



# 2026 Rule Book

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## **SECTION 1: Conduct**

1.1: All competitors, car owners, pit crew and affiliated guests agree to act in a professional manner as determined by GCS officials. The professional manner includes, but does not limit to verbal representation, written representation, electronic representation, social media and/or any representation that may represent or reflect on the Gulf Coast Speedway, the sport of Micro Sprint, and motorsports in general. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification and/or suspension.

1.2: Competitors, car owners, pit crew and affiliated guests may not approach the flagman or scorers during a race. Concerns should be taken to the Race Director.

1.3: All competitors will not be permitted to compete or participate in an event under the influence of illegal substances or alcohol. No alcohol or illegal substance use in the pit will be permitted. Any violation to the rule will result in removal from the area by security.

1.4: All competitors, car owners, pit crew and affiliated guests will treat officials in a respectful manner. Inappropriate language or physical contact or injury to a race official will not be tolerated.

1.5: Competitors agree to conduct themselves in a sportsman-like way. A racer's pit area is their territory, stay out of their pit area especially after any incidents you have been involved in. Competitors are responsible for the actions of their crews.

1.6: Discrimination due to sex, race, religion or national origin will not be permitted.

1.7: Guns or other weapons on any person will not be permitted.

1.8: All disciplinary actions are subject to go in front of the disciplinary panel and their decisions are final.

## **SECTION 2: Pit Safety**

2.1: Anyone operating a motorized vehicle in the pits must have a driver's license. No children on motorized vehicles unless they are safely riding with a licensed driver, excluding their racecar.

2.2: Bicycles and scooters (motorized or not) will not be allowed in the pit.

2.3: Competitors agree to return to their pit area at a safe speed. EXCESSIVE SPEED is not permitted. Remember there are children and families in the pits. 1st offence will be a warning; 2nd offence will result in loss of points and payout for the evening. 3rd offence will result in removal for the remainder of the season and loss of all points.

2.4: Competitors are encouraged to get an annual physical exam before each race season. Any competitor showing fatigues, exhaustion, or physical incapacities that would endanger the driver or other competitors will not be permitted to race.

### **SECTION 3: Pet Policy**

3.1: GCS is friendly to drivers travelling with their pets. However, there are strict rules associated with pets that must be followed. Pets are not allowed in the General Admission area. Service Animals are always welcomed.

3.2: Pets are ONLY allowed, and must be contained inside your race trailer. You may take your pet just outside your trailer on a leash to use the bathroom. Pets are never allowed to walk through the pits, whether they are on a leash or not.

3.3: You MUST pick up after your pets. Failure to clean up after your pets will result in losing your pet privilege.

3.4: Pet owners are responsible for any damage to property or injury to a person.

### **SECTION 4: General Racing Event Procedures**

4.1: RACEivers are mandatory to compete in a GCS sanctioned event.. RACEiver frequency will be default 454.000 unless otherwise specified. (Kart classes are excluded)

4.2: All cars must pass a technical/safety inspection by the Race Director before being allowed to race.

4.3: If you reach the maximum age of a class during the season, you will be able to finish the season in that class.

4.4: Numbers: All cars must have legible numbers painted in contrasting colors on both sides of car and the nose. After a number is assigned to a particular car and owner, it will remain with the owner until the end of the racing season and the owner will have the first option for the number for the next race season.

4.5: Cars that pull into the infield or hot pit will not be allowed to reenter the racing surface once they go down a lap.

4.6: Any driver that is involved in two unassisted yellows will be black flagged.

4.7: Any car that cannot maintain a minimum race speed may be black flagged for safety reasons.

4.8: Any car experiencing car problems should pull into the infield if possible - Do not try to exit the track.

4.9: GCS officials will designate a "Work Area" (hot pit) before the event starts. Officials will announce at the Drivers Meeting where said area is located.

4.10: Drivers will NOT receive time in the work area. Once the lineup is good and the lights go out you will not be allowed to re-enter unless we do not complete a lap. The light will not be instructed to go out until the leader takes the one to go signal from the flagman.

4.11: Any Driver that re-enters after the light is out will be disqualified for that event.

4.12: If a car exits the track and one or more laps are completed in its absence, that car will not be permitted to resume the race.

4.13: The number of times a car utilizes the work area will be 3. If the car impedes 3 times the said car will be prohibited from completing the race.

4.14: There is no hot pit for heat races.

4.15: Backup Cars - A car and driver qualify as a team. Each driver can qualify only one car. No driver will be permitted to change cars after taking the green flag of their qualifying heat race.

4.16: Packing Track - GCS officials will determine if the track needs to be packed and will be announced at the driver's meeting. All safety gear must be worn when packing the track. Direction of travel will be determined by GCS officials.

4.17: All line ups will be posted on MyRacePass or the Pit Board. An announcement will be made as soon as the lineups are posted and official. The line up that takes the green flag will be the lineup used to calculate passing points. Any driver that elects to tag to the back of the field will receive their finishing points only, No passing points. If a car drops out of the starting line up, the field will be moved up. The only exception will be if two or more cars in the same row fall out, then the lineup will be crisscrossed.

4.18: When your race is called to staging report immediately. Any car that is not in line when the race is rolling out on the track will be placed to the rear of the field and receive no passing points.

4.19: Enter the racing surface in order and ready to go. Pay attention to the pit steward who is trying to get you in line or you will be put at the back of the field for that race. NO EXCEPTIONS. We want to get lights out as soon as you enter the racing surface.

4.20: Any car stopping on the track after coming out from the staging area will be sent to the back and will go toward your two-caution rule.

4:20a GCS Rule Exception – For the **youth classes only (Restrictors, Junior Sprints, Karts)**, GCS will allow youth drivers to stop on the track due to a safety issue before the green flag is shown and will maintain their spot in the lineup. A safety issue is defined as any issue related to the driver's helmet, head and neck restraint, fire suit, gloves, shoes, arm restraints, raceceiver, or belts. The driver should stop on the track near a safety official and resolve the issue before getting back in their spot in the lineup. If a race official cannot resolve the issue on the track and the driver has to leave the racing surface for a repair in the work area, the driver will be sent to the tail of the field if they are able to fix the issue.

#### 4.21: INITIAL STARTS

4.21a: In the case of a start using a pace car, the pace car will leave the track before the starting lap and the lead pole car shall approach the starting line at a consistent speed, in accordance with the track conditions and as required to keep the field in formation.

4.21b: If no pace car is used, the lead pole car will set the pace, which shall be consistent, in accordance with track conditions and as required to keep the field in formation.

4.21c: The front row must stay side by side until they reach the designated start line/zone in turn 4. All other cars must stay in proper position nose to tail and side by side until the green flag and/or light is displayed. Warning for jumping the start will be given at the driver's meeting. NO on track warning will be given, jumping the start will result in being placed 1 row back and no passing points for that race.

4.21d: Following three attempts at an initial start, the field will start single file if one lap does not get completed.

4.22: All cars will be required to be in race gear. No Shifting. All cars will be required to be in race gear by turn three (3). Absolutely no clutch or shift starts in any stock class (Restricted, Winged A-Class, and Stock Non-Wing and Turf Tires)

4.23: No driver may deliberately improve his race position until the green flag is displayed.

4.24: SINGLE FILE STARTS – Restarts will be nose to tail, lapped cars will be placed at the rear of the line up. All cars must stay in order until they have passed the cone on the front stretch. Passing before the cone will result in the offender being docked (2) two spots per position gained at the next caution or end of the race, whichever comes first. Hitting the cone or going under the cone will result in the yellow being displayed and the offending driver being sent to the tail of the field.

4.25: Start/Restart zone - between the 2 white line or cones

4.26: Two-way radios are prohibited. Violation will result in disqualification, loss of points, payout and possible suspension from a GCS sanctioned race.

4.27: Drivers must remain in their seat with seat belts secure **at all times**, (green, yellow or red flag conditions - exception is during an open red) Any driver exiting their car on the track will be done for that event. Exceptions to this rule may be made for safety issues. The Race Director will determine if the driver exited their car for a safety issue. Under red-conditions, a driver is NEVER allowed to approach another vehicle on the track aggressively (anything other than checking on a driver's well-being will be considered aggressive). Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification, loss of point and pay out for the night and removal from the track. The decision by the GCS officials at the time of the violation is final.

4.28: Any crew member that enters the racetrack, unauthorized by an official, will result in the driver being disqualified for the night.

