

# **Escanaba Motor Speedway Racing Procedures**

## **Escanaba, MI**

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. All participants agree to abide by the official decisions.
2. Track officials shall have responsibility for rules and regulation enforcement at Escanaba Motor Speedway weekly sanctioned events. At discretion of track official(s) in charge, any competitor may be disqualified for rule violations, hazardous equipment or hazardous actions.
3. No driver or crew member may enter the racing area until he/she has completed all releases, registrations and/or entry forms. No person will be allowed to sign release and waiver sheets for anyone other than themselves.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or drug use by driver or his/her crew in advance of, or while competing in any Escanaba Motor Speedway sanctioned program is strictly forbidden. Any driver showing evidence of alcohol consumption or drug use will be required to leave the premises immediately. Use of legal or illegal drugs at any time shall be cause for immediate, indefinite suspension. These actions could result in disqualification and additional penalties for the driver as well. Escanaba Motor Speedway reserves the right to have an Alcohol Breath Test and/or Drug Test administered on any individual in the pit area if they feel it is necessary.
5. No driver changes will be made at any time without previous notification of officials. All changes must be made at the pit shack. Must be a backup driver to be awarded any points.
6. The driver is qualified and receives points, not the race car. Any driver wishing to change cars or engine options must be qualified to compete in the race for which he/she is changing cars or engine options and must start at the rear of that race. Once a driver has changed race cars or engine options, he/she must finish the program with that race car or engine. NOTE: This rule does not apply if a track or event has a policy not allowing driver changes. Drivers changing race cars or engine options are not eligible for provisional positions. Drivers changing cars, engine options, or provisional drivers cannot claim. Once race cars are staged, no driver/car changes allowed. Any driver allowing another driver to use his/her race car, or any driver changing cars when not qualified to do so, forfeits any points earned in that event.
7. ONE back up driver only. Must be registered as back up before the first green flag of the season. Once season points have started no backup drivers are allowed to be added.

8. Driver/Car Owner is sole spokesperson for car and pit crew in any and all matters pertaining to the race and the driver only shall take part in any arbitration with the officials.
9. No persons in the pits shall participate in any fight on the premises.
10. No persons in the pits shall subject officials to abuse or verbal abuse. (see automatic penalty #5)
11. Driver is responsible for the conduct and actions of their crew members.
12. Unsportsmanlike conduct or participating in any action or activity considered detrimental to Escanaba Motor Speedway racing at any sanctioned event or on social media, by drivers, owners and/or pit crews shall be grounds for disqualification and/or punitive action by Escanaba Motor Speedway.
13. Escanaba Motor Speedway reserves the right to inspect race cars at any time. They further reserve the right to disqualify any driver and race car from competition and confiscate any and all illegal parts. It is the responsibility of the driver and one crew member to disassemble race cars for inspection when requested to do so. Refusal to comply will result in disqualification and forfeiture of prize money and points and may be subject to fine and/or suspension.
14. Approval of a race car by inspector shall mean only that it is approved for participation in a competitive event and shall not be construed in any way to mean that it is guaranteed mechanically sound, safe, or completely legal. Escanaba Motor Speedway and/or the inspector shall not be liable for any mechanical failure nor for any losses, injuries or death resulting from the same.
15. Any car, under protest or claim, taken from premises without first clearing with the official in charge will subject the car and driver to disqualification and forfeiture of prize money and points.
16. Any driver or race car under suspension may not participate in any Escanaba Motor Speedway event.
17. No driver, car owner, or mechanic shall have a claim for damages, expenses or otherwise against Escanaba Motor Speedway car or driver or both; and car owner, driver and mechanics agree the track is in safe condition if they take part in racing activities.
18. All drivers, car owners and mechanics assume full responsibility for any and all injuries sustained including death and property damage, at any time they are on the premises, or en route to or from the premises.

19. Pit bikes and ATV will be allowed within reason. You must register with the pit shack all registered Pit Bikes and ATV's will be given a registration sticker that must be on the pit bike/ATV at all times. All rules apply.

20. A person younger than 21 years old still must wear a helmet approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation when operating or riding on a motorcycle. This applies to riding any form of pit bike or ATV.

21. Only one tow vehicle allowed per stall in the pits. Additional may be allowed with prior board approval.

22. Sport Compacts- It is recommended that all sport compacts run a minimum of 30psi on both front and rear right-side tires. Running a tube is also recommended.

