

# 2025 NORTHERN SPORTMOD RULES



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Drivers licensed in this division may also be licensed in Stock Car, Hobby Stock, Sprint Car, Southern SportMod™, Sport Compact or Mod Lite divisions, but may NOT be licensed or compete in Modified or Late Model divisions.

- 1. SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** Rules apply at all times car is on track. Snell-rated SA2015 or SA2020 helmet required. Roll bar padding required in driver compartment. *Recommended: Fire retardant padding.* SFI-approved full fire suit required. Fire retardant gloves, shoes and neck brace (or head and neck restraint) required. Right and left seat head supports required if using head and neck restraint system. *Recommended: Fire retardant head sock and underwear, collapsible steering shaft.* Driver-side window net required, minimum 16 inch by 20 inch ribbon or mesh style, and must be mounted to roll cage so latch is at top front of window. Maximum four inch tall visor attached to window net. Minimum two inch wide SFI-approved five point safety belt assembly required, must be mounted securely to main roll cage. *Recommended: Safety belts no more than two years old.* Kill switch required within easy reach of driver and must be clearly marked 'OFF' and 'ON'.
- 2. FRAME:** (see frame drawing) 1964 or newer OEM perimeter American rear-wheel drive passenger car frame or 1968-1972 AFco Chevelle OEM replacement frame (part no. 10640000) only. No sport car frames. Frame must be full and complete, cannot be widened or narrowed, and must be able to support roll cage on both sides. Exceptions are: weight jack in original center line of spring tower allowed; frame may be cut a maximum 36 inches forward from center of rear end housing; horns may be removed in front of steering box and notched maximum one inch at bottom for tie rod clearance; front crossmember may be notched and boxed for radiator and/or steering clearance; maximum seven inch wide opening in side of spring tower for spring removal. Maximum two inch wide by four inch tall frame stiffener may be welded directly to outside of left side frame rail, left top frame rail can be removed inside cockpit. (Refer to [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com) for OEM frame dimensions). Minimum wheelbase 108 inches, maximum 112 inches, maximum one inch difference from side to side. Maximum overall width shall not exceed 78 inches from outside of tire to outside of tire. For cars using OEM rear suspension design, rear of frame behind rear tires no further forward than one inch behind factory seam, may be replaced with two inch by three inch steel tubing with 0.095 inch wall thickness. No part of body can be lower than four inches. No part of frame can be lower than 4 inches or higher than 7.5 inches from ground except front crossmember and rear underslung.
- 3. ROLL CAGE:** Must consist of continuous hoops, minimum 1.75 inch O.D. tubing, with minimum wall thickness of 0.095 inch for main cage, frame-mounted in at least six places. *Recommended: low carbon or mild steel.* Must consist of a configuration of front, rear and top hoops connected by tubing on sides or side hoops. Driver's head must not protrude outside cage with helmet on. Roll cage must be securely supported and braced with minimum one cross bar in top halo. Foot protection bar required. Main cage

no further forward than rear of engine. All bars forward of cage must be lower than hood.

