



## 2016 HISTORIC OVAL INVITATIONAL SAFETY RULES

**Preface:** All safe race cars are welcome to participate. What constitutes a safe race car will be at the discretion of Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park (TSMP) Officials. All equipment, parts, and cars are subject to track approval. Their determinations and rulings shall be final.

The rules below are not mean to be comprehensive or exhaustive. We understand some rules may not be applicable to all Vintage race vehicles. Anyone having questions or concerns in regards to the safety rules are encouraged to call the TSMP Office at (860) 923-2280 to discuss your individual situation.

**Push Vehicles:** Personal push vehicles are allowed, but must be registered in advance with the TSMP Registration Office, prior to the start of the event. Any unregistered push vehicles will not be permitted.

**Driver Requirements:** Drivers must be at a minimum 18 years of age and possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

**Drivers Meeting:** All drivers will be required to attend the driver's meeting. A sticker will be placed on each driver's helmet to verify their attendance. Any driver without a sticker will not be permitted on the track.

**On-Track Conduct:** All drivers are expected to maintain safe and reasonable speed, as determined by TSMP Officials. Passing, with the exception of the racing groups, will be to the driver's right only. Unsafe speeds or actions will be dealt with expeditiously by TSMP Officials.

**Safety Inspection:** All cars must pass a general safety inspection before practicing. Once a car passes inspection, an inspection sticker will be placed on the car. No vehicle will be permitted on the track until a sticker has been applied.

**Brakes:** Brakes will be inspected for proper operation and only steel tubing is to be used on hydraulic brake systems.

**Fuel Cells:** Fuel cells are required for all vehicles which will accommodate one. Fuel cells must have a clearly labeled shut off valve located in a readily accessible location. Electric fuel pumps must have a shut off switch which is clearly labeled and within reach of the driver preferably located in the dash area of the vehicle.

**Ignition Interrupter:** All cars must be equipped with an ignition interrupter switch which is clearly labeled and located within reach of the driver.

**Safety Equipment:** All cars must be equipped with a driver restraint system which is no more than **five (5) years old**. This restraint system preferably shall be an SFI 16.5 approved system.

All participants must wear, at minimum, a single layer nomex fire suit which has a current SFI approved label affixed to the garment. In addition a complete ensemble of fire proof underwear must accompany a single layer fire suit which must also have a current SFI label affixed to the garment. Drivers must wear fireproof gloves as well as fire proof footwear.

All drivers are **required** to wear a helmet which meets the following standards: SA2010 or newer. No helmets will be accepted which do not have a label indicating that it meets one of the above listed standards. All drivers not using a full face helmet with full face shield must wear either SFI or Snell approved eye goggles.

It is *strongly recommended* that all drivers utilize a head & neck restraint system which is SFI approved. **It is mandatory that any drivers participating in end-of-day races must have a HANS device.**



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**Fire Suppression & Prevention:** An onboard fire extinguishing system or fire extinguisher must be located on all participating vehicles with the ability to install one. The system or extinguisher must be able to be deployed from the reach of the driver and must have been inspected within the 2015 calendar year.

There shall be no holes or protrusions which are not sealed in the firewall or floor pan of the vehicle which would allow fire from the engine compartment to enter the driver's compartment.

**Tires:** Tires must not have any blisters, weather cracks, or any nylon cords or steel belts showing.

**Cooling Systems:** Cooling systems must have a sealed overflow catch system. Cooling systems must use water only no anti-freeze allowed.

**Batteries:** Batteries must be located in a safe and secure location. Batteries must be mounted securely.

**Throttle Springs:** All cars must be equipped with dual throttle return springs when possible.

**Steering Wheels:** All steering wheels should be equipped with a functional approved quick release mechanism.

**Magna-Fluxing:** It is strongly recommended that magna fluxing has been conducted on all front end steering and suspension components. Where possible & applicable safety wire should be applied.