



# Rules & Procedures

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## **Background**

Heart of a Champion (HOAC) was founded in 2017 to help preserve stock car racing history in the Maritime provinces of Canada. Our first project was the restoration of a vintage stock car, a 1967 Chevelle which was unveiled in July 2017 at the region's biggest stock car race, the IWK 250 at Riverside International Speedway. It was so well-received that we took the car on tour, showing it at race tracks and car shows throughout the Maritime provinces.

At the same time, we launched our website and the Heart of Champion Facebook (FB) page to share our travels on social media. Since then we have grown the FB page to include vintage racing photos, stories, and a weekly salute to someone who has helped build stock car racing in our region - someone with the Heart of a Champion. Our social media following has flourished to over 8,800 followers with the reaction and interaction from and between our followers clearly demonstrating the interest in and passion for our Maritime racing heritage.

And so it is time to take Heart of a Champion to the next level with the formation of our Hot Rod Series.

## **Overview**

The HOAC Hot Rod Classics Vintage Race Car Series is our region's first vintage stock car racing organization. As with Heart of a Champion, the Hot Rod Classics has been formed to help preserve stock car racing history in the Maritimes and to honour those who helped make the sport what it is today.

Known as the "Hot Rod Classics" we will showcase race cars which were built in 1980 or older giving long-time fans an opportunity to relive precious memories and at the same time provide a platform where newer fans can experience, perhaps for the first time, race cars of a bygone era.

The Hot Rod Classics will, in essence, be a gentlemen's league of exhibition racing. Our goal is to participate in a handful of significant stock car racing events in the region each year; at facilities which have played a part in and/or show an affinity for recognizing our Maritime stock car racing heritage.

## **Fun. Fair. Safe.**

*Our core values. If your racing goals are not of a like-mind then you are best suited for another series.*

**Fun.** Our events will provide a variety of activities on and off the track, designed to provide a fun experience for all. Showing our cars will foster the development of the series and also educate spectators who may or may not

know anything about the history of stock car racing in our region. It is our goal to create an atmosphere that will provide a social experience unparalleled in other series.

**Fair.** Hot Rod Series events will provide competition with cars built to a condition which is consistent with their original as-raced specifications. It's not about having the fastest car, it's about having fun and respecting your fellow competitors while putting on a quality show for fans.

**Safe:** Our events will feature original and replica vintage stock cars, some restored to their original racing specification and livery, equipped with modern safety equipment, as mandated in our guidelines.

The Hot Rod Classics is "no intentional contact" and on track antics will not be tolerated; we encourage close competition with a hallmark spirit of good sportsmanship.

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The following is information on how events in the Heart of a Champion Hot Rod Classics Vintage Race Car Series (herein known as HRC) are organized and the rules that govern them. The rules, regulations and/or procedures set forth the guidance for the conduct of participants and conditions under which competitors will race. It is essential that you know and understand them. Ignorance of the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for non-compliance and/or infractions.

HRC reserves the right to final and non-appealable interpretation of all rules and specifications. Any situation not specifically covered in the rules or procedures will be decided upon by the Race Director, or official as designated by HRC.

These regulations are a guideline. Since it is impossible to cover every anticipated situation all descriptions may be subject to the EIRI (except in rare instances) rule. Rules are subject to change without notice.

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#### **DISCLAIMER**

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing and to establish minimum requirements for such events. These rules shall govern all events, and by participating in these events, all participants agree to be bound by all of these rules and are solely responsible for ensuring they have fully complied with these rules. NO EXPRESSED 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, spectator, or official. HRC officials shall be empowered to permit minor deviations from any of the specifications or to impose any further restrictions that in his 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 the rules is left to the discretion of the officials. All decisions made by HRC and/or its officials are final and without recourse.

## **Rules & Procedures**

We have crafted our rules and procedures with a K.I.S.S. philosophy (keep it simple). Pre-race inspections will help ensure each car is prepared according to guidelines established herein.

