



Thunder Valley Speedway

2019 Official General Rules and Regulations

Section 1: Rule Book Disclaimer

The rules and regulations set forth are designed for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the conditions of all events, and by participating in these events, all persons 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 the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, inspector, or official.

The race director shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or to impose any further restrictions that in his or her opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from such alterations of requirements. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of Thunder Valley Speedway (TVS) officials. Their decision is final.

Section 2: General Regulations

1. Drinking of intoxicating beverages on the race premises, by a driver, car owner, or pit crewmember, in advance of any race event is strictly prohibited. Any person whatsoever who shows evidence of partaking in any alcoholic beverages will be required to leave the facility immediately and may be subject to future disciplinary action.
2. No driver, crewmember or owner may enter the racing area until all appropriate releases and or entry forms have been completed. TVS reserves the right to reject or allow any car and/or driver to enter the facility.
3. In presenting themselves in the pits every participant must be aware of their responsibility to the sport for their appearance and will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. All participants are expected to present a professional image at all times.

4. The driver will be responsible for the proper behaviour of all crewmembers.
5. The driver shall be the sole spokesperson for their car owner and pit crew in any and all matters pertaining to the race and the driver only shall take part in any arbitration with TVS officials.
6. All TVS participants empower TVS/AME Enterprises, Inc. to all property, rights and interest in any broadcast by radio, television, motion pictures, and/or by any other means of media related material and/or promotion and any and all receipts there from, belong to them for their exclusive and unlimited use.
7. No participant shall subject any official to any form of verbal or physical abuse or vulgar signs or language at any time. Any violations of this could result in ejection from the facility as well as any other future disciplinary action deemed appropriate by TVS officials.
8. No participants shall be involved in any fights within the entire premises at any time. Any participant doing so will be immediately ejected from the facility and may face other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by TVS.
9. TVS reserves the right to subject any car to a mechanical inspection at any time and further reserves the right to disqualify any participant from competition, or any car from competition.
10. It shall be the responsibility of the driver and car owner to provide the car for inspection and/or teardown when requested to do so by TVS officials. Failure to comply with pre-race inspections will result in ejection from the racing event and the car will have to be removed from the facility. Failure to comply with post-race inspections will result in disqualification from the event, forfeiting of points and money for that event, and any further disciplinary action deemed appropriate by TVS.
11. TVS reserves the right to have all cars use the same fuel. TVS also reserves the right to have a sample of fuel used by any participant sent for chemical analysis, and the results of that test will be used to determine if any illegal additives have been added to the fuel, or if octane ratings exceed those as set out in these rules. Octane 91 maximum – Pump Fuel Only
12. The use of two-way radios during a racing event is prohibited, except where rules allow such as in the Sportsman class. **Any other form of electronic communication, such as a cellular telephone, is also prohibited.** Penalty for the use of such devices with the driver will result in disqualification from the event in which it was used.
13. No person shall ride on any vehicle within the pit area. No person shall enter the racing surface at any time unless approved by TVS officials. Any person in violation of this will be subject to ejection from the event or any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by TVS officials.
14. It is the intention of TVS to provide a safe and respectful race venue for all participants, officials, staff, and spectators. It is expected that all participants observe utmost safety when entering and exiting the racing surface. Any participants conducting themselves in any manner which may jeopardize the safety of other participants, crew members, officials, and spectators will be immediately ejected from the event and the car and team will be required to leave the facility. TVS reserves the right to further disciplinary action, as it deems appropriate.

15. No driver, car owner, or crewmember shall have claim for damages, expenses or otherwise against TVS, or its officials, by reason of disqualification, or damage to either car or driver or both. By taking part in events on the racetrack, all participants are in agreement that the track is in a safe condition.

16. All drivers, car owners, and pit crew members assume full responsibility for any and all bodily injuries sustained, including death and property damage, from any cause whatsoever, at any time they are on the racing premises and/or en route thereto and there from.

