

# **Bridgeport Speedway 2010 Rules and Regulations**

These rules and regulations supersede the rules contained in the previous Rulebook, as amended, and shall remain in effect until the next rulebook. These rules and regulations are used in conjunction with the full rule listing of the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, and rules and regulations of the DIRT Official Rulebook.

The Rules and regulations as set forth 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 express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publications of, 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 participants, spectators or others.

Bridgeport Speedway officials reserve the right to reject any entrant for any reason they deem necessary and applicable. All participants are to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects favorably on the sport at all times. Bridgeport Speedway reserves the right to change any rule or regulation that they feel necessary. Any deviation or exceptions to these rules are subject to the decision of the officials. Their decision will be final. Bridgeport Speedway management reserves the right to confiscate any and all parts, used in competition at Bridgeport Speedway, if they are deemed illegal in a post race inspection.

Interpretation of rules will be at the discretion of the Bridgeport Officials. All decisions by the Bridgeport Officials will be final. These rules are intended to be a guideline in the construction of race cars and the conducting of race events. If the rules do not state you can do something, assume you **CANNOT**.

## **I General Rules**

### **A. General Rules:**

1. These Rules are presented in condensed form.
2. Where questions arise, don't assume, ask Bridgeport Officials.
3. Car Owners and Drivers are responsible for their crews.
4. No DRUGS or ALCOHOL are permitted on the grounds at any time, anyone not in compliance with this rule is subject to removal from the facility, loss of points and subject to prosecution.
5. Bridgeport Speedway rules will be in effect at all invitational races, except where they pertain to safety and legalities determined by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety DMV. The pit steward is permitted to make minor deviations where safety will not be compromised.

6. Reserved pit spaces are issued to owner/driver combinations and may not be reassigned by anyone other than Bridgeport Speedway Management. A reserved space is a privilege that can be revoked.

## **B. State Regulations**

1. All persons entering the pit area must be at least 16 years of age with proof of age and photo ID. All drivers must be at least 17 years of age and have a valid driver's license. For driver's that are 17 in all classes except Sprints and Modifieds - must have a waiver signed by guardian and original birth certificate. No alcoholic beverages, narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit producing drugs will be permitted in the pit area or racetrack. Violators will be prosecuted.
2. Fuel Cells are mandatory and must meet the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Safety DMV guidelines. The manufactured fuel cells must meet the FIA-FT3 Standards. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Mufflers are mandatory for all divisions.
4. No crew members are permitted on the Racetrack.
5. Crew Members are not allowed to wear shorts in the pit area.
6. State of New Jersey Department of Law and Safety DMV requires that all race cars must come to a complete stop on all red flag conditions. Disqualification will result for moving under the red.

## **C. Bridgeport Speedway Requirements;**

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2. All drivers must have a valid Bridgeport License, no temps, and must present same for payoff.