### **Car Building Rules**

- 1) Cars must be American or Canadian made, 1980 or older.
  - a) Car must be a hardtop sedan, coupe, or hatchback.
  - b) No pickups or convertibles
  - c) Bodies must have a stock steel roof, no full fibreglass bodies.
  - d) Fabricated steel or fibreglass panels must be as close to stock as possible.
- 2) Frame must be stock or represent a stock frame.
  - a) If a tube frame is used, it must resemble a stock frame. Pro Stock chassis ok.
- 3) Car must have a full front and back firewall OR drivers compartment sealed with tin and floor.
- 4) Driver's door must have a minimum of three roll bars.
- 5) All cars must be equipped with a proper aluminum race car driver's seat.
- 6) The car must be equipped with a five-point racing harness (including crotch strap) safety belts.
  - a) No older than five years.
  - b) No fraying, tears, or other sign of wear or damage, regardless of age.
  - c) Must be firmly secured to the chassis, not the body.
- 7) Cars must have a rear-view mirror, additional door mirror ok.
- 8) Mufflers are optional.
- 9) Overflow catch can is optional and cannot be mounted in the driver compartment.
- 10) Battery must be firmly secured in a safe location and if mounted in the driver's compartment sealed in an approved safety container.
  - a) On and off main battery switch must be mounted within the drivers reach, clearly marked and in good working order.
- 11) A fully-charged fire extinguisher is mandatory and must be firmly secured in a safe location within the drivers reach.
- 12) Engines must be domestic origin and be of an era suited to the car.
  - a) Eight-cylinder maximum.
  - b) Must be naturally aspirated.

- c) Must be 1979 era, or older - these are vintage cars and should look as such. Crate engines ok.
  - d) No electric fuel pumps.
  - e) No plastic or glass fuel filters.
  - f) No rubber gas lines longer than 12". No leaks.
  - g) Cars must be equipped with dual throttle return springs mounted in separate locations.
  - h) No antifreeze allowed.
  - i) Its recommend the fuel system must have a shutoff valve within the drivers reach, clearly marked and in good working order.
- 13) Transmission should be OEM style, automatic, 3 or 4 speed.
- a) Stock appearing shifter preferred, but not mandatory.
  - b) Cars must have forward and reverse gears and start under their own power.
- 14) Any 1979 era OE rear end or quick-change rear end allowed.
- a) Must have 5/8" studs on at least the right side.
- 15) Leaf springs or coil springs allowed, as well as jacking bolts.
- 16) Tires and wheels must be in good condition.
- a) Must be 8", 10", or 15", as per original race car specifications.
  - b) Wheels must be secured to the hub with 1" steel lug nuts. All studs must protrude through the nuts with threads showing.
  - c) No tire soaking or softening treatments.
- 17) Rack and pinion steering is allowed.
- 18) Steel brake lines only; no copper tubing.
- 19) Cars must have four-wheel brakes in good working order.
- 20) Cars must have a drive shaft strap or steel hoop.
- 21) Drive shaft and lead must be painted white.
- 22) Fuel cell is mandatory with roll-over ball.
- 23) A quick-release window net on the driver window is mandatory.
- 24) No double nerf bars. Single nerf bars best represent 1979 era modifieds and late models.
- 25) Cars must have SAE safety glass or lexan windshield.
- a) All other window spaces must be left open.
  - b) Wings can be used as long as they look period correct.
- 26) The hood and trunk lids must be pinned or strapped securely.
- 27) Doors must be welded shut.

- 28) No loose body panels, bumpers, pipes, or any other part.
- 29) Must have front and rear bumpers.
- 30) Suspension parts must be in good working order.
- 31) All cars must pass technical inspection at every meet. Not passing pre-race inspection means you may not be able to race; not passing a post-race inspection means you may be penalized.
- 32) Passing or not passing technical inspection is solely at the discretion of the series technical inspector, and without question or recourse.

## Race Meet Procedures

### 1) DEFINITIONS

- a) **Disqualification:** To make a driver or car ineligible to participate in a race or meet with the loss of credit for an official finishing position, including the loss of prize money and points for that race or meet and possible suspension of driver, car owner, crew, or all of the above. The decision to disqualify can be made before, during, or after a race or on the completion of the race meet. The length of any suspension is at the discretion of the Race Director.
- b) **Illegal Drugs:** Illegal drugs are those substances defined and prohibited by provincial or federal laws. Illegal drugs also include prescription drugs not prescribed for the participant.
- c) **Participant:** A participant is any person taking part in any portion of a HRC event in any form, including but not restricted to drivers, car owners, crew members, sponsors, track officials, or pit area observers. All such persons shall be considered public figures who have by their own choice become involved in auto racing events with the HRC, with full understanding that he or she must abide by the rules and regulations established and published or announced by HRC or participating facilities. All participants are responsible for their personal conduct.
- d) **Penalties:** These are measures applied by officials to participants who require closer regulation of their behaviour. Some rules have specific penalties defined for an infraction. Others leave it up to the judgment of the officials dealing with the problem at the time. Penalties may be applied to an individual, a group, or a car.
- e) **Race Meet:** A race meet shall, for the purpose of rules enforcement, be considered to be the period between the opening and closing of the pit gate.
- f) **Restricted Areas:** The rules and procedures apply to the entire venue in which the race meet is held. There are areas within the venue that have additional requirements. These include but are not limited to the pit area, tech area, tower, flag stand, and track. Within restricted areas, additional restrictions may be placed on access and activities.