17. Drivers must be no younger than 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's license or permit, except where series rules allow. i.e. Legend, Bandolero and Bombers; any participant under the age of 18 must have written parental/guardian consent. **In a series where the driver must be 16 years or older, TVS will consider younger drivers. A parent or guardian must apply, in writing, stating name and age of driver, division of racing along with previous race experience. A review will be conducted and a decision put forward. These requests will be handled on an individual basis.**

18. All participants desiring admission to the pit area must personally PRINT and SIGN their name, and include CAR NUMBER on the Insurance Waiver before entering the track. A copy of the waiver is posted in the pit area for your reference. No person under 18 years of age will be permitted in the pit area unless pre-approved by track management as a driver/participant or an INEX member. Each person should pay his/her own admission. Any vehicle which enters the pit and/or track area is entered at the owners' risk

19. All drivers must complete the 2019 TVS Official Registration Form, available at www.tvspeedway.ca, pay the accompanying fee and be approved for a TVS driver's license before driving any race car at TVS.

20. All vehicles must be registered, approved by TVS and have its necessary fees paid before entering an event.

21. Any change of regular drivers must be declared prior to the beginning of the race, preferably upon gate entry. The replacement driver must also be registered as a driver with TVS and hold a valid TVS driver's license.

22. As Social Media is meant to be used as an asset to the track, it is not the place to bring disputes. Ongoing disputes shall be confidential and not released to the public by either party, or shared or discussed via social media in any manner, whether in whole or in part. Release to the public may result in a penalty.

Section 3: Drugs, Illegal Drugs and/or Drug Substances policy

1. **Prescription Drugs** - Participants using prescription drugs on the advice of a physician must notify TVS officials prior to participation in any event.

2. **Use or possession of illegal drugs or drug substances** - TVS participants, including but not limited to, drivers, car owners, crew members, mechanics, sponsors, pit observers, and officials shall not participate in the use or possession of illegal drugs or drug substances, either on the sanctioned facilities grounds, as well as any area considered to be used in the operations of the facilities, such as parking lots or leased facilities. The consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs or drug substances shall not be allowed prior to or during any TVS event. Any person found to be in possession of any illegal drugs or drug

substances on the racing facility property shall be subject to ejection and/or any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by TVS, including indefinite suspension from the facilities.

Section 4: Penalties

1. Black Flag Policy and Procedures

The black flag comes in three stages to disqualification; the first flag (rolled up) is a warning to a racer, the second flag is a one-lap penalty, and the third is disqualification

When a driver receives a black flag for any reason, he/she shall follow instructions from the official in charge. Failure to obey a black flag may result in disqualification for the remainder of the event, as well as any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by TVS officials.

2. Rough Driving

Penalty for what is determined by track officials to be an act of rough driving is determined by the severity of the violation.

1st. Offence: If the track official declares a full rough driving charge, a rolled up black flag will be given as warning. If it persists, then the driver may be subject to ejection from race event.

2nd Offence: If the track official declares a full rough driving charge for the second time in a season, the penalty shall be immediate disqualification for the entire race event as well as an additional race event. Half of seasonal points will be lost.

3rd. Offence: If the track official declares a full rough driving charge for a third time in a racing season, the penalty shall be immediate disqualification for the remainder of the racing season. All points in the current year will be forfeited and the driver will be on probation for the entire following season.

3. Stop and Go Penalty

A stop and go penalty will be declared for a minor driving conduct violation as determined by the track officials. Upon receiving the black flag, the driver will proceed to pit road, come to a complete stop, at which time that official in charge will signal for the driver to return to the track and continue racing.

Section 5: Safety Procedures and Regulations

1. All cars must have an approved type of safety seatbelt equipped with a quick release buckle. Except where rules have allowances, belts must be a minimum of three inches and width and shoulder restraints are mandatory. Belts must be securely fastened to the roll cage and/or frame with grade eight bolts no smaller than 3/8 in size. Five-point harness recommended. No inertia or reel roll types of belts permitted. Belts will be checked for expiry dates; unexpired belts will be mandatory. **Belts with a manufacture date are good for 3 years from date of manufacture.**

2. All drivers participating at TVS events must wear safety helmets designed for this purpose. Snell SA 2010 or better approved racing helmets mandatory. No 'M' type. SFI approved full fire racing suits of a flame retardant nature and fire retardant gloves are mandatory at all times the car is on the racing surface. Fire retardant shoes and underwear are highly recommended.