## **D. Track and Race Procedures;**

1. All qualified cars and the Top 5 in the Feature must report to the scale. Failure to meet the minimum weight requirement will result in disqualification and/or loss of money and points for that event and will be placed in last position. Failure to report directly to the scale will result in same. **DO NOT LEAVE THE TRACK WITHOUT GOING TO THE SCALE.** Track scales are official.
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17. On double file restarts the leader has the option to choose the inside or outside lane for the restart after one lap has been completed. THE LEADER STARTS THE RACE.
18. All original starts and restarts will be double file during heats and consi's (Modified, Sportsman, Outlaw Stocks) and until 2 laps to go in the Modifieds and 1/2 way in Sportsman and Outlaw Stocks feature events. After those points, single file restarts will occur. In all other divisions, single file restarts will occur after the completion of 1 lap during qualifying and feature events, with double file original starts. All starts will be nose to tail type, any car not nose to tail will be considered jumping. A penalty of two cars per car jumped will result. The penalty will be administered at the next yellow flag condition or at the end of the event, whichever comes first. On all single file starts a cone will be placed on the track in the main straight-away from the start/finish line. There will be NO PASSING prior to the cone. All racers must pass between the cone and the outside guardrail in single file. Any contact with the cone or any driver passing on the inside of the cone will be assessed a penalty of 2 spots for each car passed and 2 spots for hitting the cone or for passing the cone on the inside for this infraction for jumping. The starter or race director will have the right to send a racer to the rear or to the pit area for this violation. Anyone intentionally delaying an event is subject to being black flagged and/or disqualified. The starter and the race director will have the option to restart any race single file after multiple yellow flags or for safety concerns.
19. A YELLOW FLAG signifies caution on the speedway; all cars must SLOW DOWN immediately, NO PASSING, and form a SINGLE LINE. All cars must leave room (about 1 1/2 car lengths) for the track crew to realign the restart order if necessary. Any driver failing to go single file or not allowing a car directed by the track crew to fall in line, will be sent to the rear, continued failure to comply will result in disqualification from that event.
20. A RED FLAG signifies an emergency situation, all cars must STOP IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT EXIT your car unless directed by track safety personnel or under an emergency situation. DO NOT move your car until the red light is turned off, unless directed by track safety personnel. After the emergency is stabilized the YELLOW / RED LIGHT will come out allowing cars that want to pit to enter the pits to work on their cars. All other cars MUST remain stopped. DISQUALIFICATION WILL RESULT FOR MOVING UNDER THE RED.
21. A BLACK FLAG signifies a problem with your car, slow down and proceed to the pit area or the infield. The pit steward will inform you of the reason for the black flag. Failure to obey the black flag may result in a fine and/or disqualification and suspension. The black flag does not mean an automatic disqualification from an event.
22. In-car scanners are mandatory for all divisions. Two-Way radios will be allowed in races of 50 laps or longer. Failure to have a working scanner will result in disqualification from that event.
23. Bridgeport Speedway track tire rule will be in effect for all events except special invitationals. Bridgeport Speedway is NOT responsible for tire supply.
24. Any race may be shortened because of weather, safety concerns, best interest of the track, or curfew. Regardless of number of laps finished for the race to be called a complete event drivers will be scored and paid on the position they would have held on the restart. Feature events must reach the 1/2 way mark to be considered an official event.

25. The race will be declared official, if there are no official protests, 15 minutes after the pit steward posts the finish. Bridgeport Speedway reserves the right to withhold all payoffs pertaining to a protested position until the protest is ruled on and the race is declared official. Only the owner or driver of a car involved in the event may file a protest. No protest will be accepted unless filed at the pit shack within the 15 minute grace period. After the protest time NO finishes will be changed.
26. Any car passing the pace car, unless directed by a track official, shall be subjected to a one lap penalty.
27. No car may enter the racetrack under a green flag once the leader reaches the start/finish line or under a yellow flag condition unless directed by the third turn flagman. Any car ignoring the third turn flagman's signal will be subject to disqualification.
28. A car causing three yellow flag conditions, or a combination of spins and incidents, will be black-flagged at the discretion of the starter or race director.
29. If a car stops on the track and doesn't maintain their position, "Dead on the Track" 4 wheel stop, the car will go to the rear of the pack.
30. Under a yellow flag, lapped cars can maintain their position or drop to the back at their discretion until 5 laps remaining in the feature events where they must fall to the rear.
31. Top 5 leaders in current point's standings will be guaranteed starters in the feature providing they make an attempt to qualify and use a provisional starting spot.
32. Top 5 cars and driver must report behind the grandstands at the completion of the race or they will be fined \$100 for that evening. **CARS MUST REPORT TO THE SCALE FIRST.**
33. All drivers must have a valid Bridgeport License and must attend the Season End Banquet to collect their point money. If not attending the banquet all monies will be forfeited and be put into the point fund for the following year.
34. If a car is disqualified it will be placed last and all other cars move up one position during any event.
35. During Modified features one courtesy lap will be allowed for a flat tire.
36. No fighting will be permitted on the Bridgeport Speedway grounds, Fines, suspensions and prosecution may result. Entering another driver's pit area will be considered initiation and aggressive behavior and will be dealt with more seriously. **STAY IN YOUR PIT AREA.**
37. All non-qualified cars must exit the track immediately at the end of the race through the turn 2 pit gate.