23. Escanaba Motor Speedway reserves the right to request a Medical Clearance from a Practicing Health Care Provider for a driver to participate in any Escanaba Motor Speedway events if it is suspected that their ability to race in a safe manner is compromised. If a driver refuses, it is at the discretion of the Escanaba Motor Speedway Board of Directors to revoke the driver's racing privileges.

24. Drivers must be a member of Escanaba Motor Speedway to be awarded championship awards however they will still accumulate points weekly and will still get pay for racing without being a member.

25. Wristbands: Everyone must sign in at the pit gate. WRISTBAND MUST BE IN VIEW AT ALL TIMES. A) If you are caught in the pit area without a valid wristband you will be escorted to the pit shack to purchase a pit pass/wristband.

26. Street Stocks- Minimum age for Street Stock drivers at Escanaba Motor Speedway is 14 years of age.

27. Sport Compacts- Minimum age for Sport Compacts at Escanaba Motor Speedway is 13 years of age with a minimum of two years' race experience.

28. During class rules meetings, each car will get one vote.

### **Safety Rules**

1. Snell-rated SA2015 or SA2020 helmet required. Must also be full face with eye protection.

2. SFI-approved full fire suit required. Fire retardant gloves, shoes and neck brace (or head and neck restraint) required. Recommended: Fire retardant head sock and underwear

3. SFI-Approved five-point safety belt assembly required, must be mounted securely. Maximum of 5 years old unless stated otherwise in specific class rules. Recommended: Safety belts no more than two years old.
4. Kill switch required within easy reach of the driver and must be clearly marked 'OFF' and 'ON'.
5. Recommended that all trailers have a fire extinguisher easily accessible. Recommended to be an ABC extinguisher at minimum.
6. ANY TIME a car is going on the track the driver must be in full safety gear as they would be to go out and race with the exception of drivers participating in the parade of flags.
7. No one may enter the racing surface at any time unless accompanied by a track official while the race is under caution.
8. Sport Compacts- A marine type plastic battery case should be mounted inside of a battery tray welded or bolted to the car. The battery should be inside of the case, with a battery hold down bar running across the center of the battery (the portion of the bar touching the battery may be wrapped in non-flammable insulation) There should be a bolt/threaded rod through each side of the bar, the bolt/threaded rod must be bolted through the floor pan or welded to the battery tray. The marine-type battery case cover may be fastened over the battery. And the positive terminal must be covered.
9. No fans are permitted to stand along the wall surrounding the racetrack during the races. The only exception to this is the Youth Micro Sprint drivers may have a parent standing along the wall between corner 3-4 during their race only. Once their race is complete, they must move away from the wall.
10. Any driver required to wear glasses or contacts as directed by his/her driver's license is required to wear glasses or contact lenses to participate in Escanaba Motor Speedway Events.
11. Driver of any vehicle determined to be in a severe or violent wreck by a track official must be Evaluated by the Escanaba Motor Speedway medical personnel and stay with them until released. Failure to be evaluated will result in disqualification for that evening.
12. Raceivers: Mandatory for all classes. Competitors are responsible for making sure the raceiver is functioning properly, Escanaba Motor Speedway officials reserve the right to disqualify a driver for not having a working device. If you are caught without a raceiver you will be disqualified, NO POINTS-NO PAY- NO EXCEPTIONS. Note: Raceivers are for Race official to driver communication only. Any team caught with electronic communication will lose all points for that event and all track points up to that

point, additional punishments may apply. If any other communication device other than a receiver is found in the car you will be disqualified.

13. If a car is leaking on the track, it will be given the mechanical black flag and disqualified for safety reasons.

**LINE-UP PROCEDURES** (Unless otherwise noted, these procedures apply to all Escanaba Motor Speedway divisions)

1. First night, all drivers draw for heat. Qualifiers redraw for starting positions. One heat – 5 redraw; two or five heats – 10 redraw; three, four, or six heats – 12 redraw.
2. For all future track points nights scheduled for the season, heats are lined up by driver's three-event IMCA point average, stagger inverted, lowest point average to front, highest point average to rear. Point averages are figured by driver's average IMCA points earned in driver's three most recent appearances in weekly points events at the track. New drivers carrying no point average start at the rear. Two or more drivers having no average or same point average will be lined up at the discretion of officials.
3. "B" mains are lined up straight up from heats with highest finishers to front.
4. When one heat is run, the top five qualifiers will be inverted for feature lineup according to three [1] event IMCA point average. When two or five heats are run, the top 10 qualifiers will be inverted for feature lineup according to three-event IMCA point average. When three, four or six heats are run, top 12 qualifiers will be inverted for feature according to three-event IMCA point average. IMCA and officials reserve the right to relocate a driver from an inverted position to the rear of the field if deemed necessary for the safety and well-being of all involved. Remainder of "A" feature is lined up straight up from heats and/or "B" features.
5. A driver that qualifies but has no point average shall be lined up in the last invert position. Should there be more than one driver with no point average, positions will be lined up at discretion of officials.
6. Driver does not lose point average for missing any race nights. Once a driver establishes a point average, the driver maintains a point average for the remainder of the season.
7. There is no double feature nights allowed, excluding rainout make-up features. A program is not considered a rainout unless qualifying races have been completed. If a feature is rained out and will not be run at a later date, all drivers are to be awarded last place points.
8. Track option to line up season championships straight up by total points.