3. Head and neck restraint devices are highly recommended and are mandatory for all Bandolero and Legend classes along with the Sportsman class.

4. All cars will be subject to safety inspection at any time by TVS officials.

5. No hot laps, time trials, or races shall start until adequate safety and emergency equipment and personnel are present.

6. All race cars must have a 2.5 lb. fire extinguisher. It must be securely fastened and within the reach of the driver. Each pit crew shall have in its possession, in working order, a 5 lb. fire extinguisher. Dry chemical extinguishers are recommended.

7. No cars allowed on the track without an official at the starter's position.

8. Race cars must not be driven into or about the pit or public areas, except when specifically approved by the officials and the arrangements have been made to ensure the safe establishment of clear way for the race car that is being driven. Driving in an unsafe manner in the pit area, loading zones, and public areas can result in disqualification from the event, ejection, as well as any other disciplinary actions deemed appropriate by TVS officials.

9. No car will be allowed in competition without an approved type of roll bar for their class

10. Anyone requiring hospitalization resulting from an injury sustained at TVS properties must be cleared by the track official prior to competing in the first race after hospitalization. TVS reserves the right to request a doctor's release at any time. TVS officials must be notified of any and all incidents or injuries to any participants prior to the conclusion of the event during which such incident or injury occurred.

Section 6: Race procedures

1. The starter will control and have jurisdiction over all cars/drivers once they enter the racetrack, by the use of flags, signals, and signal lights. The decision of the starter will be final and subject only to valid protest.

2. A race may be stopped at the discretion of the starter or any other officials at any time they consider it dangerous to continue.

3. No owner, mechanics or crewmembers are allowed on the racing surface at any time. No driver is allowed to exit their car or remove their seat belts or helmet on the race surface unless instructed to do so by a track official or unless in danger from fire or other unforeseen circumstance. No crewmember is allowed to approach any vehicle while it is on the track. Under no circumstance will a vehicle be attended

to on the track.

4. Any competitor stopping on the race track for the purpose of disputing an official decision (i.e. scoring, line-up) will be disqualified from the event and any further disciplinary action will be the decision of the track officials.

5. General rules, pre-race, race, and post-race procedures and policies are under the control of the race director. He/she alone is responsible for the conduct of these segments of the race. He/she may also delegate authority to a track official or officials to conduct those segments at his/her desire. The race director shall make the final decision for all situations.

6. The flags and their meanings:

Green: Will start or restart all races. Lead cars will be responsible to hold the field at a reasonable speed and be even coming out of turn four. The green flag will wave as the lead cars approach the start line coming out of turn four. No one shall pass prior to the green flag waving and the start line. False starts will be yellowed and all cars will be expected to return to their start/restart line-up immediately. Those deemed to be responsible for the false start would be at the discretion of the officials.

Yellow: Caution. Will be displayed when, in the opinion of the officials, there is no immediate danger to anyone in the competition, and the field must be slowed to enable cleanup or removal procedures. All cars will fall into single file and remain so until further directed. Anyone causing a yellow goes to the rear on restart. Any time two or more cars make contact causing a yellow, all cars involved go the back. If your forward motion stops, you're part of the incident and you go to the back.

Red: Indicates that the race must be stopped immediately. All activity on and off racing surface must cease until cleared by the race director. Drivers must listen to official's direction during red flag situation.

White: Indicates that the leader has started his final lap of competition. All other cars will be shown the white flag to indicate their final lap regardless of how many laps they have completed.

Checkered: Indicates the completion of the race.

Black: Indicates a driver is under penalty. He/she should immediately adhere to instructions by officials. If, in the opinion of officials, the black flag was thrown for a deliberate unsportsmanlike manoeuvre then the offending car and driver could be disqualified for that race, or the entire event, and subject to further action at the discretion of TVS officials. If, in the opinion of officials, the black flag was thrown for over-aggressiveness or impatience on the part of the driver, the car may be allowed to continue once it has worked its way to the rear of the field. This black flag situation will also be used for such things as not holding your position on a start or restart, racing through the infield, entering or re-entering the track with little concern for the competitors which remained on the racing surface, or mechanical difficulty (i.e. Gas/oil leak, car unsafe). Should a car or driver receive several black flags for rough driving throughout a season, the car and/or driver could be disqualified for an entire event or longer. Black flag penalties can result in a temporary loss of positions, points, and money for the event in question, subject to the discretion of track officials. A rolled up black flag is a warning and precedes a full black flag situation.