38. If an event is postponed, the driver is qualified for the make-up date and will retain the original starting spot.
39. Drivers entering the race track WITHOUT all mandatory safety equipment will be disqualified for that event.
40. All cars finishing the consi must scale to be eligible for the feature. Any car being disqualified from the consi for any reason can not start the feature.
41. Any driver misconduct will result in driver being disqualified for that event. Multiple infractions will result in increased penalties.
42. On the Y\* mile track, no car may re-enter the race after going into the pits (micro sprints & 4 cylinders)

### **E. Protests;**

1. Visible protests involving the cars of other competitors must be made 20 minutes prior to the start of the evening's event to the pit steward. Visible protests are protests that don't require the use of a tool or mechanical device to determine the cars compliance. All other protests must be made to the pit steward within 15 minutes of the official posting of the finish. If you are found guilty after the protest, you may be fined and lose track points. Bridgeport Speedway reserves the right to confiscate any and all parts deemed illegal at a post race inspection. Protest fee by the competitor for any class is \$1,000 paid up front. Only owners, drivers and crew chief can file a protest.

### **F. Safety:**

1. Must have a conspicuously labeled ignition switch within the driver's compartment.
2. Batteries located within the drivers or fuel compartment must be shielded to prevent leakage in the event of damage or turnover.
3. Brakes - all cars must have four (4) wheel hydraulic brakes in good working condition, as approved by NJDMV.
4. Oil cooling systems will not be allowed in the driver's compartment or on the roll cage exposed to the driver's compartment.
5. Closed and open cockpit racecars require a minimum of 3" clearance between the top of the helmet and the bottom of the roll cage and at least 6" to the rear of the helmet.
6. Neck restraints are mandatory starting 2005.
7. Headrests are mandatory and must be attached to the back portion of a one-piece seat or to the roll bar. A minimum of 16 sq/in and 2" thick padding and a minimum dimension of 4".

All fire extinguishers must be checked and labeled at least once a year.

9. Race cars with permanent tops shall have the doors secured by welding metal straps or U-bolts so the threads of the U-bolts are on the outside of the body. Use wing nuts on U-bolts with free running thread.
10. Fuel and Fuel Tanks:
  - a. Fuel shut off valves are mandatory and to be easily accessible in the drivers compartment and to be conspicuously painted with fluorescent paint.
  - b. Fuel lines must be a minimum of 3" from the motor, headers, or have a metal shield. Any fuel lines going through the driver's compartment must be in metal shields.
  - c. A reinforcing member of the same kind and size material as that used in the roll cage or chassis material shall be installed to the rear of the fuel tank joining the rear most position of the longitudinal chassis member.
  - d. Fuel throttle must have a toe clip.
  - e. Fuel Tanks:
    1. Except as set forth in number e.2 below, vehicles using a self-contained fuel cell with an inner bladder shall bolt the self-contained fuel cell to the frame of the vehicle utilizing an "X" type framework under the cell. At least three 1" metal straps, 1/4" thick shall be bolted to the frame of the vehicle by at least two 3/8" three line bolts and angled to go entirely around the cell, except for the bottom, so as to apply maximum pressure against the frame.
    2. Units not utilizing an "X" type frame shall have four 1" metal straps, 1/4" thick, bolted to the frame of the vehicle by at least two 3/8" three line bolts and angled to go entirely around the cell to apply maximum pressure against the tank to the frame.
11. All open drive lines must have safety collars.

## **G. Safety & Personal;**

1. Safety belts must be dated within 2 years, be 3" wide, made of nylon, fastened with 5/16" grade 5 bolts minimum, and be of a five point harness type.
2. Drivers must wear a helmet of the type approved by the Director of the NJDMV. If helmet is type M must have a fire retardant sock.
3. Arm restraints are required.
4. Fire resistant one-piece fire suits, gloves, socks, underwear, and shoes must be the type approved by the NJDMV and are MANDATORY and in good condition.

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## **H. Bodies;**

1. No Carbon fiber wheels will be allowed in any division.
2. The rear bumper, or combination of rear bumper and nerf bar, shall cover the width of the vehicle at least to the center of the rear tires.
3. The rear bumper shall be centered at the height of the rear wheel hub. The front bumper shall be the same height as the rear bumper and be as wide as the chassis. Stock car bumpers are acceptable if they are mounted at a common height to all competitors.
4. All cars must have nerf bars extending within 2" of, but not beyond, the outside edge of the tires.
5. Frame must be a minimum 2" x 3" x 120".
6. Roll over bars must be welded to the frame and remain visible for easy inspection. Tubing 1 3/4" x .095 or 1 1/2" x .120. Gusset plates are required for all joints. Roll bars must be padded 2" around the driver's seat and it is recommended to use a fire resistant material as a cover.