



## 2023 Grand Bend Speedway

### Official Track Rules and Regulations

#### 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 the orderly conduct of racing events within all GBS Divisions. 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 PUBLICATION OF OR THE 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. The Technical Inspector (s) or Director of Racing Operations shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of these specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his / her opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS.** Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the Director of Racing Operations or his / her appointee. Their decision is final."*

**It is the responsibility of each competitor to read, understand and comply with these rules as written. They are neither foolproof nor exhaustive. They are intended to provide fair and competitive racing for all who participate in this division. The spirit and intent of these rules is the standard that will be used for competition at Grand Bend Speedway. Grand Bend Speedway officials are authorized to decide if an equipment change or addition is an attempt to circumvent these rules or provide an unfair advantage. GBS officials can and will disqualify any entry in violation of the spirit and intent of these rules. Decisions will be based on common sense, consistency, impartiality and fairness. If there is disagreement or dispute regarding the meaning, interpretation, or application of these rules, GBS officials' decisions shall prevail. If these rules do not specifically say that you can add, change, or modify something, then you should consider that addition, change or modification illegal. Any questions about the legality of an addition or modification not covered by these rules must be answered by GBS officials in writing, and their decision is final.**

Grand Bend Speedway reserves the right to alter or amend these rules at any time in the interests of safety, cost control or fair competition. The safety of each racecar and all equipment is the complete responsibility of the driver/owner, and the driver/owner acknowledges this responsibility by participating in any racing activity at Grand Bend Speedway.

**General:**

- Drivers must meet minimum age for class racing. Under 18 years of age, an insurance document (Parental consent form) must be signed by both parents and/or legal guardians and filed with Grand Bend Speedway.
- Drivers are considered as an independent contractor and as such are responsible for all charges and taxes on any funds received from Grand Bend Speedway.
- Drivers or their crews will not consume alcoholic beverages at any time prior to or during an event. Use, sale, or distribution of illegal drugs at any time shall be cause for immediate and indefinite suspension. Participation by a team member in either activity will result in disqualification with all points and earnings toward the year end point fund being forfeited.
- Rough driving and verbal abuse or inappropriate behavior by any member or perceived member of a team will not be tolerated. No further warning will be given. If a driver or team member is deemed to have committed inappropriate behavior, the team may be disqualified. If driving is determined to be intentional and extremely aggressive (showing lack of safety for fellow competitors) a driver or team will face disqualification from event(s). If disqualification is imposed for the incident, monies won along with any and all points will be rescinded for the night and a minimum of one week suspension will be imposed for the first offence. A subsequent offence will result in suspension for the remainder of the year.
- The driver is the sole spokesperson for the race team and is responsible for their actions.
- Striking an official will result in disqualification for the evening, forfeiture of all points and monies for that evening, automatic one week suspension, and up to a one-year suspension upon review.
- Other penalties may be levied dependent on the severity of the situation.
- Any driver stopping on the race track to protest, not being directed by an official will be disqualified for the remainder of the evening, scored last in that event, and forfeits all points and monies earned for the evening.
- The driver or a representative must attend the evening drivers meeting or start scratch for their race.
- Failure to pass post-race technical inspection will result in loss of all feature points for the evening. (A second failure to pass technical inspection during the season will result in loss of all accumulated championship points to date.)
- Helmets must be worn anytime the racecar is in motion.
- During race night there will be set non-accessible boundaries that have NO ACCESS without permission in the Tech area, the Speedway (including the surface) and any GBS Offices. Entering other competitors pit area with hostile or aggressive intentions is NOT allowed or tolerated. Any infraction with other people's space or intents will result in disciplinary actions and/or suspension from the speedway.

