

AMCA NATIONALS - RULES



1. AMENDMENT TO RULES BINDING WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE READ THEM.

These rules may be amended at any time by AMCA and adequate notice of such change will be deemed to have been given upon publication of any amendment to the Rules on the AMCA web site. Affiliates are bound by these Rules whether or not they have read the Rules.

Affiliates are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the Rules prior to entering any Motor Racing Event as a contestant.

2. INTERPRETATION:

2.1 In these Rules, where the context permits, the following terms will have the following meanings unless a contrary intention clearly requires otherwise:

“AMCA” means AMCA NATIONALS PTY LTD (89108 786 027);

“AMCA Associate” means any promoter, organizer, or sponsor, of a Motor Racing Event, together with their respective duly authorised agents, employees, racing marshals, referees, scrutineers, and/or officials, in respect of which AMCA has arranged, at the Affiliate’s request, for the Affiliate’s participation as a driver;

“Affiliate” means a driver who has completed an Application Form, which has been accepted by AMCA;

“Affiliation Fee” means the fee payable in each year prescribed by AMCA from time to time together with any insurance stipulated by AMCA or AMCA Associate.

“Application Form” means an application form signed by an Affiliate requesting AMCA to arrange for his/her participation in a Motor Racing Events during any racing season which application has been accepted by AMCA;

“Licence” means a licence issued by Speedway Australia permitting a Affiliate to compete in a Motor Racing Event.

“Misconduct” Means a breach of these rules;

“Motor Racing Event” means a competitive motor vehicle race using Prescribed Motor Vehicles, which is organized by AMCA or AMCA Associates and includes the testing, practice, qualifying, repair and scrutineering of Prescribed Vehicles at such Motor Racing Events;

“Speedway Australia” National Association of Speedway Racing Pty Ltd.

“Prescribed Vehicles” means motor vehicles having the specifications and silhouette detailed in the First Schedule;

“Racing Rules and Protocols” means the Racing Rules set out in the Second Schedule;

“Rules” means these Rules together with the Schedule, as amended by AMCA from time to time;

“Schedules” means the Schedules to these Rules.

2.2 In these Rules:

(a) a word or expression in the singular imports the plural and vice versa;

(b) words importing a gender include other genders;

(c) other parts of speech and grammatical forms of a word or phrase defined in these Rules have a corresponding meaning;

(d) a reference to a statute includes an amendment or re-enactment to that legislation and includes subordinate legislation in force under it;

(e) A reference to an Affiliate includes an Affiliate’s successors in title, transferees and permitted assigns.

