Grays Harbor Raceway 2012 Hornet Rules

RULE BOOK DISLAIMER

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptance requirements for such auto racing 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 EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OR SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OF, OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.

These rules and regulations are intended as a guide for the conduct of auto racing at Grays Harbor Raceway and are no way a guarantee against injury, or death to a participant, spectator, officials or others.

The Race Director and/or Technical Director shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications or rules herein, or impose any further restrictions that, in their opinion, do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements.

NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OR SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF THESE SPECIFICATIONS OR RULES.

Any interpretation of, or deviation from these specifications or rules is left to the discretion of the Race Director and/or Technical Officials. Their decision is final.

Minor drivers and their parents are responsible to read and understand the rules and regulations set forth in this rule book.

COMPETITOR OBLIGATION: Every driver must inspect the racing surface and the racetrack area to learn of any defects, obstructions, or anything which, in the driver's opinion, is unsafe and the driver shall report in writing to a track official. Any driver entering any racing event is considered to have inspected the track and determined that all conditions are satisfactory. If the driver does not feel that conditions are satisfactory, then the driver should not race. The driver further acknowledges that he is aware that auto racing involves risks and that by competing in that event the driver assumes these risks with full awareness and knowledge.

ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE TRACK OFFICIALS,
ANY EQUIPMENT THAT THE OFFICIALS CONSIDER EXOTIC OR NOT IN THE INTENT
OF THE RULES WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL FOR COMPETITION. IN THE
INTEREST OF FAIRNESS THE RULES MAY BE ADJUSTED TO CREATE A BALANCE IN

COMPETITION.

No pretense is made for having designed a foolproof set of rules and regulations. The spirit and intent of the rules is the standard by which GHR track events will be governed. GRH Tech officials are authorized to decide if an equipment change, or modification is an attempt to circumvent these rules. GHR officials can and will disqualify a race car in violation of the spirit or intent of these rules. If this rule book does not specifically state that you can alter, change or otherwise modify something on your car, you should consider it a violation of these rules. No part is deemed to have been approved by GHR officials by passing through prior technical inspections.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Driver of each car represents to the Promoter and all others, that his car has satisfied all applicable rules, including but not limited to safety rules, whenever such Driver participated in any warm-up, practice or competitive laps.

The Driver of each car is also completely responsible for ALL actions of Crew Members, Sponsors, or all else signed under their number.

If you have any complaints, disputes, problems, or questions, only the Driver and Crew Chief, Driver and Car Owner, or Driver and one representative from your team may approach and Official, in a civil manner to resolve the situation. Although the Hornet class is designed to be an entry level class, competitors are reminded they are racing before the paying public the same as the other classes. All participants are expected to take pride in being part of Grays Harbor Raceway's weekly program. Auto racing entertainment is what we have to offer and we will not tolerate the lack of professional attitude, conduct or appearance of car, driver crew or others involved.

This is a **STOCK CLASS** of car and all parts or components deemed by the Technical Officials to be non-stock will be prohibited. Use of prohibited parts may result in disqualification, fine and/or suspension to the Driver and/or Owner.

Any prohibited or illegal part found would become the property of Grays Harbor Raceway.

All construction rules will be decided by Grays Harbor Raceway Technical Officials. Their decision will be final on all construction rules. Burden of proof on any concern will be the responsibility of the driver and car owner.

These rules are a guideline. Contact the Grays Harbor Raceway Technical Officials for final approval of your race car.

The Grays Harbor Raceway Hornet division is designed to promote greater interest in stock car competition, these rules are intended to create an inexpensive class of racing that is equally competitive and fun, and to enable those with moderate means to participate at Grays Harbor Raceway.

These rules are set for three years, the 2011, 2012 and 2013 seasons. Rules may be subject to change at any time in order to ensure a safe competitive level of competition.