- Any driver, team member, or associate found slandering or “bashing” the speedway, its fans, officials, fellow competitors or sponsors, will be subject to a disqualification and/or loss of additional points and any monies earned. This includes any means of social media or word of mouth. The speedway reserves the right to suspend any driver, team member, or individual from the speedway at any time for such actions.
- **The speedway has the right to remove, suspend, permit/ban ANY individual from the speedway property, and no REFUNDS will be issued.**

## **Race Program:**

### **1. Driver Changes & # Swapping on Cars:**

**1.1** Car and driver qualify as a team. Each driver may qualify only one car per class. Car # or driver swapping between feature races (without proper permission) is not allowed. NO other reason for # swapping for points allowed.

**1.2** All drivers must have current 2023 GBS Membership to compete.

### **2. 2023 Qualifying Procedures:**

**2.1** No qualifying races for Home Track Classes will be run. Pill draw at the tech building by the driver before any on track activities of the day is mandatory to set the first feature. Second feature will be an inversion of first feature line up.

**2.2** Line-ups will be posted 15 minutes prior to start of races.

**2.3** A driver electing to start scratch (back of field) will be scratch for the entire race program.

### **3. Post race Tech:**

**3.1** Top 3 qualifiers will be selected to tech after each race, failure to go directly to tech will disqualify driver automatically.

### **4. Yellow Flag**

**4.1** All cars that are involved with the incident on the racetrack or spin bringing out a yellow will go to the tail.

**4.2** During yellow, no working on the car is allowed on the track or the car will be disqualified for that event.

**4.3** “2 Spin or Causing of Caution rule” – A car upon stopping on the race track twice (2) during feature races causing an incident where a yellow or red flag needs to be displayed will be disqualified from that race immediately. (\*Track Official discretion will also determine ruling).

**4.4** First lap restarts; inside or outside row will move straight up to fill a void for a missing car.

**4.5** Any car that does a spin and does not bring out a yellow flag will continue to race where it falls in line. If the yellow does come out, the car will be placed at the tail of the field and be charged with a yellow. The track flag person will determine if a yellow flag is needed and will have final say to what any yellow flag was displayed for.

**4.6** A yellow flag will be displayed for any debris deemed to be in the racing groove and a danger to the competitors. Any car that can be identified as causing a yellow flag for depositing the debris will be charged with the yellow and placed at the tail of the field.

**4.7** The track flag person in conjunction with the Race Director will determine if a yellow flag is needed and will have final say to what any yellow flag was displayed for. If the one-way radio communication is provided by approved track personnel other than the On Race Director, they should not initiate the call for yellow (or red) until directed.

**4.8** No contact between vehicles during caution or after the conclusion of the race. Penalties will be at the discretion of the GBS Officials.

**4.9** Driver must remain in vehicle at all times while on speedway surface, including the infield. Driver can only exit car with permission of a GBS Official or under emergency conditions. Any violation of this rule will result in penalties given by GBS Officials to be determined.

## **5. Red Flag:**

**Do not pass the crash site. SAFELY pull to the bottom of the track and stop immediately.**

**5.1** "CLOSED" red flags only. On a closed red, crewmembers will not be allowed on racing surface unless directed to do so by the Race Director. No work is allowed at any time on the racing surface by any team.

**5.2** During Feature action, any car wishing to make repairs may advance to the PIT during the yellow flag being displayed provided they DO NOT have to go through the accident scene and then only after they are given permission to do so by the Race Director and only at his discretion.

## **6. Other Flags:**

**6.1** If the **Black Flag** is waved for you it means you are disqualified from that race and must return to the pit immediately (or infield clear of the racing surface) You will have 1 warning (rolled flag) with minor offences after which the scoring will stop for you once the flag is displayed. Failure to leave the track will result in disqualification from all remaining races for the evening and all points and monies for that evening will be forfeited.

**6.2 Black w/ Orange dot flag:** If the "Meatball" flag is displayed you are to exit to racing surface in a safe and timely manner. This flag is for vehicles with **mechanical issues** and issued for the safety of all GBS Drivers and Officials. Failure to recognize this flag will result in a Full Black Flag and disqualification from that event.

