

2025 STUART RACEWAY

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

*****The underlined text indicates new or revised rules.**

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from publications 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. The race directors shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in their 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 these rules is left to the discretion of the Stuart Raceway officials. Their decision is final.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship is the key element of any competitive racing program. This must include respect for all participants: drivers, owners, pit crews, and officials. The Stuart Raceway officials will make every effort to be consistent with our rules regardless of whom or what is involved. We will treat all participants with respect and expect similar treatment in return. Please stay out of other racer's pit areas, especially after an incident where you have been involved with that racer. Drivers: remember that you are responsible for the actions of your crews and in some cases your fans. Any offending parties will be fined appropriately and disciplinary actions will be initiated as deemed necessary.

ADMISSION

South Gate: 13 & Over, \$13.00 Online OR \$15.00 at the Gate, Ages 6-12 - \$5.00, 5 & under FREE

North Gate: 13 & Over, \$13.00 Online OR \$15.00 at the Gate, Ages 6-12 - \$5.00, 5 & under FREE

Pit Area: Two Class Driver \$50.00 Online OR \$55.00 at the Gate

Single Class Drive \$30.00 Online OR \$35.00 at the Gate

Pit Crew 13 & Over, \$26.00 Online OR \$30.00 at the

Gate Pit Crew Ages 6-12 - \$10.00, 5 & under FREE

Everyone in the pit area must sign a waiver weekly, under 18 years of age must have a minor release form completed for the season.

REGISTRATION

1. Cars must register and pay a *YEARLY* car fee or a *SINGLE EVENT*.

- Two Classes *Yearly* \$60.00 online or at the gate.
- One Class *Yearly* \$40.00 online or at the gate.
- Restricted A Class *Yearly* \$20.00 online or at the gate.

- Two Classes *Single Event* \$30.00 online or at the gate.
- One Class *Single Event* \$20.00 online or at the gate.
- Restricted A Class *Single Event* \$10.00 online or at the gate.

2. All race cars must display the official IMCA or NOW600 decal and required contingency decals, which will be furnished by IMCA or NOW600
3. Race car must display number as assigned by track personnel. It must be minimum four inches thick and 20 inches tall and clearly visible, on sides, top and back of car, and front, if possible. Recommended that no holographic or reflective numbers be used. If the numbers are unreadable you will be notified to make the necessary changes. If the numbers are still unreadable you will not be scored. The size, color and style of numbers must be adequate to permit prompt identification by officials at all times.
4. No profanity shall be written anywhere on the car.

GENERAL RULES

1. These rules are required to be in the driver's pit or the possession of the driver. These can be in print or electronic form. These may be asked for as part of tech.
2. **Driver is the sole spokesman for 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 the officials.** Use of vulgar language by a driver while making a comment will result in a black flag. Earned money for the night may be taken away. The driver may be fined up to \$100; the fine must be paid in cash before the driver can race again.
3. If a crew member or fan of the driver violates any part of rule #2 the result for the driver will be the same as rule #2.
4. **The driver is qualified** and receives points, **not the race car.**
5. Pit schedule for drivers and cars.
 - 3:30 p.m. Pit gate opens.
 - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Driver and car check in. **ALL** cars must register and talk with track tech if it's the first time at the track. All must be done before they race.
 - 4:30-5:15 p.m. Packing of the track
 - Driver will pack the track when asked. Any driver that does not pack the track will fall under rule 12 in IMCA's general rules: Unsportsmanlike conduct. If a car can not pack the track you will need to clear it with the officials.
 - 5:15 p.m. Hot laps
 - 5:30 p.m. Pit gate closes.
 - 5:40 p.m. Pit meeting.
 - 6:00 p.m. Races start.

If a driver is going to be later than 5:30 p.m., the driver needs to text (preferred method) or call 402-340-1634.

6. Those that come late must check in at the pit office, and it will be up to the race officials to allow a late entry to compete. If they are allowed to compete, they will start at the back of the pack for the heat races.
7. Any driver not ready to compete when called may be sent to the rear of starting line-up or left out of balance of the program at the discretion of official in charge.
8. Once a race is on a preliminary line-up lap, the location of cars not in position shall be at the discretion of the race officials to adjust the line-up.
9. The number of cars starting a race is determined by the track officials and depends on the type of event, width, length and condition of track.
10. A race may be stopped at discretion of officials at any time, if considered dangerous to continue, but only officials have the right to stop a race. No driver, car owner, pit member, or mechanic may use starter's flags for the purpose of signaling competitors.
11. Pre- or post-race inspection: those drivers not reporting to the inspection area may be disqualified and/or given last place points.
12. No race is official until officials make declaration of final scoring of positions.