To register a car and obtain a Grays Harbor Raceway Hornet number call (360) 482-4374.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Hornet Drivers must have a membership and be a minimum of 14 years of age. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 2. All Hornet Drivers and Crew Members under 18 years of age must present a notarized minors release or a minors release that is signed by both parents or guardians to Grays Harbor Raceway before they will be allowed in the pit area.
- 3. Releases signed by individuals under 21 years of age are not valid in the State of Washington. 4. All Hornet Drivers, must be registered members of Grays Harbor Raceway in good standing.
- 5. All entrants must have a valid Grays Harbor Raceway pit pass. **ENTRANTS MUST WEAR THEIR PIT BAND AT ALL TIMES.**
- 6. You must sign in as Driver at the pit gate, and only you can drive the car that night. If you fail to register as the Driver for the night, your car will not receive points or money.

PROTEST, APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS:

- 1. All manner in which protests and appeals must be made in the Hornet Division, shall be governed by the 2011 rulebook.
- 2. Any complaints, disputes, questions, or problems must be directed, by the Driver or the registered Car Owner to the Race Director.
- 3. Protests, as to an official decision, must be submitted in writing, by the Driver or registered Car Owner to the Race Director within 20 minutes of the official decision being levied. Only a Driver or registered Car Owner in the same class may submit a protest.
- 4. If a Grays Harbor member who is a competitor believes that another competitor has or will obtain a significant unfair advantage by some action that the member believes is in violation of the rules, the member may protest such action to a Grays Harbor Raceway Official. The protest must be made in writing by the competitor (or his or her Car Owner) within twenty minutes after the checkered flag is

displayed signifying the completion of the race. Each separate protest shall be accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee. The Race Director and/or Technical Director shall decide whether the matter is protest able, and if so shall decide the protest as promptly as possible, and shall inform the parties to the protest of the decision A decision that the matter is not protest able is final and non-appeal able. In deciding the protest, Grays Harbor Raceway Officials may take whatever action deemed appropriate to further the interests of fairness and finality in competition results. Such action includes, but is not limited to, revising the official race results, imposing penalties (disqualification's, suspension, fines, and/or loss of finishing position(s) in the event), awarding or subtracting of points, or taking no action. Their decision is final. If the protest is allowed, the money will be reimbursed to the person protesting. If the protest is disallowed, the money will go to the person being protested, less \$25.00 for chassis or \$50.00 for the engine, for administrative fees.

TRACK RULES

- 1. It is the responsibility of each race team to have in their possession, a current set of rules for the division that they are participating in. If a race team member disputes or protests the rules and that team does not have a current set of rules in their possession in their pits the protest will be disallowed.
- 2. The Race Director will be the sole authority in the pits concerning the running of the races. The Race Director and the Starter/Flagman will be in charge of on-track competition. The Technical Director will handle all technical protests.
- 3. Officials will establish the race event procedures; starting positions, length, frequency and administration of all events and programs. When their decision is rendered, that decision will be final and binding. The race may be shortened due to time allotted or weather and once the race has passed the half waypoint, it will be an official race.
- 4. Any complaints, disputes, questions, or problems must be directed, by the Driver or registered Car Owner, to the Race Director immediately following the event.
- 5. When asked to remove a part or tear down for tech inspection and you refuse, you are subject to a fine, probation, disqualification, and/or suspension.
- 6. Protests, complaints, disputes, or problems, will be handled in the pits at the completion of that race or completion of the nights racing events. Complaints are not to be made to the scores or announcers. Any driver, car owner, crew member or family member who goes to the scoring tower at any time to dispute a call will result in the driver of the car being fined and or suspended.
- 7. Any Driver stopping on the racing surface to argue with an Official, in regards to an Officials decision,

will be automatically disqualified from the event.

