

# 2017 RULES OF COMPETITION



## OVERALL

- **MISSION STATEMENT** – The Indianapolis Speedrome posts rules with the intention of providing fair, safe and equal racing conditions for all participants, as well as a safe and entertaining program for fans who attend. These rules are effective for 2017 and may be revised at any time. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from publications or compliance with these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a conduct guide of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator or official.
- **RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Each participant is expected to understand these rules. By purchasing a participant license, each participant agrees to abide by these rules and to accept the decision and direction of Speedrome officials in the enforcement of these rules. The participant, under those conditions, is expected to understand the rules of the proper sanctioning body. Each participant agrees to protect, to the best of their ability, the property and good reputation of the track.
- **SPEEDROME PROPERTY** – The Indianapolis Speedrome is private property. Any person entering onto this property without the permission of management will be considered a trespasser and will be subject to the penalties for trespassing, as prescribed by Indiana law. A pit license gives the participant the authority and right to be on the property for racing activities. Management reserves the right to revoke and cancel this authority at any time it decides the participant's presence or conduct is not in the best interests of the Speedrome, its other participants, its fans, and/or its employees.
- **EVENT AUTHORITY** – Speedrome management has the ultimate authority for the interpretation and enforcement of these rules. Management reserves the right to revoke the Speedrome license, to suspend indefinitely and/or to levy a fine against any participant who displays unsportsmanlike conduct. Competitors who are suspended may forfeit all prize money and points for the event. This decision is final.
- **SPEEDROME STAFF** – Each official is responsible for the enforcement of all rules fairly and equally towards all participants. No official, employee or agent of the track can give physical assistance (except as outlined below) to any competitor during any race event. A competitor can be disqualified from any event in which he or she has received such assistance. A wrecker and/or track official may lift a car off another car, lift a car off the wall, or assist in the separation of two or more cars locked together. The wrecker or officials can assist in performing necessary work to clear the track and/or avoid additional damage to cars. If the assisted car is to continue in the race, it must leave the scene under its own power or be pushed by another racecar. A racecar pushed off or removed from the track by a wrecker may return to a race.
- **SAFETY AWARENESS** – Each participant is expected to have inspected the pit area, racetrack, race procedures and race conditions previous to his or her participation. If, in their opinion, conditions are unsafe, he or she should not participate. Any participant who observes an unsafe condition should report that condition promptly to the management. Each participant is expected to understand and anticipate the potential dangers inherent on the racetrack and in the pit area and to be alert to prevent injury to one's self and others.
- **FEDERAL / STATE LAWS** – Participants are expected to observe all laws and ordinances while on the property.
- **CONDUCT** – Each person signing into the pit area is expected to conduct him or herself in a sportsmanlike manner. Sportsmanlike conduct by a participant includes: NO verbal abuse and NO behavior threatening violence of any kind; NO use of alcoholic beverages before or during a racing event; NO possession of prohibited illegal substances or weapons of any kind; Respect for Speedrome officials and a willingness to accept their decisions and directions; NO public-address system interviews, display of signs, or painting on racecars that use obscenity, or profanity, or are considered in bad taste. No participant may bash or make negative comments about the Speedrome, its owners, sponsors or its employees on social media. Anyone caught doing so could have their competition license revoked for the season. No participant may enter onto the track surface or the designated emergency areas outside the track at the track gates without permission.
- **INSURANCE** – The Speedrome has insurance coverage for participants who are signed into the pit area. If injured during a racing related event, participants may be eligible for Participant Accident coverage. Participant Accident coverage is Excess Medical and is secondary to any existing medical coverage the injured party may carry. These benefits apply to injuries sustained in accidents on the racetrack or in the pit area during a race event. These benefits do not apply to seizures or illness or injuries sustained in non-accidental occurrences such as fights, alcohol related incidents or injuries not related to a racing event.

