

## 2017 Owosso Speedway General Rules

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We thank you for competing here at Owosso Speedway! Building a car to compete here against the best racers in the state can be very exciting and pressure packed. These General Rules are designed to give you an idea of what we are all about and how we do it. What you won't find in these rules is the atmosphere that Owosso Speedway has in the Pit area or the Grandstands. We are a family oriented facility and we do our best to give you, our racer, a great group of fans to cheer for you. Our staff will treat you with kindness and respect and we will do our best to keep this competitive atmosphere fun for you. We do believe that we are all responsible for our actions while at the race track so you, as a racer, will have to be responsible for yours as well.

### **"Race Day & Social Media Misconduct from our Drivers and Team"**

**Although we all participate in a highly emotional sport, you are still expected to act professionally and courteous while at the track as well as on non-race days of the season. We ask that you be fair & considerate on social media to all involved parties of any racing or other incident. You are the starts of this track and ultimately will be the voice of reason to many thousands of followers many of whom will be children! The use of Improper Language or Gestures as well as Negative Social Media Postings will not be tolerated, and may result in Suspensions from Participating at Owosso Speedway.**

Working together with kindness and respect will keep this family atmosphere that we are careful to nurture; fun and exciting for everyone. You will not be sorry to call Owosso Speedway home! Good luck to you and your crew this season.

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. No Intoxicating beverages or controlled substances are to be consumed before or during events by ANYONE entering the pit area. Immediate suspension will result!
2. **Owosso Speedway reserves the right to reject or allow the entry of any driver or car.**
3. Everyone entering the pit area must sign the release/waiver and wear the required wrist band.
4. All pit entrants shall be attired in acceptable attire. Shirt and shoes are required at all times. Shorts are not recommended.
5. All minors must have current minor releases filled out by parent or legal guardian (every year) to enter pit area. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
6. There will be no dumping of petroleum products on speedway grounds. Containers are provided for proper disposal. Any party found dumping these products will be subject to fines, suspension or prosecution.
7. **Drivers and crews are responsible to remove used tires, batteries, damaged parts, body panels etc. These items will not be disposed of at the speedway.**

### **DRIVER & CREW-**

1. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE DIRECTED TOWARD TRACK OFFICIALS, FANS OR COMPETITORS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION AND LOSS OF RACING PRIVILEGES INDEFINITELY. NO TOLERANCE.**
2. Any driver or crewmember suspected of being under the influence of intoxicating substances will be suspended and removed from the premises. Immediate suspension will result! The DRIVER is responsible for his entire crew.
3. In the interest of safety, pit crews and pit entrants are not allowed on the racing surface without authorization. This will result in immediate disqualification and/or suspension.

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4. **No Speeding in the Pits!** Our pits are filled with people of all ages. Disqualification from the event will be the penalty and indefinite suspension will be considered.
5. No driver shall stop or exit their car to settle a grievance with officials or other drivers on the track. Immediate disqualification could result. Other than at the direction of track personnel, drivers may not exit car for any reason.
6. You must attempt to start & complete the preliminary racing events to retain your feature starting position. In case of mechanical problems, you must consult our Pit Steward or the Race Director.
7. Driver Changes- Once an event has begun, no driver changes are allowed. All driver changes must be reported to the Pit Steward prior to the start of event. If a car starts a race with a driver other than the person that qualified it, it must start at the rear of the field. Proper registration forms must be filled out before the new driver can race, otherwise the car will not be scored and the driver will not be paid.
8. Anybody found using mercury, tire soaking agents or other toxic materials will be banned from speedway for an indefinite period of time.
9. Cars will not be allowed to enter the racing surface under the green flag. Officials will always direct the cars at the appropriate time to enter the racing surface. Cars must stay in the "Chute" until directed by the lineup official to enter the track.
10. **FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED ON SPEEDWAY PROPERTY.** You or your crew may not approach another racer's pit with your grievance. You or your crew may respectfully approach a track official. Fighting will result in suspension and immediate removal from the property.
11. Due to insurance regulations, ATV's, Golf Carts, Personal Vehicles, Weapons, Alcoholic and Illegal Substances are not allowed in pit. Pets may be allowed with prior approval to the event. Service dogs with the proper accreditation will be allowed.

### POINTS AND WINNINGS

1. Points go to the driver.
2. Owner & driver must be registered with an Owosso Speedway form to claim winnings and receive points.
3. Winnings will be paid to the driver unless the registration form indicates otherwise.
4. Winnings may be collected at the payout window in the order that the features were completed. The payout will be available after the tech officials release the final finishing order.
5. Winnings must be picked up that evening as soon as they are made available. Our staff will appreciate your prompt attention to picking up your earnings.
6. Purses are posted at payout window and website.
7. Grievances about the payout will not be handled at the payout window. The Race Director will handle those grievances. The payout personnel will not.
8. Most top finishes will determine a point tiebreaker at the end of the season.
9. Drivers must compete in at least 3 events to be eligible for year end awards.