### 2) DRUG POLICY

- a) **General Prohibition:** Possession or uses of illegal drugs or drug substances, as defined above (sec. 1.b), is prohibited in any form, by any participant in the HRC, either on speedway properties or any area considered to be used in the operation of any HRC event, such as parking lots or leased properties.
- b) **Penalties:** Any person found to be in possession of, or under the influence of, an illegal drug or substance on any HRC contracted facility property, or any person who is formally charged by a court of law with illegal drug violations, shall be subject to the following penalties by HRC Ltd.: Suspension from Race and eviction from HRC event, and denial of further entry to HRC events for a period to be determined by HRC.
- c) Any participant who is formally charged by a court of law with an illegal drug violation, upon notification to HRC by that agency, shall be suspended from all forms of participation at HRC events until such time as the charges are fully adjudicated through legal process.
- d) Any participant convicted of a formal drug charge by such process of the law will be prohibited from taking part in any HRC event from the date of conviction until further notice.
- e) **Right to Test:** HRC reserves the right to test any participant for alcohol and/or illegal drugs.
- f) **Reinstatement:** A participant suspended for violation of these rules, except in the case of persons charged with selling drugs, may, as a result of a decision reached through the hearing process detailed above, be reinstated, if it is mutually agreed that the participant, at his or her own expense, will produce

documentation from a physician licensed within the affected province, certifying that he or she is drug independent, as a result of random and periodical examinations of urinalysis testing, made at the request of HRC.

- g) Prescribed Drugs: If a participant is using prescription drugs on the advice of a physician, such use must be reported to the pit steward or race director prior to the participants' entry into any HRC activities. Failure to notify could subject the participant to penalties prescribed above.

### **3) SUSPENSIONS AND REINSTATEMENT**

- a) After any suspension, rejection, penalty, or restriction from participation has been issued to the participant, whether verbally or in writing, HRC reserves the right to review the individual's circumstances on a case-by-case basis, and after having done so, to make a decision at that time as to whether or not the person or persons involved should be allowed to continue competing in the HRC. Certain restrictions may apply. Participants may request one meeting with officials (in writing). Tour management must receive the written request within 48 hours of any penalty being applied to an individual or team.

### **4) GENERAL**

- a) All drivers must be approved by management. The official series registration form is the application to participate. Only drivers approved through the application/registration process will be allowed to compete in HRC events. Decisions are based on a driver's previous experience, as well as his past and/or projected performance. All decisions are the opinion of management and are solely administered by the management, without the right of appeal. All decisions are made in the best interest of the race, safety to the individual participant and all other participants, and in the overall best interest of the positive enhancement of the division, sport, facility, and participants.
- b) Driver and crew will be required to sign liability releases at each event. Series registration and/or event entry does not include, not imply, any insurance or other protection/compensation for injuries that may be sustained during a meet. You participate at your own risk.
- c) HRC events take place on private property. Any person on this property without the permission of the facility owner(s) or HRC is guilty of trespassing and subject to the penalties prescribed by law. Through your registration, you are given the authority and the right to be on the property in conjunction with racing activities.
- d) HRC reserves the right to accept or reject any participant (car owner, driver, crew member) for any or all events if at any time it is felt your presence or conduct is not in the best interest of the sport of auto racing, your fellow competitors, the fans, management, officials, or the employees of the facility or HRC.
- e) Normally, no person under 16 years of age will be permitted in the pit area during an HRC event. Those 18 and under will generally require a Minor Release form. The age limit and restrictions/requirements is determined by the host facility and should be reviewed well in advance of an event.
- f) Each person will sign his/her own waiver and pay his/her own admission.
- g) Any vehicles which enter the pit or track area are entered at the vehicle owner's risk. HRC assumes no responsibility for damage to or loss of equipment, vehicle, or any parts, by any means whatsoever.
- h) Any person in a restricted area who refuses to obey the request of an official (track or series) may be subject to further action by the HRC or its designated officials.
- i) Given the nature of competition, there may be times when interaction among competitors becomes strained. All participants are expected to show restraint on the track and in the pit area. Should tensions become unmanageable, participants involved are expected to return to or remain in the pit area.