- **MEDICAL SERVICES** – A state certified ambulance and experienced emergency medical technicians will be on duty to provide immediate emergency treatment to injuries sustained in accidents on the racetrack or in the pit area.
- **INJURIES** – Participants must report any injury sustained in the pit area or on the track to the ambulance technicians immediately. Participants are expected to follow the instructions of ambulance personnel relative to future involvement in racing activities and/or the necessity of transportation to the hospital for examination. Any participant who chooses to ignore the directions of ambulance personnel may forfeit the participant accident insurance coverage provided by the Speedrome. Injury must be reported to the ambulance technicians and an injury record made by those technicians to document potential accident insurance coverage. No insurance claim or claim payment process can begin before the accident report is completed. No Speedrome official, ambulance or security personnel or participant can make any representation of responsibility by the Speedrome of any medical services provided off the Speedrome premises. The insurance company can only assume this responsibility after consideration of the accident report completed by the participant and other information about the injury. The insurance company will not provide insurance coverage for subsequent medical treatment that is unrelated to an accident at the Speedrome or inappropriate for the nature of the injury. Any driver injured in the pit area or on the track whose injuries require hospital medical services shall be required to obtain a written physician's release to resume racing.
- **FIGHTING** – Anyone caught fighting on Speedrome property will be suspended and/or fined. The length of suspension and amount of fine will be dealt out by management. The person will not be allowed on Speedrome property, unless approved by management, until the fine is paid. Only after the fine is paid in full, then the start of the suspension period will begin.
- **DRUGS** – Each person signing into the pit area is expected to be free from the possession, use, and sale of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia at all times. Management reserves the right to require any participant to produce documentation from a physician licensed in the State of Indiana certifying that the participant is independent and free of illegal drugs. The Speedrome may require a random drug or alcohol test at any time. Anyone refusing such tests will be suspended.
- **FOOD / DRINK** – NO one shall carry in any food or drink to the pit area or grandstand. The Speedrome provides concession stand services. Any or all bags or containers may be inspected for food/drink when entering the grandstand area. Participants may bring in items inside their trailer or tow vehicle, but NO food/drink may be carried in or delivered.
- **ALCOHOL** – Alcohol may be consumed in the pit area beginning with the start of the first feature event. Drivers are still strictly prohibited from consuming alcohol until after their racing is completed. Violators will be fined and/or suspended.

#### **PIT AREA**

- **PIT LICENSE** – Each person entering the pit area must have a current valid pit license or have purchased a one night license at an additional fee. Each person who drives a car on the track at any time must have a pit license. Persons purchasing a pit license must present a state driver's license or ID card (minors must have their birth certificate) and fill out the required paperwork. A pit license may not be required for the World Figure 8 Championship, Spring Shootout, drifting, or guest racing divisions.
- **PIT PASS** – Each person entering the pit area must purchase a daily event pit pass.
- **MINORS** – Minors (persons under the age of 18) may be admitted into the pit area, provided they are supervised by a parent or legally court appointed guardian at all times and all required waivers are signed by a parent or legal guardian. No Exceptions. A legal birth certificate is required to be on file with the Speedrome before entrance to the pit area is allowed.
- **PIT PASS RAIN CHECK POLICY** (except World Figure 8 and Spring Shootout weekends) – When a regular racing program is ended prematurely due to inclement weather, power interruption, etc., participants will be paid full prize money and awarded the related points for every completed event. A race will be considered complete if at least 50% of the scheduled laps are run before the race is halted. When a race program is ended prematurely, the pit pass fee will be considered "used" if all heat races have been completed. If all heat races are not completed, the pit pass may be used by the individual to whom it was issued for pit admission to any one of the next 3 scheduled regular race events at no charge.
- **W-9 / PRIZE MONEY** – All drivers that are competing for prize money must have a completed W-9 form on file. No prize money will be issued until then. A driver must officially complete one lap to receive prize money from a race. Prize money will be paid out at the pit office front window at each event after the races results have become official.
- **EVENT COMPETITION** – A car can only compete for prize money in one division per event unless approved or specifically announced prior. With approval from management or race organizer, a driver may use a car from another appropriate division to start and park for points and no prize money. This can only be used in a replacement car situation as the driver's primary vehicle is damaged to the extent it cannot compete further at that event. No driver will start and park a car without participating prior in the event.
- **RESERVED RACE CAR PIT SPOTS** – Designated parking locations in the pit area can be reserved for the season. Pit spots are limited to one racecar and one tow vehicle/trailer. Each pit spot is a self-contained area with no electrical outlet,

water lines, etc. provided. Each pit spot is to be free of trash, parts, tires, etc. after each race event. Failure to comply may result in fines. Car owner is responsible for any damage to pit area. Pit area may be sublet or transferred, pending approval by management. All racecars in pit area must be parked to insure their easy movement and access to the racing surface. The Speedrome reserves the right to change rules regarding entrance and/or parking of vehicles in the pit area should space limitations make the movement of racecars difficult or should safety conditions require a change.

