

# 2021 Bridgeport Motorsports Park

## General Rules

These rules and regulations supersede the rules contained in the previous years' Rulebook, as amended, and shall remain in effect until the next updated 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 Motorsports Park 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 Motorsports Park 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 Motorsports Park management reserves the right to confiscate any and all parts, used in competition at Bridgeport Motorsports Park, 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**.

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

1. Verbal abuse with a track official WILL NOT BE tolerated. If you cannot address an official & conduct your business in a professional manner, then it is recommended that you send someone else from your crew to represent your issue.
  - a. Aggression & verbal abuse with a track official will result in the driver being disqualified for the night.
  - b. If a second offense is encountered, the aggressor will be immediately escorted from the property. If he does not leave without aggression, the team will be disqualified
  - c. Any blatant bad-mouthing, bashing, or disrespectful comments **via social media** or among other Bridgeport competitors, fans, or employees at the racetrack will

not be tolerated and will result in suspension from Bridgeport Motorsports Park property for a period to be determined by Management.

2. Rules are presented in condensed form. Where questions arise, don't assume, ask Head Tech officials or Owner
3. Bridgeport Motorsports Park 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 head tech official and the owner are permitted to make minor deviations where safety will not be compromised.
4. Reserved pit spaces are issued to owner/driver combinations and may not be reassigned by anyone other than Bridgeport Motorsports Park Management. A reserved space is a privilege that can be revoked.
5. The pit speed limit, as posted, is 5MPH. This is a regulation by the State of New Jersey. Violation of this posted speed limit will result in the following. Cumulative for the year
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Start in the rear for that night (or the next, if event has ended) or pay fine.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Shut down for that night (or the next, if event has ended) or pay fine.

## **B. State Regulations:**

1. All persons entering the pit area must sign the insurance waiver.
2. Age Regulations: All persons entering the pit area must be at least 16 years of age with proof of age and photo ID or birth certificate. All race car drivers must be at least 17 years of age and not have a revoked or suspended driver's license. For drivers that are 17 or younger in all classes - must have a waiver signed by guardian and copy of original birth certificate. You must be at least 16 years of age to race a 600-micro sprint, 600 xcel modified and the 4 or 8-cylinder Enduros. You must be at least 14 years of age to race a 270 micro, slingshot, stage-1 mod
3. The NJSP will make a 'rules modification' to allow experienced drivers to compete in these divisions one year younger than the above ages. You must submit a rules modification application and have your request granted to compete at the younger ages. For more information on this process please call the speedway at 856-467-4408.
4. \*\*If the driver is driving in a vehicle that has less than 400hp, he/she can race at 16 years of age, upon following the steps above. If you are traveling to New Jersey to race in a division as part of a touring series, and you are 14 or 15 (or 16 in a car above 400 hp) years of age, a parent/guardian must contact the NJSP by writing a short letter as to why your son/daughter wishes to race at Bridgeport Motorsports Park. In the letter, explain how they are part of a series that is traveling to the racetrack and that you wish your child to participate in the event. Include a history of the driver's accomplishments (tracks, divisions, results), along with a copy of their birth certificate WELL in advance (40-60 days) prior to the date of the event. Once approved by the NJSP, the driver is cleared to race those events.

5. Full containment seats are required by NJSP for ALL participants in 2020
6. 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.
7. Mufflers are mandatory for all divisions.
8. No crew members are permitted on the Racetrack.
9. 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. Track and Race Procedures:**

1. All qualified cars and the Top 5 finishers 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 finishing position. Failure to report directly to the scale will result in the same. **DO NOT LEAVE THE TRACK WITHOUT GOING TO THE SCALE.** Track scales are official. In the event of overheating (or any other type emergency) the driver **MUST** get approval from a track official before returning to the pits. Heat and Consolation cars will be notified by the in-car radio to report to scales and top 5 in feature must report to scale unless notified on in car radio.
2. It is the car owners' responsibility to make sure that the handicapper is aware of their arrival and readiness for participation. Any car not reporting to the handicapper will start all races in the rear.
3. At the handicapper's discretion, any car arriving less than 45 minutes before the start of the evening's program may be made to start in the rear. Call the speedway if you are going to be late – this is a courtesy, not a guarantee.
4. Only the driver or owner may enter the pit shack. **NO ONE is allowed to EVER enter the scoring tower, for any reason.** If you do, you will be fined \$1000.00
5. A driver may attempt to qualify only once during the qualifying heat races. A driver may attempt to qualify a second car in the consolation event starting last. Driver must drive the last car qualified in the qualified event. Once you get out of a qualified car and into another car, you lose your qualified position. You must scratch 1st car to drive the 2nd car. Once a car is scratched from an event, it cannot be re-entered for that event. If a qualified driver scratches the car after qualifying, the driver may use another car for the feature, starting in the rear. Driver may only use a car from the same class.
6. All driver changes must be reported to the pit steward. All drivers that change cars must start the event in the rear. It is the owners'/drivers' responsibility to report all changes to the pit steward.
7. Drivers can only compete in one division except for the SpeedSTR division. Drivers in SpeedSTR division can compete in one other division that evening.

a. ¼ mile competitors can race in multiple divisions.