assigned to their car. Any person that deliberately goes into another competitors pit area in an aggressive manner or any person involved in a fight, regardless of who was the aggressor, may be removed from the premises, disqualified, and/or suspended. A fight shall be defined as making physical contact. Such actions by a crewmember could affect the car/team.

- j) Anyone who, by word or deed, disrupts, impeded, jeopardizes, or in any manner hinders the smooth and orderly presentation of the racing program, or anyone who commits, or causes to be committed, any action detrimental to stock car racing, or the HRC will be considered to have abused the privileges of entry or admission to the property and may be subject to the cancellation of those privileges or disqualification as determined by management or designated officials.
- k) Any person who has evidence of alcoholic beverages or chemical substances about his or her person, or who is seen by an official taking either during a race meet, may be either denied admission or asked to leave the property, and may be subject to further action at the discretion of HRC or designated officials.
- l) No participant shall subject any HRC official, track employee, or sponsor representative to any abusive or improper language at any time, or threatening physical contact.
- m) Anyone who goes to the flag stand, tower or race control to protest, or otherwise jeopardizes the flow of the racing program, is violating these rules and could be subject to further action by officials.

## **5) SAFETY**

- a) Safety is paramount at a race meet. Whether it is the care taken driving, avoidance of rowdiness that might lead to injury in steeply sloped stands or viewing areas, the use of jack stands or similar safety devices when working beneath a vehicle, we must all be aware of the inherent hazard that casualness toward safety can create in the racing environment
- b) Any participant who has been injured (no matter how minor the injury) must - at the time of the injury - report to the first-aid attendants and also advise HRC and host track management.

## **6) RACE DAY SCHEDULE**

- a) Set by race track in advance of the event.
- b) It is the competitors responsibility to be aware of the race day format which includes times for gate open, practice, drivers meeting, and race start.
- c) The race day schedule is subject to change without notice.
- d) If weather is an issue it is the responsibility of the competitor to confirm with HRC prior to leaving for the event whether the published schedule has been affected (delayed, postponed, or cancelled), or not.

## **7) DRIVERS**

- a) The driver is that person who enters into the racing competition on the track. A car is entered by number and in the driver's name. Drivers are responsible for the conduct of all persons signed in with their car. The driver shall be the sole spokesman for the car owner and pit crew in any matters pertaining to the meet. Penalties incurred by a crewmember may affect the driver. Car owners, crewmembers, sponsors, spouses, or associates of a driver may not represent a driver in any concerns, whether they are signed in as a crewmember or as a member of the audience.
- b) Drivers must be 19 years of age or over, or 16 to 18 years of age provided they submit an official Notarized Minors Release, available from the host track office, prior to the event (usually at least 48 hours in advance - check with track).
- c) Must be registered with HRC for the current year; online registration form available at [www.hotrodclassics.ca](http://www.hotrodclassics.ca).

- d) Must fully complete an Entry Form for each event by the Tuesday prior to the event in order to qualify for tow money which may be paid for the event.
- e) Must wear a fireproof suit, fireproof gloves, fireproof shoes, and helmet at all times on track; a neck restraint is highly recommended.
- f) Helmet must be in good condition, have a Snell 'SA' (sports application) rating, and be 2010 or newer.
- g) Must have a working radio scanner with an ear bud and tuned to race control at all times when on track; two-way communications with a spotter is recommended.
- h) No fighting or aggressive behaviour will be tolerated.
- i) There may be times when two or more individuals wish to share the driving of a car. The second (or more) driver must be designated as co-driver on the event Entry Form. Points or any other contingency programs will be accumulated in the name of the primary driver (as designated on the series registration form). Consultations with the race director should take place to ensure compliance with the intent of the rules. In part, it must be clear who will be undertaking the responsibilities outlined above (section 7.1) and elsewhere in the rules and procedures. If the co-driver is a rookie this could further complicate matters.
- j) Illness, work schedules or other considerations may require a substitute driver for a car, either for a race or an entire meet. Should this occur the substitute driver would represent the regular driver. However, the regular driver is still responsible for his car. Any action taken by the car, substitute driver, and/or crew, or by officials in regard to the car, could affect the regular driver.

