

## COLUMBIA COUNTY RACING ASSOCIATION 2026

### RACE PROCEDURES

#### DISCLAIMER

The procedures set forth are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish consistent expectations of how these events will be run. All competitors should become familiar with these procedures so we can work together to produce a wellrun show for the fans, friends, and family who come to watch.

All parties who enter the restricted pit area must be familiar with the General Rules. Drivers and pit crew must also adhere to the Car Rule\—s (as outlined by individual class) which should govern all such events. By entering the restricted pit area, and/or participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with all these rules. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF, OR COMPLIANCE WITH, THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS AND/OR PROCEDURES.

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, spectator, or official.

INTERPRETATION OF THE PROCEDURES: The Board's interpretation shall be the official interpretation and will supersede any or all other possible interpretations. If you are in doubt about any rule, ask for an official decision of the interpretation. Where there is no specific rule to govern the occasion, the BOARD'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL!!

#### CCRA RACE PROCEDURES

1. ATTENDANCE AT THE CCRA DRIVER'S MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL DRIVERS.
2. All drivers must compete in the event in which they are scheduled. Any driver not ready to compete when called may be sent to the rear of the race at the discretion of the CCRA Race Officials.
3. Initial start will be on the flagger coming out of turn 4, and the front row will have 2 chances for a good start. After the second chance they will be moved back one row.
4. Restart- Restart will be on the leader coming out of 4 in the starting box marked on the wall (green). California restarts with leader up front by themselves, second place picks high or low, third on opposite side. Fourth place low, fifth place high so forth.
5. After white flag is taken, if yellow is thrown, the next flag will be checkered.// At your discretion race to the checkered. /
6. 1,2,3 Rule-1<sup>st</sup> contact noted, 2<sup>nd</sup> contact rolled up warning, 3<sup>rd</sup> contact black flag.

7. Yellow- 1 and done in the heat, 2 in the main done for the night. Charged yellow will go to the driver at fault. If fault can't be determined all involved will go to the back.
8. Invert- Invert every race regardless of car count.
9. The only people permitted on the racetrack and infield are those specifically authorized by CCRA Officials. Everyone must always stay away from the racetrack unless requested to assist for some special reason by an official.
  - a. When crashed, drivers must stay in their vehicle unless in immediate danger, such as fire. DO NOT get out of your vehicle to examine the extent of possible damage. Pit crews, owners, and/or personnel related to any vehicle are not permitted on the track following an accident or injury.
  - b. No driver may get out of his or her vehicle on the track or infield to argue or discuss the race with the starter or track officials. If this rule is violated, the driver may be disqualified or suspended for the event and/or suspended according to the decision of the CCRA Board and/or track officials.
10. Any vehicle observed to be operating in a manner hazardous to others will be black-flagged. If you receive 2 consecutive black flags, you will be called out by the flagger on the race receiver. If you do not obey the flaggers request, the flagger may take more drastic steps.
11. Refusing to obey track officials may result in penalized laps, finishing positions being taken away, the race stopped, the driver black-flagged, and a possible suspension and/or fines by the track.
12. Race vehicles entering the pit area must adhere to safety rules. No speeding or unsafe driving will be allowed. Unsafe driving in the pit area may result in penalty, possible suspension, and/or fine.
13. Rookie drivers must declare their "Rookie Status" on their membership form at the beginning of the season to be eligible for "Rookie of the Year".
  - a. A rookie driver must participate in normal qualifying procedures. However, a rookie driver must also start at the rear of the lineup for the main events in his/her first three (3) races. (It is the driver's responsibility to make sure that they are placed at the back of the main event they qualified for during this three-race period.) Yellow caution tape tied to the rear of the car strongly recommended to alert other drivers.
  - b. After the three-race minimum, the driver may then start the main events as qualified. Additional "rookie race time" may be requested by the driver, until the driver is comfortable enough to take their qualifying time and starting position.