- 4. DOOR BARS:** All driver side door bars and uprights must be minimum 1.5 inch O.D. with 0.083 inch wall thickness. Minimum three driver side door bars, parallel to ground and perpendicular to driver, and welded to front and rear of roll cage. Passenger side must have at least one cross door bar, horizontal or angled, minimum 1.25 inch O.D. with 0.083 inch wall thickness, and one horizontal top door bar, minimum 1.5 inch O.D. with 0.083 inch wall thickness. Steel door plate, 18 gauge or 0.049 inch minimum thickness, must be securely welded to outside of driver side door bars and cover area from top door bar to bottom door bar and from rear hoop down-post to five inches in front of seat. Must be visible for inspection.
- 5. BODY:** (See diagram) No unapproved composite or plastic body panels allowed. Approved composite doors, rear quarter panels (FMVSS302 burn rating), roof rock guard, hood scoop, nose kit and **filler panel** allowed. Body and interior deck must be same width, front to rear, and parallel to OEM frame. Aluminum nose panel must be flat (not dished). Maximum 2.250 inch side fins allowed on aluminum nose. IMCA-approved plastic nosepieces allowed. Nose must be mounted in an approved manner and can extend no higher than front top of hood. Nose piece must remain inside confines of front bumper (exception is plastic valance), same width front to back, and be no lower than four inches below frame horns. Cooling holes allowed. Engine compartment must remain open (no side panels). Hood must cover radiator, be level or sloped down at front, enclosed and maximum two inches above interior deck at rear. Air cleaner top maximum six inches above hood. No panel in front of right door to engine compartment. No inner panels. No complete or half-car covers, rear tail cover allowed in personal pit area only. Must have front and rear roof support posts. Driver and passenger side windows must have at least 12 inch opening (height and width), measured at center of window, between lowest point at top and highest point at bottom. Solid sail panels only. Roof must be fiberglass or aluminum, full size, rounded down in all directions and mounted within 0.5 inch of main hoop. No dished roofs allowed. Driver roof hatch allowed. Maximum 1.5 inch rolled down rock guard allowed on roof front. Minimum two inch, maximum four inch roof sides allowed. Maximum one inch ridge down sides of roof. Maximum one inch rear roof stiffener (must face down). Sail panels must remain within the dimensions of drawing and may not extend ahead of back of seat. **One piece rear spoiler allowed, maximum five inches (crate engine) or maximum three inches (claim engine) in material height and same width as interior deck.** Spoiler may have maximum one inch rear stiffener, must be one inch or more down from top. Maximum three spoiler braces allowed, must be mounted in line. Spoiler braces must resemble all aspects of drawing. Spoiler must be

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mounted within confines of spoiler braces. No additional fins, lips, wings or vortex generators allowed. Maximum four inch plastic skirting allowed on bottom of doors, quarters and nose. Car number must be minimum four inches thick and 20 inches tall and clearly visible, on both sides and roof of car; six inches tall on front and rear.

**6. DRIVER COMPARTMENT:** Must have minimum three windshield bars in front of driver. Lexan or aluminum cowl panel in front of driver can be no wider than cockpit and no farther back than steering wheel. Minimum 0.125 inch aluminum, or 0.060 inch steel, complete floor pan required. Aluminum high-back seat only and must be bolted in, using minimum 0.375 inch bolts, next to left side frame rail and ahead of rear tires. Bottom of seat can be no lower than bottom of frame rail. Driver must be sealed off from track, driveline, engine, fuel cell, canisters and pumps. Accumulators cannot be mounted between driver and left-side door bars. No driver-adjustable devices allowed while car is in competition except brake adjuster. No mirrors of any kind.

**7. FRONT SUSPENSION:** All components must be steel, unaltered OEM, in OEM location, and replaceable by OEM parts. Exceptions are: tube-type upper A-frames with or without aluminum or steel cross shaft, and mounts can be moved; stamped steel OEM replacement lower A-frames; rubber, nylon or steel lower A-frame bushings, no offset or bearing type; one welded shock mount on lower A-frame; no screw jack type shock mounts; OEM or OEM replacement rebuildable ball joints allowed. No screw-in lower ball joints. Lower A-frames must be right and left, and of same design. Lower A-frame mounts and bolt holes on frame must be within OEM specifications. No sway bar. No suspension stops of any kind allowed.

**8. STEERING:** No rack and pinion. All components must be steel, unaltered OEM, in OEM location. Exceptions are: outer tie rod end and adjustment sleeve may be replaced by a minimum 0.625 inch steel rod end and steel tube; spindles can be ground for brake caliper clearance only; unaltered, OEM replacement Pinto spindles with 'IMCA' raised cast; replacement spindle with Speedway Motors raised cast - part numbers 91034501 and 91034511; bolt on spindle savers allowed; steel steering shafts and knuckles only; driver compartment steering may be modified, must be kept on left side. Spindles must be right and left, and of same design. Quick release required - steering quickener and steering wheel may be aluminum. Idler arm, pitman arm, and center link must match frame.