#### **8) CREW**

- a) Must be 16 years of age or older, pending track pit entry rules; parental consent may be required in advance.
- b) Must wear proper attire for assigned job on race day.
- c) No fighting or aggressive behaviour will be tolerated.

#### **9) NUMBERS / SCORING**

- a) Each car entering competition will be assigned a number by HRC officials upon acceptance of the series registration form.
- b) The number will be used to identify all activity associated with that car and driver.

#### **10) CARS**

- a) A driver will sign in to only one car per event. A driver will only attempt to qualify one car per meet.
- b) Once a car has been signed into the pit area for any meet, the car number may not be switched to another car nor can a back-up car be used, nor can a different number be placed on that car.
- c) Drivers, car owners, sponsors, crew members, or anyone associated with a car, shall have no claim against the racing facility, HRC, or its sponsors, officials, agents or contractors by reason of disqualification, penalization or damage to vehicles, personal property, or personal injuries.
- d) If a participant creates problems in the pit area, or other parts of the facility, the car under which they are signed in with could be subject to further action by officials.

## **11) INSPECTION**

- a) It is mandatory for all race cars to be inspected by HRC tech official/s before being permitted on the track. All cars must meet the minimum requirements as outlined in the rules. However, situations may arise where the race director or official in charge waives the pre-race inspection for one or more cars.
- b) The tech inspection form is available on the HRC website; it will expedite your inspection process if you print and complete the top portion before the event, and take it with you.
- c) HRC officials reserve the right to inspect any car at any time. Officials will determine inspection items. Tech inspectors are not empowered to determine penalties but will be empowered to apply predetermined penalties.
- d) Once a car has failed an inspection, it could be required to show that corrections have been made before the car is allowed to compete in future HRC meets.
- e) Only the driver and one crewmember are permitted in the tech area with their car for post race tech inspection unless specifically asked by the technical inspector. Anyone other than the driver and authorized crewmember for the car being inspected could be asked to leave the inspection area immediately.

## **12) ILLEGAL TIRES**

- a) Illegal tires or tire regulation infractions will result in a suspension for driver and car number for one year from date of infraction. No exceptions.

## **13) TOW MONEY**

- a) All drivers will receive \$100 tow money for each meet provided they...
  - i) have submitted the event Entry Form by the Tuesday prior to the event; and
  - ii) start the feature race, unless the car is damaged or breaks during practice or heat race
- b) Only drivers that have registered with the series (annual registration) can submit an event Entry Form.

## **14) PRACTICE / RACE DAY**

- a) Only one division will practice at a time unless otherwise indicated by the official in charge.
- b) Cars waiting to go on the track will line up on the pit line-up road.

## **15) DRIVERS MEETING**

- a) Attendance at the drivers meeting is mandatory; anyone not in attendance will be placed at the rear of the field to start and may not be permitted to race.
- b) There may be circumstances when the drivers meeting is held virtually, when attendance is also mandatory.
- c) Questions or concerns specific to a race meet should be addressed at the drivers meeting.

## **16) QUALIFYING, LINEUPS & RACE PROCEDURES**

- a) The race director and/or flagman shall control and enforce flagging and track procedures. Non-compliance to outlined procedures, or a flag could be subject to disciplinary action.
- b) A random draw will determine the starting order for the heat race/es.
- c) The number of heat races will be determined by car count at each event.