3. Eligibility to become an AMCA Affiliate:

3.1 In order to be eligible to become an AMCA Affiliate, an applicant must:

- (a) **Complete an Application Form;**
 - (b) **be over the age of 18 years;**
 - (c) **hold a current drivers licence;**
 - (d) **Pay an applicable joining fee and insurance;**
 - (e) **if requested by AMCA, undertake a driving test to demonstrate to AMCA's or to AMCA Associates satisfaction a standard of competence in driving and handling a Prescribed Vehicle in Motor Racing Conditions;**
 - (f) **If requested by AMCA, undertake a medical examination to establish your fitness to participate in a Motor Racing Event.**
- 3.2 AMCA is not bound to accept any application made to become an AMCA Affiliate. AMCA may in it's sole and unfettered discretion refuse an application made to become an AMCA Affiliate for any reason whatsoever and will not be bound to assign any reason for such refusal to an applicant.**
- 4. Duration of Affiliation - Affiliation Fee not subject to Abatement.**
Upon acceptance of an Application to become an AMCA affiliate, the duration of the affiliation will be one year from the commencement of the racing season, which is 1st July in each calendar year. The full Affiliation Fee is payable irrespective of when an Application Form is accepted by AMCA.
- 5. Obligations of AMCA Affiliates:**
As an AMCA Affiliate you are legally bound to abide by these rules (which include the Racing Rules and Protocols) at any Motor Racing Event in which you participate as an AMCA Affiliate. In addition, you are also obliged to abide by the Motor Racing Rules imposed by an AMCA Associate at a Motor Racing Event. Where there is a conflict in these Rules and rules or directions imposed by an AMCA Associate, these rules will prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.
- 6. Subject to these rules, upon becoming an AMCA affiliate, you will need to send your Speedway Australia licence and insurance application to Speedway Australia in order to permit your participation as a contestant in Motor Racing Events. If, for any reason Speedway Australia rejects your application to participate in Motor Racing Event, it's decision is final and you agree to be bound by such decision.**
- 7. Persons Under Your Control and Your Conduct at a Motor Racing Event.**
- 7.1 Affiliates are legally responsible for the conduct of any mechanic or other person engaged by them as crew at a Motor Racing Event.**
- 7.2 Affiliates indemnify AMCA and AMCA Associates against claim or liability of any nature whatsoever which arises from the acts or omissions of the Affiliate or any crew engaged on the Affiliates behalf at a Motor Racing Event.**
- 7.3 Only Affiliates who are issued with a licence to drive are permitted to participate as contestants in a Motor Racing Event. Licences or Affiliations are not transferable.**
- 7.4 Affiliates must at the request of AMCA or AMCA Associates permit and co-operate in the inspection of motor vehicles prior to any Motor Racing Event.**
- 7.5 Affiliates must at the request of AMCA or AMCA Associates undertake a medical examination prior to any Motor Racing Event and, if the affiliate wishes to participate as a contestant in any race after such medical examination, s/he consents to disclosure to AMCA or AMCA Associate of any report and waives rights of privacy to such medical information. The Affiliate may only maintain privacy of any medical report brought into existence pursuant to this clause, if he/she disqualifies him/herself from such Motor Racing Event.**
- 7.6 Affiliates will be subject to Automatic Disqualification at any Motor Racing Event in either of the following circumstances:**
- 7.6.1 If the Affiliate is in breach of these Rules.**
- 7.6.2 If the Affiliate does not sign a Release in a form required by AMCA which signifies, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Affiliate's consent to releasing**

and indemnifying AMCA, AMCA Associates or AMCA Affiliates from liability for loss and damage which may be suffered by the Affiliate, or persons under the Affiliate's control, as a consequence of his/her participation in any Motor Racing Event.

7.6.3 If the Affiliate wishes to use a motor vehicle which does not accord with the discretion of Prescribed Vehicles in the Motor Racing Event as determined by AMCA or AMCA Associates which determination will be final.

7.6.4 If the Affiliate or any person under the Affiliates control at a Motor Racing Event:

- (a) Has consumed alcohol in the 24 hours prior to competing in a Motor Sport Event,
- (b) Is under the influence of drugs (whether or not they are prescribed),
- (c) Is in the possession of alcohol or drugs in the pits or elsewhere at a venue for a Motor Sports Event;
- (d) conducts himself/herself in a manner which is abusive or threatening to others or which demonstrates lack of control inconsistent with the discipline required of a participant in a Motor Racing Event;
- (e) is in breach of the Racing Rules and Protocols;
- (f) if the Affiliate or any person under the control of the Affiliate refuses to leave the pits when requested to do so by AMCA or AMCA Associates;
- (g) is not wearing approved specified safety gear;
- (h) Is not attired in footwear and overalls which meet basic safety requirements in the pits or elsewhere at a venue for a Motor Racing Event;
- (I) for any of the above reasons or any other reason which in the sole and unfettered discretion of AMCA or AMCA Associates poses an unacceptable risk or threat to the safety of the Affiliate or other competing drivers, spectators or participants at Motor Racing Events.

7.7 Any decision made by AMCA or an AMCA Associate pursuant to rule 6 will be final. In making any such decision, neither AMCA nor any AMCA Associate will be required to observe any rules of natural justice, which are expressly excluded from these rules, or any action deemed detrimental to AMCA or AMCA Associate judged solely by the discretion of the AMCA Executive.

7.8 An Affiliate or any person connected to an Affiliate who uses any form of Social Media, Electronic or Computer related method communication, including but not limited to Twitter, Facebook, SMS or Text Messaging, to threaten, harass, abuse, intimidate or defame any other Affiliate, Pit Crew, AMCA Associate or AMCA shall be liable to have their affiliation, or the affiliation of the person to who the person is connected, cancelled for the period of not less than 12 months from the date the relevant finding is made. Proven offences will also carry a minimum 12 month suspension from the sport of Speedway for the first offence. The maximum Penalty is the cancellation of Affiliation with AMCA is Life.

8. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION.

8.1 If any Affiliate is in breach of these rules, AMCA may, in it's sole discretion, either cancel the Affiliation of any Affiliate, or suspend any Affiliate from participating in any Motor Racing Event or as an Affiliate of AMCA.

9. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY.

No Affiliate or any person claiming through an Affiliate has any claim against AMCA or AMCA Associates for any decision made by them pursuant to rule 6. The Affiliate agrees, on behalf of him/herself, his/her servants, agents, sponsors, or patrons to release and forever discharge, and to indemnify, AMCA and AMCA Affiliates, from and against any claim of damages of any nature whatsoever and howsoever arising from:

9.1 any cancellation of a Motor Racing Event;

9.2 any disqualification of an Affiliate at a Motor Racing Event, whether or not the

decision is made in good faith and whether or not the decision was made based on information which it may subsequently transpire was not correct or inadequate;

- 9.3 any suspension of an Affiliate arising from Misconduct.
- 9.4 any injury or death suffered by the Affiliate, a spectator, an AMCA Associate or other person in consequence of the Affiliate's participation in a Motor Racing Event;
- 9.5 any injury or death suffered by the Affiliate as a consequence of the conduct or control or lack of control of a motor vehicle by another contestant at a Motor Racing Event.
- 9.6 Any conduct or misconduct of any person under the control of the Affiliate at any Motor Racing Event.
- 9.7 The negligence of any person or breach of these Rules by any other Affiliate, AMCA or AMCA Affiliates.

10. TRADE MARK.

Affiliates are permitted to use the AMCA logo and trade mark on clothing, cars, headwear with the prior approval of AMCA. Any use of the AMCA trade marks and logos will inure for the benefit of AMCA.

11. GENERAL RACING RULES.

Rules may vary from Track to Track, it is the Affiliates responsibility to make themselves aware of any Track Rules.

12. RACE STARTS.

- 12.1 Each Affiliate is responsible for knowing his/her starting position and maintaining it until the green flag.
- 12.2 When the field has formed up the yellow light will be switched off on the final rolling lap, indicating a start is imminent.
- 12.3 The pole car shall determine the speed of the start but must bring the field to the white line (after turn four) at a constant speed. If a car breaks formation before the green flag and/or light is displayed, an infringement flag maybe shown. A second break of formation by the same car will result in that car being sent to the rear of the field. A car not keeping up may be determined to have broken formation.
- 12.4 For the purpose of rule 12.3 it is not a precondition to the rear of field penalty being imposed that the offending car was previously shown the Infringement flag.
- 12.5 The displaying of the yellow flag and/or light on the back straight of the first lap will indicate a no start.

13. RESTARTS

- 13.1 When a race is stopped for a yellow or red flag incident, it shall be restarted with cars in the order of the last scored lap. Cars are to form a single line and not to race during the yellow period. Officials will correct the starting positions once they have received them from the lap scorers.
- 13.2 When the starting order is correct, the yellow light will be switched off and yellow flag removed, indicating a start on that lap. The leader shall bring the field at a moderate pace to a cone at the exit of turn four. When this spot is reached the leader may accelerate and upon doing so the remainder of the field may do so also. Any car which overtakes another car before the cone, hit the cone, or passes the cone on the inside will be sent to the rear off the field at the next stoppage in the race or scored in last place if there are no further stoppages.
- 13.3 If you jump the start you will be put back two positions for every car passed.
- 13.4 If you are put back for jumping the start and do not comply with the penalty, you will be black flagged and disqualified from that race.
- 13.5 In any restart, cars are to take up their positions as per the last recorded lap in running order i.e.: lapped cars are to retain their current position in the line up.

14. Race Start Penalties.

14.1 Any car which does not immediately comply with the rear of field penalty shall be disqualified and shown the black flag.

14.2 Any Affiliate who does not immediately comply with the black flag shall be liable to the cancelation of their affiliation by AMCA.

15. RACE RERUNS

If a race is stopped before the last running car has completed the first lap, a complete restart shall be ordered. The Chief Steward may penalise a car if it was considered to be the primary cause of the stoppage.

16. YELLOW FLAG/LIGHT

16.1 If you cause a stoppage, you may be sent to the rear of the field. If you refuse to go to the rear of the field you will be disqualified from that event.

