



### Utica-Rome Speedway 2021 General Rules & Procedures

The following are general procedural rules in place for the 2021 season at Utica-Rome Speedway. Please note these rules (listed alphabetically) are subject to change at any time by speedway management. These rules are set to ensure a safe, fair and respectable environment for fans and competitors.

**BACK-UP CARS:** Any driver required to introduce a back-up car once racing has begun must start last in the next scheduled event (i.e. consolation, feature). Drivers may switch to a back-up car prior to the start of the first qualifying event of the night (time trial or heat race) without penalty.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Any driver disqualified from an event will receive no money and 0 points for said event. That driver will also receive maximum handicapping points. Drivers disqualified after a qualifying race will be required to start scratch in the consolation or feature in the event that a consolation is not required. Should a driver be disqualified from a feature event, all competitors behind that driver will be moved up a position and compensated as such in both points and earnings.

**DRIVER CHANGES:** Any driver changes taking place without notifying the Handicapper will result in the loss of points and money for that event.

**EXITING YOUR CAR:** Drivers are permitted to exit their car on the speedway only in the event of fire or imminent danger. Any driver exiting their car for any reason will not be permitted to continue in said event and receive a \$50 fine.

**FLAGGER IS OFFICIAL:** The lap count and flags displayed by the Head Starter are official.

**FAILING TO REPORT TO SCALES:** Any driver failing to report to the scales if directed will be disqualified. All qualified cars in heat races and consolations and the top-six drivers in feature events are required to report to the scales. Any deviations from that will be announced at the driver's meeting or on the one-way radio.

**FINES:** Utica-Rome Speedway management has developed the following schedule of fines for infractions at the speedway. The fines below are minimum amounts.

- Exiting your car on the speedway (without imminent danger or fire): \$50
- Any action deemed offensive or harmful to speedway officials, staff competitors or fans: \$100
- Any physical altercation in view of spectators on track: \$250
- Any physical assault of a Track Official, Sub-Contractor or Volunteer: \$1,000, Criminal Charges and potential suspension
- Using race car for any retaliation: last-place points and money and \$100 fine.

- Entering another competitor's pit in a confrontational manner: \$100
- Any fight including those involving a weapon or article utilized as a weapon: \$250 fine, Criminal Charges and potential suspension

Fines must be paid in full prior to said driver or team competing again at Utica-Rome Speedway.

**FAILING TO TAKE THE GREEN FLAG:** Drivers failing to take the initial green flag for an event are unable to join the event after that point.

**INVOLVEMENT IN A YELLOW or RED:** Drivers are considered 'involved' in a yellow or red flag if the driver comes to a complete stop or is ruled by the Race Director or Head Flagger to have responsibility for the caution or red. Drivers completing a 360-degree spin without stopping may return to their position at the discretion of the Head of Scoring and Race Director.

**JUMPING A START/RESTART:** In the event a driver is called for jumping a start or restart, the penalty is two spots per car passed. The penalty will be assessed at the next caution flag or at the end of the race if no caution flag occurs prior to the finish. The front row will receive one warning from the Head Starter. Penalties will be assessed by the starter after that point at their discretion.

**LAPPED CARS:** At the time of a caution flags, lapped cars drop to the rear of the field in the order they are running. They will be instructed as such on the one-way radio.

**LINING UP FOR EVENTS:** All competitors are expected to be on the grid for their event when called to expedite the show.

**OFFICIAL RACE:** A race may be deemed 'official' once one-half of the event's scheduled distance is completed.

**ONE-WAY RADIOS:** All cars are required to have functioning one-way radios (frequency 454.000). You may not race without a one-way radio. A non-functioning radio must be repaired by the next event.

**PAYOUT:** Payout will be made available as quickly as possible following the completion of a feature event. Please make an effort to pick up your pay on race night.

**POINT FUND DISTRIBUTION:** The 2021 Utica-Rome Speedway point fund will be distributed at the year-end Awards Banquet (date: TBA). Driver or car owner must attend Awards Banquet to receive compensation.

**PUSH STARTS:** Competitors may be push-started and retain their initial starting positions so long as this is not a recurring issue for a single car. If the issue is recurring, Race Director reserves the right to send said competitor to the rear of the field.