**6.3 Blue w/ Yellow Strip:** This "**Move Over**" flag will be displayed to drivers on the speedway who are about to be overtaken by the race leader or lead lap vehicles. All drivers must yield to the bottom of the track surface at a reduced rate of speed until the lead group passes. After 2 consecutive displays of the "move over" flag by the Head Starter the driver then will be given the Full Black Flag and disqualified from that event.

### **6.4 Reason(s) for Black Flag or Disqualification:**

**6.4.1** Rough Driving

**6.4.2** Entering speedway without being instructed (during green racing)

- 6.4.3** Being an involved car bringing out two yellow flags
- 6.4.4** Exiting Car on speedway surface without being instructed to
- 6.4.5** Stopping on track to dispute/protest call
- 6.4.6** Intentionally bringing out yellow flag (example: stopping on track)
- 6.4.7** Ignoring Officials instructions
- 6.4.8** Abuse of Race Officials
- 6.4.9** Pit altercation, or any other action detrimental to race program
- 6.4.10** Removal of Safety Equipment
- 6.4.11** General Rule Violation
- 6.4.12** Technical Inspection Failure or Tech Lane Violation

## **7. Penalties for Disqualifications:**

**7.1** GBS officials may determine the severity of each disqualification and penalize accordingly. These penalties may include being scored at end of lead lap or lap(s) down, restarting next feature(s) at rear of field, loss of points and monies earned, suspended for next feature(s), removal from speedway property or banned from track.

## **8. Starts:**

**8.1** Starts will be at the white line in turn four for all cars. Flagman dictates the start of all starts using the front two cars and the line in turn 4. Race starts when the front row reaches the white line. ALL cars must be in a tight nose to tail formation in their original starting lineup position.

**8.2** Once the green flag is displayed racing begins immediately past the white line.

**8.3** All other cars in rows two and beyond will be charged with a jump start if they are out of line, leave an excessive amount of room between themselves and the car directly ahead of them, or pass before the yellow line as they start the race. No yellow flag will be displayed for these violations and one position per car passed penalty will be assessed at the first caution (or red flag period) or if neither instance occurs the penalty will be assessed at the conclusion of the race. "NO WARNING WILL BE GIVEN FOR FALSE STARTS"

## **9. Restarts:**

Officials will correct the line-up when received from the scorers. Lapped cars must hold their positions in all races.

**9.1** ALL restarting line-ups will be double file after one complete lap with single lap down cars being placed in their running order in the line-up as before caution.

Cars more than 1 lap down will be put to rear of field on all restarts in their running order.

**9.2** ALL restarts will be at the white line at turn 4.

**9.3** Leader may choose preferred line on restarts, ONLY once one scored lap is complete.

**9.4** Any car found not complying with the re-line up instructions in a timely manner will be scored as last car on current lap and start next feature at rear of the field.

## **10. Track Officials:**

10.1 Disputing or ignoring Race Program Director or any officials will be subject to a review and possible point's penalties, loss of all points and/or monies earned for the entire race night.

## **11. Work Area:**

11.1 Designated work area will be announced when determined to be necessary. You may change a tire or complete other work under yellow flag only in designated work area if declared.

11.2 Time allowance may be given while under a Yellow Flag once the car reaches the pit area for the caution period only.

11.3 When the one lap signal (white flag) is displayed, the car will only be allowed to return to track by the corner flagman. And not allowed under green flag conditions.

## **12. Entering and Exiting the Pits:**

12.1 Cars going to the pit area may only re-enter any racing event during a caution period. Cars may not exit the track during green flag racing, all damaged or unraceable cars must enter the infield in a safe manor and with enough room to keep the race under green flag conditions otherwise the car may/will be disqualified from the event if causing a yellow flag.

12.2 Speeding, contact or aggressive driving other than on the racing surface will result in disqualification, penalties, fines and/or loss of money.