8 When racers are called for their event, they must move to the staging area and line up immediately. This is mandatory. **2021 we will continue to present a timely show and be strict on this rule. Don't be late!**

9 Any racer not in the staging area when the event enters the track will LOSE their starting position and be placed at the rear of the event. All remaining cars will be advanced in the field, via starting position. Each driver will move up one starting position from their original starting position. No sliding up of rows.

10. If a car is unable to compete, it is the owner/drivers' responsibility to notify the pit steward.

11. All car repairs must be made off the racetrack. Racers may then rejoin the race at the rear of the field. Any car going to the pit area must go to the rear of the field upon returning to the race track.

a. ¼ mile competitors that leave the race track for any reason, may not return for the particular event.

12. The starter will have complete control of the racetrack. Any driver that does not obey the flag rules will be subject to disqualification.

13. Rough riding will be at the discretion of the starter and the race director. Fine, suspension, and or loss of points and money for that event could be levied.

14. All cars must enter the racetrack under their own power, any car requiring a push start onto the racetrack from the staging area will be sent to the rear of the field. \*A car will be allowed the use of a push start if staging behind the grandstand. This rule does not apply to ¼ mile.

15. All starts will be at the orange cone in turn 4. All starts must maintain an even pace. No passing until the guy in front of you goes.

16. 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.

17. All original starts and restarts will be double file during qualifying (Modified, Sportsman, Street Stocks). For feature events for Modified's, Sportsman, and Street Stocks will be double file restarts until 5 laps to go. After those points, single file restarts will occur. All starts will be nose to tail type, any car not nose to tail will be considered jumping. If a jump start causes a yellow flag, driver will be given one warning. If same drivers causes a second jump start and yellow flag, driver will go back 2 positions (this applies to individual events). If a jump start occurs and flagger does not need to go yellow. The person jumping will be moved back 2 positions at next yellow. If no yellow occurs through remainder of that event, then driver will be moved back 2 positions in final results. **On all single file restarts, you must stay in line until the guy in front of you goes. No ducking out of line until they go.** 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.

18. 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 ½ 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 track officials to fall in line will be sent to the rear. Continued failure to comply will result in disqualification from that event. Aggression with cars under caution is not allowed, and will result in the following, Cumulative for the year

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Verbal warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Start in the rear for that night (or the next if event has ended)

19. A RED FLAG signifies an emergency; all cars must STOP IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT EXIT your car unless directed by track safety personnel or under an emergency. 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 FLASHING LIGHT will come on allowing cars that want to pit to enter the pits to work on their cars. All other cars MUST remain stopped until the YELLOW LIGHT comes back on. DISQUALIFICATION WILL RESULT FOR MOVING UNDER THE RED.

20. 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 or suspension. The black flag does not mean an automatic disqualification from an event.

21. In car scanners/radio **are mandatory** for all divisions. Failure to have a working scanner may result in improper scoring and will not be objected.

22. Bridgeport Motorsports Park track tire rule will be in effect for all events except special events. Bridgeport Motorsports Park is NOT responsible for tire supply. Does not apply to the ¼ mile

23. Any race may be shortened because of weather, safety concerns, best interest of the track, or curfew. Regardless of the 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 ½ mark to be considered an official event.

24. A race will be declared official, if there are no official protests, 10 minutes after the pit steward posts the finish. Bridgeport Motorsports Park 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 10-minute grace period. After the protest time, NO finishes will be changed.

25. Any car passing the pace car/truck, unless directed by a track official, shall be subjected to a one lap penalty.

26. No entering the track under green flag conditions unless directed to.

27. A car causing 3 yellow flags for single spins, or a combination of spins and accidents, can be black-flagged at the discretion of the starter or race director.

28. While under caution if a driver stops for a legitimate safety reason verified by an official he will go back to his position. If a driver stops under caution with a minor mechanical issue, he gets one opportunity to refire and maintain his running position.