4.29: Spins are not permitted and will not be tolerated. The Race Director has the discretion to determine if the spin does not impede the race to maintain racing.

4.30: Rough Driving is not permitted. 1st Offense: Driver will be sent to the tail. 2nd Offense: Driver will be disqualified, receive no points and no pay.

4.31: Slide Jobs: A participant's attempt to clear the car he/she intends to pass must be made in good faith. The good faith determination will be made by the Race Director.

4.32: Drivers must be present and participating to receive points for that race.

## **SECTION 5: Race Format**

5.1: Driver's meeting will be held at a specific time given by the track. All drivers must attend the drivers meeting as specific rules and instructions will be discussed.

5.2: Each race night will consist of Hot laps, Heat Races, B-Main(s) and A-Main races.

5.3: SPECIAL SHOWS - There will be special events scheduled through the year, GCS Series will inform all drivers of specific changes to the racing program at the drivers meeting.

5.4: Number of Heat Races will depend on car count, at each race drivers will draw for heat race starting position, lowest number pill draw up front, highest number pill draw to

rear of heats. The first lowest pill drawn will start on the Pole of the first heat (1st) race, the second lowest to the Pole of the second (2nd) heat, etc.

5.5: Pill Draw: All drivers entering the CGS event will Draw for starting position. Draw will open one hour prior to Drivers Meeting and will conclude once the Drivers Meeting has begun. If a driver fails to draw, they will be placed on the back of the next available Heat Race and will not receive passing points.

5.6: PASSING POINTS will determine the starting positions of the Semi's and the A-Main lineups. GCS utilizes the ASCS Passing Point Chart.

5.7: GCS Series will advise drivers of the make-up of the number of heat races, main events, field maximum size and other pertinent information at the drivers meeting.

5.8: Heat Races will be 8 laps in distance, if B-main is to run the Top 14 in passing points including heat race winners to the A-Main.

5.9: B-Mains will be 12 laps in distance and take the Top 6 to the A-Main. If two B-Mains are scheduled the top 3 from each will transfer. B-Mains are on a 10 minute time limit.

5.10: A-Main Laps: 25 laps or 25 minutes. If a race nears the time limit under a caution, the race will restart as a green, white, checkered. No invert or redraw unless announced at the drivers meeting.

## **SECTION 6: Nightly Championship Points**

6.1: GCS will award points for each event in the following manner.

### **A-MAIN:**

1. 100	13. 66
2. 97	14. 64
3. 94	15. 62
4. 91	16. 60
5. 88	17. 58
6. 85	18. 56
7. 82	19. 54
8. 79	20. 52

9. 76	21. 50
10. 73	22. 48
11. 70	23. 46
12. 68	24. 44

**B-MAIN:** All drivers not transferring to the A-Main will receive 35 points.

**HEAT POINTS:**

1. 20	6. 15
2. 19	7. 14
3. 18	8. 13
4. 17	9. 12
5. 16	10.11

**DNS or DQ:** Will receive NO points for that race.

**SECTION 7: Weighing Procedures**

7.1: Minimum weight requirements are posted in the GCS and NOW600 Division Rulebook. All cars must make weight, any car that does not make weight will be disqualified for that race and earn NO points or pay for that race. The driver will start last in the next semi feature or A Main event.

7.2: Winner of the heat race, winner of the B-Main, and top (3) three in the A-Main/Feature must report to scales. Any driver that bypasses the scales will be disqualified. Passing the scales is passing the designated line set at the end of the scales.

**SECTION 8: Tech Procedures**

8.1: Tech area will be pointed out in the drivers meeting.

8.2: Top 3 cars in the feature must report to tech. Only car owner and driver allowed in the tech area. **(2 person limit)**

8.3: Any driver/car owner that refuses to be teched will be disqualified, forfeiting all points and money for that night in that class and will be suspended for 2 additional races for that class. **Second Offense** suspension for the remainder of the season.

8.4: Any driver/car owner that fails tech in a class will be disqualified, forfeiting all points and money from that class and will be subject to pre-race tech for the same infraction at the next race night in that class. **Second Offense** for the same infraction within the season will be suspended for 2 additional race nights.

8.5: Any driver/car owner that fails tech for any infraction three times within a season will be suspended for the remainder of the season. Three strikes and you are out!

8.6: Any driver/car owner that fails post-race tech and wants to protest the infraction they can do so by Tuesday at 8pm the following week to a board member. If not protested by Tuesday at 8pm then call stands.

8.7: Gulf Coast Speedway reserves the right to tech any car and/or equipment at any time.

## **SECTION 9: Green Flag**

9.1: Green flag indicates the START course is clear. The green flag will not be displayed until the field has been completely closed up and the course is clear. The race is considered official once the flagman displays the green flag.

9.2: A car that stops for any reason under green flag conditions, including for an accident, will be placed at the tail of the field for the restart. Exceptions to this rule will be made for safety issues. The Race Director has the discretion to determine if the stop was made for a safety issue.

## **SECTION 10: Yellow Flags**

10.1: Yellow flag indicates CAUTION, slow down and stay in position.

10.2: The yellow flag will be displayed in the event of an accident or an unfavorable condition on the course. In the event of the yellow flag being displayed, the leader of the race is required to slow down to parade lap speed and the balance of the field will close in behind in the order in which they crossed the start-finish line on the last scored lap. Cars will restart according to the last completed lap.

10.3: All cars involved in an accident will restart at the rear of the field according to the running order they were in on the last completed lap

10.4: All cars that have stopped on the yellow will be placed to the tail end of the field in the order they were running before the yellow. Cars that go to the hot pits to get any work done before coming back out will have until the caution light goes out to rejoin the rear of the field in the order they return to the racing surface. Any car that does not require work to be done on their car will line up according to how they were before the caution.

10.5: GCS will follow the “stop on the track, go to the back” rules for cautions. All cars that have stopped on the yellow will be placed to the tail end of the field in the order they were running before the yellow.

10.6: Once the yellow light and flag are displayed, drivers must immediately get single file in position. There will be NO tolerance for drivers being side by side with another car trying to get in line or fighting for a position. Any competitor failing to take their proper starting position, deliberately obstructing a fellow competitor from their proper starting position, or intentionally delaying the start of a race event will be moved to the last running position.

10.7: Working on your car or having a track official work on your car during a yellow on the racing surface will penalize that driver to the rear. Exception to this rule is if a GCS official stops you to check over it.

10.8: All single file restarts after one lap has been completed will take place with the lead lap cars moved to the front of the field. Lapped cars will fall in behind the last car on the lead lap in their order of running.

## **SECTION 11: Red Flags**

11.1: Red flag indicates STOP, race is halted. The referee will decide whether the red flag is open or closed.

11.2: Closed Red: Work on a car will be not permitted during a closed red in the designated hot pit. However, when the yellow is shown, then the car may be worked on in the hot pit area. There will be a 90 seconds time limit in the hot pit upon display of the yellow flag.

11.3: Open Red: Work on a car will be permitted during an open red on both the track and in the designated work area, but the car must be ready to resume racing when given the order. Cars not back on the track before the yellow light goes out will not be permitted to resume the race. Any work done on a car requiring a jack must be done in the hot pit during an open red. If a car changes any tires the car will go to the tail. If the car needs to be refueled, the car must be in the infield or in the hot pit to do so.

11.4: The car(s) that the red flag was thrown for and any other cars that change any tire will be placed at the rear of the restart line-up. All other cars not involved will get the position they were running in prior to the red flag, provided they did not exit the track or enter the hot pit area.

11.4a It is the decision of the GCS officials as to which cars the flags were displayed for and that decision is final.

11.5: All single file restarts after one lap has been completed will take place with the lead lap cars moved to the front of the field. Lapped cars will fall in behind the last car on the lead lap in their order of running. Note: Any car changing any tire during an OPEN red flag will be placed at rear also.

## **SECTION 12: Black Flag**

12.1: Black Flag indicates EXIT THE TRACK

12.2: If a rolled up black flag is pointed at you it indicates a warning for a rule infraction.

12.3: A black flag being waved at you indicates an issue with your car that is not safe for you to continue the race or you received a penalty for a rule infraction. Car will not be scored if it does not stop on the next lap. Any car not driving at a reasonable speed will be black flagged for safety precautions.

## **Section 13: Blue Flag with Yellow Diagonal Stripe**

13.1: Blue flag with yellow diagonal strip is the passing flag that indicates a lead car is approaching lapped traffic. It informs slower drivers that a faster car is approaching and they should allow the leaders to pass safely.