- d) The finishing order of the heat race will determine the starting order of the feature race, as follows...one heat: straight up invert of heat race finishing order, and two heats: winner of first heat starts last place in feature, winner of second heat starts second-last, second place first heat third last, second place second heat fourth last, etc.
- e) Caution laps do not count.
- f) Restarts will be double file with lapped cars, if any, blended in as they were running when caution or red flag was displayed.
- g) Cars which cause two or more yellow flags in any race may be parked. Any competitor who intentionally causes or attempts to cause a yellow flag by stopping, spinning out or other action could be subject to disciplinary action. Such action could include the loss of laps or positions.
- h) All disciplinary action during a race, whether as described in section 14.7 or any other rough driving actions, will be at the discretion of the race director.
- i) Once the field has been lined up, if anyone pulls out at their own will the remainder of the field will simply move ahead. If the field has already crossed over then the row the car dropped out of moves up. If a lapped car chooses to fall out of line they must fall to the rear of the field, and could be placed at the rear of any subsequent races during that meet.
- j) Cars must hold their starting position until they cross the designated starting point, as described in the drivers meeting.
- k) The leader must maintain a minimum and maximum speed until they get to the starting point or line. No slowing down or powering away. No speeding up until the starting point. The second-place car should not go before the leader. In the event of a false start the car or cars involved could be sent to the rear of the field or the back of the lead lap.
- l) Cars re-entering the track from the pit area, under green-flag conditions, must do so in a safe manner. They must allow the field to pass safely and remain on the high (or low) side of the track until they are up to speed and can blend in with the remainder of the field. Failure to maintain a safe speed in the pit area could result in parking of your race car for the remainder of the event.
- m) Crew members should remain in the pits at all times unless otherwise directed by officials. Cars on the track under yellow flag conditions that receive assistance (push truck, tow truck, official, crewmember, driver, etc) will be treated as if they made a pit stop and placed at the rear of the field. Cars on the track under a red flag situation that simply require a push (human or vehicle) to get them restarted once the red flag situation ends will resume their place in the field.
- n) If a car catches fire, usually, the safest course is to drive into the infield to allow safety crews access and increase driver safety as he exit's the car.
- o) Following the completion of each race, all drivers, except the winner and any others directed by officials, shall proceed around the track and enter the pit area slowly. Speeding or imprudent driving in the pit area at any time will not be tolerated.

## 17) COMPETITION

- a) There shall be no intentional contact between cars or erratic driving at any time; those who engage in such activity will be penalized at the discretion of the race director. Repeat offenders may be suspended from the series, at the discretion of series management.
- b) No three-wide racing unless in the case of an emergency situation, as deemed by the race director.
- c) If a race is 20 laps, you don't have to go from 15th to first in two laps. There is plenty of time and lots of races. We are all friends, Race each other that way. Give each other room. Watch the flagman and watch for other drivers signals. If your car is slower than others, move over and give the faster cars room. Do not hold them up.

- d) No-one wants their car wrecked, but it could happen, If you are afraid to scratch your car, leave it on the trailer.
- e) Full bodied late models will race against open-wheel style cars.

## 18) FLAGS

- a) Green Flag - When the green flag is displayed by the starter, cars must maintain position until they have crossed the starting line or a designated position on the race track, to be made known to the competitors in the pre-race drivers meeting. First-place car will choose the lane they wish to restart in. The second-place car will take the lane not taken by the leader. All other cars keep their positions. The first-place car should determine the start or restart if he maintains reasonable speed and holds the field. Minimum and maximum speeds could be used for lead cars on starts and restarts. False starts will receive a yellow flag and all cars will be expected to return to their start/restart lineup immediately. Those deemed to be responsible for the false start might be penalized at the discretion of the officials. Cars that do not maintain speed through the field could be warned, penalized over the radio, or at the next restart, or at the end of the race, or could be singled out by the race director as passable before the start line.
- b) Yellow Flag - Will be displayed when, in the opinion of officials, there is no immediate danger to anyone in competition and the field must be slowed to enable removal of debris or to facilitate cleanup. Once the yellow flag is displayed all cars will slow immediately, hold their position, and move into single file before they cross the start/finish line. Cars that do not slow down and get into line once the yellow is displayed, or cars that continue to race back to the start/finish line could be penalized at the discretion of officials. The only exception to racing back to the yellow flag (*qualifying races only*) would be if the leader has already taken the white flag. Only then, would it be permitted to race back to the yellow and checkered flags. Should the last lap yellow/checkered situation occur, drivers are expected to exercise caution. The Main Feature *should* not end under caution. There will be a minimum of two laps (green, white, checkered) to end a Main Feature. There could be instances where officials decide the next green will be the final attempt.
- c) Red Flag - Is displayed when officials want the race to stop immediately. Should a red flag be displayed after the leader has taken the white flag the race could be restarted or if the red and checkered flags are displayed the cars will be scored as they took the white flag. Cars involved in bringing out the red flag will be placed on the rear.
- d) White Flag - Indicates 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. No car may receive assistance on the white flag lap to gain *or maintain* a finishing position. (E.g. getting pushed across the start/finish line).
- e) Checkered Flag - Indicates the completion of the race.
- f) Black and Orange Flag - Is shown to a competitor who is having apparent mechanical difficulties (e.g. gas leak, body parts, hood up, oil leaking, wheel pointing in the wrong direction, etc.). The competitor must go to the pits. Should he be able to make repairs, he can rejoin the field at any time during the race. Ignoring the Black and Orange flag could result in a Black flag.
- g) Blue with Orange/Yellow stripe - Indicates the leaders are approaching. Drivers are expected to be courteous and observe this move-over flag and not run interference to the leaders.
- h) Black Flag - Indicates a driver is under penalty. If, in the opinion of officials, the black flag was thrown because of over-aggressiveness or impatience on the part of the driver, the car may be allowed to continue once it has worked its way toward the rear of the field. A driver should immediately pull to the inside or outside of the track. Often they simply have to find the rear of the field or fall in behind a particular car and then proceed. This use of the black flag could be given 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 or no concern for competitors who remained on the racing surface, spinning someone out and he gets going without bringing out a yellow. If, in the opinion of officials, the black flag was thrown for a deliberate unsportsmanlike action the offending car and driver could be disqualified. Disqualified for that race, that meet, or additional meets and be subject to further action by HRC. Should a driver ignore a black flag, further disciplinary action could result.

