

# **WINTER HEAT**

## **@ CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY**

### **ROAD COURSE**

# **2024 COMPETITION GUIDE**

BEGINNER BANDOLERO DIVISION (NON-INEX POINTS/NON-TRACK POINTS)

BANDIT DIVISION (NON-INEX POINTS)

OUTLAW DIVISION (NON-INEX POINTS)

YOUNG LION DIVISION

SEMI-PRO DIVISION

MASTER DIVISION

PRO DIVISION

## Winter Heat – Competitor Information

### General Rules

As part of Charlotte Motor Speedway's (CMS) commitment to providing exciting family fun and "A Winning Experience For All," each CMS employee (Emergency Services Worker, Full-time Staff, Intern, Part-time Staff, Race Official, Registrar, Security Guard, etc.) has been empowered to request action be taken on any competitor at any time for unprofessional or unsafe behavior.

**\*\*\*NO UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES (CARS, SUVs, TRUCKS, VANS, ETC.) IN THE DESIGNATED PIT AREAS\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*STRICTLY ENFORCED\*\*\*\***

Cars are to be operated at walking speed in the Pit Area. If any official, track representative, or employee of CMS, USLCI, or INEX observes any car speeding or acting recklessly in the Pit Area, that driver will lose the privilege to drive in the Pit Area and must push their car for the remainder of the event. Any belligerent actions in the Pit Area may result in immediate expulsion from the event. Race Cars may be driven on the track or in the pit areas only.

Fighting is strictly prohibited. Anyone caught fighting will be dealt with by Law Enforcement as needed. Drivers will be held responsible for all crewmembers and penalties may be applied to the driver if a crewmember is involved. Penalties will be distributed by INEX. Failure to comply with any official's request may result in penalties.

Should an issue arise during the course of the event, contact a track official (with a radio) with questions and concerns (after a race). The track official will consult with the Tower after the completion of the race on the track and will get an answer to your question. The track official will not call the Tower during the race. Profanity, screaming, tantrums, vulgarity and/or yelling will not be tolerated.

- **The following items are prohibited in the Pit Area:**
  - Alcohol
  - Glass containers
  - Pets (except service animals assisting disabled guests)
  - Weapons of any kind
  - Items restricted by federal law or which, in the judgment of speedway officials, may create a safety risk or reduce the enjoyment of the event by other guests
  - Remote control cars
  - Golf carts
  - Bicycles / scooters / striders / skateboards / roller blades / etc...
  - Unattended items (may be removed at the discretion of speedway officials)
  - Drones (anywhere on grounds)

### Pit Pass Sales

Location: **Security booth inside speedway** (enter speedway through the back stretch tunnel)

Sign in must be done through the Pit Pay app.

### Driver Sign in – Transponder and Car Number Registration

- All drivers must register on race day in the Media Center.
- ALL DRIVERS MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE THE DRIVERS MEETING.

At registration you will provide your name, division, registered car number, and most importantly your RECHARGABLE TRANSPONDER. NO HARDWARE SYSTEMS ARE ALLOWED ON THE CAR. **ONLY ONE FULLY CHARGED TRANSPONDER PER CAR.**  
**(Transponders will be available for rent).**

### Car Numbers

If two (2) or more cars show up with the same number, the one who registers first gets priority given for their number and the subsequent cars with the same request will be asked to apply the first letter of their last name on the car.

## **Beginner Bandoleros Division**

The Beginner Bandolero Division is for rookies only. No track points will be awarded. Plaques will be awarded to the top 3 finishers. If it is deemed by INEX that the driver is too experienced for the Beginner Bandolero Division, they will be moved to the Bandit or Outlaw Division, based on driver's age.

## **Drivers Meeting**

The drivers' meeting is MANDATORY. It will be held in the media center. For those drivers that are 12 years old and younger, an adult must accompany you to the drivers meeting. EIRI

## **Pit Area**

Cars are expected to be operated in a safe manner, no faster than walking speed, at all times. Penalties will be issued at the discretion of the Race Director.

No test driving cars will be permitted in the pit area.

## **Work Area**

The work area is at "track off" (NASCAR pit road)

***If you enter into the pit area for any reason during a race, you will not be allowed to re-enter the track for that race.***

## **Tech**

Tech is located at the end of the Xfinity garage (closest to the track). Random cars will be selected after group qualifying sessions. Top three (3) finishers after each main event will report directly to tech. Please pay attention to the Tech Officials as you exit the track. Only two (2) people per car are allowed in tech. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Driver and crew are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. **NO MEDIA IN TECH.**

**Trophy Presentation (top 3 finishers) will be held in victory circle after cars clear tech**

## **Participant Conduct**

Competitors are expected to act in a courteous and professional manner at all times both on and off the track, and are reminded that DRIVERS are responsible for the actions of their crew members and/or family. Warnings and penalties will be issued for bad conduct. Please refer to the 2023 INEX Rulebook for information regarding participant conduct and penalties, pages 23 – 26.