### REGISTRATION

All cars competing at Owosso Speedway will pay a \$15 Car Entry Fee for each event and will have a completed car registration form. If you have not reserved a slab in advance you will pay an additional \$10 per slab. There will be no parking on the dirt because of environmental issues. It will be first-come, first-served for slab availability.

1. **Car Entry Fee** - \$15 All Regular Divisions. Super Late Models - \$75

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**2. Slab Reservations** – You may reserve a slab to be used throughout the season for \$75. Your reservation will honor your slab for our regular events. Special events may require that you change your slab location for that event to accommodate the very large haulers that some travelling teams have.

**3. Registration**– In order to reserve your car number, you are encouraged to pre-register at one of our pre-season registration parties.

### RACE PROCEDURES

1. The Running Order and lineup for the preliminary events and features will be posted on the Pit Board. All drivers are responsible to know where they are starting for each event. **Drivers will be called to go to tech and then to the chute for their race twice. If a driver does not line up for feature event, they will start at the rear of the field. If driver fails to go to tech area as directed, they will not compete and will be disqualified.**

2. INVERSION will be determined by drawing a pill or roll of the dice by fast qualifier. Except for select events, last week's feature winner will start at the rear of the invert.

3. **CAUTION FLAG**- After the caution is displayed, cars will not race back to the finish line. The Lineup will be determined by car positions on the last completed lap. Aggressive or careless driving during the caution will result in disqualification. A complete restart will be ordered when a caution comes out on the first lap of the feature. If a car has to leave the track for repairs he will restart the feature at the rear of the field. We will move the entire column up one row for the restart to compensate for the missing car that went to the rear. You will be given 3 laps to change a flat tire while under caution. You will be asked when you exit the track if you would like the 3 lap grace. Drivers protesting their restart position will be disqualified. **If you are responsible for (2) cautions, you will leave the track immediately and be done for the evening. You will collect start money UNLESS you decide to protest the call. Protesting a "two caution DQ" will result in NO PAY for the evening. Do not hold up our program with your grievance! DO NOT STOP IN TURN 2 TO PROTEST A CALL! YOU WILL BE TOLD TO LEAVE THE TRACK!** Stay with your car if you are being towed off the track with a wrecker. The wrecker driver may not know where your pit is located unless you are with the car.

4. **RED FLAG**-STOP WHERE YOU ARE ON THE RACETRACK, IMMEDIATELY. You may be allowed to exit your race car during a red flag but you must be directed by an official to do so.

5. **PRACTICE** – Race day – The Pit gates open at Noon and Motors can be on at 1:00 pm. One car on the track at a time until our Safety Staff is there. There will be a practice schedule posted so that you can be ready and be in line. Week Day – Practices are Wednesday from 3:00 pm until Dusk. We will never cancel a practice. (Mid – April through September)

6. **CLAIMS/PROTESTS** – Our claims are relative to parts competing on the cars. Please check your specific rules on your division to see if we have a claim rule in your class. Protests will be directed to the Race Director and will be settled at that time. Please remember to be respectful of our officials when filing your protest.

7. **TECH**- All entries are subject to any inspection at any time. Owosso Speedway officials shall rule on any discrepancies, changes in rules, etc., or anything not covered by the rules. Tech Official's decisions are final. Any driver protesting an official ruling must do so with the Race Director before payoff begins for that division, otherwise, decisions are final.

### \*Crate Engine Rules

**Crate motors may be purchased at any GM, Ford or Dodge dealer. All motors come sealed from and by the factory. No tampering with engine seals will be tolerated. Water pumps, distributor, pulleys and balancer may be changed to meet the drivers' needs. All repairs or**

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rebuilt must be done by a track-designated facility. Repairs performed by owner are only those that can be performed without breaking the factory seals. Parts must be replaced with OEM parts or the motor will be deemed illegal. The track reserves the right to tech/inspect any and all engine components. All engine components and specifications must meet original crate motor specs. The track also reserves the right at owner's expense to demand proof of horsepower at a chassis dyno of Owosso Speedway's choosing. Originating rule packages have changed from the original intent of the program. We will reserve the right to penalize individual cars depending on rebuild sheet /crate registration horsepower ratings. The LS Models Engines will not be allowed in our Pro Late Model Series. A tampered seal package and non stock crate will result in that driver being banned from competition at Owosso Speedway until the situation is rectified.

**Qualifying** – You will have 2 qualifying laps at each regular event. Divisions on racing tires will get one warm-up lap prior to taking the green flag. In the event that 2 cars have the exact same qualifying time, the car with the best qualifying average between the 2 laps run will get the spot. If you qualify outside of your Division you will get 1 qualifying lap only. If you set a Track Record during Qualifying you will be directed to tech where your car will be inspected. The New Track Record will become official only after this inspection.