- **NON-RACING VEHICLES** – No competitors may take any vehicles other than race cars onto the race track at any time. The Speedrome assumes no responsibility for property taken into the pits by a signed-in participant before or during a race event. The pit area is closed to all vehicles except the race car and the tow vehicle (or hauler) to which the race car is attached when it enters the pits. No mechanically powered push or personal transportation vehicles, tractors, ATV's, scooters, etc. are allowed in the pit area except for electric wheelchairs.
- **PIT SPEED** – The pit area speed limit is approximately 5 miles per hour. Safety is the #1 priority FOR EVERYBODY!
- **RACE FUEL** – Fuel in the pit area must be in the fuel tank of the racecar or in containers of no more than a five-gallon capacity that are approved for the transportation of fuel. The Speedrome reserves the right to require a participant to remove certain fuel containers from the pit area, and all other property under its control, when those containers in any way present an unusual hazard. No fuel can be dumped on the ground and all unused fuel must leave with the participant upon exiting the pit area. Racing fuel is available at the Speedrome.
- **OILS / LIQUIDS** – Engine oil, rear end lubricant and all other oil-based liquids must be disposed of in the designated container in the pit area or taken back home. No oil can be dumped on the ground.
- **TIRES** – No tires can be left in the pit area or on any Speedrome property. If tires are left, management will impose a fine.
- **UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS** - Any items deemed illegal in competition can be confiscated by management and not returned to the participant. Non-compliance will disqualify the participant from that event and/or any further competition. Management reserves the right to not allow into the pit area any tires, wheels, fuel or other racing equipment not allowed in the rules.
- **WHEN RACING ENDS** – The pit area can be closed no sooner than one hour after the end of the last racing event. Participants must remove all property, including racecars, from the track, pits, and parking lots. The Speedrome takes no responsibility for any property, race vehicles and/or equipment or other personal property left in the pit and track area. Management has the right to remove racecars, equipment, property, etc. from Speedrome property at the owner's expense.

## **COMPETITION**

- **INSPECTION** – When a racecar first appears at the track, it is required to be presented to the tech area for technical and safety inspection before entering onto the racing surface. Tech inspector approval is required for any further participation. Further inspections may be required at any time. If the inspector challenges the compliance with the rules of any car, it is the responsibility of the car owner to prove that any part or component of the car which is challenged does meet the requirements of its divisions rules. When the car is submitted for inspection, the car owner certifies that the car meets all the requirements contained in these rules. The decision of the inspector as to whether the car complies with the rules will be final without appeal. Racecars (except Factory Front Wheel Drives) are required to go through inspection prior to all feature events. The Factory Front Wheel Drive top 3 finishers will come to tech following their feature.
- **HELMET** – Every driver must wear a safety helmet designed specifically for auto racing that meets or exceeds the 2005 Snell Foundation and/or SFI Foundation 31.2 specifications. These marking must be clearly visible. This helmet must be properly fitted and be tightly fastened on the driver's head when he or she is on the racetrack or infield while any cars are moving on the racetrack. **NOTE: For 2018, Helmets must meet or exceed 2010 SA Snell Foundation specifications.**
- **UNIFORM** – Except for Factory Front Wheel Drive racers, drivers must wear a long-sleeved uniform designed by the manufacturer as a fire-resistant racecar uniform and gloves. The uniform must fit snugly around the neck, wrists and ankles and cover the driver's entire body while he/she is on the track or infield. Every driver must also make use of an approved neck collar or Hans-style safety device. Fire resistant face mask, underwear, socks and shoes are strongly recommended. Factory Front Wheel Drive racers may wear long-sleeve sweatshirt and long pants, but a racing uniform is recommended.
- **SAFETY EQUIPMENT / STAYING IN THE RACE CAR** – If a driver's car is involved in an incident or is stopped anywhere on the track surface (including the infield) and is unable to move, the driver must shut off the car and lower the window net if uninjured. Drivers must remain in their cars. Only under conditions that threaten an immediate danger from fire may a driver get out of the car on track during racing conditions. Other than fire, drivers must then wait for directions from track personnel to loosen safety equipment and climb out. Driver will stay with the car until it is ready for removal from the track without approaching the active racing surface or another vehicle. A driver can be removed from participation for violation of this rule.
- **RADIOS** – No participant may use a two-way radio transmitting device. Guest divisions may differ.
- **RACE COURSE** – The four corner markers mark both the oval and Figure 8 racecourses. The car must go above or contact the four corner markers to be scored for an officially completed lap. This includes coming out of the pit gate for qualifications and starts/restarts.