## **Section 14: White Flag**

14.1: White flag indicates entering the last lap of racing. The white flag will be displayed to the leader as they complete their last lap, and will continue to be displayed to each successive car during that lap of the race, indicating one more lap to be run

## **Section 15: Checkered Flag**

15.1: Checkered flag indicates Race completion.

15.2: A race is considered official once the checkered flag is thrown. If a red or yellow comes out after the checkered flag is thrown the race is official after the top 2 cars pass the flag stand.

15.3: The checkered flag will be displayed as the lead driver completes the last lap and to each successive car until all cars running have been signaled that the race has been completed.

15.4: If a race is stopped by a red flag after the leader and/or other cars have taken the checkered, those taking the checkered prior to the showing of the red flag will be scored according to how they crossed the start-finish line. Cars passing the start-finish line after the showing of the red flag will be scored according to their last scored lap (green). Those involved in the accident will be scored at the rear of the field.

15.5: If a race is stopped by use of the red flag and is ruled complete by virtue of more than 50% of the race event having been run, the finishing positions will be paid according to the last official scored lap by the leader, previous to the red flag being displayed. Any cars involved in the accident which resulted in the red flag being displayed, will be scored at the rear of the field.

15.6: If a feature race stopped by the use of the red flag is ruled incomplete by virtue of not having completed 50% of the race event, all race participants of that event will share equally in purse money paid for that event.

## **SECTION 16: Engine Protest:** (600s, Restrictor, Jr. Sprints, Sportsman)

16.1: A formal protest for all classes shall be in writing from a car owner or driver and given to the board. Protesting party can only protest if he/she was in the feature with the car being protested. Protest can only come from drivers/owners that have finished in the top five. You can only protest the winner of the race. Money (protest fee and filing fee) must be paid no longer than 15 minutes after completion of the race program. No protest of any type shall be allowed after post race inspection has been completed. Drivers/owners may not protest more than one car per event. Motor shall be torn down completely and all items be checked. Protest fee = \$250 (CASH ONLY) + parts and labor to rebuild motor if it is found legal.

16.2: Engine tear down \$2000.00 deposit+ \$300 (CASH ONLY) nonrefundable filing fee. The deposit shall be used towards the mechanic fee. Any unused deposit shall be returned. This deposit includes the fee of \$100.00 per hour with four hour minimum for tear down and possible rebuild. Time is determined by the mechanic doing the work. If the motor is determined legal then the hourly charge shall continue until the motor has been put together fully. Meaning if the cost to put the motor back together is more than the \$2000.00 deposit then the protesting party must finish paying the mechanic. If the

motor is determined to be illegal then the time stops after it is found illegal and shall not be put back together. The remaining unused deposit shall be returned.

16.3: A driver/owner refusing to let his/her engine be inspected shall be disqualified from that event, shall not receive any points or money for that race and suspended for the rest of the year.

## **SECTION 17: Penalties and Fines**

17.1: Any competitor or team member that attempts to and/or does physically abuse any event official, including pushing, punching, touching, grabbing and/or grabbing the official's equipment, etc., will be disqualified for the night, no pay out, suspended from the track for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts), loss of points to date, and pay a \$500 fine and /or possible legal action or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials . **Second Offense** will result in suspension for 1 calendar year to date and /or possible legal action or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials.

17.2: Any competitor or team member that verbally abuses any event official will be disqualified for the night, no pay out, no points and suspension from racing for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts) and/or legal action and/or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials. **Second Offense** will result in being disqualified for the night, no pay out, suspended from the track for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts), loss of points to date, and pay a \$500 fine and /or possible legal action or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials .

17.3: Any competitor or team member that goes into another competitor's pit area , trailer or to another competitor's car and becomes involved in any type of altercation will be disqualified for the night, no pay out, suspended from racing for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts), loss of points to date, and pay a \$500 fine and /or possible legal action or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials. **Second Offense** will result in suspension for 1 calendar year to date and /or possible legal action or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials.

17.4: Any competitor or team member involved in an altercation that results in physical contact will be disqualified for the night, no pay out, suspended from racing for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts), loss of points to date, and pay a \$500 fine and /or possible legal action or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials. **Second Offense** will result in suspension for 1 calendar year to date and /or possible legal action or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials.

17.5: Retaliation - Competitors engaging in retaliation before, during or after a race will be disqualified and receive no points or pay out. **Second Offense** will result in suspension for 1 calendar year to date.

17.6: Any competitor who drives a racecar in an area that is closed to racecar traffic or drives through the pit area at excessive speed with either a racecar, scooter or 4-wheeler will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and pay out and/or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials. Maximum = \$500.

17.7: Any competitor or team member who goes out onto the racing surface or any other controlled area including the infield when closed to competitors without permission under a controlled period will be disqualified for the night with no points and no pay out. **Second offense** will result in disqualification, no points and no pay out, suspension from racing for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts) and a \$250 fine.

17.8: Any competitor who is found to be in violation of the substance abuse policy at any event will be disqualified, with no pay out, loss of points to date and \$250 fine and/or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials. **Second Offense** will result in suspension for 1 calendar year to date and /or possible legal action or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials.

17.9: Any competitor who exits their car onto any area where other cars are still moving will be disqualified, with no points and no payout and/ or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials. **Second Offense** will result in disqualification, no points, no payout and suspension from racing for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts) and/ or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials. **Third Offense** will result in disqualification, no points, no payout and suspension from racing for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts) and \$500 fine and/ or any other action deemed appropriate by GCS Officials.

17.10: Any competitor or team member that publicly criticizes the GCS and/or Fastest Little Track in Texas via social media, including retweets (X, Facebook, etc.) or thru quotes given to news reporters will receive a warning for the first offense. **Second Offense** will result in suspension from the track for 2 race nights (excluding rainouts) and a \$250 fine. **Third Offense** will result in suspension for the rest of the race season and a \$500 fine.

17.11 All fines must be paid before returning to the property and must be paid in cash to GCS.

## **SECTION 18: Class Specific Rule Changes**

18.1: All class specific rules changes must be voted on in public (Weekly race event, monthly meeting, special meeting, etc.) with associated class members. Notice will be given at least 1 week in advance of the meeting. A majority vote of paid class members present at the meeting is needed to pass.

## **SECTION 19: Membership**

19.1: Membership fee for the season is \$75.00.

19.2: A previous year membership is required to vote on any and all track rules, policies or procedures, and to be nominated and elected to the board.

19.3: Membership is not included with the pit pad.

19.4 Membership is required to run for end of year points awards

**\*\*If you are disqualified, caught cheating or refusing tech, the incident may be put on GCS social media.**

**We are following NOW600 rules, in Jr. Sprints, Restrictors and 600's, for motors and chassis not procedures or general rules. Gulf Coast Speedway rules override other rules.**

**ALL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE RACE DIRECTOR AND ARE FINAL! NO EXEMPTIONS.**

**GCS BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD AND/OR CHANGE RULES FOR THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION. RULES NOT ADDRESSED IN THIS RULEBOOK THAT MAY ARISE WILL BE HANDLED HOWEVER THE GCS BOARD SEES FIT.**



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Mini & Mighty Karts  
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## Kart Safety Equipment

1. Helmet must be one of the three latest SNELL approved.
  - a. SA or SFI 24.1 rated helmet can be used in kart classes.
  - b. Fire retardant head sock is highly recommended.
    - a. Neckbrace
2. SFI Approved Racing Style uniform
  - a. Fire Retardant Suit
3. SFI Approved Rated Racing style shoes
4. SFI Approved Flame retardant gloves
5. Arm Restraints
  - a. must be adequately adjusted to keep the driver's hands below the top of the roll cage.
6. Five point racing style harness with expiration tags in date.
  - a. Seat belts must be securely attached to the car and used at all times. With wrap around or bolt in style.
  - b. To find SFI approved manufacturers visit  
<https://www.sfifoundation.com/wp-content/pdfs/manufacturers/3.2A%20Manufacturers%20List.pdf>
7. Weight-The use of weights in the car, must be bolted down (no welded in weights)
  - a. Weights must be painted white
  - b. Weights must have the car number on it.
  - c. Weights must be steel or lead (no cast weights)
8. Seats - High back, meaning covering of shoulders and helmet mandatory. A full containment seat is not mandatory but highly suggested.
  - a. Seats must mounted with minimum 4 bolts using 5/16 or larger bolts.
  - b. Approved aluminum and composite seats may be used, no fiberglass
  - c. Seats must be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions

***Effective 2026 roll cage must be a minimum of 3 inches above drivers helmet. If under 3 inches a 3 or 4 point halo must be bolted, clamped or welded in to provide proper head clearance***

## 2026 Mini Kart Rules

1. 5-10 years of age.