- 8. Any Driver or Crew Member who is injured or involved in an accident must submit to a check by the medical attendants. Any Driver involved in a serious accident will not enter or re-enter a race until approval to do so is given by Officials and medical attendants. Medical transportation from the racetrack to the hospital is the competitors' responsibility.
- 9. Driver's meeting is mandatory. Driver must attend, if the Driver does attend the drivers meeting he/she will start at the back of their respective races.
- 10. Radios are **NOT** allowed in the Hornet division, but Raceceivers will be mandatory in the Hornet division. All cars must run a transponder, transponder must be mounted no more than 33 inches in front of the centerline of the rear axle.
- 11. Permission must be obtained from the Race Director or Technical Director before any practice and or safety laps, other than the designated practice time may be taken. All cars MUST go through Tech prior to entering the racing surface each race day. All cars will run under the approval of the Technical Inspectors.
- 12. Any unauthorized persons entering onto the racing surface during race conditions will result in a disqualification, penalty, fine, or suspension, to the person and affiliated Driver.
- 13. No personal cars or vehicles in the pit area.
- 14. One person should remain with the race car at all times.
- 15. All Rookie drivers must start at the back of all events for the first two weeks of racing. Rookies must have a rookie ribbon on the back of the car.
- 16. Waste oil must be placed in waste oil barrels at the designated waste oil area. Failure to do this will result in a minimum fine of \$200.00.
- 17. Unsportsmanlike conduct by drivers will not be tolerated. An appropriate penalty will be issued.
- 18. Verbal or physical abuse of anyone will not be tolerated. Minimum suspension one week, fine or
- 19. Any competitor or Crew Member who participated in a fight in the pits, or on the race track, or on the

premises, will result in a minimum of \$500.00 fine, suspension, and/or loss of points and positions in the event. STAY IN YOUR OWN PITS! ANY DRIVER OR CREWMEMBER THAT GOES INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S PITS, YELLING OR WITH ANY KIND OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!! YOUR CAR WILL BE LOADED AND YOU WILL NEED TO LEAVE THE RACE TRACK PREMISES.

20. Any competitor or Crew Member, who has a pit band, partakes of any alcoholic beverage, stimulating,

depressing, or tranquilizing drugs or is otherwise under the influence will result in disqualification and a minimum fine of \$500.00 along with a suspension.

21. Any competing car, whose speed has been reduced to the point where it could cause a safety problem,

may be removed from the racing surface at the option of the Officials.

- 22. End of the year tie breaker procedures: Most first place A-Main wins, if still tied after wins, the tiebreaker will continue as follows until tie is broken. Most A-Main second place finishes, most third place A-Main finishes, most top five finishes (all events), highest win percentage in all events.
- 23. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: If you are competing for Rookie of The Year, and you run more than five (5) races in your division and/or an upper division, in any year, you are not eligible to compete for Rookie of The Year in the future.
- 24. Any car continuously unable to start under its own power may be liable for a penalty or disqualification from the event or from the complete program.
- 25. Any Driver or Crew that does not take their car to the line-up grid, when requested to by the Officials, they may be required to start at the back of the line-up for that event.
- 26. If a car is dead on the track, when racing is in progress, the Driver must stay in the car with seat belts fastened until the race is stopped, except in case of a fire or rollover. Failure to comply may result in a penalty, disqualification, and/or suspension.
- 27. No racecars will be allowed on the track until the track has been opened for official practice or racing.
- 28. No person shall be permitted to ride on the outside of a racecar, tow vehicle or trailer at any time.
- 29. No speeding in the pits. You must use caution while driving in the pit area or you will be subject to a fine or suspension. No donuts, burnouts, etc. allowed. We need to keep the pits safe for Drivers and all others.
- 30. Per the GHR track insurance company, quads will be limited to Sprint Car Teams ONLY, with restrictions. One quad per team and the quad must come with the team not in a separate vehicle. There will be a posted speed limit of 5 mph at all times, absolutely no passengers on quads. Quads must be registered and proof of insurance is mandatory. Only licensed drivers are allowed to drive a quad. **THERE WILL BE NO TOLERENCE FOR ANY INFRACTIONS.**
- 31. No firearms allowed in the pit area.