**9. SHOCKS:** One steel, nonadjustable, unaltered shock per wheel only. Maximum 7 inch stroke on front shocks and maximum 9 inch stroke on rear shocks. All shocks must completely collapse by hand at any time. No shock can pre-load or pin any spring. No external or internal bumpers or stops. One shock mount allowed, must be welded. No shocks allowed on screw jacks. No bulb-type, threaded body, coil over, air, or remote reservoir shocks. Maximum 2.125 inch O.D. shock body. No Schrader valves or bladder type valve allowed. Front half may be shielded. One or all shocks may be claimed per event for \$100 each, counting as one claim on card, following shock claim procedures (Refer to [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com)).

**10. SPRINGS:** One steel, non-progressive closed end coil spring per wheel only. Minimum 4.5 inches O.D., non-tapered springs. Front coil springs must be 9.5 inch free height with 0.5 inch tolerance. Rear coil springs must be 11-13 inch free height with 0.5 inch tolerance. No torsion bars, air bags, inner liners or spring rubbers allowed. Steel rear leaf springs allowed.

**11. REAR SUSPENSION:** All components must be steel. No covers allowed. All mounts and brackets must be welded or bolted solid. Coil springs must remain vertical and over center line of rear-end housing. No coil-over eliminators allowed. No chains, cables or tethers. Exception is: solid safety chains securely mounted from upper frame rails directly to axle tubes allowed (must have slack during inspection), no springs or rubbers allowed. Rear shocks must be mounted to bracket below bottom of axle tube and to upper frame rail, and must be located behind rear-end housing. All rear control arms and panhard bars must be straight. Must utilize one of the following designs:

(A) Aftermarket three link design requirements: Must use 16 inch minimum, 19 inch maximum lower control arms. Rear lower control arm must be centered under axle tube (1 inch tolerance) and bolted minimum 2 inches to maximum 5 inches from bottom of housing. Must use one upper control arm, solid tube only, centered over drive shaft front to rear (one inch tolerance). Must use minimum 23 inch panhard bar located behind rear end housing. Lower spring perch must be securely bolted or welded and level to rear-end housing. Bottom of rear spring must remain within 0.75 inch of the axle tube. Must use steel upper weight jack. No floating or bearing rear spring perches/cups allowed, top or bottom. No suspension stops or adjustable underslung of any kind allowed.

(B) Multi-leaf spring design requirements: Must use steel multi-leaf springs with no additional suspension components besides one shock per wheel. Adjustable aluminum lowering blocks allowed.

(C) OEM stock design requirements: Rear crossmember, control arm mounts and bolt holes on frame must be in stock location. All components must be unaltered, approved OEM, and match frame. Control arms cannot be altered in any way. Steel, rubber or nylon control arm bushings only. Springs must remain in stock location. Lower spring perch must be welded to rear-end housing. Must use steel upper weight jack.

**12. REAR END:** Any steel approved OEM passenger car or truck rear end (housing and carrier) allowed. Mini-spools only. Safety hubs (floaters) allowed. Solid steel axles only. All additional components must be steel, except lowering blocks, axle caps, U-joint caps, and one piece drive flange. One inch inspection hole in housing required. No scalloped ring gears, cambered rear ends, crowned drive plate or axles, heavyweight axle tubes (max .250" wall) or housing braces. Ring gear, pinion, center section and yoke cannot be lightened.

**13. BUMPERS:** (See diagram) Steel bumpers must be on front and rear and welded, or securely mounted with minimum .375 inch bolts. Rear bumper must be capped, constructed of minimum 1.25 inch O.D. tubing with 0.095 wall thickness, (similar to diagram), maximum six inches beyond rear deck, no wider than five inches outside of rear frame rails. If wider than five inches outside rear frame rails, must be bent forward 90 degrees, or constructed in a loop design. Must have at least one upright, minimum 1.25 inch with 0.065 wall thickness, from bumper to fuel cell guard. Two-bar front bumper must be minimum 1.25 inch O.D. tubing with minimum 0.065 wall thickness (maximum 0.095 inch) mounted frame-end to frame-end, no wider than width of material outside frame horns and with bottom loop parallel to ground. Top bar must be directly above bottom bar, minimum 6.5 inches apart, measured center to center. All bumpers and rub rails must be capped with no sharp edges.