Once a Mini Kart driver has moved up to the Mighty Kart class they may move back down to the Mini Kart class to compete. But if the Race Director feels the move is of an unfair advantage then it will not be allowed. You must have raced the last 5 races in this class prior to be eligible for special event pay out. The Race Director and/or board will have the final say.

2. Unaltered predator 212cc motor must be prepped by Gulf Coast Speedway's designated representative. Unopened motor, still in the box, should be brought to Gulf Coast Speedway's designated representative to be sealed. Seal charge for said service will be \$75 to include anti-tamper seal and RPM limiting coil. (Unaltered means **unaltered**; raced as delivered).

No Ghost Engines.

Remote mounted fuel tanks are acceptable but must be gravity fed – no fuel pumps allowed.

3. 87-93 Octane Pump Gasoline Fuel only (NO E85).

4. Governor bypassed with RED restrictor plate behind carburetor. 5250 RPM limiting coil must remain in place, and functional **Must be in compliance by May 30, 2026**

5. Chassis 1" .065 cage material minimum. Cage should protect driver's legs and body. Rectangular yard kart style frame or racing frame allowed. Engine firewall strongly encouraged. Chain guard mandatory. Body mandatory. No wings.

No suspension of any kind. Axles must be solidly fixed to the chassis. Race chassis with adjustable wheelbase, ride height, and castor/camber are acceptable so long as no suspension is used.

6. Must have functioning brakes on the rear axle or drive tire.

7. Live axle or 1-wheel drive allowed.

8. Rear axle 15x6-6 turf tires, front axle can have any off the shelf turf tires.

9. Any drum clutch. No disc clutches allowed.

10. 12-72 tooth gear ratio mandatory.

11. Weight: 280 lb with driver after race. Weight must be securely mounted and not exceed 50 lbs.

12. Mandatory Safety requirements: SA or SFI 24.1 rated helmet, fire retardant suit, gloves, neck brace, arm restraints, racing shoes, and 5-point harness (3-year expiration).

13. Motor claim rule; Only the motor as it comes from Harbor Freight will be included, all other parts and accessories will be removed when the motor is pulled. Must finish race to claim a motor. Can't claim backwards. Notification of claim will be made to any GCS official immediately after the feature race with cash in hand. The expectation is that the motor will be pulled immediately once claim is initiated in the open for claimer/officials to witness. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of points for event and 2 race suspension. Failure to comply for a 2nd time will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. No exceptions. Price of claim will be the current advertised price from HF plus the \$50 engine seal fee.

14. NO Microns or data logging devices.

15. Driver must have a kill switch within reach.

16. All 1st place heat winners must go to scales. Top 3 features (1st, 2nd & 3rd place) cars must go to scales and be weighed and go to the tech area. If you pass the end of the scales (the white line painted on the ground) you will be disqualified for that race.

17. DQ and DNS result in NO POINTS for that race.

## 2026 Mighty Kart Rules

1. 7-12 years of age.

Once a Mighty Kart driver has moved up to the Jr. Sprint class they may move back down to the Mighty Kart class to compete. But if the Race Director feels the move is of an unfair advantage then it will not be allowed. You must have raced the last 5 races in this class prior to be eligible for special event pay out. The Race Director and/or board will have the final say.

2. Unaltered predator 212cc motor must be prepped by Gulf Coast Speedway's designated representative. Unopened motor, still in the box, should be brought to Gulf Coast Speedway's designated representative to be sealed. Seal charge for said service will be \$75 to include anti-tamper seal and RPM limiting coil. (Unaltered means **unaltered**; raced as delivered). No Ghost Engines.

Remote mounted fuel tanks are acceptable but must be gravity fed – no fuel pumps allowed.

3. 87-93 Octane Pump Gasoline Fuel only (NO E85).

4. 5250 RPM limiting coil must remain in place, and functional. **Must be in compliance by May 30, 2026**

5. Chassis 1" .065 cage material minimum. Rectangular yard kart or racing frame allowed. Engine firewall strongly encouraged. Chain guard mandatory. Body mandatory. No wings. No suspension of any kind. Axles must be solidly fixed to chassis. Race chassis with adjustable wheelbase, ride height, and castor/camber are acceptable so long as no suspension is used.

6. Must have functioning brakes on rear axle or drive tire.

7. Live axle or 1-wheel drive allowed.

8. Off the shelf turf tires, 6" wheels on all 4 corners. No racing tires.

9. Any drum clutch. No disc clutches allowed.

10. Open gear ratio.

11. Weight: 300 lb with driver after race. Weight must be securely fastened and not exceed 50 lbs.

12. Mandatory Safety requirements apply.

13. Tachometer allowed. NO Microns or data logging devices.  
14. Driver must have a kill switch within reach.

15. Motor claim rule; Only the motor as it comes from Harbor Freight will be included, all other parts and accessories will be removed when the motor is pulled. Must finish race to claim a motor. Can't claim backwards. Notification of claim will be made to any GCS official immediately after the feature race with cash in hand. The expectation is that the motor will be pulled immediately once claim is initiated in the open for claimer/officials to witness. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of points for event and 2 race suspension. Failure to comply for a 2nd time will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. No exceptions. Price of claim will be the current advertised price from HF plus the \$50 engine seal fee.

16. All 1st place heat winners must go to scales. Top 3 feature (1st, 2nd & 3rd place) cars must go to scales and be weighed and go to the tech area. If you pass the end of the scales (the white line painted on the ground) you will be disqualified for that race.

17. DQ and DNS result in NO POINTS for that race.



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## **SECTION I: CAR SPECIFICATIONS**

1.1 - Appearance: All cars should be painted. Cars will be clean prior to heat races. Any damage to a car will not cause disqualification but must be repaired prior to the next night's racing. The exception to this will be a car with damages deemed to be a safety issue by track officials.

1.2 - Body: All cars must have complete bodies. The intent of this rule is to eliminate any add-on panels of any type which could be considered an airfoil or sideboard. The area behind the driver (a frame area) cannot be enclosed at all unless it has a behind the driver radiator. Panels to be flat with no more than 1.5" flap not to exceed 45 degrees.

1.3 - Brakes: Type optional. No hand operated brakes allowed, unless approved by GCS officials. Brakes must be sufficient strength to slide wheels or stop the car while in motion.

1.4 - Bumpers: Car must have bumper extending beyond the front and rear tires. Nothing may extend beyond a tangent line from the outside edge of the tires to the bumpers. Nothing may extend beyond the outside edge or the tires or wheels, whichever is the widest. No sharp corners or design as to hook or damage. Bumpers must be securely mounted (no zip ties, pop rivets, etc.). All front bumpers cannot exceed 7' from the front of the frame to front bumper.

1.5 - Nerf Bars: All cars must be equipped with nerf bars. Left side nerf bars may extend no more than one inch past the left rear. Right rear nerf bar may extend no more than one inch past the right rear. Nerf bars must be securely mounted (zip ties, pop rivets, etc.)

1.6 - Chain guards: Chain guards will be installed on all cars where chains are exposed to the driver and/or other participants. The chain guard, using a minimum of .090 aluminum material or equivalent, will run on top of the chain from front of front sprocket to the vertical centerline of the rear sprocket. The guard must be installed in such a manner that the driver cannot touch the chain and/or sprockets while sitting in the driver's seat.

1.7 - Driver's compartment: No car will be allowed to compete that requires dismantling portions thereof to enter or leave the cockpit with exception of the steering wheel hub. Go/No Go gauge must pass through right side. Fire Walls: There must be a metal fire

wall between the driver and engine compartment isolating driver from engine compartment for YOUR safety. Minimum specifications are: Steel-24 gauge and aluminum-.0625 thick Floors and belly pans: Cars must have an under pan extended from the front of the seat to a place forward of the driver's feet on top of cross members and lower frame rails.

1.8 - Frame: Type optional. No aluminum

1.9 - Fuel tank: Type optional. All cars are mandatory to have either a bladder or safety cells. This is for YOUR DRIVER'S protection. Fuel cell must be securely mounted. Tanks used in qualifying must be used for all events. No flammable liquids in cooling system.