- i) Should a car and/or driver receive several black flags for rough riding throughout the season, the car and/or driver could be penalized or suspended for an entire meet or longer.
- j) Black flag penalties could result in a loss of any and all monies and/or awards payable/due for the event.

## **19) COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Driver must have a working radio scanner with an ear bud/headset and tuned to race control (frequency \_\_\_\_\_) at all times when on track; two-way communications with a spotter is preferred and recommended.

## **20) AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS / ON-TRACK DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS (WHEN APPLICABLE)**

- a) Race cars and drivers will proceed to the front stretch and park as directed by officials in an orderly fashion. Driver should keep fire suit fully fastened, place helmet on the roof of the car, and stay by the driver's door of their car. When their name is called, they should wave to the crowd and shake the hands of the people in the reception line.
- b) Only two crewmembers per car will be allowed on the track with the car during the entire Driver Introduction Ceremony. While the national anthem is played, the two crewmembers will stand side-by-side by the driver's door facing the flag.
- c) Where pits are in the infield, pit crew members should stand side-by-side by the driver's door facing the flag while the national anthem is being played.

## **21) VICTORY LANE**

- a) The top three finishers will stop on the front stretch in the designated Victory Lane area. Drivers will be available for interviews over the PA system and with media as directed by officials, and be available for photos wearing hats as supplied by sponsors.
- b) No crew members can approach a car on the racing surface before, during, or after an event without the presence of and permission from an official. One crew member will be allowed to check tires (only) with the assistance of one jack person on the track in Victory Lane following the main feature after receiving permission from the official assigned to that car. No one else is allowed near the car until the driver has gotten out of it. Should the driver need assistance, he will get it from the attending official. Once the driver is out of his car, the driver's side window net must be fastened in place.
- c) Should the checkered flag not be returned to HRC officials following victory lane ceremonies, the team responsible will have \$50 deducted from its payout for the race.

## **22) SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

- a) Any social media post that is deemed detrimental to the sport, the Maritime Pro Stock Tour, Tour sponsors, other racers, tracks and/or Tour staff will not be tolerated. Posts that the Tours deems detrimental, abusive and/or in poor taste will be dealt with. The Policy applies to all teams associated with the Maritime Pro Stock Tour including but not limited to drivers, crew members and car owners.

- b) The first occurrence will see the author formally told to cease and desist and placed on probation. A second occurrence will see the author and/or their respective team suspended for a race. Further suspensions up to and including suspension for the season could result in the event of any further posts.

### **23) COVID-19**

- a) All drivers, crew members, etc. should be aware of and abide by COVID-19 protocols in effect by the jurisdiction of the host track as well as those of the host track.
- b) Each person is responsible for their own COVID-19 prevention supplies which may include, by not limited to, face masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectants.
- c) Everyone is encouraged to practice good COVID-19 prevention measures including, but not limited to, frequent hand washing, distancing, wearing a face mask if a six-foot/two-meter distance cannot be maintained, not sharing supplies and/or equipment - and sanitizing between users if equipment must be shared.
- d) Any person experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms should not attend any event hosted by HRC.