

# **Grays Harbor Raceway**

## **General Rules 2026**



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## **RULE BOOK DISCLAIMER**

- 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 OF 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 (GHR) Events 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.
- Any interpretation of, or deviation from these specifications or rules is left to the discretion of the Race Director, Race Manager 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:** 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 MANAGEMENT AND OFFICIALS, ANY EQUIPMENT THAT IS CONSIDERED EXOTIC OR NOT IN THE SPIRIT AND 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.**
- The spirit and intent of the rules is the standard by which all GHR track events will be governed. GHR Track Tech officials are authorized to decide if an equipment change, or modification is an attempt to circumvent these rules. GHR Track 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 track officials by passing through prior technical inspections.

**SPIRIT OF THE RULE:** Spirit of the rule means very simply, the intent of every rule and classifications. Additional adjustments, alterations, modifications, and/or replacements not covered by written rules should NOT be assumed to be legal under the SPIRIT OF THE RULE.

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### **1.0 Competitor Obligation**

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- E. IT IS THE CAR OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ASK THE RACE DIRECTOR OR PROMOTER.

### **2.0 General Rules**

- A. NO Driver, car owner, mechanic or pit crews shall have claim for damages, expenses or otherwise against Grays Harbor Raceway, promoter, or any officials, by reason of disqualification, confiscation, or damage to, either race car or driver

or both; and car owners, driver, mechanics and pit crews agree the track is in safe condition if they take part in racing activities.

- B. All drivers, car owners, mechanics and pit crews assume full responsibility for any and all injuries sustained including death and property damage, at any time they are on the premises, or en route to or from the premises.
- C. The management of Grays Harbor Raceway reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone at any time for any reason.
- D. All participants and individuals shall abide by and obey all rules and regulations.
- E. All participants and individuals are responsible for their own personal conduct.
- F. The car owner(s) are responsible for their driver's and crew members' conduct at all times.
- G. Drivers must exercise care to avoid injury to track workers, officials, spectators and other individuals when operating a race car.
- H. All fines must be paid prior to the individual(s) returning to Grays Harbor Raceway. Fines may be deducted from team earnings in which the violator is associated with.
- I. No switching of numbers or qualified cars after the race program has started.
- J. If a spare car is to be used once the program has started, it must not have been qualified previously that night and will start in the rear of the qualified field.
- K. Cars must be neat in appearance. No graphic, obscene or offensive images allowed.
- L. No missing or severely damaged panels or bumpers.
- M. Numbers for scoring should be 16" tall and if a letter is added it should be 6" tall.
- N. Car owners or drivers that refuse an inspection on any item will be considered illegal.
- O. Cars and drivers will not be allowed to compete until inspection is completed.
- P. Cars that are illegal will be disqualified for events participated in that night.
- Q. Illegal engines will result in a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and loss of all points to date.
- R. Proof of legal engine required to re-enter competition.
- S. Management reserves the right to check any cars for rule compliance at any time.**
- T. Protests, as to an official decision, must be submitted in writing, by the Driver or registered Car Owner to the Race Director or Race Official in the pits within 15 minutes after the checkered flag is displayed signifying the completion of the race.**
- U. Only a Driver or registered Car Owner in the same class and event may submit a protest.**

- V. If a Grays Harbor member who is a competitor (owner or Driver) 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 the Grays Harbor Raceway Race Director/ Race Official in the pits.
- W. The protest must be made in writing by the competitor (or Car Owner) within fifteen minutes after the checkered flag is displayed signifying the completion of the race
- X. Each separate protest shall be accompanied by a \$1,000.00 cash protest fee.
- Y. 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.
- Z. A decision that the matter is not protest-able is final and non-appealable.
- AA. 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 (disqualifications, suspension, fines, and/or loss of finishing position(s) in the event), awarding or subtracting of points, or taking no action.
- BB. Their decision is final.
  - i. If the protest is allowed, and the car is found illegal the money will be reimbursed to the person protesting, less \$100.00 for chassis or \$250.00 for the engine, for administrative fees.
  - ii. If the protest is disallowed, the money will be reimbursed to the person protesting less \$100.00 for administrative fees.
  - iii. If the protest is allowed and the car is found legal, the money will go to the person being protested, less \$100.00 for chassis or \$250.00 for the engine, for administrative fees.
- CC. All other protests must be in writing by the affected car Owner or Driver from the same event. Protests, complaints, disputes, or problems, will be handled in the pits at the completion of that race within 15 minutes of the checkered flag from said event to the Race Director/Race Officials in the Pits. Protests, complaints, disputes or problems, will be handled in the pits at the completion of the race or the completion of the night's racing events, if possible, by the Race Director/Race officials.
- DD. Complaints are not to be made to the scorers, announcers or race scoring officials.
- EE. Any driver, car owner, crew member or family member who goes to the scoring tower , texts or calls at any time the scoring officials or Promoter to dispute a

call or lineup will result in a driver and or car owner of the car being fined and or suspended.