1.10 - Fuel System: A fuel shut off valve at the rear of the car is **recommended** and must be marked on the body for safety crews. A fuel cut-off safety switch is highly recommended but not required for all cars with an electric fuel pump. All fuel tanks must be equipped with a one-way check valve designed to prevent the spillage of fuel from the fuel tank vent in the event of a rollover.

1.10a – Fuel Pump Relay: A fuel pump relay that turns the fuel pump off when the engine stops running is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED in 2026.

1.11 - Electric's and Electronics: On and off switches must be on dash, top of the cowl or on steering wheel. On/off switch must be connected and functional. No radio communication is allowed with the car or the driver. No mirrors allowed.

1.12 – Tire doping of any kind is not allowed in any GCS sanctioned class.

1.13 - Mufflers are MANDATORY! Any type as long as it gets the car to 95 decibels. If a muffler falls off the car or is not mounted in its correct spot, that car will be DQ'd for that race. GCS will not be enforcing the decibel rule due to no noise ordinance.

1.14 - Numbers: All cars must have legible numbers painted in contrasting colors on both sides of car and the nose. Minimum height of numbers is 8" on the nose and nose wing, 10" on each side of the tail and 12" on the wing. Numbers must be separated from advertising, so they will be readable. No prismatic numbers will be allowed on the cars. If the scorers cannot read your numbers, you will be required to change them before next race. Cars must have the same number on all parts of car. Cars without wings must have number plates a minimum of 6" x 8" on right side of roll cage.

1.15 - Nuts and Bolts: All nuts and bolts and component parts of car's suspension system, chassis, and running gear must be secured with either, lock nuts, lock washers, cotter keys, or safety wire except wheel nuts when using quick change hubs. All axles must be pinned to not allow axle nut to back off.

1.16 - Radiator: Type optional

1.17 - Roll Cage: Roll cages shall be at least 1" .083 wall thicknesses, or 1 1/8" .065 wall thicknesses, or 1 1/4" .065 wall thicknesses. Roll cage shall be made of chromoly steel or equivalent material. The front section of the cage shall be no further back than the steering wheel. Roll cage shall have sufficient fore and aft bracing and strength to support the weight of the car & driver in case of an upset. Cage shall have gussets at the intersecting bars to the uprights. Bends must have at least 3" radius. No square or pointed corners allowed. Roll cage must be a minimum of 3" above the driver's helmet. If under 3' a 3 or 4 point halo must be bolted, clamped or welded, must be used to provide proper head clearance. It is mandatory to install a cross brace behind the seat to support the shoulder harness.

1.18 - Ballast: Any material used for ballast must be firmly attached as a part of the car's structure, painted white with car number. No liquid or loose ballast such as water, fuel, oil, sand bags, rocks, log chains etc. allowed.

1.19 - Seats: High back, meaning covering of shoulders and helmet mandatory. A full containment seat is HIGHLY SUGGESTED.

1.20 - Steering: Front wheels must be connected by a solid or tubular tie rod

1.21 - Throttle: Must be foot operated. No electronic traction device. 1.22 - Stock is defined as factory delivered specifications. All gaskets are to be in place and be of O.E.M. specifications.

## **SECTION II: SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

2.1 - Arm restraints: Use is mandatory. Must be adequate to keep driver's hands below roll cage.

2.2 - Drivers helmet: Must be full head coverage, condition to be one of three latest SNELL approved. Fire retardant head sock is highly recommended.

2.3 - Driver's uniform: Must wear a name brand flame retardant uniform. SFI Approved Racing Style uniform

2.3a: Minimum 2 layers SFI Approved suit 3.2A/5 (The use of NOMEX underwear is highly recommended)

2.3b: SFI Approved Rated Racing style shoes

2.3c SFI Approved Flame retardant gloves

2.4 - Helmet restraint must be used i.e. Hans, Necksgen, Simpson Hybrid

2.4a: The head and neck restraint system, when connected, must conform to the manufacturer's mounting instructions, and must be configured, maintained, and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

2.6 - Seat belts and shoulder harness: Seat belts must be securely attached to the car and used at all time. Five point racing style harness with expiration tags in date.

2.6a: Seat belts must be securely attached to the car and used at all times. With wrap around or bolt in style.

2.6b: To find SFI approved manufacturers visit

<https://www.sfifoundation.com/wp-content/pdfs/manufacturers/3.2A%20Manufacturers%20List.pdf>

2.7 - It is mandatory to install a cross brace on the frame behind the seat to support the shoulder harness.

2.9 - All mechanically operated devices must be mounted below the driver's shoulders for safety.

2.10 - Quick release pins are recommended in wing H for easy removal in emergencies.

2.11: *Effective 2026 roll cage must be a minimum of 3 inches above drivers helmet. If under 3 inches a 3 or 4 point halo must be bolted*

2.12: Pit steward will check proper safety equipment is worn prior to entering the track. You will not be allowed to enter track without proper safety equipment.

## SECTION III: FUEL

Methanol only, **NO NITRO, additives or oxygenated fuel allowed**. Fuel subject to be checked anytime by GCS officials. NOTE: Fuel samples may be taken for analysis and prize money may be withheld until results are known. (Penalty for fuel infraction will result in forfeiture of all points and moneys won during event detected, and a fine up to \$1000 for first infraction. 2nd infraction subject to suspension up to 1 calendar year.)

## **SECTION III: Weights**

4.1: The use of weights in the car, must be bolted down (no welded in weights)

4.1a: Weights must be painted white

4.1b: Weights must have the car number on it.

4.1c: Weights must be steel or lead (no cast weights)

## **SECTION IV: Seats**

5.1: High back, meaning covering of shoulders and helmet mandatory. A full containment seat is not mandatory but highly suggested.

5.1a: Seats must be mounted with minimum 4 bolts using 5/16 or larger bolts.

5.1b: Approved aluminum and composite seats may be used, no fiberglass

5.1c: Seats must be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions

# Gulf Coast Speedway Junior Sprint Rules for 2026

1. AGE: Drivers ages 6 through 12 may compete. It is recommended that parents/guardians read and understand these rules. If a driver turns 13 after February 1 they may compete in the Junior Sprint class for the remainder of the calendar year.

Once a Jr Sprint driver has moved up to the Restrictor class they may move back down to the Jr Sprint class to compete. But if the Race Director feels the move is of an unfair advantage then it will not be allowed. You must have raced the last 5 races in this class prior to be eligible for special event pay out. The Race Director and/or board will have the final say.

2. ROLL CAGE: Roll cages shall be at least 1 inch .083 wall thickness mild steel, or 1 inch .065 wall thickness chromoly steel minimum. The front section of the cage shall be no further back than the steering wheel. Roll cage shall have sufficient fore and aft bracing and strength to support the weight of the car & driver in case of an upset. Cage shall have gussets at the intersecting bars to the uprights. Bends must have at least 3-inch radius. No square or pointed corners allowed. Roll cage must be a minimum of 3 above the driver's helmet. It is mandatory to install a cross brace behind the seat to support the shoulder harness.

3. COCKPIT CONTROLS: On and off switches must be on dash, top of the cowl or on steering wheel. On/off switch must be functional. No radio communication is allowed with the car or the driver. The box that hangs on the fence was clarified as not being radio communication to car or driver and will be allowed. (This is the infrared transmitter used to trigger the lap timer function on Mychron style devices. Concerns had been raised that this "box" might be capable of "communicating" with a car on the track. Further review by the board proved no "communication" was possible.) Cockpit controls: carb adjusters kill switch and engine monitor. No wing sliders or pan hard adjuster's driver operated in cockpits.

4. FUEL: Methanol Only. Safety cell is recommended, but the aluminum go cart tank with a sealed lid will be allowed. NO Nitro Products Allowed. NO UPPER LUBE OR ADDITIVES ALLOWED FOR JUNIOR SPRINTS - NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

5. WEIGHT: Minimum car and driver weight 400 lbs. Cars weighed at the completion of a race may not add fuel or ballast to satisfy the minimum weight requirement. Weight limit applies with or without wing as well as non-wing events.