Blue with yellow stripe: Indicates you are being overtaken by a car on the lead lap, and in the interest of the spirit of racing, hold your line and/or move to the right (outside) of the track and give the other car room to race. Passing room flag will be used at the starter's discretion and not necessarily given to all lapped or slower-moving cars.

Section 7: Registration

1. Here is a list of fees instated at TVS facilities for the 2017 season:

Registration	\$ 50.00 per season
Race Entry Fee	\$ 25.00 per event for one vehicle & driver
Transponder Rental	\$ 25.00 per event
Transponder Pouch	\$ 20.00 one-time purchase
Transponder Purchase	\$ 350.00
Raceceiver Purchase	\$ 230.00 c/w headset

**** Prices subject to change without notice**

2. Race entry fees are non-refundable in any circumstance. They are paid at the gate on race day. **Cash only.** A driver registration fee will be refunded if the driver resigns his/her application only before it is approved and before a license is issued. If an application is not approved by TVS, or if for some other reason no license is issued, this fee will be refunded. Vehicle registration fees will be returned only if the registration is resigned before the vehicle takes part in any events at TVS, even if the vehicle was approved. If the vehicle is not approved, that fee can be held for the registration of a different vehicle, or returned to the applicant.

3. If you are planning on participating in events at TVS as a driver, please make an effort to register beforehand. A driver who registers and pays the necessary fees on race day, with the intentions of racing that same day, will not be issued an TVS driver's license immediately, but will instead be given probation status for that event. This driver will start in the back of the field in any races he/she enters that day, and will not be awarded any prize money. The driver will, however, receive any earned championship points, which will contribute to that team's total accumulated championship points, as usual.

4. Please make an effort to register your vehicle(s) before your scheduled attendance. However, a vehicle may be registered on race day and driven as normally, providing the required fees are paid in full and the vehicle passes the usual inspection. If you are registering a replacement car for a previously registered car that has been retired, and you will be using the same number as the retired car AND the primary driver will remain the same, no vehicle registration fee will be required. Otherwise, if you are registering a new entry on race day, registration fees must be paid in full before the car is driven on the track, and in case of duplicate numbers, you should come prepared to change yours.

5. Car numbers will be issued at the time of registration approval according to the desired number written on the registration form. Registered cars from the 2018 season will have their numbers reserved for them for the entire 2019 season. If they do not register their team and number before the end of the final scheduled event for 2019, or if they register their team under a different number, their number from the 2018 season will lose its reserve and be available for registration by anyone. If multiple teams attempt to register the same number, the first received application has priority. The yielding team will be contacted and a different number chosen.

6. There are currently no numbers are on reserve for the **2019** season:

7. Vehicle numbers must be one, two or three numerical digits only. In cases where a duplicate number cannot be avoided, each car with that number should be denoted with a different superscript letter.

8. TVS reserves the right to revoke or reject applications and licenses at any time if just cause is deemed. If a decision is made by the Board of Directors, it is final. No monetary refunds will be given if a driver or vehicle has been eradicated due to misbehaviour, cheating, etc.

9. Each participating vehicle will be inspected prior to any racing on race day. Also, the top three finishers in each feature race must immediately report to the pit area for post-race inspection. If a car fails its first inspection, and the infractions are not dealt with, it will either have to start in the back or park for the day, depending on the severity of the infraction. Also, points may not be awarded and prize money may not be given to teams who haven't passed the inspections, either pre-race or post-race. Any car that fails technical inspection multiple times will be parked until the necessary changes are made. Please keep in mind that our standards are put into place to ensure a fair and safe experience for everyone.

10. If divisional decals are available, each vehicle must have them displayed in an approved area.

11. Pits stalls are available at TVS on a first come-first serve basis. It is recommended that you arrive early and get in line for pit entry. An official will direct you to the proper pit area for your class.