**14. TIRES/WHEELS:** Must use unaltered Hoosier Race tire, G60-15 with

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IMCA stamped on sidewall. No chemical softening or conditioning of tires (Refer to [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com) for automatic penalties). Tires may be ground, straight siped or grooved. No re-caps. All wheels must be unaltered, three or four inch backspace and display 'IMCA approved' decal. No wheel adapters, spacers or bleeder valves. May use IMCA approved bead lock, on right rear only. External, steel bead lock only and it cannot make wheel any narrower than eight inches and no wider than 8.75 inches. Must use only steel bolts. Foam type or securely bolted plastic outer mud cover allowed on right side wheels. Outer mud cover mounting tabs and rings must be integral to the wheel or bead lock or be securely welded to wheel. Aluminum inner mud cover allowed on left rear only. Must use minimum one inch O.D. steel lug nuts.

**15. BRAKES:** Must be steel approved OEM, operative four wheel, drum or disc. Must maintain minimum OEM dimensions for hubs/rotors and calipers, cannot be lightened. No oil bath front hubs. Bolt pattern may be changed. Larger studs allowed. Rear rotors may be aftermarket 0.81 inch thickness (new). Vented solid surface rotors only, no scalloped or ceramic coated rotors. No brake shut-off or pressure sensitive devices. One front to rear proportioning device allowed. Brake lines must be visible. Rear caliper brackets must be welded or bolted solid to rear-end housing.

**16. EXHAUST:** Round tube headers only. All primary header tubes must enter directly into one collector, at same point, at end of header. Collector and turn down length maximum nineteen inches total. Non-stepped, painted headers only. No heat wrap. Schoenfeld mufflers, stamped IMCA609, IMCA930, or IMCA935 only, unless track mandates others. All exhaust must go through mufflers, two per car, one per header. No pan evac systems, exhaust sensors, merge collectors, cross-overs, inserts, cones or balance tubes.

**17. FUEL SYSTEM:** Racing fuel cell required, maximum 32 gallon capacity (*Recommended :12 gallon*), must be in minimum 20 gauge steel container. Must be securely mounted behind rear axle, between rear tires, minimum four inches ahead of bumper, minimum 10 inches above ground. Must mount with minimum one inch square tubing or two solid steel straps around entire cell, two inches wide and 0.125 inch thick. All cell mounts must be steel, securely welded to frame/cage. Protective tubing must cover rear and extend past both sides of cell. No part of cell shall be lower than protective tubing. Fuel cell vents, including cap vent, must have check valves. If fuel cell does not have aircraft style positive seal filler neck/cap system - a flapper, spring or ball type filler rollover valve is required. *Fuel shut-off recommended*. Pick-up must be on top or right side of cell. One fuel filter allowed. No cool cans. Air cleaner top, stud and base cannot direct air into carburetor. No top flow housings, air cleaner inserts or cold air boxes. Mechanical OEM type push rod fuel pumps only. Maximum 0.100 inch thick carburetor gaskets on all engines. All carburetors may be exchanged, style for style only, following same procedure as engine claim. Driver claiming carburetor may not claim engine or shocks on same night.

**CLAIM ENGINE:** must use IMCA approved naturally aspirated, unaltered 500 c.f.m. Holley - part no. 0-4412 or 0-4412SA (aluminum casting no. L6R199B and metering block no. 707). Float bowl must face forward. Any adapter, maximum one inch thick. No throttle bore adjustable carburetor spacers.

**GM CRATE ENGINE:** may use any Holley 4-barrel carburetor, all components (float bowls and main body) must be Holley manufactured. Metering blocks and base plate may be billet aluminum non-Holley. No

aerosol-style carburetors allowed. If carburetor spacer is used on crate, must use Speedway Motors part #545-64940 or Moroso part #64940 carburetor spacer.

**18. FUEL:** Gasoline only. Racing fuel allowed. No E85. *Recommended: pump grade*. No performance enhancing or scented additives. Fuel must pass both dielectric meter and chemical tests. Fuel sample may be taken from any car at any time (Refer to [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com) for automatic penalties).