6. SUSPENSION: Coil-over shock suspension or torsion bar suspension allowed. Tread; Maximum 46 inches. Minimum 32 inches, center to center of tires. Wheelbase; Maximum 52 inches. Minimum 50 inches, center of front axle to center of rear axle. Rear axle to be steel 1 1/4" min diameter or the new aluminum axle. Steering; Front wheels must be connected by a solid or tubular tie rod. Rear wheel drive only. All suspension bolts except wheel nuts must be secured by some type of locking device.

7. SHOCKS: Aluminum or steel body shocks are legal.
8. BRAKES: All cars must be equipped with properly functioning rear brakes capable of locking up the rear tires.
9. TIRES & WHEELS: Wheels to be 8" diameter, steel or aluminum. All four corners of tires are to be Hoosiers. The right rear spec tire is to be the Hoosier Junior Sprint tire 16.0/8.5/8/8 RD 20. You can groove or sipe all tires. Wheels must be held on with 4 or more standard lug nuts or knock-off hubs. Three spoke front wheels may be ran if they are manufactured that way. Any doping of tires is illegal and will result in disqualification.
10. BODIES: All cars must have complete bodies of Sprint Car design only. Tail sections must be in place for all races. There must be a metal firewall between driver and engine, made of 24-gauge steel or .0625" aluminum. Body of car must be made of aluminum, metal, fiberglass or high impact plastic. All cars must present a neat appearance. No rear view mirrors. The only part of the car allowed to be dismantled for driver to enter or exit is a quick release steering wheel hub. Mud guards must be aluminum, metal, fiberglass or high impact plastic. There will be no tops or body encasements allowed. Minimum opening on the right side of the car will be 14" from top of roll cage to the top of the mud guard or sissy bar and 16" minimum from front down tube to the back. Cars must have floor pans extending from the Driver's feet to the front of the seat.
11. TRANSMISSION: The drive will be by engine or jackshaft mounted clutch. No axle mounted clutches allowed. No direct drive will be allowed. Chain guards will be made of .060-inch-thick aluminum or equivalent and will run on top of chain from the front of the front sprocket to the center of the rear axle. Driver must not be able to touch the chain or sprockets while sitting in the cockpit.
12. WINGS: Right side board, maximum 42" x 20" - 16" x 16" minimum . Left side board, maximum 42" x 20" - 18" x 18" minimum. Overall wing size minimum 5.5. The wing cannot be mounted outside the centerline of the tires. Side boards may not extend more than 3" beyond center section and sides must cover center section. All wings must have 1/16" radius edges or edging. No raw edges. No wood except for ribs or spars inside center section. Nose wings cannot exceed 24"x 18", and must carry car number. Side boards not to exceed 8.5 inches tall and 21 inches long. Top wings are mandatory to enter a night's event. Cars may finish without a wing if no replacement is available. Side boards must be 90 degrees to the center section. The side board kick out cannot exceed 2 inches. It is your responsibility to check the size of your wing to make sure it is correct.
13. NUMBERS: All cars must have legible numbers painted in contrasting colors on both sides of car and the nose. After a number is assigned to a particular car and owner it will remain with

the owner until the end of the racing season and the owner will have the first option for the number for the next race season.

14. HUBS: Front hubs; Go kart type with 5/8" bearings and 5/16" wheel studs minimum. Rear hubs; Douglas 5 x 130 Go kart type or equivalent or the new aluminum axle and wheels or any new style hub approved by tech inspection.

15. ENGINE RULES: Briggs & Stratton World Formula engines as defined by the Jr Sprint USA. The Briggs World Formula will use a RLV 5442S header or stock pipe and RLV 4100 silencer as defined in the Junior Sprint USA Briggs World Formula rules. Stock pipes may be cut and turned as necessary to fit the race car as long as the pipe still retains the original length, diameters and volume as the original stock pipe. No Sprocket or Transmission sensors for Traction Control. NO TRACTION CONTROL of any type specifically listed or not. You can find the latest revision of the engines rule at this link: [2026 Jr. Sprint Engine Tech Manual.pdf](#)

16. MISCELLANIOUS: Only one-way communication from GCS Race Control will be allowed and is mandatory. The use of an electronic logic processor to control any function of the race car and/or system for gathering continuous data from any functions of the race is strictly prohibited. (Note: This rule does not include electronic ignition and/or electronic tachometers).

# Gulf Coast Speedway Restricted 'A' Class Rules for 2026

1. AGE: Drivers age 8 to 16 may compete in the Restricted Class. (A driver whose 16th birthday falls during the racing season will be allowed to finish the season in which they began accruing points before their birthday. Racing season starts February 1st.)

2. ROLL CAGE: Roll cages shall be at least 1" .083 wall thicknesses, or 1 1/8" .065 wall thicknesses, or 1 1/4" .065 wall thicknesses. Roll cage shall be made of chromoly steel or equivalent material. The front section of the cage shall be no further back than the steering wheel. Roll cage shall have sufficient fore and aft bracing and strength to support the weight of the car & driver in case of an upset. Cage shall have gussets at the intersecting bars to the uprights. Bends must have at least 3" radius. No square or pointed corners allowed. Roll cage must be a minimum of 3" above the driver's helmet. If under 3" a 3 or 4 point halo must be bolted, clamped or welded, must be used to provide proper head clearance. It is mandatory to install a cross brace behind the seat to support the shoulder harness.

2a. If using 1' .065 wall thickness, we highly suggest adding Outlaw bars, they need to be a minimum 1' .065 tubing.

3. ELECTRIC'S AND ELECTRONICS: On and off switches must be on dash, top of the cowl or on steering wheel. On/off switch must be connoted and functional. No raid=0 communication is allowed with the car or the driver.

4. FUEL: Methanol ONLY. Upper end lubricants are allowed. NITRO products are NOT allowed.

5. WEIGHT: 725lbs winged , 700 NonWing minimum with driver at the conclusion of the race.

6. COCKPIT: Absolutely no cockpit adjusters are allowed. For example, shocks, wing, jacobs ladder, panhard bars, adjustable power steering knob, Fuel tech tune etc. Panhard adjusters can be bolted to not allow driver to adjust during competition. All shock adjusters must be completely out of the car, not only disconnected. Fuel tech FT550 And FT450 may one have one tune loaded at time.

7. SUSPENSION: Minimum wheel-base of 50 inches. Maximum wheel-base of 70 inches center of front axle to center of rear axle. Maximum width from center left rear tire to center right rear tire is 55". STEERING; front wheels must be connected by a solid or tubular tie rod. Rear wheel drive only. All suspension bolts except wheel nuts must be secured by some type of locking device.

8. SHOCKS: Any shock absorber legal, except no cockpit adjustable shocks.

9. TIRES: Hoosier ASCS2 Stamped or American Racer 70.0/13.0-10 GT Right Rear Mandatory. Any doping of tires is illegal and will result in the disqualification and forfeiture of all purse money. Tire must durometer 45 or harder no later than five minutes after the checkered flag.

10. BODIES: All cars must have complete bodies. Tail sections must be in place for time trials and all races. There must be a metal firewall between driver and engine, made of 24-gauge steel or .0625: aluminum. Body of car must be made of aluminum, metal, fiberglass or high impact plastic. All cars must be painted an attractive color or colors. No rear view mirrors. The only part of the car allowed to be dismantled for driver to entree or exit is a quick release steering wheel hub. The minimum opening on the right side of the car will be 14" from the top of the roll cage to the top of the mud guard or sissy bar and 16: minimum from the front down tube to the back.(Bar to Bar) All mechanically operated devices must be mounted below the driver's shoulders for safety. No mechanical, electrical or hydraulic adjustments will be allowed in the cockpit area on multi-cylinder cars. If you chose to have an inside pan hard adjuster, it must be bolted to where it cannot be moved during a race by the driver. All fuel tanks must be equipped with a one-way check valve designed to prevent the spillage of fuel from the fuel tank vent in the event of a rollover.

11. TRANSMISSION: Four-cylinder motors must have transmission with all stock gears in working order. Any car equipped with a shifting mechanism must have this device mounted in the drivers compartment. Shift levers may mount outside the driver's compartment. Chain guards will be made of .090-inch-thick aluminum or equivalent and will run on top of chain from the front of the front sprocket to the center of the rear axle. Driver must not be able to touch the chain or sprockets while sitting in the cockpit.

12. WINGS: 10 square ft. max, left sideboard 24" x 48", right sideboard 18" x 48", nose wing 18"x 24" max. Offsets are allowed. Nose wings cannot exceed 8 1/2" tall or 21" long. 3" top wing wicker bill max.