29. Under a yellow flag, lapped cars can maintain their position or drop to the back at their discretion, until 10 laps remaining in the feature events when they must fall to the rear of the field. Under no circumstance is a driver to pass the leader

30. Top 5 leaders in the current point standings at date of event are eligible for provisional starting spot in the feature event providing they make an attempt to qualify and use a provisional starting spot. Driver must use a car from the same class. One (1) provisional per year is available to a driver and one (1) provisional per year is available to a car owner. Does not apply to the ¼ mile. Driver taking provisional forfeits their green money.

31. All drivers must attend the season end banquet to collect their point money. If not attending the banquet, half of the monies will be mailed to the driver/owner & the other half will be forfeited.

32. Top 5 cars and drivers must report behind the grandstands or to tech area at the completion of the feature race. Driver will be informed by one way radio. **Unless otherwise notified, CARS MUST REPORT TO THE SCALE FIRST. Driver is subject to a loss of earnings if he goes to the pits before reporting behind the grandstands (ensuring no contact with the car). Not reporting at all will forfeit the night's points & winnings**

33. If a car is disqualified from a qualifying event he will be placed last and must fix infraction before returning for another event. If a car is disqualified from a feature event the driver/owner will not receive any purse money, no points, and no position in results. A fine will be levied based on the technical infraction. If a driver is found to have a technical infraction that is deemed finable, they will retain finishing position, purse earnings (minus fine), and points.

34. During the Modified & Crate/Sportsman feature two courtesy laps will be allowed for a flat tire. If the feature event is taking to long, the race director has the right to inform the competitors over the one-way radio that this courtesy is being revoked for the remainder of that event.

35. **FIGHTING:** No fighting will be permitted on Bridgeport 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.**

A photo submitted to, or taken by a track official will be the only requirement to enforce this rule;

- Entering another racer's pit area & creating a scene will result in starting in the rear for the team in violation (drivers & owners are responsible for their crew)
- Any physical contact in another racer's pit area will result in one of the following.)
  - LOCAL POLICE TO BE CALLED (856) 467-0061 TO INVESTIGATE

- Shut down for the night & must leave the property. Fine will be levied and must be paid in order to return to Speedway.
- Loss of points for the night if the feature has finished
- If a second, non-physical offense is encountered, the aggressor will be immediately escorted from the property. If he does not leave without aggression, the team will be disqualified. Fine will be levied and must be paid in order to return to Speedway.
- If a second, physical offense is encountered, the aggressor will be immediately escorted from the property and banned for the balance of the season. If he does not leave without aggression, the team will be disqualified and police will be called.

36. All non-qualified cars must exit the racetrack immediately at the end of the race through proper exit gate..

37. If an event is postponed, the DRIVER is qualified for the make-up date and will retain the original starting spot.

38. Drivers entering the racetrack WITHOUT all mandatory safety equipment will be disqualified for that event.

39. All cars finishing the consolation must scale to be eligible for the feature. Any car being disqualified from the consolation for any reason cannot start the feature.

40. **RED FLAG PROCEDURE:** Any driver misconduct will result in the driver being disqualified for that event. Multiple infractions will result in increased penalties. Drivers are not allowed to exit the car while on the track, unless smoke, or an eminent safety risk is present. Exiting the car will result an immediate 'Red Flag', all cars will be stopped, the driver will be assisted off the track, car will be towed to the infield

#### 41. **CONTACT UNDER YELLOW**

Intentional contact while on track under yellow, or red, is not allowed and unsafe to other competitors and track officials. Race Director or Flagger have the right to penalize any driver as they feel fit for infraction. Race events are also monitored by the NJ State Police and they have the right to deem these actions as "Aggravated Assault w/Race Car.

If a driver has intentional contact off the track i.e. pit area that driver will be disqualified. This will be considered extremely unsafe and will not be tolerated.

**A)** Local Police will be called (856) 467-0061 to investigate.

**B)** Shut down for the remainder of the night and loss of all points accrued that night.

**C)** The driver will be fined and must be paid in order to return at next event.

42. Anyone entering the pit area must have a valid Bridgeport season license or purchase a Bridgeport one-day temporary license. Everyone must sign the waiver form presented at Pit Entrance ticket window (MANDATORY).

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

44. Whenever a caution light is thrown for a 'False Start', cars will line up in the position

they were running before the false start occurred. If an accident occurred during or because of a false start, all cars will line up in the position they were in before the false start, including the cars involved in the accident. (A false start is when the flagman dislikes the start and throws the caution immediately following the green, due to cars jumping out of position, etc.)