## **13. Race Completion:**

A race is not considered complete until the checkered flag appears. If a yellow or red flag must be thrown after the checkered flag appears, the race is officially over and the posted pay-off will be made in the same manner as a yellow or red flag realignment. Any cars causing the yellow or red flag to be displayed will be put to the rear of the line-up of official finish as would appear for a restart.

## **14. Official Distance:**

14.1 One lap over halfway through the Feature shall constitute a complete race in the event that a stoppage is required.

14.2 If the race is stopped and ruled complete, the finishing positions will be paid in the same manner as yellow or red flag realignment. Any cars causing the stoppage will be put to the rear of the line-up of official finish as appears for a restart.

14.3 In the event of weather causing the stoppage, the payoff will be made according to the last scored lap by the leader previous to the red flag.

## **15. Scoring:**

15.1 Timing and Scoring will be done by our electronic transponder system. There will also be a human scoring team to verify results by video review post racing event if needed.

**15.2** Transponders will be available for purchase or rent with a deposit (TBD cost) at the registration booth.

**15.3** Rental units must be returned before leaving the property.

**15.4** Transponders must be mounted as per instructed by speedway officials

**15.5** Cars with Transponders found in locations other than that indicated above during postrace inspection will be penalized two (2) positions.

**15.6** Lap scoring will occur on the lead car. If the yellow or red flags appear, scoring will freeze and all cars that have crossed the start / finish line at that time will be lined up in that order for the restart. All other cars that have yet to cross the start / finish line will be lined up according to their order on the previously completed lap.

## **16. Rookie of the Year Eligibility**

**16.1** "Rookie of the Year" candidates will be limited to drivers who have competed in their GBS class six (6) times or less in any previous year.

**16.2** The rookie driver who finishes highest in total points will determine the "Rookie of the Year"

**17. Cars not taking the initial feature race green flag:** If a car did not take the initial green flag in a feature race the car will not be allowed to join the field.

**18. Race Length:** All Features lengths will be subject to change.

**19. Starting Field:** All Feature events will start 24 cars. Unless otherwise posted.

**20. Scales:** Any and all cars may be requested to report to the scales at any time. Failure to report when instructed will result in disqualification and being scored last in that event.

**21. Registration:** ALL Drivers and Owners MUST COMPLETE a Registration form before being allowed to compete (whether they want to become a member or not). A Track Membership is required to accumulate points toward the season championship. Season Passes are not Memberships.

## **22. Year End Point Fund Distribution:**

**22.1** Will be awarded to the top ten drivers in each **Championship** category who have participated in GBS events during the racing season.

\*The complete race season to determine the 2023 GBS **Points Champion**.

Any ties in points between competitors will be determined by the next highest points total of any event during the season compared between the tied competitors until a winner is determined. Each registered driver will receive their own points and cannot be combined in any way with any other driver for this championship.

\*2023 GBS **Track Champion** will be an accumulation of all completed points races for the entire season to the assigned registered car number and will be counted towards the registered car number (*multiple drivers allowed*).

\*All 2023 classes at GBS Home Track Championships will be a total of all completed events by the car though the season (*multiple drivers allowed*).

**22.2** Based on an 80% MUST participation by 10 cars

1st = 19%	6th = 9%
2nd = 13%	7th = 8%
3rd = 12%	8th = 7%
4th = 11%	9th = 6%
5th = 10%	10th = 5%

### **23. Championship Points:**

**23.1** In case of postponement of program after completion of all races and tech inspection will be awarded as earned.

**23.2** Championship points will be awarded to (Members Only).

**23.3** Championship points will be awarded per the following scale.

#### Feature Race:

1 – 70	5 – 57	9 – 49	13 – 41	17 – 33	21 – 25
2 – 65	6 – 55	10 – 47	14 – 39	18 – 31	22 – 24
3 – 61	7 – 53	11 – 45	15 – 37	19 – 29	23 – 23
4 – 59	8 – 51	12 – 43	16 – 35	20 – 27	24 – 22

#### **2023 Feature Race Procedures**

- Feature race line-ups to be determined by qualifying procedures. Rule 2.0
- Any cars failing to arrive to feature line up in a timely fashion may be placed to rear of field
- Car swapping on race night will not be allowed to maintain points once the race day has begun counting points; under no circumstances will an alternate driver/car be used to accumulate points if a problem happens after the races start.