FLAGS

- **1. ORIGINAL START**: You must take the Green Flag at the start of the main event in order to compete in that main event. If you come out once the race has started, you will be black flagged and parked.
- 2. On the original start of any race, Drivers must stay double file nose to tail and may not pass until you cross the chalk line in turn four. If you pass before the chalk line, you will be penalized two positions at the next yellow flag or at the end of the race. There will be a mark on the wall in the middle of turn three & four where the leaders will pick up the throttle. Drivers on the front row of any race, get one (1) chance on the original start. If the start is waved off, they will go back a row and the second row will move to the front row.
- 3. On any start of a race, if a car drops out, the line will move up. Example: If a car on the inside row, say the third place car, falls out of line and cannot start the race, then that row only will move ahead. Same as if the sixth place car falls out, then only the outside row will move ahead.
- **4. RE-STARTs:** All restarts will be double file behind the leader, the leader will set the pace. No passing until you pass the chalk line in turn four. If you pass before the chalk line, you will be penalized two positions at the next yellow flag or at the end of the race.
- **5. GREEN FLAG:** On any start or re-start, you will always receive the green. If the Race Director does not like the start, he will then throw the yellow, and re-start the race. Drivers on the front row of any race, get one (1) chance on the original start. If the start is waved off, they will go back a row and the second row will move to the front row. You must remain side by side until you pass the chalk line in turn four.
- 6. YELLOW FLAG: When a yellow flag or yellow lights comes on, you will slow and maintain your position, you may not pass, failure to do so will result in being put to the back of the field. Under each caution, yellow laps will NOT count. No racing back to the yellow. If you are unsure what position you are in, pull up beside the Driver in question and wait for the Officials to direct you to your proper restart position. If you are involved in or cause a caution, you go to the rear of the field. Any driver spinning or causing two yellow flags in heat races and three yellow flags in the main event will be black flagged from that event,
- 7. RED FLAG: Cars must come to a complete, safe stop. Drivers are not allowed to move their car off the track on a red flag. Drivers may exit the track, only by permission of an Official or when the track goes to a yellow condition. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a two (2)-lap penalty.
- 8. BLACK FLAG: Drivers receiving a black flag will leave the track immediately, failure you to do so

will result in disqualification from that event.

RACE PRODECURES AND LINEUPS

- 1. Heat race and Main event lineups will be done by pill draw, the top three finishers in the main event from the previous race will start at the back of the field.
- 2. On Mid-season and Championship night, the top six (6) in points will be locked into the A-Main. The remaining cars will pill draw and start straight up behind the top six. The top six will race a six lap scramble race. Lined straight up by points, the finish determines the starting lineup for the A-Main
- 3. A car and driver qualify as a team. Each driver can qualify only one car. No driver will be permitted to change cars after taking the green flag of his/her heat race. An exception to this rule will be a two day race.
- 4. Grays Harbor officials will advise drivers of the make-up of the number of heat races, main events, field maximum size and other pertinent information at the drivers meeting.
- 5. The lineup posted on the pit board when cars entering the racing surface for any race shall be the final lineup. In the event of a car dropping out of the lineup for mechanical reasons, the row will move straight forward.

POINTS SYSTEM

A Feature Points

- 1.20
- 2.19
- 3.18
- 4. 17
- 5. 16
- 6. 15
- 7.14
- 8. 13
- 9. 12
- 10.11
- 11.10
- 12.9
- 13.8

- 14.7
- 15.6
- 16.5
- 17.4
- 18.3
- 19.2
- 20.1
- 1 point will be awarded to all drivers that run in the B feature but do not qualify for the A feature.
- 1 point will be awarded to all drivers that fail to qualify for the A or B features.

Championship points will be awarded to the driver only, there will be no substitute drivers allowed

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CAR CONSTRUCTION RULES

- 1. Any 4 cylinder car with a maximum of 104" Wheelbase and a complete stock STEEL Body, interior, frame and suspension. NO bracing anywhere except inside the drivers compartment. No rotary engine, turbo or four wheel drives allowed, No Camaros, Firebirds, convertibles, T-tops, or 4-cylinder Ford Fairmonts allowed.
- 2. Roll Bars mandatory: Either a standard 4 or 6 point cage, that is confined to the driver's compartment only, minimum 1 1/2" .090 steel tubing. Driver's door may be gutted to allow for door bars. Minimum three horizontal bars, contoured to door skin, 6" to 8" apart. Two vertical bars centered 12" between all horizontal door bars. A 1/8" steel plate is recommended covering the entire outside area of driver's door bars. Passenger door will have a mini mum of two straight horizontal and vertical similar to driver's doors. Doors must be welded or chained shut. Maxi mum 1/2" thick reinforcement on the outside of the door skin on the right side. Left side, 2" maximum past door skin. Edges and corners must be smoothed and radiused.
- 3. Must have a minimum of a 5 point, 3" minimum safety harness, Window net mandatory, SEMI approved.
- 4. Steering, and Pedals must remain completely stock for make, model and year of car. All insulation under hood must be removed. Dashboard is optional make be removed, all flammable material in the drivers compartment must be removed, the padded part of the dash may also be removed.
- 5. Car horns are optional.

