

2012 WINTER HEAT COMPETITOR INFO GUIDE

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2012 Winter Heat – Competitor Information

Disclaimer

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.** They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official.

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The Management of Charlotte Motor Speedway, LLC

General Rules

As part of Charlotte Motor Speedway's (CMS) commitment to providing exciting family fun and "A Winning Experience For All," each CMS employee (Emergency Services Worker, Full-time Staff, Intern, Part-time Staff, Race Official, Registrar, Security Guard, etc.) has been empowered to request the immediate disqualification and/or suspension of any competitor at any time for unprofessional or unsafe behavior.

*****NO PERSONAL VEHICLES (CARS, SUVs, TRUCKS, VANS, ETC.) IN THE DESIGNATED GARAGE/PIT AREAS***
****STRICTLY ENFORCED******

Cars are to be operated at walking speed in the Pit Area. If any official, track representative, or employee of CMS, USLCI, or INEX observes any car speeding or acting recklessly in the Pit Area that driver will lose the privilege to drive in the Pit Area and must push their car the rest of the event. Any belligerent actions in the Pit Area may result in immediate expulsion from the event. No cars are to be test-driven on the road course or infield. Cars may be driven on the track or in the garage areas only.

Fighting is strictly prohibited. Anyone caught fighting will be dealt with by the officials and Law Enforcement as needed. Drivers will be held responsible for all crewmembers and penalties may be applied to the driver if a crewmember is involved. Racing penalties will be distributed at the Race Directors Discretion.

Car numbers/letters must be visible/full-size/non-foil/same color/contrasting car color with one of the front fender, one on the roof FACING THE GRANDSTANDS and one on the rear fender. Traditional paint schemes must have a number on both doors. Division decals must be placed on the front fender to aid the Officials in lining you up in the correct race.

- **The following items are prohibited in the Pit Area:**
 - Alcohol
 - Stadium chairs with arms
 - Glass containers
 - Pets (except service animals assisting disabled guests)
 - Weapons of any kind
 - Items restricted by federal law or which, in the judgment of speedway officials, may create a safety risk or reduce the enjoyment of the event by other guests
 - Unattended items may be removed at the discretion of speedway officials

Lineup

ALL DIVISIONS: TIME IS RECORDED BY A RACECEIVER TRANSPONDER. ONLY ONE TRANSPONDER PER CAR. RENTAL TRANSPONDERS ARE AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DRIVER TO MAKE SURE HIS/HER TRANSPONDER IS FULLY CHARGED AND OPERATIONAL.

Legend Cars and Bandolero Cars will heat race by division (as necessary) based on a pill draw. Feature lineups will be determined by finish order of heat races. (possible inversion based on previous weeks finish order)

Heats will be split evenly into reasonable fields.

Back-up Cars

If a driver feels they must change cars between the Heat Races and the Feature(s), then he/she must receive permission to do so from the Executive Technical Director, Scott Reinhardt. If approved, the driver must start at the rear of the field for their next race. Only the driver who qualifies for the Feature may start the Feature. No substitute drivers or qualifiers are permitted.

Original Starts – All Divisions

Once the pace car has left the speedway, the front row must maintain Pace Car speed. If Pace Car speed is not maintained, the start may either be waved off and/or the offender(s) penalized at the Race Director's discretion. If the start is waved off, the offender(s) will be sent to the tail for a second attempt. If the start is not waved off, the offender(s) will be penalized two positions (per position gained where applicable).

All cars are to stay double-file, nice and even and in nose-to-tail formation without bumping or pushing. Once the green flag has waved, you may not pass until crossing the start/finish line. Any driver who pulls out of line before crossing the start/finish line will be penalized a minimum of two positions for jumping the start except in rare instances (EIRI). EIRI examples include: the car ahead losing power, missing a shift, tossing a chain, etc.

All starts and restarts shall be made in the designated restart area on the track. The flagman is responsible for starting the race.

Yellow Flags

The RACEceiver is mandatory and will be used. Please pay close attention to the flagmen and corner workers around the speedway.

Cars that spin are expected to clear the racing surface quickly and safely. If you intentionally bring out a yellow flag in any race you will be black flagged immediately and are done for the race. If you are deemed to be out of the racing groove, the track will stay green.

Two held yellow flags indicates a full course caution. Cars are expected to maintain a safe speed all the way around the course.

Realignment & Lineups

The RACEceiver is mandatory. Cooperate with the Officials as they line you up for restarts. If you do not cooperate, you will be black flagged.

On-Track Conduct

Competitors are expected to be courteous and professional at all times and are reminded that they are responsible for the actions of their crew members and/or family. Please race clean with a minimal amount of blocking or contact on the speedway. There is no 'protect the leader' rule. If you are black flagged for a driving infraction, you may be put to the rear of the field or disqualified from the event, at the discretion of the Race Director.

If a bumper comes off a car, starts to drag or becomes a spear that car will be black flagged. In the event that the Officials can verify, to their best of their ability, that a bumper has been pushed back so as to expose the front frame horns of any car thus creating a spear, that car will be black flagged. Any car black flagged for a mechanical problem may not continue until the problem is rectified and scrutinized by an INEX Official.

Drops

You may drop one race during the eight race series. Your top seven finishes will be recorded. You may NOT drop a DQ for any reason.