**19. WEIGHT:** Minimum weight limit of 2,500 pounds, no tolerance, after race with driver in car. No ballast and/or loose objects in driver compartment, above interior deck or outside body. Ballast must be securely mounted to frame or roll cage and painted white with car number on it. Must be attached with at least two 0.5 inch bolts. No titanium, magnesium, carbon fiber or tungsten products. Exceptions are: carbon fiber rock guard and hood scoop. Solid steel fasteners only.

**20. BATTERY/STARTER:** One 12 volt battery only. No lithium batteries. Must be securely mounted between frame rails, and positive terminal must be covered. Car must have capability of starting without being pushed or pulled. Car must leave initial staging area on demand, unaided, or go to rear of that race. Starter must bolt on block in OEM location and directly engage flexplate/flywheel.

**21. GAUGES/ELECTRONICS:** Scoring transponder must be mounted on bottom right rear of motor plate. No cell phones, unapproved cameras, transmitting or listening devices (exception is one-way Race Receiver radio by officials), timing retard controls, or digital gauges (including tach). No electronic monitoring computer devices capable of storing or transmitting information except memory recall analog tach. 12 volt ignition system and HEI distributor only. Ford/Chrysler may use HEI distributor. No billet distributors or crank triggers. Ignition rotor, cap, coil and module must remain OEM appearing. All engines MUST use unaltered MSD #8727CT rev-control and maximum 6,200 rpm for crate engine and maximum 6,600 rpm for claim engine. Refer to [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com) for automatic penalties. No unapproved or additional ignition accessories allowed. All components must be out of reach of driver, but with rev-control easily accessible facing up or out for inspection. All wiring must be visible for inspection. Only gauges allowed are analog oil pressure, fuel pressure, brake bias, water temperature and tach. OEM type alternator with internal regulator allowed. No electronic traction control devices (Refer to [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com) for automatic penalties).

**22. TRANSMISSION/DRIVE SHAFT:** All forward and reverse gears must be operational, plus a neutral position. With engine running and car in still position, driver must be able to engage car in gear and move forward, then backward. Only OEM production transmissions allowed. No 'in and out' boxes or quick change devices allowed. Functioning shift levers must be in OEM location. One steel or aluminum OEM or OEM replacement flywheel or flexplate allowed, must be bolted directly to end of crankshaft.

**Automatic:** Must be unaltered, two or three speed, OEM production case with a functioning OEM appearing pump. Aluminum OEM bellhousing may be replaced with aftermarket explosion-proof steel or aluminum bellhousing. Original OEM bellhousing must have approved scattershield constructed of minimum 0.125 inch by three inch steel, 270 degrees around flexplate. Only external lines allowed are for transmission cooler. Splined drive flange coupler or torque converter (10 inch minimum) only. No bump starts allowed.

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**Manual:** Must be unaltered, three or four speed, OEM production case and have a working 7.25 inch minimum diameter, steel and/or aluminum, single or multi-disc clutch and pressure plate bolted directly to flywheel/flexplate. These components must rotate, consistent with engine rpm, while car is in any gear. Must use explosion-proof steel bellhousing with one hole for throw out bearing lever or hose, must be 270 degrees around top of clutch and flywheel/flexplate area. Hydraulic clutch pedal allowed with manual transmission only.

**Drive Shaft:** Steel slip-yokes only. Minimum two inch diameter, white, steel drive shaft. 360-degree drive shaft loop required and must be constructed of at least 0.25 inch by two inch steel, or one inch tubing, mounted six inches back from front U-joint.

**23.ENGINE COMPARTMENT:** Rear of engine (bellhousing flange) must be mounted at least 72 inches forward from centerline of rear axle. Engine offset must be kept within two inches of centerline of front crossmember with engine level. Minimum 11 inch engine height from ground to center of crankshaft. V-belt aluminum or steel pulleys only. Copper/brass or aluminum radiator only and must be mounted in front of engine. No vacuum pumps, oil coolers, oil pan vents, remote oil filters, external oil lines or sprinkler systems.