Section 8: Lineup Details

1. The following terms will be utilized in this section:

- Eligible – Any team who is not a rookie, not a probationer, and who has not received any specified penalties.
- Rookie – Any race car that has not been raced in at least two segments at TVS, or who does not have proof of experience at other race track(s). A new driver driving a non-rookie race car will be classified as a rookie.
- Tardiness – Any driver or vehicle that arrives past the pit cut off time.
- Inspection Failure – Any vehicle that is found to have rule infractions during an inspection. Penalties for inspection failure may be passed on from previous segments, as well as previous events.
- Lineup Absentee – Anyone who does not make the pre-race lineup in time.

2. **Qualifier** starting positions will be determined using the following queries, in the order they appear:

- lined up in reverse order from last main feature results
- Rookie
- Penalty: Tardiness

- Penalty: Inspection Failure
- Penalty: Other
- Lineup Absentees

3. Occasionally, TVS may use alternative means of qualifying to add variety, such as time trials.

4. **Feature Race** starting positions will be determined using the following queries, in the order they appear:

- Results of qualifying segment(s), considering only those eligible
- Penalty: Tardiness
- Penalty: Inspection Failure
- Penalty: Other
- Lineup Absentees

5. If a driver drops out of his/her position during pace laps or under yellow due to mechanical issues or a penalty, all drivers behind that driver in the same line should simply advance to fill the gap.

6. Any driver/team may request to start a segment in the back of the field, if they would prefer to do so.

7. All race results may not be transferred in any way among teams, drivers, etc.

8. Race results will remain unofficial until a customary review of the finishing order is done and any protests are resolved, to a maximum of 48 hours after the race takes place. After results of a race become official, no protests will be accepted.

Section 9: Points / Payout Disbursements

1. A minimum of five race cars must start a segment for championship points to be awarded. If there are less than five entrants starting the segment, the race will be considered an exhibition and will not count toward the championship standings.

2. Points will be awarded in the following fashion:

Qualifiers:

1 point for last place, +1 for each individual finishing position ahead of last place, an additional +1 for the winner

Features:

4 points for last place, +2 for each individual finishing position ahead of last place, an additional +3 for the winner, or +5 for the winner if the field exceeds 9 cars

**** ALL DIVISIONS THIS YEAR WILL BE USING THIS POINTS SYSTEM FOR LOCAL/TARCK CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS**

*****THE INEX POINTS SYSTEM WILL BE USED FOR THE INEX NATIONAL POINTS IN THE LEGEND AND BANDOLERO DIVISIONS AS ADMINISTERED DIRECTLY BY INEX. THE NASCAR POINTS SYSTEM WILL BE USED FOR THE SPORTSMAN (DIVISION 1) AND HOBBY STOCK (DIVISION 2) NATIONAL POINTS REPORTING.**

3. Championship points will be awarded to the team number. This way, earnings by non-regular drivers will still contribute to the team's championship standings.

4. Prize money will be awarded to the driver/car owner of the race car for that segment. Any disbursements will be done in accordance to who is noted on the 2019 registration form.

5. Prize money amounts will be decided on a per-event basis, considering factors such as ticket sales, number of registrants, etc. Payouts will normally be awarded to the top five finishers in all divisions. NASCAR Divisional payouts will be paid directly by NASCAR and is based on finishing results reported by TVS.

6. In the case of an official race cancellation, if the race has been completed to 50% or more of its scheduled distance, the running positions of the drivers are considered to be the finishing order. If less than 50% of the laps have been completed, all drivers will be awarded feature points, depending on if the race segment was a qualifier or feature, respectively, and any additional bonus points.

7. If a team has decided to switch its number, TVS management should be notified as soon as possible (see Contact section for contact information). This way, any accumulated championship points can be transferred to the new registered number (providing that number isn't already in use), and any earned points in the future will accumulate under the proper team number.

8. In case of a year-end tie in the championship standings of a division, the winner will be determined based on whoever has the highest attendance percentage. If attendance percentage is the same, the driver who has earned the most feature race wins (of those involved in the tie, both in points and attendance) will be deemed the overall winner. If all of the above factors are the same, the highest number of qualifying wins among those involved in the tie will come into play.

9. TVS reserves the right to revoke championship points or prize money at any time during the racing season as the result of certain penalties.

Section 10: Contact Information

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