45. On the ¼ mile track, all starts will be off turn four, in the starting zone between the designated cones. In qualifying, original starts will be double file with single file restarts, after halfway. In the feature, the original start and restarts will be double file, with single file restarts at 5 laps to go (remaining).

46. Whenever a caution is thrown.

- a) Cars will line up in the position they were running when the caution was thrown.
- b) Cars involved in the caution must go to the rear if stopped on the track and involved in the caution.
- c) If a caution is thrown for safety reasons and has nothing to do with a specific car (such as debris on the track or an injury in the grandstands, etc.). all cars will fall in line where they were running when the caution was thrown.
- d) If the caution is thrown for your car and no other car come to a stop. You will go to the rear for bringing out the caution.

47. All cars must have a working transponder for scoring purposes. You will be given one event warning with out penalty. Next time on track that evening rest of the evening you must have a working transponder. Failure to have working transponder after warning you will be moved back 2 spots in the finishing order of the event

48. Transponders must be mounted in the positions as specified in the car division rules.

#### **D. Techs & Protests:**

**Tech is going to be thorough.**

**You MUST bring your own tools to Tech. You MUST have tools that allow us to properly check your race car and engine.**

**Modifieds and 602 Sportsman must remove hood, air cleaner, sheet metal above engine, both side panels at valve covers, and both inner wings when entering tech area. This is Mandatory!**

**Street Stocks must remove hood, air cleaner and any obstructions to engine area. This is Mandatory!**

**Tech has the right to inspect any area of the race car at any time. When a team is asked to make any area or part accessible to tech they must do so with out verbal abuse. Verbal abuse will not be tolerated and subject to immediate disqualification.**

**\*\*\* Tech is not in place to find any car illegal. That is NEVER our intention. Tech is in place for all the other competitors in the field to know that the car being teched is legal.**

1. Cars can be teched in the pits at any time throughout the event including prior to the start of the night's events.

2. The winner of every division will be teched immediately after the event. Head Tech official reserves the right to tech any car after feature event. Tech will take place in specified tech area. Only 3 people per car allowed in tech area and must remain at their race car. One of the 3 people must be designated representative of the team and able to make final decisions. Any extra people in the designated area or any team members at other cars in tech area could be subject to disqualification or fines.

3. In the event of a Disqualification, or a "gray" area is observed, the tech official may request a 72 hour period to conclude final decision.

4. Visible protests involving the cars of other competitors must be made 20 minutes prior to the start of the evening's event to the Tech Official only. Visible protests are protests that do not require the use of a tool or mechanical device to determine the cars compliance. All other protests must be made to the Tech Official within 10 minutes of the official posting of the race finish.

5. If a competitor believes that another competitor running in the same event has or will obtain a significant unfair competitive advantage by some action that they believe is in violation of the track rules, they may protest such action to a Tech Official or Owner only. The protest must be made in writing by the driver, crew chief or car owner within ten (10) minutes after completion of the event.

Each protest shall be accompanied by a \$2,000.00 protest fee (cash) for Modified and Street Stock division and **\$3,500.00** (cash) for 602 Sportsman Division.

- a. Modified and Street Stock - If protested car is found to be illegal \$500 goes to the track and \$1500 goes back to person whom filed protest. If protested car is legal. Team being protested keeps \$1500 and track receives \$500.
- b. 602 Sportsman - If protested car is found to be illegal \$500 goes to the track and \$3000 goes back to person whom filed protest. If protested car is legal. Team being protested keeps \$3000 and track receives \$500. Also if legal, driver or owner has the option to have track review and reseal subject engine and can continue to compete at Bridgeport Motorsports Park. There will be a set of guidelines to follow in order to reseal and reseal fee will be \$250.00.

6. The track Head Tech Official shall decide whether the matter is valid and if so shall decide as promptly as possible and shall inform the parties of the decision. In deciding the protest the track official may take whatever action deemed appropriate to further the interest of fairness and finality in competition results. Such action includes, but is not limited to, revising the official race results, imposing penalties, disqualification, suspension, monetary fine, subtracting points or takes no action.

Matters not subject to protest: No protest will be accepted that is directed to a decision of a track official or supervisory official on any subject.

## **E. 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. 38.1 Compliant Neck restraints are mandatory in New Jersey for all racing
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".
8. 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: For Big track Only
  - 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 (directly 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.
3. All fuel cells must be grounded.

11. All open drive lines must have safety collars.

12. Full containment seats required in all divisions.

### **F. 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 SA 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.

**\* Bridgeport Speedway and Bridgeport Motorsports Park are considered to be the same location and ruling for entire 2020 Handbook.**