/pants with no holes, over the ankle leather boots, a racing style neck brace, and eye protection, which may include goggles, a helmet face shield, or safety glasses. Prescription glasses or sunglasses are not sufficient. If any driver enters the racetrack without any one of the preceding items they will be black-flagged and asked to put on the missing item. The driver will be able to start the race in their originally designated position once the missing item is put on.

9. Mower & Kart Safety and Required Equipment: All mowers and karts must meet the following safety and equipment requirements:

Kill Switch: Must have a switch that turns off the ignition in the event that the mower and driver become separated. This switch must use a tether that attaches to the driver and a clip that once is removed will shut off the engine. See kart rules for placement of kill switch on karts, kill switch on karts do NOT need to be attached to the driver.

Fuel Tank: Must be securely fastened to the mower or kart. No rubber or nylon straps, zip ties, or wire. There also must be a fuel shut-off valve installed on the fuel line.

Glass: All glass articles must be removed from the mower or kart. (Ex. Headlights, fuel filters)

Batteries: Must be securely fastened with a plate and a minimum of two bolts that go to the frame of the mower. Positive battery terminals, cables, and starter solenoids must be covered or in a position that no shorts may occur.

Chain Guards: Any mower or kart that is equipped with a chain drive must have all chains covered with a metal guard that will direct the chain downwards in the event of chain breakage.

Brakes: Brakes may be improved in any way and must be effective on at least two wheels. The approved testing procedure for proving effectiveness of brakes is as follows: The driver of the mower or kart must sit on the mower or kart and apply the brakes; the inspector will then push the mower or kart. If the two wheels affected by the braking system slide on gravel, or the inspectors are unable to move the mower or kart, the brakes will be deemed effective.

Mower Decks: Must be removed. (Not applicable to karts)

Numbers: Every mower or kart in competition must have a dissimilar number displayed. (Also see kart rules)

Throttle: Must have a throttle that closes the carburetor butterfly automatically when pressure is removed from the device. May be operated by either the driver's foot or hand, and must have dual return springs on the carburetor, with each spring being mounted separately.

Clutch: All mowers or karts must have a working clutch. To prove the clutch's effectiveness drivers must: Have the mower or kart's engine running and the mower or kart moving, stop the mower or kart, then move the mower or kart once again, with the motor running at all times.

Floorboards: All mowers or karts must have some sort of floorboard to prevent the driver's foot from contacting the ground or becoming entangled when racing. Approval of floorboard to be determined by tech inspectors.

Seats: Must be sturdy and support the driver but must also allow the driver to leave the mower in case of a roll-over. NO high-backed racing seats. Approval of seat to be determined by tech inspectors. Drivers must sit in/on the mower's seat while racing, may not sit on the mower's fender or any place other than the seat. **This rule is not applicable to the karts, high backed racing seats ARE allowed in the kart class.**

Scatter Shield: All lawn mowers equipped with cast iron flywheels MUST also be equipped with a "scatter shield" constructed to the following specifications. **(This rule is not applicable to the karts):**

1. Scatter shields must be fabricated from 1/8" steel minimum.
2. The scatter shield must be form fitting and follow all of the contours of the blower housing.
3. The scatter shield must be the same height as the blower housing and be bolted to the block using the original mounting points.
4. A 1" X 1/8" minimum steel strap must run across the face of the blower housing to reinforce the scatter shield, side to side.
5. Notches for starter drives must be reinforced to at least one inch past each end of the notch.
6. Any holes drilled into shield for items such as dip stick holder or fuel pump must be 1/4 inch or less.

10. Starting Lineup: The starting lineup for each of the night's races will be as follows:

Heats: Overall season point average, for each race the driver competes in, missing races will not lower a driver's point average. This will be inverted, with the drivers with a lower average starting in front, and the drivers with the higher point average starting in the rear. Heats will be split evenly, if six or fewer mowers are competing in a class, one heat race will be held.

B-Main: A B-main will be held if more than ten mowers are present in the Stock class and more than eight in the Karts, Modified, Super Modified and Outlaw Class. The B-Main will consist of the bottom finishers from the heat races. Starting lineup will be the finishing order of the heat races. The top six of the Stock Class and the top four of the Karts, Modified, Super Modified, and Outlaw Class will automatically qualify for the feature. The remaining drivers will compete in a B-Main; the top four of each B-Main will advance to the feature. If not qualified from the Heats drivers must start the B-Main to qualify for the feature.

Feature Races: Overall season point average, for each race the driver competes in, missing races will not lower a driver's point average. This will be inverted, with the drivers with a lower average starting in front, and the drivers with the higher point average starting in the rear.