13. No race car is to receive assistance after the white flag is displayed and all finishes must be made under the car's own power or momentum.
14. No person, except officials, shall be allowed on the track during a race.
15. A regular race driver cannot enter special races in their class, such as mechanic's races or powder puff races.
16. The following FAA regulations are in place for drones unless authorized for use by Stuart Raceway.
 - Drones must fly below 400 feet above the ground.
 - Drones cannot fly over moving vehicles.
 - Your drone must be within your line of sight at all times or within that of an observer who is communicating with you.
 - Drones cannot fly over national parks, stadiums or racetracks with ongoing events, military bases, or prisons.
 - Drones can't interfere with emergency vehicles or manned aircraft and must give way to them.

PIT RULES

1. Absolutely no illegal drugs will be permitted in any area of the Stuart Raceway.
2. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be consumed in the pit area until all races for the evening are completed.
3. If a driver or any crew member violates pit rule #1 or #2 that driver or crew member will not be allowed in the pit area again that season.
4. Any driver driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be subject to D.U.I. under the law.
5. No one under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed in the pit area until all races for the evening are completed.
6. If a dispute should arise, check with the race officials. Fighting is prohibited. If a fight should occur it will be at the discretion of the race officials which action may be taken such as disqualifying the car, driver, or participants for that race, multiple races or the rest of the year.
7. The speed limit in the pit area is 10 MPH. **If any race car exceeds this speed limit it is subject to the loss of earned money.**
8. Each car is entitled to five crew members plus the driver.
9. Rules that regulate and restrict the operation of push vehicles, golf carts, "scooters," ATV's, "motorbikes" etc.
 - Push vehicles must have sufficient power to push start cars without causing ruts in the pits or racing surface. Push vehicles causing ruts may cause the disqualification of car being pushed.
 - Such vehicles are limited to one entry per race team.
 - Lights are required to operate at night.
 - Age limit to operate is 16 years and/or valid driver's license or proof of a safety training course.
 - There is a 10 MPH speed limit that will be enforced.
 - If operation is in an unsafe or inappropriate manner as deemed by Stuart Raceway officials, it will be treated as reckless driving.
 - These vehicles may only be on the track for trophy presentations and/or intermissions. Any other appearance on the track must be cleared by a race official who is wearing a radio.
 - Consequence for any of the above: Stuart Raceway reserves the right to expel violators and even confiscate their vehicles for the duration of the event.
10. **ALL SPRINT CARS WILL BE STARTED IN A DESIGNATED PUSH AREA PRIOR TO RACING.** Push vehicles must have sufficient power to push start cars without causing ruts in the pits or racing surface. Push vehicles causing ruts may cause the disqualification of car being pushed.

11. If any fan, family member or pit crew member in any pit is not paying attention to their surrounding or is causing problems, the driver may be black-flagged for the evening.

12. A parent or legal guardian must sign a release and waiver of responsibility before kids under 18 years of age will be allowed to enter the pits. At the discretion of the Stuart Raceway official anyone under 18 years of age may be asked to leave if they are not paying attention or are acting unsafe. All kids under 18 years of age without a signed waiver will not be allowed in the pit area until all races for the evening are completed.

13. Individuals in the pits are responsible for their own trash **AT ALL TIMES**. Trash receptacles are placed around the pit area. Trash bags are available at the pit office. Drivers - If your pit area is deemed unacceptable due to trash, a mandatory clean up fee will be deducted from your earnings.

FLAGS DEFINED

GREEN - Start or restart race.

YELLOW - You are under caution, which does not mean to stop. Slow down, hold your position, and keep going around the track.

RED - STOP! - There is an obstruction on the track and you must pull to the inside of the track in single file and STOP safely without passing a signal light or the flag stand.

(ALL RED FLAGS AT STUART RACEWAY ARE CLOSED RED FLAGS NO WORK CAN BE DONE TO THE CAR)

WHITE - One lap left.

CHECKERED - The race is finished.

BLUE WITH YELLOW STRIPE - The lead-lap cars are about to lap you; you are to get to the outside of the track, hold your line, and let the lead-lap cars pass.