13. ENGINE: 600cc 4-cylinder 4 stroke as comes on a stock production bike for public sale in the U.S.A. No current year production engines. Except as noted, all internal and external engine parts must remain stock with no modifications, metal removal, blueprinting. Valve seat inserts may be reworked. Valves must remain as produced with no modifications. Valve springs may be shimmed with standard or aftermarket shims. Cylinder head combustion chambers may be cleaned by bead blasting with valves seated in place. Intake and exhaust ports may not be bead blasted. Cylinder head gaskets may be replaced only with original equipment manufacturer's stock parts (All 3 layers of the head gasket must be used). All other gaskets may be replaced with duplicate aftermarket parts. Light cleaning of gasket surfaces with steel wool, Scotch-Brite, etc. is allowed. Transmission gears may be shimmed only for the purpose of proper engagement. Standard or aftermarket shims may be utilized. Aftermarket cam chain tensioner allowed for safety of motor. Fuel injection engines can run carburetors. Fuel injection engines running carburetors may change all fuel metering devices to tune fuel curve. Injection must be

OEM, stock OEM throttle bodies no mixing manufacturers (i.e. Suzuki on Suzuki, Yamaha on Yamaha etc.) with OEM Boots in place. Modification of oil pan & pick up allowed or aftermarket ok. Modification to thermostat cover allowed or aftermarket ok. Modification to water pump Cover allowed or aftermarket ok. Any air box, stock appearing CDI, aftermarket washable replacement air filter. Any 600cc OEM CV carburetors (no flat slides allowed). Stock ECU, FuelTech FT550, PE3-IG2 and PE3-8400 Engine control units are permitted for use with carburetors and Stock Fuel Injection. NO cones allowed. Joes Racing Product Tulsa Shootout Carb Adapter (they will be labeled with TSO.) Restrictor Plate must be King Racing Product Restrictor Plate .750" inside diameter. No exception. Any tampering with or altering will result in disqualification. All stock classes will be allowed to run Electronic or Mechanical Injectors with a mechanical fuel pump with stock OEM throttle bodies or carbs ONLY will be allowed. No mixing of manufacturers. No Wheel Sensors of any kind for traction control. No Sprocket or Transmission sensors for Traction Control. NO TRACTION CONTROL of any type specifically listed or not.

14. All 1st place heat winners must go to scales. Top 3 feature (1st, 2nd & 3rd place) cars must go to scales and be weighed and go to the tech area. If you pass the designated line you will be disqualified for that race.

15. DQ and DS result in NO POINTS for that race.

# 2026 Sportsman Rules

## 1. Age Requirement/ Eligibility.

- a. 35 years of age minimum to compete.
- b. Rookies or beginners 12-34 years of age are also eligible for 3 race seasons for learning purposes. After 3 seasons they will be required to move up to the 600 class or wait until they meet the minimum 35 years of age. Ribbon or reflective tape required at rear of car for beginners/ Rookies.
- c. Sportsman is a non payout class. In the event a payout is added for a race, a driver must have raced prior in the season to be eligible for money.
- d. If a driver under the age of 35 wins more than 50% of the races for the completed season they must move up to 600s the following season.

## 2. Car Specification:

- a. Cars will follow the same rules outlined in the NOW600 Stock nonwing/A-class rules with the following exceptions.
  - i. 10 in , 12in, or 14in square wing allowed. Side boards and other specs must match NOW600 A-class rules
  - ii. Tire spec for the right rear must be ASCS2 or the American Racer equivalent 7013-10GT or Turf tire with a 45 durometer.
  - iii. Weight limit is a minimum of 750lbs.
  - iv. Shifting is allowed on starts and restarts.

# 2026 Turf Tire Rules

## General Rules

- 1.) The rules and/or policies set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. General Rules for Gulf Coast Speedway (GCS) – other visiting Associations apply, but not limited to conduct and sportsmanship.
- 2.) 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 or policies. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OF, OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.
- 3.) 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 race advisor shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein imposed and further restrictions that in their opinion do not alter minimum acceptable requirements.
- 4.) NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATIONS OF SPECIFICATIONS.
- 5.) The GCS Turf Tire Series is comprised of all volunteer, uncompensated officials who cannot be held responsible for any actions taken by GCS or their safety crews. By participating in said race events, all participants acknowledge that: **RACING** is a dangerous sport that could result in injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official; and the suitability of the track, race conditions, and safety considerations is solely their responsibility.
- 6.) Redraw- Front 4 rows in "A" main line up are subject to redraw. Redraw to be determined by GCS officials and witnessed by drivers in the redraw. Procedure for Special Events to be made clear before the race.
- 7.) Drivers must be present and participating to receive points for that race.

## Turf Tire Specific & Chassis Rules

- 1.) **Driving Age** – Minimum is Twelve (12) years of age with one (1) year (full season) of Restrictor Class experience, and to be determined and approved by at least three (3) GCS board members. Otherwise, drivers sixteen (16) years of age without any board member approval.

2.) **Roll Cage** - Roll cages shall be at least one inch (1") tubing diameter of 0.062 wall thickness, and CARS WITH ONE INCH (1") OD ROLL CAGES MUST BE DOWNTUBE IN DESIGN. Continuous Downtube is recommended. All other roll cages one & one-eighth inches (1 1/8") or larger tubing diameter of 0.065 wall thickness will be allowed. Roll cage shall be made of chromoly steel or equivalent material. The front section of the cage shall be no further back than the steering wheel. Roll cage shall have sufficient fore and aft bracing, and the strength to support the weight of car with driver in the event of an accident. Roll cage shall have gussets at the intersecting bars to the uprights. Radial bends must have at least three inch (3") radius. No square or pointed corners allowed. Top roll cage clearance must be a minimum of three inches (3") above the driver's helmet while seated in car. It is mandatory to install a cross brace behind the seat to support the shoulder harness (seat belts).

3.) **Bumpers and Nerf Bars** – Cars must have bumpers extending beyond the front and rear tires. Nothing may extend beyond a tangent line from the outside edge of the tires to the bumpers. All cars must be equipped with nerfing bars. No nerf bars may extend beyond the outside edge of the tires or wheels whichever is the widest, and all nerf bars must extend to inside edge of tires. If a car loses any nerfs/bumpers during a program, they may continue unless it is the one protecting the motor, and/or the fuel cell. Cars must start the race night with ALL BUMPERS AND NERFS. Front bumpers cannot extend more than eight inches (8") beyond the front tube of chassis. No sharp corners or design as to hook or damage other cars.

4.) **Safety** - Seat belt dates must not be more than three years old (Example: Dec 2019 may be used in 2020, 2021, and 2022). Seat belts must be securely attached to the car and always used with metal to metal latches only. Five-point seat belts with shoulder harness and sub-strap is required. **Neck restraint devices are mandatory** (No neck collars/donuts). Arm restraints are mandatory and must be adequately adjusted to keep the driver's hands below the top of the roll cage. Helmets must be full head coverage, competition type with at least one of the three latest SNELL 2010 approvals. All drivers will wear a name brand flame-retardant uniform 2 layer or more. Single layer suits must be worn with Nomex under wear. Flame retardant undergarments (long underwear, long sleeve shirt, socks and head sock) are recommended. SFI gloves and fireproof racing shoes are mandatory. ALL CARS MUST HAVE SAFETY CELL OR BLADDER. Fuel tanks are permitted, but must be covered by a protective shell, same as bladders. All fuel tanks must be equipped with a one-way check valve designed to prevent the spillage of fuel from the fuel tank vent in the event of a rollover.

5.) **Electronics** – On/Off switches must be mounted on dash, on top of the cowl, or on steering wheel. On/Off switch must be connected and functional. Main power switch must be labeled. No traction control devices. No data acquisition systems. Fuel pump safety shutdown is highly recommended.

6.) **Battery** - All wet cell batteries must be securely mounted in the cockpit, covered, and

vented outside the cockpit area. Any sealed battery must be securely mounted the cockpit. ONLY ONE (1) BATTERY ALLOWED IN THE TURF TIRE CLASS.