**RESTARTS**- Features will restart DOUBLE-FILE in all divisions except SLM using the Owosso Option.

**OWOSSO OPTION** – All cars will be scored using the last lap completed and will be set single file prior to the restart. A cone will be placed on the start/finish line and the flagman and the raceceiver tech will instruct the drivers to choose their lane. Once you are at the cone you will select the high or low position on the track and you will hold that position until the start of the race. **Anyone who does not hold their position will be sent to the rear and if they refuse to go to the rear then they will be sent off the track. THE RACE WILL ALWAYS START AT THE LINE IN TURN 4! THE LEADER WILL SET A CONSISTANT, REASONABLE PACE TO START THE RACE WHETHER HE/SHE HAS CHOSEN THE HIGH OR THE LOW LANE TO START.** The flagman will determine if there is a fair start and if there is not, he will throw the caution after the field has crossed the start/finish line. You will have TWO attempts as the leader to start the race. **AFTER THE SECOND ATTEMPT, BOTH FRONT ROW CARS WILL GO TO THE REAR OF THE FIELD!**

**RAINOUT POLICY** - No double feature events will be attempted due to time restrictions placed on the facility. If 5 events are completed/ including qualifying, then the night is considered a complete night of racing. All classes that were not able to race their feature event will be paid ½ start pay for their feature. If less than 5 events are run then the pit bands will be honored at a \$25 value for any other scheduled event for pit admittance only. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS UNLESS THE TRACK WAS NOT USED FOR PRACTICE PRIOR TO THE EVENT. THE CAR ENTRY FEE OF \$10 WILL BE REFUNDED AT THAT TIME.**

**RACECEIVERS** – You will be required to have a raceceiver and ear phones to compete. They may be available at the track for purchase. You will be checked in the chute to make sure that your raceceiver is working. You must let an official know at this time if it is not working properly so that it can be fixed.

### **CAR CONSTRUCTION:**

The construction of your car for safety is your responsibility. We will inspect your car and mandate from time to time certain items that need to be fixed for safety. Please comply with these safety mandates since we are concerned for YOUR safety when we issue these. Make sure that all holes are sealed between the engine and driver compartments, contain and support your battery and fuel cell properly, make sure that your cage has good welds with the proper amount of bars and thickness for strength and impact resistance. Spend your money on safety items so that you can live to race for a long time!

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**Windshield Bars** – It is highly recommended that you install 3 round 3/8” steel bars in front of the driver’s seat against the windshield. **THIS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

These General Safety Rules apply to ALL CLASSES and you may be referred back to these rules in your division rule section of the rule book.

**SAFETY- All Drivers competing in the Pro Late Model class and the Modified class are required to use a Head & Neck Restraint System at any time entering the track. This includes Test & Tunes!** All race cars are subject to a safety inspection at any time. **Fire Extinguishers-** All vehicles must have a securely mounted A, B, C type extinguisher within easy reach of the driver & in good working order, 5 lb. min. Fire-bottle-type system recommended. **Fire Suits** - All drivers must wear approved SFI fire-rated racing suit, footwear and gloves, in good condition. Double layer or better recommended. Nomex underwear recommended. **Helmets** –Mandatory. Full-face helmet recommended. Safety glasses, goggles or face shield mandatory. All drivers must wear an approved full-style helmet, with 2000 Snell S or SA rating or better. **No M-rated helmets allowed. NECK BRACE – (Horse Collar)**, is mandatory for Sportsman, Pure Stocks, Sport Stocks and other Traveling Series unless you are using Head & Neck restraint device. A HEAD & NECK RESTRAINT DEVICE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for these other divisions. Seat, Seat Belts and Shoulder Harness: Five-point type harness mandatory including anti-submarine strap. Belts must be a min. of 3” wide and date-coded within the last three years for Pro Lates, Sportsman and Modifieds. Pure Stocks and Sport Stocks must be dated within 5 years and mounted according to manufacturer standards, subject to track approval. Aluminum seats mandatory. No fiberglass! **Window Net** - Approved driver’s side window net with quick-release mechanism attached to roll cage is mandatory. Driver must be able to enter or exit both doors through window openings. **Fuel Cells** – The ONLY class that is NOT REQUIRED to use a Fuel Cell is the Sport Stock Division. ALL OTHER CLASSES ARE REQUIRED TO USE A FUEL CELL. **THE FUEL CAP MUST BE TETHERED TO THE FUEL CELL!**

**MEDICAL-**Drivers with potentially unsafe medical conditions or drivers under the care of a physician for any condition that may cause a potentially unsafe racing situation must provide Owosso Speedway with a signed Physician release stating that driver is fit to compete in stock car racing activities. This medical release will be presented with the Driver Registration for you to compete.