- FF. Line up questions are to be directed to the Race officials in the Pits. Management reserves the right to deny or accept a protest at their discretion.
- GG. Grays Harbor Raceway management reserves the right to add, delete or modify any and all rules at any time to ensure a fair and competitive venue for all competitors.
- HH. Unsportsmanship conduct or participating in any action or activity considered detrimental to Grays Harbor Raceway, at any event or on social media, by drivers, owners and/or pit crews shall be grounds for disqualification and/or punitive action by Grays Harbor Raceway.
- II. No driver, car owner, mechanic, or pit crew shall have claim for damages, expenses or otherwise against Grays Harbor Raceway, promoter, or any official, by reason of disqualification, confiscation, or damage to, either race car or driver or both; and car owner, driver, mechanic, and pit crew agree the track is in safe condition if they take part in racing activities.
- JJ. All drivers, car owners, mechanics, and pit crew assume full responsibility for any and all injuries sustained including death and property damage, at any time they are on the premises, or en route to or from the premises.
- KK. Car drivers and owners are responsible for the conduct and actions of their crew members.
- LL. Per the GHR track insurance company, quads will be limited to Sprint Car Teams ONLY, with restrictions.
- MM. One quad per team and the quad must come with the team not in a separate vehicle.
- NN. Maximum speed limit of 10 mph at all times.
- OO. It is the drivers / owner responsibility to adhere to the Manufacturers operational and safety standards when operating an ATV or quad type vehicle.
- PP. Failure to comply may result in a fine and/or loss of privilege.
- OO. **These rules are intended to create an inexpensive class of racing that is equally competitive and fun. The rules set forth are a guideline to enforce the intentions of the class by track management. Any and all rule(s) may be altered, added or deleted at any time to ensure a safe and competitive level of competition.**

### **3.0 Participants**

- A. Participants are individuals who are admitted to the restricted area.
- B. All driver changes must be reported to the Race Director/Pit Official prior to entering any event.
- C. Failure to do so will result in loss of points for the event and may result in a fine or both.
- D. Driver changes will result in the car starting at the rear of the event.
- E. No switching of cars or numbers once the race program has started (packing the track).
- F. If a spare car is used once the program is started it must not have been qualified previously that night.

### **4.0 Areas of Grays Harbor Raceway to Which Rules Apply**

- A. Restricted area: All of the facilities which are within the fences that surround the actual racing surface, pit areas, and trailer parking lot.
- B. Pit area: All of the facility which is within the fences that surround the actual racing surface, within which the race vehicles are held and maintained while not on the racing surface.
- C. Grandstand area/general parking area: Grandstands and the concession area as well as area used for spectator and employee parking during events.
- D. No firearms are allowed in the pit area.

### **5.0 Age Restriction**

- A. All drivers should be at least sixteen (16) years of age.**
- B. Drivers under age 16 with prior experience may request a variance.
- C. Must follow the age RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS as HIGHLY RECOMMENDED by our INSURANCE COMPANY prior to participating at Grays Harbor Raceway and must be approved prior to entering any event.
  - a. Refer to the age guidelines on our website and follow the request procedures in advance.
- D. Prior to participating at Grays Harbor Raceway and must be approved prior to entering any event.
- E. Refer to the age guidelines on our website and follow the request procedures in advance.
- F. Individuals under the age of eighteen (18) must have a signed, minor consent form from parent or legal guardian on a form supplied by Grays Harbor Raceway, and signed in front of staff to enter the restricted area.