**24.ENGINE OPTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS:** All cars utilizing the GM602 crate engine must clearly display on both front roof posts the Chevrolet Performance emblem.

**(A) CRATE ENGINE:** Must use unaltered sealed GM 602 crate engine. All GM 602 crate engines with Chevy logo cap seals must have IMCA Cable-Lok seals. Upon inspection, any different, altered or missing GM seal bolts will result in IMCA penalty (see [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com), Automatic Penalties for crate engine rule violations). GM seal bolt exception is IMCA approved and issued Cable-Lok repair system, and oil pan may be replaced by IMCA certified repair center with IMCA approved Champ pan #CP57LTRB and Champ pick-up #1012SB, or Kevko pan #1090NRHw/ISP or IMCA90 and Kevko pick-up #1003-3/4. Any driver using crate engine cannot claim engine or have engine claimed. During same season, no driver is allowed to claim an engine after competing with a crate. If a driver switches to a crate after claiming an engine, the crate engine is then claimable.

**(B) CLAIM ENGINE:** All engines must be able to be used in conventional passenger car without alterations. External engine casting and threaded holes cannot be altered.

**BLOCK:** OEM steel passenger vehicle production block only. No GM Bowtie, Ford SVO or Chrysler W components allowed. GM approved block numbers are: 10105123, 10066034, 3892657, 3914660, 3914678, 3932388, 3932386, 3956618, 3970000, 3970006, 3970010, 3970014, 10066033, 10066036, 10243880, 14010207, 14010209, 14010287, 14016376, 14016379, 10054727, 14088528, 14088548, 14088552, 14093638, 14101148. Stroke must match block. No 400 or larger cubic inch parts allowed. Maximum 361 cubic inches (GM); 363 (Ford); 370 (Chrysler). Violation of cubic inch limit must be verified by removal of head and will result in disqualification, loss of all IMCA points for the season, \$1,000 fine and a 30-day suspension. Maximum compression ratio is 9.0 to 1, no tolerance. Compression ratio checked using Whistler and cubic inches checked using pump, OR by visual inspection of part and/or casting numbers, pistons, etc. (track option which method is used). Flat top or dished pistons only. OEM or OEM appearing replacement

steel crankshaft only - cannot be lightened. No aerowing, bullnose, knife edge, undercut or drilling of second or third rod throws. OEM or OEM cast appearing replacement steel rods only - GM 5.7 inch, 6 inch or GM Vortec rod part number 10108688 allowed. Cap screw allowed. Additional approved rods include SCAT Pro Series and Eagle FSI. No splayed main caps. Conventional flat tappet cam and lifters only, cannot alter lifter bores. OEM firing order cannot be changed (GM: 1-8-4-3-6-5-7-2). May use oil restrictors. 'Wet' sump oiling system only. Steel oil pans only. Racing oil pans allowed. Mandatory one inch inspection hole in all pans - no obstructions to crank and rods. Accumulator allowed. **CYLINDER HEADS:** Steel only. Must be unaltered approved OEM and minimum 76 cc combustion chamber (GM). Only GM OEM approved head numbers are: 14079267, 3986336, 3986339, 3986339X, 3986388, 3932441, 376445, 3928454, 3932454, 3876487, 3973487, 3973487X, 3973493, 3951598, 468642, 330862, 333882, 3998920, 3998991, 3998993, 3998997, 3970126. Maximum size valves on these heads are 2.02 inch intake and 1.60 inch exhaust. May use Stock Replacement (SR) cylinder heads: Engine Quest (EQ) part number CH350I, DART Speedway Motors part number 91624360, (EQ) Chrysler part number CH318B, World Products Ford part number 53030 - 1.250 inch ( $\pm .015$  tolerance) maximum O.D. valve springs. All SR heads must remain as produced, seat angles and valve sizes can not be changed: three angle valve job only (absolutely no casting removal in valve pocket of EQ, DART or World Products head, for any reason); Ford - no SVO heads; Chrysler - no W-2 heads, 360 cubic inch heads only. No porting, polishing or unapproved alterations allowed to any cylinder head or intake, disqualification and \$1,000 fine if illegal. Guide plates, screw-in shouldered studs (GM 0.375-inch max) and polylocks allowed. No stud girdles. Steel roller tip rocker arms allowed. GM - 1.250 inch ( $\pm .015$  tolerance) maximum O.D. valve springs with magnetic steel retainer and maximum 5/16 inch pushrods, no beehive valve springs allowed. **INTAKE:** Only unaltered (no porting or polishing) aftermarket aluminum intakes allowed are: Weiland GM #7547, #7547-1; Ford #7515, #8020WND, #8023 or #7516; Chrysler #8022; Edelbrock GM #2701; Ford #7121, #7181, #7183; Chrysler #2176. Cooling lines allowed on aluminum intakes. Unaltered OEM type harmonic balancer only. OEM type steel or aluminum water pumps only.