**23.4** Race Format: (unless otherwise noted on schedule)

Double features for all GBS Home Track Cars

**Purse:** To Be Determined and Announced prior to each race day

### **24. In-Car Communication:**

**24.1** Two-way radios are allowed.

**24.2** RACECEIVER One-way radios or One-way scanner (channel 454.000) now mandatory in all GBS classes



## **25. Technical Inspections:**

**Please Note: Inspection may be done at any time; tech lane does not provide jack stands, lifting floor jack, or any tools to remove pieces of car, the competitor is to remove any parts required for testing purposes and must provide their own tools needed for the job.**

**25.1** Post Race Technical Inspection carried out within the confines of the Tech Area will be completed under the following guideline:

Cars to be inspected must proceed immediately to the Tech Inspection area immediately after exiting the race track.

- No team members are allowed to touch or remove any part of the race car without receiving prior approval of the Head Tech Official.
- Cars (with Driver) must enter the tech area as instructed by inspectors. Drivers must move their race car onto scales or be assisted by track officials only if needed.
- Access in the tech area will be restricted to the car driver and two crew members (maximum 3 people per car).
- The team is responsible for preparing only the area(s) of the race car for inspection as requested by the HEAD TECH OFFICIAL in a timely manner.

**25.2** Any participant (team) who refuses to allow tech officials to inspect their car at any time or follow inspection directions and procedures will be subject to the following: • Immediate disqualification from the event.

- Loss of points and prize money for that event.
- Credited with a feature win for handicapping purposes (if applicable).

**25.3** Participants found to be illegal and disqualified during technical inspection shall be subject to the following:

- Disqualification from the event.
- Loss of points and prize money for that event.

**25.4** A second infraction for deemed illegal or technical issues will result in the following:

- Disqualification from the event and loss of points and prize money for that event.
- TOTAL LOSS of ALL ACCUMULATED POINTS to DATE. (Attendance record will not be affected for year-end perfect attendance award)

**25.5** All new cars must arrive at the track one hour prior to start time and report to the tech inspector.

**25.6** If car does not meet our rules it will not be able to compete (unless pre-authorized by a GBS Tech official.)

**25.7** All cars are subject to inspection by Grand Bend Speedway officials at any time and in any manner determined by track officials. All decisions regarding the timing and manner of the inspections, as well as which cars will be inspected, are final.

**25.8** GBS reserves the right to confiscate any illegal components at any time as deemed necessary.

**25.9** GBS reserves the right to impound any car or engine for any reason at any time.

## **26. Technology:**

**26.1** No traction control devices of any kind allowed.

**26.2** This includes mechanical and electronic traction control devices.

**26.3** No wheel speed sensors permitted.

**26.4** No microprocessor-operated or controlled parts.

**26.5** Cars may be asked to disconnect tachometers at discretion of the technical committee.

**26.6** GBS reserves the right to ask any team to forfeit their electronic ignition box for a replacement supplied by Grand Bend Speedway while competing.

## **27. Protests:**

**27.1** Notification of any protest must be made in writing to an authorized race official at the tech area only within 10 minutes of the conclusion of each race feature. After 10 minutes no further action will be adjusted or resolved and the feature will be deemed official other than further technical inspections on vehicles.

**27.2** GBS officials will video review all claims and protests in a timely order (next day) then decide if any outcomes need to be adjusted. Any decision made by officials will be final and no longer contested.

**28. Series Sponsor Decal Placement:** Any series decals must be displayed prominently on the specified GBS approved locations in a highly visible place.

Any questions regarding rules please contact:

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