G. Cap Insurance for all minor drivers is mandatory for 2026 race season and Cap Insurance will be mandatory for all drivers in 2027 race season.  
<https://www.competitiveadvantageprogram.com/>

## 6.0 Drugs & Alcohol

- A. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or Marijuana prior to or during an event are strictly prohibited.
- B. Persons under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or marijuana in the restricted areas may be **fined up to \$500.00** and **denied access to the restricted area**.
- C. The use, possession, sale or transfer of illegal drugs on Grays Harbor Raceway property is strictly prohibited.
- D. Violators will be **fined** and **denied** access to the entire Grays Harbor Raceway property.
- E. Violators will be reported to the sheriff's office
- F. Any participant using over the counter medication or medication prescribed to them by a physician that may restrict or impair their ability to perform a task should not attempt to perform the task.

## 7.0 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- A. **Any physical, verbal or written misconduct which the track management deems detrimental or that distracts from the orderly and peaceful conduct of the racing at Grays Harbor Raceway is strictly prohibited.**
  - a. Violators may be **fined a minimum of \$500.00** and may be **denied access to the restricted area for a minimum of two weeks**.
- B. If the misconduct is directed toward Grays Harbor Raceway management, officials, track workers, employees or volunteers, the person(s) involved with the violation may be immediately removed and denied access to the property of Grays Harbor Raceway.
  - a. A minimum **fine of \$500.00 and suspension** may be imposed.
- C. No individuals **shall use loud and/or abusive language** in addressing track management, officials, or fans.
  - a. Violators may be fined a **minimum of \$500.00 and possible suspension**.
- D. All fines levied against an individual or team may be withheld from car earnings.
- E. Unspecified Violations: The track management and officials may impose such penalties as they find appropriate for the situation. The decision of the management and officials shall be final.
- F. Unsportmanship conduct or participating in any action or activity considered detrimental to Grays Harbor Raceway, at any event held or on social media, by

drivers, owners, and/or pit crews shall be grounds for disqualification and/or punitive action by Grays Harbor Raceway.

#### **8.0 Car Owner and Driver are Responsible for**

- A. WASTE OIL: MUST BE PLACED IN THE WASTE OIL BARRELS AT THE DESIGNATED WASTE OIL AREA. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN A MINIMUM FINE OF \$200.00**
- B. TIRES: TAKE THEM WITH YOU, DO NOT LEAVE THEM AT THE TRACK OR FAIRGROUNDS. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN MINIMUM FINE OF \$200.00. IF THE TEAM (PERSON) LEAVING TIRE(S) IS UNKNOWN, THE ENTIRE DIVISION (ie (group)Limited Sprint Cars) WILL BE FINED \$50.00 EACH.**
- C. GARBAGE: IN YOUR PIT AREA, CLEAN UP YOUR AREA AND USE THE TRASH CANS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE PIT AREA.**

#### **9.0 Packing the Track**

- A. All persons packing the track must sign in at the pit gate as a driver.
- B. All persons packing the track must wear all appropriate safety gear and follow packing directions from track workers. Anytime a car is on the track the driver must maintain a minimum 3' (36 inches) between the car and any track worker or official.

### **10.0 Racing Rules**

- A. The pit speed limit is **10 miles per hour**.
- B. All cars returning to the pit area under power must use the designated pit entrance.
- C. In the event a race is cancelled after 50% completion, it will be scored completed.
- D. Once a car enters the racing surface and if it stops and has to be pushed started, the car must start at the rear of the lineup.
  - a. Red flag and safety stops excluded.
  - b. All safety stops must be on the front chute at the flag stand area.
- E. Drivers must take the original Green Flag at the start of the main event in order to compete in that main event.
  - a. If a driver comes out once the race has started, that driver will be **disqualified**.
  - b. Exception: Any qualified car that did not start at the original start of the event and was not replaced by an alternate car may join the event at the rear on the next race stoppage, provided the event has not exceeded 20% of said event at the **discretion of the Race Director**.
- F. All safety stops should be on the front chute at the flag stand area.

- G. Drivers causing two stoppages in a single event will be disqualified for that event.
- H. Re Entry: No cars are allowed to enter the racing area after the track and/or pace truck caution lights are turned off.