**25.ENGINE CLAIMING RULES:** Refer to [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com) for claim eligibility requirements.

**(A)** \$550 cash claim on engine, \$25 goes to wrecker for pulling engine and \$25 goes to official.

**(B)** Claim does not include - 1. flywheel, 2. clutch, 3. pressure plate, 4. bellhousing, 5. breathers, 6. carburetor, 7. starter, 8. motor mounts, 9. oil/temp. sending units, 10. fan and pulleys, 11. clutch ball, 12. clutch arm, 13. throw out bearing, 14. dip stick, 15. water pump, 16. fuel pump, rod and plate, 17. distributor, 18. plug wires, 19. water outlet and restrictor, 20. headers.

**NOTE:** During engine claim, block and head numbers should be verified, heads, intake, connecting rods and crankshaft should be visually inspected and one spark plug must be removed to check flat top or dish pistons prior to transfer of engine to claiming driver. If, at this time, engine is found illegal, claimed driver is disqualified and suspended from all IMCA sanctioned events until such time as a \$250 fine is paid, for first offense. Claimer then has option to accept or decline engine - if declined, driver is not charged

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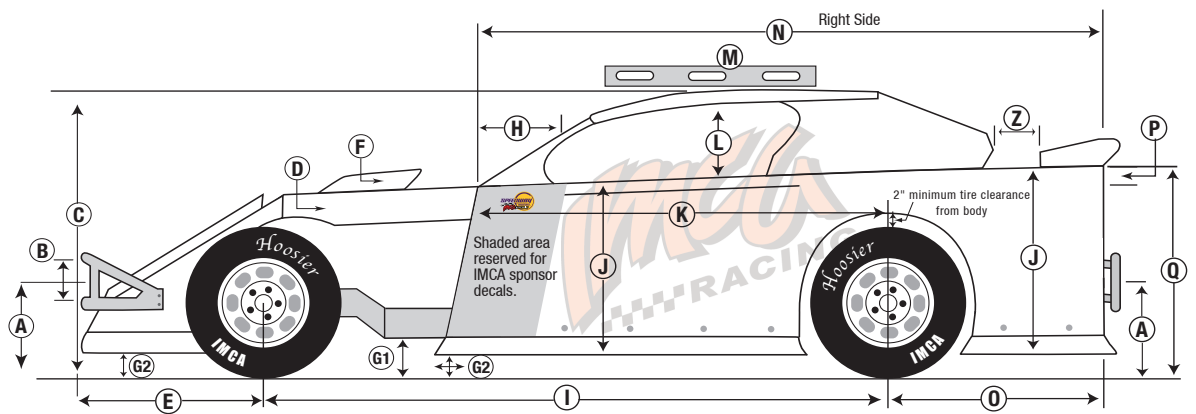
with claim. Second offense penalties will be \$500 fine and/or suspension.