- c. Eligibility is three (3) or less main events in that division (excluding non-points events). Team drivers must also be rookies. If the team driver is not a rookie and they drive, then they forfeit their rookie status.
14. The vehicle that the drivers sign up to drive for the evening at the pit gate is the car he/she will run for the night. If you switch cars throughout the night, you are forfeiting points accumulated previously throughout the day and qualifying positions.
  15. Team Drivers MUST be signed up prior to the second scheduled race. The team allows only two drivers to accumulate points per car. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
  16. A representative from each vehicle must draw a pill before 3:30pm track time.
    - a. Exception: Sunday of 2-day race when it will be 1 hour earlier. If you do not draw a pill, you will qualify at the back of your group or start at the back of the slowest heat race.
  17. All vehicles must wheel pack when requested to do so or will start at the rear of the next event (heat race, main, etc.).
  18. All fuel cans or containers must be clearly labeled to show they contain gasoline. Water containers should also be clearly labeled. Each pit shall have a fully charged 2 1/2 lb. purple K fire extinguisher or equivalent in view.
  19. All vehicles must be removed from the fairgrounds within 24 hours of the race program finish or pay \$25 per day.
  20. Any vehicle (tow rig, passenger car, race car, push truck, etc.) shall not be allowed on the racetrack unless directed by a CCRA Official.
  21. The winner of the previous night's main event (during the same season) will start behind the invert at the next scheduled event. In the case of team drivers, the car accumulating the points will be assigned to the rear, regardless of who is driving it.

CAR/DRIVER RULES (also see your specific division car rules)

1. Fire Suits are required for all drivers when racing.
2. All division's helmets must meet or exceed 2015 date code.
3. Race Receivers are always required while driving.
4. Two-way radios in vehicles are not permitted.
5. Smoking in vehicles is prohibited any time the car is on the track.
6. NO MIRRORS ALLOWED!!
7. Identification: Each driver must have their own officially assigned number. These numbers must be at least 18" high and 3" wide, on both sides and roof. With a number letter combination the letter must be 8" tall.
  - b. Number must be in a color contrasting with the body color and legible- if the number is not legible from the scoring tower, the race vehicle may not be scored.

CCRA assumes no responsibility for errors in scoring if the assigned number is not legible or is not used.

- c. A 6" number is required on upper right corner of windshield and left rear of car (taillight area).

## PENALTIES

1. Violations of any CCRA rule or regulation by a member may result in disqualification, suspension, loss of points, loss of purse, fines, or a combination of any of the penalties.
2. Any driver, race vehicle owner, or mechanic who participates in any demonstration or fight on the track premises before, during, or after a race event shall be subject to suspension and/or fines.
3. Until a suspension is lifted, the race vehicle to which the suspended member is registered may be restricted from competition, at the discretion of CCRA Officials.
4. Any abuse, assault, or threat thereof by any driver, race vehicle owner, or mechanic, or any person operating under orders to any track officials or CCRA Officers/Board Members shall be subject to suspension and/or fines and expulsion from the pit area and/or track premises.
5. CCRA reserves the right to withhold any trophies, prize money and/or driver's points stemming from penalties and/or other violations preceding or following post-race inspection.

## APPEALS

1. A vehicle owner or driver may file an appeal against a judgment imposed by the CCRA Board, provided that the individual submits a \$250 administrative fee\*<sup>i</sup> in cash and the written appeal to [rivercityspeedway@gmail.com](mailto:rivercityspeedway@gmail.com) within five (5) days. The appeal must be dated and signed by the appellant.
2. Decisions made by the CCRA Board on appeals shall be final and binding.
3. CCRA reserves the right to penalize any driver, vehicle owner or crew member judged to be spiteful, malicious, or who acts contrary to the rules and regulations of the Columbia County Racing Association.

## PROTESTS

1. After the announcement the final results have been posted for your race, you have fifteen (15) minutes in which to protest the finish. Protest must be submitted with \$250 cash\* and include a written summary of the problem and be signed and dated by the protesting driver.

## MECHANICAL PROTESTS

1. A vehicle entering a race may be protested by any paid-up driver of CCRA in good standing of the same division.
  - a. The protesting driver shall deliver their protest in writing together with \$250 cash to the pit gate no later than 15 minutes after the end of the last racing event of that day's program. The written protest shall include the official number of the car protested, the name of the owner (if known) and the driver (if known) of the protested vehicle, the part/design of the car under protest. The protest must include the time and date and be signed by the protesting driver.
  - b. If the vehicle is found to be illegal according to CCRA rules, the protesting member will be refunded their protest fee from the Treasurer no later than the next succeeding meeting of the Board. The owner of the car will pay a fine of \$250 to the Treasurer of the Association no later than the next scheduled race event. The owner of the illegal car shall bear the cost of any gaskets. The car found to be illegal, and the driver, will forfeit all money and points won on that day. A second offense by the same car and/or driver will result in both being automatically suspended until fees or fines have been paid.
  - c. If car is found to be legal, then half of the money put up for the protest will go to the protested car/driver and half will go to CCRA.

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<sup>i</sup> \*Where indicated, the \$250 fee may be refunded, or partially refunded, upon the Boards rendering decision.