16.2 While under yellow there shall be no working on cars on the race track.

17 RED FLAG/LIGHT

17.1 Cars are to a stop as quickly and safely as possible.

17.2 No car should drive past the accident site if possible.

17.3 Infield Officials may only work on a car, and if unable to fix problem, may order the car to be withdrawn from that race.

17.4 Any car which is worked on during a yellow flag period or red flag stoppage by any person other than a nominated infield official, will be sent to the rear of the field at the restart or disqualified from the event, at the discretion of the Chief Steward.

17.5 An Affiliate must not get out of his/her car which is stopped on the race track or infield without receiving permission from the Chief Steward or Safety Crew. Leaving a car under any circumstances without permission will result in disqualification from that event.

18. FLAT TYRES

Once a car has left the pits to participate in a race no changing of tyres is permitted.

19. CHANGING CARS

19.1 An Affiliate cannot transfer points from one car to another in heat races or qualifying heats.

19.2 No Affiliate will be allowed to switch to another car once a race meeting has commenced.

19.3 Once the pit gate has been closed, no switching of cars will be allowed.

20. STOPPING ON TRACK

20.1 Any car stopping on the track to protest any decision or for any reason other than a mechanical failure or a collision shall be disqualified and shown the black flag.

20.2 Any Affiliate who does not immediately comply with the black flag shall be liable to the cancelation of their affiliation by AMCA.

21 PASSING ON THE INFIELD

21.1 If it is considered you have gained a position by passing on the infield, you will be put back two positions.

21.2 This will apply to each car passed.

21.3 The penalty will be applied at the first opportunity of a race stoppage or at races end.

22 RACE DISTANCE

22.1 Races will be run over the full number of laps nominated before the start of the event.

22.2 A race will only be declared if it is not possible for it to continue, i.e., weather or track conditions, time or noise curfew, or by order of the promotion.

23 LAPPED CARS

Lapped cars must maintain their racing line on the track in all races, when shown the lapping flag (i.e. high or low)

24. FLAG AND LIGHT SIGNALS

Red flag or light; Stop.

Yellow flag or light; Caution, hold position at reduced speed.

Green flag or light; start

Black flag; Exclusion from race

Black flag with white diagonal stripe; Rule infringement, driver subject to penalty.

White flag or light; Last lap.

Black and White chequer; race completion.

Blue with yellow dot; Lapping flag, hold position and do not impede lapping car.

Yellow with black diagonal stripe; Excessive noise, back off or risk disqualification.

Black with white dot; Mechanical defect, pull infield.

25. RACING FINES

All outstanding fines must be paid before competing at any subsequent race meeting.

26. SAFETY PROCEDURES

26.1 All cars must have an approved type safety seat belt equipped with a quick release buckle. Both ends must be fastened to the frame of the car with aircraft quality bolts not less than 3/8 inch diameter. All seat belts should prevent the driver from sliding from side to side under the belt. All seat belts should be installed at a 45 degree angle to drivers hips. Shoulder harnesses coming from behind the driver should go over both shoulders so that he/she will be held securely in the seat.

26.2 Approved racing type Helmets are to be used.

26.3 All cars are subject to safety inspections at any time by officials.

26.4 Each pit crew shall have in it's possession in working order in it's pit during the race program a fire extinguisher with a minimum capacity 2kg. Dry chemical is the most effective type.

26.5 No Nitro or other liquid oxygen type fuels of a highly volatile nature such as acetate additives shall be used or added to regular fuel supply at any AMCA Race Meets.

26.6 No AMCA Race Meet shall be conducted without the following safety in operation, an emergency vehicle and qualified rescue personnel.

26.7 No car in competition without the approved type of roll bars. All cars must be equipped with roll bars of a design and material specified by AMCA Nationals. Consultation with AMCA headquarters regarding minimum standard is advisable.

27. RACE PROCEDURE

27.1 The number of cars starting a race event shall be determined by the type of the event, the width, length and condition of the track.

27.2 A new Affiliate, regardless of experience, shall start from the rear of the field in all heat races during their first 2 race meetings.

27.2.1 It is up to AMCA or an AMCA nominated official shall determine when an Affiliate may go into the race draws.

27.2.2 If a Affiliate has not competed for a minimum of 2 years then they will start ROF for their first event back and do so until AMCA and/or an AMCA nominated official is confidant with Affiliate, regardless of Affiliates experience.