**26.POINT STRUCTURE /PROCEDURES:** Refer to [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com).

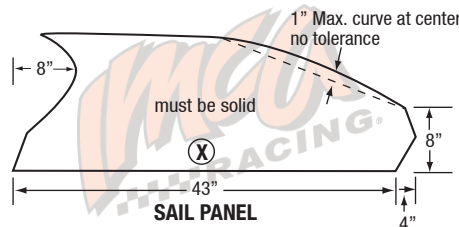
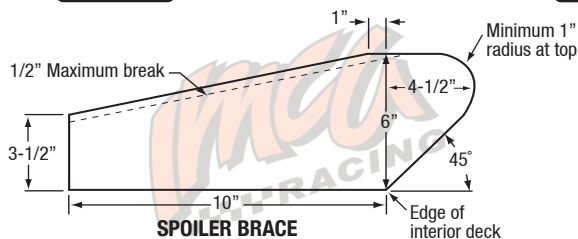
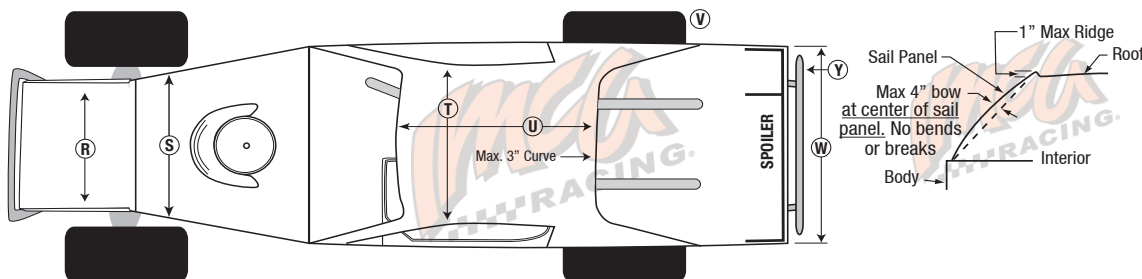
**27.EIRI:** (Except in rare instances) Decisions of officials are final and binding without exception. In some cases, track safety rules may take precedence over IMCA rules - any discrepancy between IMCA and track rules should

be brought to the attention of IMCA. Any rule changes or clarifications during the course of the year will be amended at [www.imca.com](http://www.imca.com) as well as published in Inside IMCA, the official newsletter of IMCA, and will be considered as an official part of these rules.

## IMCA Northern SportMod Body Dimensions For 2025



All body measurements are max. unless otherwise specified. Dimensions have zero tolerance.



- A** 20" max. 16" min. (ground to center of bumpers, front and rear)
- B** 6.5" min. (center to center)
- C** 54" max. roll cage, 56" max. roof; 42" min. both
- D** Hood 6" max. drop (sides), sealed off from driver's compartment and max. 6" rake. Must be the same on both sides.
- E** 36" max.
- F** 6" max.
- G-1** 4" min. 7.5" max frame ground clearance;
- G-2** 4" min body ground clearance. Door may extend max. 6" past block at bottom, both sides.
- H** 19" max., must be same on both sides.
- I** 112" max. 108" min.
- J** 31" max. 24" min.
- K** 72" max. or not past back of block, at top. Left side may extend forward to cover foot box.
- L** 18" max. 12" opening, both sides.
- M** With level, must have no more than 2" clearance at rear of roof and 5" at top front.
- N** 120" max. 106" min.
- O** 48" max. 34" min.
- P** Interior slope is 6" max. front to rear and flat across. If flat at front half of interior you have used up 50% of your 6" so from behind driver to rear you may only have 3". Top of interior must be flush with top of doors and quarters. Optional escape hatch from driver to passenger door allowed.
- Q** 38" max. 28" min.
- R** Min. 24" nose must be flat and flush with sides.
- S** 66" max. 24" min. must cover radiator.
- T** 52" max. 44" min. (includes sides)
- U** 56" max. 47" min.
- V** Tires max 1" inside body both sides.
- W** 66" max. 53" min. same front to back
- X** 43" max. **36" min.**
- Y** IMCA decal required on filler panel.
- Z** 3" minimum
- REAR FILLER PANEL:** 8" min. / 90 degree angle. Must be solid, attached to deck, extend to quarter panels, securely fastened.
- SPOILER BRACES:** Maximum 3 total. Bottom edge of spoiler brace must be flush with rear edge of interior deck.
- SAIL PANELS:** Must slope down from rear edge of roof and be within confines of these dimensions and the same on both sides. Must mount to outside of, and can be no wider than interior deck. Must mount under roof sides.

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