- 6. Stock carburetor or fuel injection for that make and model.
- 7. Transmission for that make and model.
- 8. Stock exhaust system for that make and model. MUFFLERS MANDATORY.
- 9. Battery may be relocated in the right front corner of the drivers compartment. Must be completely encased in a protective battery box. Battery Box must meet tech approval.
- 10. Stock unaltered rear end for that make and model.
- 11. Approved DOT 60 series or bigger passenger tires only. Wheels and tires must be of like size. No low profile type tires allowed, no snow tires allowed. No Nu-tread or racing style tires.
- 12. Gas Tank:
- (a) If stock gas tank is ahead of rear axle it may remain in place. A fuel cell or plastic boat tank, (6.6 gallon maximum) is recommended. Subject to tech.
- (b) If stock gas tank is behind the rear axle. It must be replaced with a fuel cell or a plastic boat tank (6.6 gallon maximum) is recommended. Subject to tech.
- (c) Fuel cell/boat tanks must be covered, secured and located in trunk.
- 13. All glass (front windshield optional) must be removed prior to arrival at track. If front windshield is removed, it must be replaced by a safety screen that meets tech approval.
- 14. Third brake light MUST remain intact and in WORKING condition.
- 15 All driver's seats must be replaced with an approved racing seat. All drivers must meet all safety conditions including 2000 Snell approved racing helmet and a SFI approved fire suit in good condition (no holes). Nomex long underwear, foot, head sock and neck collars highly recommended. Drivers area roll bars must be padded.
- 16. Cars must be painted in a theme style.
- 17. Car numbers on doors MUST be at least 20" tall in an EASY TO SEE color. Roof numbers must be at least 36" in height.
- 18. \$400 Management claim in effect at all times. Claim does not include fuel cell or safety equipment.
- 19. No two way radio communication between driver and/or pit/grandstands.
- 20. Lineups are at the discretion of Track Officials.
- 21. All cars will register their number with Grays Harbor Raceway for \$25.00. All numbers are on a first come, firstserved basis. Contact the Raceway office at 360-482-4374.
- 22. Each car will draw for their starting spot for the heat and main event. Heats are 8 laps and mains are 15 laps. All races will be allowed up to one minute per lap to complete. Any car(s) that stop and create a yellow or red flag condition will be sent to the pits.

23. All competitors race for trophies only.

APPEARANCE & NUMBERS:

All cars must be bright in a appearance with contrasting numbers. Numbers must be least 18 inches high and 3 inches wide and be legible from sides of car and roof. Roof numbers to be read form the passenger side of the car. Numbers will only be issued by Grays Harbor Raceway. Call the office to confirm your number. There will be no duplicate numbers, any driver competing in the previous season will have until the third race to reserve their number before it will go back into the system.

EIRI:

Except in rare instances) Decisions of Grays Harbor Raceway Officials are final and binding without exception.

Any part or equipment found during an inspection or any other time, that does not meet applicable Grays Harbor Raceway standards must be surrendered to GHR Tech Officials at that time, and will not be returned. Failing to not give up the part or parts will result in a fine, and/or loss of points and/or suspension.

Grays Harbor Raceway Officials reserve the right to make final decisions in the interpretation of any rules or race procedures at any time. No equipment will be considered as having been approved by reason of passing through inspection, GHR Officials recommend that you carefully study the Grays Harbor Raceway rulebook in order to be familiar with all aspects of racing. If you are considering apart, modification or procedure not covered in these rules, contact Grays Harbor Raceway Tech Official before proceeding with any purchases or modifications. If you have any questions regarding the rules set forth, contact the Grays harbor Raceway Tech Official.

In keeping with Grays Harbor Raceway's commitment to maintaining proper balance in the competition arena, it may be necessary for Grays Harbor Raceway to make rule changes and/or rule modifications from time to time. Such changes are designed to enhance close competition. Grays Harbor Raceway's goal of a full starting field of various makes in each race, that are equally matched as possible is certainly in the best overall interest of the sport.