7.) **Fuel** - Turf Tire Class cars must run pump gasoline 93 octane max (No RACE FUEL, No E85, no performance enhancing additives are allowed). **The fuel pump must be securely mounted to the chassis/car with a bracket, and it cannot be loosely mounted or zip tied.**

8.) **Weight** – Turf Tire Class cars, minimum car with driver after race:

- 750# for all motors factory carbureted or single injector per cylinder
- 800# for all motors factory with two injectors per cylinder
- All cars must have weight sticker placed on the left side top chassis rail to be placed on car when inspection is completed. It is the responsibility of the driver to make sure the correct sticker is on the car before each race night. If needed per car, GCS will replace the sticker one (1) time due to general wear and tear or for motor changes after initial inspection. Each sticker there forth will be a fee of \$3.00 per sticker for that year. Penalty for not having the sticker on the car is the car must weigh the maximum weight.

9.) **Suspension** - Tread: Maximum fifty inches (50”) center to center of rear tires. Wheelbase: Maximum seventy inches (70”) / Minimum fifty inches (50”), center of front axle to center of rear axle. Steering: Front wheels must be connected by a solid or tubular tie rod. Rear wheel drive only. All suspension bolts except wheel nuts must be secured by some type of locking device. **No cockpit adjustable devices of any kind. If device cannot be relocated from cockpit area, it must be secured so no adjustments can be made during race activities. Panhard adjusters must be bolted or zip tied if adjuster is located in the cockpit. If zip tied, it must be pulled tight and cut flush before the race. Must be inoperable from inside the car.**

10.) **Shocks** – One (Single or Double) adjustable shock allowed per car. Nonadjustable shocks must be on all other corners of car, aluminum or steel. Twin tube or Gas shocks are allowed. No sway bars front or rear, and no cockpit adjustable shocks. **Non adjustable shocks must be non adjustable.**

11.) **Brakes** - Brakes will be of sufficient strength so as to slide the wheels while the car is in motion at any given time. NO FRONT BRAKES ALLOWED IN THE TURF TIRE CLASS.

12.) **Tires and Wheels** - “OLD STYLE” TURF TIRES ONLY (HOOSIER TURF or GROOVED SMOOTH TIRE IS ILLEGAL). Eight inch (8”) or ten inch (10”) combination of tires and wheels allowed, and bead locks are permitted. The maximum right rear wheel width is twelve inches (12”), and the maximum left rear wheel width is ten inches (10”). TIRE PREP CHEMICAL or DOPING IS NOT ALLOWED. Tires must durometer minimum of 50 after race. Cars may continue to race with flats on left side unless the

driver cannot control car, and/or they are running to slow to keep pace with other cars, determined by GCS Officials. Maximum right rear tire size is twenty-two inches (22") diameter. No wheel bleeders allowed. Grooving and siping are allowed.

13.) **Bodies** - All cars must have complete bodies with tail section in place. Square tail may not have wicker bill or spoiler over one inch (1"). Quick release steering wheel hub is required for drivers in the event of rapid exit. The minimum opening on the right side of the car will be ten inches (10") from the bottom of the roll cage to the top of the mud guard or sissy bar, and fourteen inches (14") minimum width (1" tolerance in either direction is allowed). Floor pan must extend from the front of the seat to a place forward of the driver's feet on top of cross members and lower frame rails. Body panels may not extend more than one inch (1") beyond the rear cage down tubes on mini-sprint car bodies, no added tubing to rear of cage to extend sail panels. No more than one inch (1") lip on any body panels. Radiator scoop allowed on rear hoop but may not extend more than 1" from highest point of rollcage tubing (excludes Halo bars).

14.) **Chain Guards** - Chain guards will be made of 0.090 inch thick aluminum or equivalent, and it will run on top of chain from the front of the front sprocket to the center of the rear axle. Any car equipped with a shifting mechanism must have this device mounted in the driver's compartment. Shift levers may be mounted outside the driver's compartment with approved chain guard and side panel. Driver must not be able to touch the chain or sprockets while sitting in the cockpit.

15.) **Wings** - No wings allowed. Wings on Special Occasions only and rules to be made clear before the race.

16.) **Numbers** - All cars must have legible numbers on both sides of car and the nose. Minimum height of numbers is eight inches (8") on the nose, ten inches (10") on each side of the tail tank or tail piece. Also, a mandatory six inch (6") number is mandatory on the right side top of rear panel or on a number plate in same location. No duplicate numbers.

17.) **Ballast** - Any material used for ballast must be firmly attached as a part of the car's structure (chassis), and it must be painted white with car number included on ballast. No loose ballast allowed (including fuel).

18.) **Steering** - Power steering is allowed. Cars must not run more than 12 degrees caster (1.5 degrees allowed for error). If a twisted axle, the side of axle with more caster back will be the one used for tech. Cars will be teched on the most level ground or concrete pad available.

19.) **NO CARBON FIBER BODY PARTS OR TITANIUM PARTS ALLOWED.** Carbon Fiber shock covers and injection protectors are allowed.

20.) **Raceciewers are mandatory** - Anyone caught with cell phone, radios, or other

communications device besides mandatory raceceiver set to the designated frequency will be disqualified and/or suspended at the discretion of GCS Officials.

21.) Beginners Rule – All new drivers to the Turf Tire Class will run a minimum of three (3) pink flagging ribbons on back of their car, GCS Officials discretion.

22.) Ringer Rule – No ringer rule. Any driver is welcome.

## **Engine Rules**

1.) Any 600 cc Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, or Yamaha, so as long as the **weight rule is followed for that motor**. Must be naturally aspirated.

2.) STOCK engines only (OEM), must be as it came from factory. Aftermarket airbox and exhaust are allowed. Injectors must remain in stock location. Adjustable Fuel pressure regulators are allowed. All engines must run a working charging system/unit. Pistons, rods, cams, clutch, injectors, etc. must be stock parts as used on the motorcycle from the factory. No engine work (no ported heads, no lightened cranks, no lightened flywheel, no lightened pistons, no altered or slotted gears for cam degree, no head clean-up). Valve jobs will be allowed if they are within manufacturer tolerances. Stock valves must be retained. Aftermarket timing advancers are illegal. Crank case ventilation is allowed (to atmospheric pressure only). Any exhaust will be allowed, but all cars must start each race with a muffler. All original transmission gears must remain intact and functional. Any engine sprocket (520 or 530) is allowed. Outer cosmetic changes will be allowed to mount the engine in the car (i.e., cut part of the engine off to get it to fit, relocate oil pan drain plug, etc.). Dyno/Tuning is allowed.

3.) **Engine Claiming Rules** - There will be a \$2,200.00 "A" Main (engine only) claim on the first three (3) finishers by the 10th place finisher forward. If your engine is claimed, you will retain the complete exhaust system including the exhaust nuts, the carburetors and/or fuel injection system, air cleaners, the coils with spark plug wires, the CDI (black box), the voltage regulator with the wiring down to where it plugs into the engine or into the connectors coming from the engine, the shift lever and linkage, the chain drive sprocket and bolt/nut, chain guard designed to protect engine from broken chain. Also retained will be all the mounting plates, bolts, oil pan, and components required to mount the engine. Only one (1) claim per year per car.

4.) **Removing the engine** - The person removing the engine will unplug all wiring and unhook all hoses connected at the engine. Do not cut wiring or hoses. Any driver, owner, or crew who tries to damage the engine, car, or parts of the opposite party while the engine is being removed for a claim will be subject to fines, suspension, or disqualification as deemed appropriate by GCS Officials. **Remember**, when you sign in at the races each night with a Turf Tire Class 600cc four cylinder engine, it is accepted that your motor could be claimed. If two (2) people claim the same engine, the highest finisher of the two would be allowed the engine claim. When requesting an engine

claim, the \$2,200.00 must be presented in cash or certified check. Absolutely no personal or company checks will be accepted for claiming purposes.

5.) The penalties for refusing an engine claim are: Suspension for remainder of season and a \$1,000.00 fine that must be paid to **GCS directly** before being allowed to run with GCS.

6.)No ECU Claim.

GCS reserves the right to modify/revise the rules at any time during the race year to promote equality or safety in the class.

## 2026 GCS Stock Non Wing/ A-Class and Restrictors

**GCS Classes will follow the NOW600 sanction rules for motors and chassis, not procedures and general rules. GCS rules will override other rules.**

NOW600 rules can be found at the following link:

<http://www.now600series.com/rules/>

GSC Clarifications:

No cockpit adjustable devices. This includes but is not limited to: wings, shocks, jacobs ladder, panhard bars (moved outside cockpit or bolted in place before race) Adjustable power steering knobs, Fueltech tunes (only 1 tune allowed to be loaded in a unit) suspension adjustments of any kind, etc.

Top end lube only allowed, No Nitro.

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