9. Other than opening night, track may have additional programs where a draw-redraw system may be used for line-ups. Track may hold one draw/ redraw program for every four weekly track points events scheduled for the season. Non-track point events are excluded.

## **RACE PROCEDURES**

1. The number of cars starting a race is determined by the track officials and depends on the type of event, width, length and condition of track.

2. Race cars must display numbers as assigned by track personnel. It must be a minimum of four inches thick and 20 inches tall and clearly visible, on both sides, top and back of the car, and front. Recommended that no holographic or reflective numbers be used. All race cars must display the required contingency decals, which will be furnished by Escanaba Motor Speedway.

3. Escanaba Motor Speedway officials will not be responsible for allowing a late entry to compete. Rejection of entrants at any given time is allowed but pit gate closing time should be known to all competitors.

4. Any driver not ready to compete when called may be sent to the rear of the starting line-up or left out of balance of the program at the discretion of the official in charge.

5. Once a race is started on a preliminary line-up lap, disposition of cars not in position shall be at discretion of officials.

6. A race may be stopped at the discretion of officials at any time, if considered dangerous to continue, but only officials have the right to stop a race. No driver, car owner, pit man or mechanic may use any signaling device for the purpose of signaling competitors.

7. If track has pre- or post-race inspection, those drivers not reporting DIRECTLY to the inspection area WILL be disqualified and given last place points.

8. No race is official until officials make a declaration of final scoring of positions.

9. No race car is to receive assistance after white flag is displayed and all finishes must be made under the car's own power or momentum.

10. A dead heat may or may not be re-run at the discretion of officials. If dead heat is not re-run, prize money and points for both positions under contention shall be divided equally.

11. No person shall be allowed on track during a race except officials.

12. Scales: Top 4 finishers to the scale after every race (all transfer cars required to scale after a B feature race with the exception of the Youth Micro Sprint transfer cars) Violators will be disqualified- Escanaba Motor Speedway's scales are the official scales for the event unless otherwise specified at the drivers meeting. All cars have the option to scale at any time.

13. Driver and only ONE member of their pit crew are the only ones to be present during any tech inspection.

### **Protest Rules**

1. In order to file a protest, you must be a member of Escanaba Motor Speedway
2. Protest must be in writing and filed with official within one hour after the race, at discretion of officials, after feature race is completed, and must be specific in alleged violation to determine whether protest is allowed or rejected. No protest of any type will be allowed after all post-race inspection has been completed. One item per protest - per event - only. Drivers may not protest more than one car per event, another driver finishing in a position behind them, and may not protest same driver more than once per calendar year.
3. All protests will be handled at track level and must be accompanied with the appropriate cash deposit.
4. \$150 general protest. \$50 of the deposit goes to the track and will not be refunded, regardless of the outcome of the protest. If item being protested is found legal, \$100 will be awarded to protested driver. If found illegal, \$100 deposit will be refunded to protester.
5. If parts are found illegal, or if driver refuses to submit to protest, first infraction will result in forfeiture of all cash and contingencies, trophies and points earned in feature.
6. Second violation will result in 30-day suspension from all Escanaba Motor Speedway events.
7. The protest will be reviewed and addressed that night. If the driver leaves prior to the protest being addressed the form will be void.
8. Escanaba Motor Speedway reserves the right to tear down any competitor at any time. If a competitor chooses to have another competitor tore down according to their rules Escanaba Motor Speedway may in return tear down the one protesting. This is to diminish any grudge tear downs.