27.3 Starts may be standing, rolling or flying with due notice given to participants before a race.

- 27.4** Each registered car will carry a identification number as assigned by AMCA Nationals office. It shall be sufficient in size so as to be readily Identified by officials and spectators. It shall be positioned on both sides, and the roof of the automobile, also on the front and rear if possible. The number should be of contrasting colour to the general paint scheme of the car so that it is readable under all conditions of light and speed.
- 27.5** The track operator - promoter and the AMCA officials will be responsible for allowing a late entry to compete. Rejection of entrant at any given time is permissible but all competitors should know pit gate time.
- 27.6** Any driver not ready to compete when called may be sent to the rear of the starting line - up or may be changed to a later race, or left out of the balance of the day's program on discretion of the official in charge.
- 27.7** Once a race is started on a preliminary line up lap, disposition of cars not in position shall be at the discretion of officials.
- 27.8** A race may be stopped at the discretion of starters or other officials at any time they consider it dangerous to continue, but only an official has the right to stop a race and no Affiliate, car owner or pit crew member may use the starter's flag for the purpose of signalling to the competitors. The AMCA official holds the right to act on any infraction of AMCA rules regardless of the Chief Stewards decision.
- 27.9** When a race program is halted, management is responsible for payment of prize money only on the events run, provided money is refunded or rain checks are issued. When rain checks or refunds are not made, the track owner - promoter is responsible for the entire amount of the purse, but it need not be paid until such time as the events have been rescheduled on make - up program. Such a condition would apply when more than half the program has been completed. If a make up program is not held then some fait method as to the division of unpaid prize money must be agreed upon between the track owner, promoter, officials and drivers.
- 27.10** No race is official until the officials make the declaration of the final scoring of positions in all events.
- 27.11** No car is to receive assistance after the white flag is displayed and all finishes must be made under the cars own power or momentum.
- 27.12** All registered cars will carry the official AMCA emblem on the body of the car.
- 27.13** A dead heat may or may not be re - run at the discretion of AMCA Officials. If a dead heat is not re - run the prize money and points for both positions under contention shall be divided equally by the participants.
- 27.14** No person shall be allowed on the track during a race except for the starter, his official assistant track official and/or AMCA Officials.
- 27.15** Outside assistance on the racetrack may only be given by an official.
- 27.16** Any Affiliate who's car rolls during a race meeting will not be allowed to continue to race that vehicle again at that event. Vehicle must be re daylighted before competing again at any other venue.

28. PROTESTS

- 28.1** All protests must be made in accordance with the Speedway Australia Rule Book. Annexure - E rule 7.8 part C.
- 28.2** A protest will not affect the outcome of any event. The decision of AMCA as to the outcome of any Protest will be final.
- 28.3** No protest will be entertained after prize money has been paid.

29 CAR NUMBERS

- 29.1** CAR NUMBERS - If a car is not fully registered with AMCA Nationals, a fee of \$100 is payable to AMCA to reserve the number for each race season in which the number is not used, otherwise the number will be forfeited.
- 29.2** Each registered car will carry a identification number as assigned by AMCA Nationals head office.

30 POINT SCORES

- 30.1 The only point score system permissible is the official AMCA Point Score System, unless given sanction by AMCA to use an alternative system.**
- 30.2 Each State that runs a Country Cup Series will collect points from each of those rounds competed at.**
- 30.3 Each State that runs an Action Series will collect points from each round competed at within that State. Points collected from each States State Title and the National Title will also be included in the Action Series point score.**
- 30.4 Each State will have a top Overall Point Scorer which will be made up of points collected from the Country Cup Series, Action Series and any other State Title that a competitor has accumulated during that current season.**
- 30.5 To collect point, all drivers must great the green flag and complete minimum of 50% of the advertised laps and great the chequered flag under their own power.**
- 30.6 Prize money will only be paid to a affiliate if they can comply with rule 30.5.**

31. Tow Money

- 31.1 All tow money will be paid out by AMCA Nationals Pty Ltd directly deposited to the affiliates nominated bank out supplied to AMCA Nationals.**
- 31.2 Tow money will only be paid out to affiliates once money has be received from the AMCA associate.**