BLACK - Used to dismiss you from the race whether for mechanical problems, bad driving, or a rule violation. Black flag for mechanical problems: the car and driver can come back in the next race. Black flagged for bad driving: the car and driver are disqualified for the night. No points, No money. Black flagged for a rule violation: you are disqualified for the night. No points, No money and possible loss of earned points. At the discretion of the race officials more action may be taken such as disqualifying the car and driver for multiple races or the rest of the year.

LINE-UP PROCEDURES

IMCA classes go to this link <https://www.imca.com/rules/> click on General Rules.

NOW600 classes go to this link <http://www.now600series.com/rules/> click on 2022

NOW600 National General Rules

TRACK RULES.

1. IMCA class drivers under 18 years of age are required to submit to IMCA a NOTARIZED parental consent form - signed by both parents or legal guardians - and a copy of birth certificate, prior to competition. Drivers in all divisions must be at least 14 years of age by August 31. Drivers 13, 14 or 15 years of age must also furnish a recap of their racing experience, a list of tracks at which they will be competing and must submit all forms. Licenses will be issued at the discretion of IMCA. These forms are available for \$50 processing fee from IMCA and must be received in the IMCA office and approved prior to any competition - NO EXCEPTIONS.

2. All race car drivers including those packing the track will wear all safety equipment whenever they are on the track.

3. Pack/push vehicles that are approved by Stuart Raceway will operate under the direction of the track.

4. No unauthorized personnel are allowed on the racetrack during races. In case of violation the car may lose earned money, the driver and the violator may also be ejected from the track.
5. Any driver who causes a restart goes to the back for the restart.
6. Any driver who causes two yellow flags is out for the remainder of that race.
7. After an accident the driver must stay in the car until an official is present, except in an emergency.
8. No flat tire changes in heat races. If a car has a flat tire that car must leave the track.
9. Cars in transfer race or A-feature race are allowed one tire change per night; all work must be done in the work area, each car is allowed five minutes to change the tire after the car reaches the work area. If a car has changed a tire, it will start in front of the car that caused the incident. Components may be removed or added to the car in the same five minutes. A push vehicle or wrecker may be used to assist a car from the racetrack to the work area.
10. If a Sprint Car tire needs to be changed in a transfer or A-feature race on the track only three crew members and one push truck will be allowed. Each car is allowed five minutes to change the tire. If a car has changed a tire, it will start in front of the car that caused the incident. Components may be removed or added to the car in the same five minutes. A push vehicle or wrecker may be used to assist a car from the racetrack to the work area. **On-Track Incidents and Work Area Procedures**

11. In the event of an on-track incident, cars **will not** be inspected by officials on the racing surface. Instead, affected vehicles **must** be taken to the designated **work area**, where pit crew members may inspect and repair the car. No work can be started on a car unless a race official is present.

- Upon arrival in the work area, teams are allowed a **maximum of five (5) minutes** to work on the vehicle. No work can be started on a car unless a race official is present.
- The five minutes will begin when a race official arrives and begins timing. During this five-minute period, components **may be removed or added** as needed.
- Assistance from a **push vehicle or wrecker** is permitted to transport the car from the track to the work area.
- If a car is directed to the work area by an official—or proceeds there voluntarily—for a **safety check only** and **no work is performed**, the driver will retain their original restarting position.
- **Important:** Any car that is worked on **while still on the racing surface** will be penalized and **relegated to the rear of the field**, restarting **ahead of only those directly involved in the caution.**

12. **Caution Rule – Heat Races and B-Features (Transfer & Non-Transfer), and A-Feature**

- During heat races and all B-feature events (both transfer and non-transfer), the following caution rules will apply:
- Each driver is allowed **one (1) individual caution**. After a driver causes a second caution, they are subject to removal.
- The **race field as a whole** is permitted a **maximum of three (3) total cautions**.
- Upon the occurrence of a **fourth caution**, the race will be declared a **yellow flag finish**.
- In such a case, the **final finishing order** will be determined based on the running order at the **last completed green-flag lap**, as recorded when the cars last crossed the start/finish line.
- During A-feature events the following caution rules will apply:
- Each driver is allowed **one (1) individual caution**. After a driver causes a second caution, they are subject to removal from the race, but they will receive points and pay (determined by the officials)
- Race officials have the authority to shorten the race or end it under a caution. In such a case, the **final finishing order** will be determined based on the running order at the **last completed green-flag lap**, as recorded when the cars last crossed the start/finish line.