## **AUTOMATIC PENALTIES**

1. Electronic traction control device: Automatic disqualification and fine \$1,000. If found with an electronic traction control device at any point during an Escanaba Motor Speedway sanctioned event, driver loses all Escanaba Motor Speedway points in all divisions and is suspended until fine is paid. Devices may be confiscated and retained by Escanaba Motor Speedway.
2. Escanaba Motor Speedway reserves the right to have all race cars use the same fuel or fuel mix. Fuel samples may be taken from any car at any time. Penalty for illegal fuel is disqualification from the event and \$250 fine - first offense. WARNING - ethanol blended fuel may not pass Escanaba Motor Speedway fuel tests.
3. Use of non-stamped tires in any division requiring IMCA stamped tires will result in disqualification and a \$250 fine. Chemically treated tires will result in \$1,000 fine, 30-day suspension and loss of all points for the season; second offense will result in \$2,000 fine and 60-day suspension.
4. Fighting and/or physical assault: First violation, minimum \$250 fine and/or suspension. Second violation is a minimum \$500 fine and minimum two-week suspension. Third violation is a minimum one-year suspension.
5. Unsportsmanlike conduct and/or verbal assault: First violation, minimum \$100 fine and/or suspension. Second violation is a minimum \$250 fine and minimum two-week suspension. Third violation is a minimum one-year suspension.
6. Rough driving - Penalties including fines, suspensions and points to be at discretion of track officials, and Escanaba Motor Speedway may impose penalties based on severity of incident.
7. Speeding in the pits will not be tolerated. You will receive one warning. First violation after warning will be a \$25 fine, second violation will be \$100, and third will be suspended for one race.
8. Any driver intentionally using his/her vehicle in a malicious manner: minimum \$250 fine and/or suspension at discretion of officials and Escanaba Motor Speedway.
9. Physical assault of an Escanaba Motor Speedway Board Member or track official, or promoter. First violation is a fine of no less than \$1,000 and/or suspension of driver of no less than 21 days.
10. Refusal by driver to sign deficiency slip will result in immediate disqualification and suspension from remainder of event in all divisions.
11. \$1,000 fine, 30-day suspension and loss of all points for the season for utilizing altered-rev limiter components.

12. Any car failing to meet minimum weight requirement results in disqualification and last place points. Any driver losing ballast while in competition will result in disqualification and 0 points.

13. Repeated violations of Escanaba Motor Speedway rules may result in permanent suspension. All incidents will be referred to Escanaba Motor Speedway by a Board Member, with his/her recommended penalties. All penalties imposed by Escanaba Motor Speedway are cumulative, not on a per-year basis.

14. No person, official, member or other person affiliated with Escanaba Motor Speedway will be placed under permanent suspension without review by Escanaba Motor Speedway.

15. If the driver receives a misconduct disqualification for the evening and no points, it is the same as if the driver did not compete that evening. No points are awarded, and it does not constitute a track visit as applied to eligibility to claim or for calculating weekly point average. If a penalty calls for disqualification and last place points, the driver receives points for the last position in the race he/she is competing in. There will be no refunds given for drivers at the pit gate.

### **ON TRACK RULES/PROCEDURES**

1. All cars will maneuver around the track in a counterclockwise direction. Anyone not complying with this rule may be disqualified from the race.

2. Vehicles enter the track from staging lanes in turn 4 and will exit the track in turn 1 by the wall and go to the scales immediately after taking the checkered flag. Drivers may take one cool down lap after you have taken the checkered flag.

3. IMCA line up and scoring procedures will be used for all classes.

4. Drivers must be checked into the pit area one hour before start time of race. Any late entries after draw closes must be approved to race by officials and will be placed at the rear of the last heat race. Drivers may not switch heat races. The mandatory driver's meeting will be 45 minutes before the start of race, followed by packing, hot laps and racing to follow if necessary. If the car and driver are at the track and capable to pack the track when called upon you are required to do so. If you do not, first offense will be a written warning, second offense you will have to start in the back of all races for the night.

5. The flagman and green flag starts every race, not the lights or the cone. Must remain in line, nose to tail, at a reasonable pace set by the pole sitter and may not pass before the start/restart cone. Cars pulling out of line, going below the cone, and/or hitting the cone may be sent to the rear of the race or to the pits at the discretion of the officials.

6. If a driver drives below the infield markers, tires/cones with ANY part of the car to improve position that driver will be black flagged to the rear of the field. Excessive running over infield tires will also result in a black flag points.

7. Rough Driving will NOT be tolerated. Penalty will be at discretion of track officials.

8. All original starts will be double file, and all restarts, unless otherwise announced, will be "Delaware Double file" with the leader in their own row up front. **THIS MEANS YOUR FRONT MUST BE BEHIND THE REAR OF THE LEADER UNTIL THE RACE IS STARTED.** Failed starts after two attempts will be lined up single file at the discretion of the flagman.