**PROTESTS:** All protests must be turned into the Head Technical Inspector within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the race. The protest fee must be paid at the time of protest. Only the car owner or driver may submit the protest.

Any refusal of inspection or non-compliance with an official protest will result in the disqualification of the protested car.

If the protested car is found to be illegal, the protesting fee will be returned to the team filing the protest less the filing fee.

Any altercation relating to the incident with Officials and any other participants by the team filing the protest will nullify the objection.

**Protest Fees are as follows:**

Engine Teardown - \$750 (\$75 Protest Fee)

GM 602 Crate Tear Down - \$1,000 (\$100 Protest Fee)

Track officials reserve the right to ask for a legality test at any time. Refusal of such by a race team will result in a disqualification. Track officials also reserve the right to deny any Protest Request.

Visual Protests may be filed up to 30 minutes prior to the start if a feature and must be accompanied by a cash bond of \$250 (\$50 protest fee). Officials have sole discretion as to what is considered a visual protest.

**PROVISIONAL STARTERS:** The top-five in track point standings are guaranteed feature starters after the completion of one week of racing for all weekly divisions.

**RED/YELLOW CONDITION:** In the event of a red/yellow condition, drivers will be permitted to enter the hot pit area once instructed so on the one-way radio. Both the red and yellow lights will be illuminated indicating this situation. If it is solely a red flag condition, competitors may not move and cannot enter the Hot Pit.

**ROUGH RIDING:** Any driver deemed by the Race Director or Head Starter to be rough riding will be sent to the rear of the field (first offense). A second offense will result in a black flag and last-place points and money.

**SCHEDULED RACE DISTANCES:** Scheduled race distances will be posted on the line-up board prior to the start of racing events. Any alterations will be posted and announced to teams via the one-way radio.

**SCORING:** All decisions of the Head of Scoring and Head Starter are official. Teams have 10 minutes after the completion of an event to dispute the order of finish. Any disputes must be taken to the Pit Steward. Any driver directed over the one-way radio and/or by a track official will be sent to the rear of the field. A driver causing further delay will receive the black flag and last-place points and money.

**SCRATCHING FROM AN EVENT:** Should a driver need to scratch from an event, the starting line-up will crisscross. The entire row will not move up.

**SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:** Competitors at Utica-Rome Speedway are independent contractors compensated by the speedway via purse and point fund monies. Competitors are expected to uphold the integrity of this business relationship in all posts on social media. Any posts viewed as detrimental to the speedway, its officials, facility or marketing partners will result in a fine of up to \$250. Repeated offenses will result in expulsion from competing at Utica-Rome Speedway.

**SPEEDING IN PIT AREA:** Any driver deemed to be speeding in the Pit Area or Hot Pit will receive a penalty of one lap. A second offense will lead to the driver being parked for the night.

**SINGLE-ENTRY POLICY:** A driver may only enter one car in a single class at the speedway. Drivers may compete in more than one division only with permission of speedway management.

**STARTS AND RESTARTS:** Initial starts should be side-by-side at the Sunoco Start Zone. Restarts are double-file until five laps remaining in a feature event. Leader fires first within the Sunoco Restart Zone. After the completion of one lap, the leader has choice of the inside or outside lane. All restarts in heat races and consolation events are double-file. In instances of a single-file restart, drivers must stay nose-to-tail past the Sunoco Restart Zone.

**TIME LIMITS:** Should an event be extended by numerous caution or red flags or other delays, Race Director has the right to curtail the event and make the finish official once the event has reached halfway.

**TRACK OFFICIALS WORKING ON CARS:** Track officials may work on a car on the track for safety purposes or in the interest of time. However, said car must restart from the rear (the other option being a pit stop which would also require the car going to the rear). If a track official deems the vehicle safe without working on it, that driver will continue in their position.

**TRANSPONDERS:** All Modifieds, Crate 602 Sportsman, Limited Sportsman, Pro Stocks and Slingshots are required to have functioning AMB transponders. Four Cylinder Cruisers will be hand-scored.

**TWO CAUTIONS ON SAME LAP:** In the event of two cautions on the same lap, the ensuing restart will be single-file. Once another lap is completed under green, restarts will resume double-file. (Race Director has ultimate discretion)