11. Driver Points/Purse: Points will be awarded in the heat and feature races of each night of scheduled racing. The points will be awarded as follows: Heat Races: 1st – 25, 2nd – 20, 3rd – 15, 4th – 10, 5th – 5, 6th and below – 2, any driver that starts a race but does not finish will receive two points. Feature Races: 1st – 35, 2nd– 30, 3rd – 25, 4th – 20, 5th – 15, 6th – 10, 7th – 5, 8th and below – 2, any driver that starts a race but does not finish will receive two points. No points are awarded for the B-Main. A substitute driver may be used if the regular driver is unable to participate in the event, points earned by the substitute driver will be added into the regular driver's point total. Purse payout will be paid based upon the number of mowers starting the feature race: six or more starting the feature race, the top three positions will be paid, five starting the feature race, first two positions will be paid, four starting the feature race, only the winner will be paid. If fewer than three positions are paid, the remaining prize money will be put into the driver's point fund. In 2018 points will only be accrued in races held in Pukwana.

12. Bigge Rule: Mowers must compete under the number they were assigned at tech inspection. If a mower that has earned points in the current season is purchased by another driver, another number, existing or not, may be assigned, but the mower must be re-inspected, and tech inspection fee must be paid. That mower may then no longer be raced under the number it was originally assigned.

13. Caution Flags: Any driver that is deemed to have caused a caution will be sent to the rear of the field. If a caution is called involving more than one driver and fault is not evident, both drivers involved may be sent to the rear of the field. This call is to be determined solely by the flagman and the officials; all decisions are final.

14. Cones: Any time that a cone is tipped over into the racing groove the caution flag will be waved. The driver that caused the cone to be tipped over will be sent to the rear of the field. In the event that a competitor forces another driver into a cone the flagman will decide who is at fault and send the responsible driver to the rear.

15. Breakdowns/Accidents: If any mower or kart breaks down or is involved in an accident and the caution flag is waved, that driver has a maximum of three caution laps, once the field is lined up in the proper starting order, to make repairs to their mower or kart and re-join the field. Pace of the caution laps will be determined by the pace vehicle. If any mower or kart is disabled and the driver intends to re-enter the race the mower or kart must not be driven into the pit area, going into the pit area is a signal to the flagman that the driver is retiring from the race. Repairs must be made on the track, out of the racing line, in the designated area at each track. The disabled mower or kart will be brought to the repair area by track officials. Pit personnel may NOT enter the track in any spot other than the repair area designated at each track. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a two-race suspension to the person entering the track. After three laps have passed, the flagman will give signal to clear the track and the mower or kart must be taken into the pit area. Once a driver enters the pit area or re-enters the racing lineup the flagman will give the one-to-go signal and racing will resume. If any mower or kart causes two cautions during one race, that driver will be disqualified from that race but will be allowed to enter following races that same night.

16. Sportsmanship: Any driver or pit member contesting the flagman or officials' decisions will be subject to the black flag and will be sent to the rear of the field. If the driver or pit member is deemed to be displaying severe unsportsmanlike they will be subject to a penalty, the severity of this penalty will be based upon the severity of the infraction and be made at the sole discretion of the track officials and/or the rules committee.

17. Rough Driving: Any driver using rough driving practices is subject to the black flag. Intentional bumping, uncontrolled ramming of the racer ahead, and blocking will not be tolerated. It is conceded that some light contact is part of racing, but any intentional infractions will result in being black flagged after one warning. If a driver is issued a warning for rough driving, the yellow flag will be shown, and the driver causing the infraction will be placed at the rear of the field. If a driver is black-flagged for rough driving, he/she will be disqualified from that race and must exit the track immediately. A driver that is black-flagged for rough driving in an early race may enter a race later that night. (Ex. A driver that is black-flagged for rough driving in the heat race may enter the trophy dash and feature.) Horseplay: Any driver touching or pulling another mower or kart during the race whether playfully or intentional will be flagged and placed in the rear.

18. Track Use: No track use except for club sanctioned events. The driver of any mower or kart on the track at any time other than during a sanctioned event will be suspended for one race and penalized 25 points.

19. Championship Rule: As of January 1, 2012.

1. If a driver wins a championship in the Modified, Super Modified, or the Outlaw class he/she may not compete full time in the Stock class.
2. If a Stock class driver wins TWO championships, (consecutive or not) he/she must move up to the Modified, Super Modified, or Outlaw class. Exception being made if said driver sits out, (does not race) for a complete season. At such time their Championship count is back to ONE.