## 10.0 Flags

- A. **Green Flag:** The green flag will indicate the start of an event.
  - a. After the cars are lined up double file in the correct order, the (yellow) traffic lights will be turned off; this indicates the race will start on the next exit out of turn four.
  - b. The leader will set the pace and will start at the chalk line out of turn 4
  - c. In the event of a false or poor start, the yellow caution light will come on as the leaders reach the backstretch. The start will then be reattempted.
  - d. If one or both front row starters jump the start twice, they will be moved back a row for the next start
  - e. If there are two (2) false restarts the Race Director may choose to go to a single file restart with a cone, at the discretion of the Race Director.
  - f. Any car(s) advancing positions before the start or before the cone on a restart will be penalized two positions for each position gained. Penalty will be assessed at the next race stoppage or end of the event.
  - g. If you pass before the chalk line, or the cone if single file restart you will be penalized two positions at the next race stoppage or at the end of the race.
  - h. Any car(s) advancing positions before the start or before the cone on a restart will be penalized two positions for each position gained. Penalty will be assessed at the next race stoppage or end of the event.
- B. Re-starts: All re-starts will be behind the leader, the leader will set the pace.
  - a. When the leader takes off the race is on. It is ok to pass
  - b. If there are two (2) false restarts the Race Director may choose to go to a single file restart with a cone, at the discretion of the Race Director.
  - c. Any car(s) advancing positions before the start or before the cone on a restart will be penalized two positions for each position gained. Penalty will be assessed at the next race stoppage or end of the event.
- C. **White Flag:** The white flag indicates one lap remaining in the event.
  - a. Should the race be stopped on the last lap, the restart will consist of two laps at green, white, and then checkered.
- D. **Black and White Checkered Flag:** A checkered flag will indicate the end of an event.
  - a. If the leader receives the checkered flag and the race is stopped before all cars cross the finish line, the race will be scored complete.

- b. The cars crossing the finish line before the stoppage will be scored accordingly, the remaining cars will be scored as they had completed the previous lap.
- c. Cars involved in the stoppage will be scored last on their respective lap.

**E. Yellow Flag:** A yellow flag condition is considered a race stoppage.

- a. Cars will slow to a pre- race speed and maintain a single file line. Cars out of position will be advised by track officials where to line up.
- b. If a pace truck is on the track, no cars are allowed to pass it without permission.
  - i. Violators will be sent to the rear of the field or disqualified.
- c. Cars entering the work area during a yellow flag condition, that complete the work before the race is ready to resume, will be allowed to restart at the rear of the lineup.
  - i. Lineup will be in the order they return to the track.
- d. Cars involved in the race stoppage that go to the work area will be given the time it takes the pace truck to complete two laps past the flagman to make repairs.
  - i. Lineup will be in the order they return to the track.
- e. The laps begin when the last car arrives in the work area.

**F. Red Flag:** A red flag condition is considered a race stoppage.

- a. Cars that blatantly drive past the crash scene will be penalized or disqualified.
- b. Cars stopping must stay off the inner apron and not block openings where emergency personnel or support vehicles respond from.
- c. Cars entering the work area during a red flag condition that complete the work before the race is ready to resume will be allowed to restart at the rear of the lineup.
  - i. Lineup will be in the order they return to the track.
- d. Cars must come to a complete, safe stop during a red flag.
  - i. Drivers are not allowed to move their car off the track on a red flag.
  - ii. Drivers may exit the track, only by permission of an Official or when the track goes to a yellow condition.
  - iii. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a disqualification.
- e. On an "Open Red", the crew may work on the car on the track.
  - i. If a tire change is required, the car must go to the work area.
- f. If a car is involved in an accident, **only emergency personnel are allowed at the car until the driver has vacated.**
  - i. Persons not directly involved with the car(s) involved in the accident must stay back.
  - ii. **Violation of this will result in a fine.**

- g. When the "Clear the Track" command is given, all personnel must leave the track in a timely manner.
  - i. Violation of this will result in the car being **penalized to the rear of the line up or disqualification.**
- G. **Black Flag:** If a driver receives a black flag during an event, the driver must enter the work area for explanation.
  - a. If the driver does not go to the work area, he will not be scored past that point.
  - b. If a driver is black flagged and stops to create an intentional yellow, the driver is subject to a penalty or fine.
- H. **Black flag with yellow stripe:** Drivers that are black flagged for mechanical or safety reasons may return to the event once repairs are made and the track is open.
- I. **Furled Black Flag:** is a warning against on-track violations.
- J. **Blue Flag with a Yellow Stripe:** If a driver receives a blue flag with a yellow stripe. It means hold your groove leaders are coming up upon you.
- K. **TRACK MANAGEMENT HAS THE FINAL SAY ON ALL DECISIONS.**

## 11.0 Banquet

- A. To be eligible for point trophies and merchandise
- B. Car owner(s) must be in good standing.
- C. Car owner(s) and/or driver(s) must attend the banquet.
- D. Car owner(s) competing under the same number must compete in a minimum 80% of the point's races.