9. Youth micro sprints will be lined up double file for every restart.

10. In the heat races, any car charged with 1 caution will be sent to the pits and is considered done for that race. In a feature, any car charged with 2 cautions will be sent to the pits and is considered done for that race. Youth will be at discretion of track officials.

11. Races will be timed. You will get 1 minute per lap. The race may be shortened if it gets excessively long. If a race is going to be shortened it will be run as a Green, White, Checker for the final laps of the race. This will be announced over the receiver.

12. Cars may stop on the speedway during a caution flag only at the direction of a track official. Cars stopped on the speedway for any other reason or circumstance shall be sent to the rear of the race or to the pits at the official's discretion.

13. If a car loses body parts on the track, the caution will be called for the debris, not the car. There are some exceptions to this rule, as noted in the IMCA handbook, and can result in disqualification.

14. Intentional cautions will not be tolerated. Any car that leaves the racing surface during any race and enters the pits may not return to that race if they miss a green flag.

15. Any car that leaves the track during the heat will not be allowed back on the track during that race. The hot pit is not to be used during the heat races.

16. Drivers may use Hot pit road only during a feature. All drivers must continue to wear all safety equipment while being serviced on pit road and must remain in their cars. Pit crews must use extreme caution while on pit road and employ the maximum safety devices while working on a car on pit road. Drivers, when being serviced on pit road, stop your car on the right-hand side of the road leaving a lane open on your driver's side. All cars must enter pit road immediately after exiting the race track off turn one. Pit road is located along the back stretch of the racetrack between turns two and three on the road between the center pit stalls and the back wall of the racetrack. Pit road is a one-way road during all race events, the only vehicles that may be on pit road are race

cars being serviced, cars driving directly to the scales post-race, and track vehicles as needed. Cars on pit road will be given 2 laps and must be ready to rejoin the race when the flagman displays the green restart flag. Cars on pit road may re-enter the race only at the direction of a track official. If you are laps down, you can re-enter the race, however if a yellow comes out you will go to the tail of the longest line.

17. During a caution all cars should remain single file nose to tail and will be lined up according to the last completed green flag lap. Scorers will line up cars using Receivers and officials on the speedway will direct the appropriate cars to “open a hole” between them and the car that needs to move will be sent to “fill the hole” when necessary. When the line-up is correct and satisfactory to the officials, the yellow caution light will be turned off to signify the race is about to restart. If the caution or red flag is displayed after the race leader takes the checkered flag, the race is considered complete. Cars that did not cross the start/finish line before the caution or red flag was displayed will be scored according to the last completed lap. Cars failing to cross the start/finish line will be scored behind the finishing cars according to their last completed lap. If the caution or red flag is displayed on the white flag lap, there will be two attempts at a green/white/checker restart if possible. The exception to this rule is if the flagman finishes the race under a caution/checker. Once the leader takes the caution/checker, the field is frozen and remaining cars will be scored on the last completed lap. There will be no one lap restarts. Points go with the drivers, not the cars, only 1 back up driver allowed unless approved by track officials. You cannot switch drivers after the heat race is complete. Backup cars will start at the rear of the field. You must notify officials, or you will be disqualified.

Speeds in the pit area are limited to low speed in low gear only. There will be no tolerance to this rule!

### **Escanaba Motor Speedway FLAGS**

**BLACK:** Unsafe equipment and/or violation of rules or regulations. If black flagged for safety reasons, driver may go to pit road and return to race only if instructed by a track official. If black flagged for violation of rules/regulations, Page 4 driver must go to the pits and will not be scored and will receive appropriate penalty and/or fine.

**RED:** Race is being stopped. STOP your car wherever you are on the track. DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CARS, unless you are instructed by officials or safety crew. Anyone getting out of their car on the speedway without permission will be disqualified and/or fined. Cars may be moved to a location as instructed by officials for safety reasons only. Cars should remain in racing order. Officials will re-line up the cars.

Violations of any of the above red flag rules may result in your car being disqualified from the race and/or fined.

**YELLOW:** Race is momentarily halted. SLOW DOWN and continue circling the track in your race position at a slow-paced speed. DO NOT RACE BACK TO THE FLAG STAND FOR THE YELLOW. Cars are lined up according to the last completed lap. When the line-up is complete, the race will restart.

**BLUE WITH YELLOW STRIPE:** Your car is ready to be lapped by faster traffic and you should hold your line.

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