- **QUALIFYING** – Qualification runs begin when the car pulls onto the track. If the car is then not able to complete a qualification lap, the car will be considered a non-qualifier. Cars that are disqualified for technical reasons after their qualification lap cannot qualify again. The car will be considered a non-qualifier. Once a qualification run is made or attempted, that car cannot attempt to qualify again. Cars that have not attempted a qualification run and are in line at the on-track gate when qualifications close will be allowed their attempt during regular events.
- **STARTS AND RESTARTS** – On a start or re-start, racing begins when the green flag is waved. Line-up positions should be held until the green flag waves and the concurrent display of the green light. Starts/re-starts will be double file when less than half the scheduled laps have been completed. During the last half of the race, single file may be used.
- **MAKING THE START** – No car may leave the pit area to first enter a race after the green flag has been initially shown.
- **PITTING** – Cars may only pit and return to a race that is scheduled for 25 laps or more. This includes timed racing events.
- **GREEN FLAG** – Indicates the start or restart of official racing laps. It may stay out with minor situations such as a spinout.
- **YELLOW FLAG (for Karts and Guest Divisions)** – Indicates a minor hazard on the course. Cars should slow down and not pass cars. Officials may adjust this running order after the hazard has been remedied and before returning to green.
- **YELLOW FLAG (for Late Models, Stocks, Thundercars, and Front Wheel Drives)** – Advises drivers that a minor hazard is on the course and racing will continue. Racing will return to green flag conditions after the hazard is no longer present.
- **RED FLAG** – Indicates a severe hazard or emergency on the track that requires stopping the race. All cars must stop and maintain position until approved by track officials. Cars moving around may be asked to leave the racing surface.
- **BLACK FLAG** – Notifies a competitor that they are to pull immediately out of the race due to safety or conduct reasons.
- **WHITE FLAG** – Indicates there is one lap remaining in the race.
- **CHECKERED FLAG** – Indicates the end of an event. After the checkered, cars must slow and prepare to exit the track.
- **FEATURE RACE LINEUPS** – Features will be lined up using driver rankings. Rankings consist of a driver's best finishes previously in that series. Those who have won a feature will start behind those who have a runner-up as their best finish and so on. If two or more drivers have the same best finish, their next best result will break the tie. That will continue through as many finishes as needed to break the tie. Drivers with no previous finishes, who did not qualify, or who missed their preliminary heat race at that event will start at the tail. Opening night and special events may differ. Guest divisions may handle their own lineups.
- **CELEBRATIONS AND CEREMONIES** – No one will be allowed on the track for any celebration or ceremonies until all racing vehicles have stopped and had their engine shut off. Track personnel will decide when persons shall be released onto the racing surface.
- **DAMAGED CARS** – Any time a car is damaged, the car owner is expected to repair any components that might cause the car to be unsafe for the driver or other drivers. When a car has suffered serious structural damage, management may remove the car from competition even though the car is operational.
- **TRANSPONDERS / SCORING** – All teams are required to properly place a Speedrome owned scoring transponder on their car for all laps turned on the track. The data gained from the transponders will be the official times and counted laps for scoring. Any laps deemed to shortcut the course, completed under the black flag, or car disqualified in tech will be deleted from scoring. Protests of scoring of feature events must be made within 10 minutes after the official posting of results. Protests must be made in writing in the pit office. Only a driver or parent of a minor driver affected by the alleged scoring error can lodge protests. Any on-track penalties or judgments made by the officials cannot be protested.
- **CAR NUMBER REGISTRATION** – Each Speedrome division car must register for a car number before going onto the race track. A car must be present to register for a car number. Each division will have their own set of car numbers with each number only being used once (no adding letters). Number 1 can only be used by the most recent champion of that division. Drivers that finished in the top ten in points will have their car number held throughout preseason registration days unless a driver decides to relinquish it. A held number can be transferred to another division during preseason upon approval. All other numbers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Management has the final say on car numbers. Car numbers can be returned to available status if not used for an extended length of time.
- **CAR NUMBER GUIDELINES** – Only 1 car number can be registered per car at the time of inspection. A registered car number is that car's number for the entire year. Numbers can be transferred to a replacement car if needed. If both cars are appearing in the pit area at the same time, a new number and registration is required for one of these cars before racing. Car numbers must be clearly contrasting in color from the background it is placed on. Remember, a car's number is how the fans identify drivers, therefore needs to be easily legible from the scoring tower. When the numbers are not legible, warnings will be issued and must be resolved before the next event. Car numbers must appear on both doors and on the roof. Door and roof numbers shall be a minimum of 16" tall and 3" in line thickness. The roof number needs to be facing the passenger side of the car for scoring/fan purposes. Stocks, Thundercars, Pro Compacts, and Factory FWD's are required to utilize a 6" white car number in the upper corner of the front windshield on the passenger side of the car.