## **Race Monitor / My Race Pass**

We use the Race Monitor app & My Race Pass to broadcast lap times and positions for practice, qualifying and features. Simply go to your respective app store and download Race Monitor / My Race Pass. The event on the track will be broadcast on your phone or tablet device. Please note that any lap times and/or race results on Race Monitor / My Race Pass are UNOFFICIAL. If Race Monitor is not broadcasting that DOES NOT mean that timing and scoring is down.

## **Back-up Cars**

If a driver feels they must change cars between Qualifying and the Feature(s), then he/she must receive permission to do so from the Race Director. The driver will lose anything gained with the first car and must start at the rear of the field for their next race. It is your responsibility to move your transponder from your primary car to your back up car. Only the driver who qualifies for the Feature may start the Feature. No substitute drivers are permitted. Once the field has left the cold grid drivers may not change cars for any reason.

## **Inclement Weather Procedure**

In the event that we must halt the event due to inclement weather, any cars on the cold or hot grid shall be driven back to their pit stalls.

## Appeals

Please refer to page 26 in your 2023 INEX Official Rulebook for appeals involving a technical penalty.

Penalties involving “on-track” race procedures or judgment calls by the race director **WILL NOT** be considered for appeal.

## Public Relations

For any public relations questions please contact Josh Roller (704) 247-5370.

## Yellow Flags

**One way radio from race control to the driver is mandatory and will be used.** Please pay close attention to the flagmen and caution lights around the speedway. Once the caution lights are illuminated and double caution flags are displayed, the track is yellow all over, **slow down and get single file.** **Do not race back to the yellow flag.**

Cars that spin off course are expected to rejoin the race as quickly and safely as possible without gaining positions or time on-track. It is the responsibility of the driver to get their car moving as fast as possible. If you gain positions or time, you may be black flagged to do a “stop & go” penalty in the hot pit. If the Race Director deems that you intentionally brought out the caution you will be black flagged from that portion of the event.

## Red Flags

The red flag means **STOP** as quickly and safely as possible. Safety workers will be on the track and the RED flag is for their safety and your safety. You will only move if instructed to by safety personnel and/or the Race Director.

## Black Flag

The black flag will be displayed at the start/finish line and the car being penalized will be announced over the One Way Radio, by the Race Director. Drivers have 2 laps to heed the Black Flag.

If a bumper comes off a car, starts to drag or a frame horn is exposed, that car will be black flagged to the work area.

Any display of rough driving in any race will result in the offending driver being black flagged and parked for the remainder of that race. EIRI.

If you have 2 unassisted spins in any race or are unable to maintain a safe speed you may be black flagged at the discretion of the race director.

Failure to heed **ANY** flag may result in penalties. Penalties may include loss of laps, points, monetary fines, suspensions, etc., at the discretion of the race director and INEX Officials.

## Blue Flag with Yellow Diagonal Stripe

If the blue flag with the yellow diagonal stripe is displayed to you, please be courteous and hold your line to allow the leaders to pass.

## Time Limit

The time limits for the winter heat races have been set in an effort to not only help move the show along but to also allow you to complete your race in a certain amount of time. If the event reaches the time limit, a time limit flag will be shown at the flagstand by the starter to indicate that we have reached our time limit and that the next flag displayed (double yellow or checkered) will end the race. Please note your time limit will pause during RED flag conditions. Please pay attention to any and all flags or signals displayed at the start/finish line, the corner stations and all instructions as given over the one way radio.

## Grid

Being on time is your responsibility, not track officials.

## Qualifying – Legends Cars and Bandolero Cars

You must register your car number, drivers name & transponder number prior to the drivers meeting.

All cars will group qualify (4 laps)

Qualifying results will set the positions in the main event.

## Feature Races

Feature events will be 10 laps (Legend Cars) / 8 laps (Bandolero Cars) on the road course.

## Scoring

**Drivers, please make sure that your transponder is fully charged and on your car prior to any on track activity.** It is your responsibility to make sure that your transponder is properly mounted and in working condition. (SILVER LABEL FACING DOWN !!!).

All results (qualifying and feature events) will be posted in a timely manner after they have been verified in the tower by scoring.

## Original Starts and Restarts – All Divisions

The front row must maintain a steady speed and may not fire until the designated restart LINE. If a steady speed is not maintained or you start too early, the start may be waved off and the offender(s) may be penalized for a second attempt (front row swap, etc.).

All cars are to stay double-file, nice and even and in nose-to-tail formation, with space between the bumpers, without bumping or pushing. Once the green flag has been displayed, no passing until the start/finish line. Any driver who pulls out of line, or passes, before crossing the start/finish line may be penalized (EIRI).

All starts and restarts shall be made at the designated restart line on the track. The designated restart line is clearly marked with white stripes. The restart line is also designated by cones. The flagman will START the race. The leader will RESTART the race.

You will get three attempts at a double file restart. After that, all restarts will be single file.

## Restarts – Beginner Bandoleros

Beginner Bandoleros will always restart single file. All other restart rules are as listed above.

## Realignment & Lineups

**The One Way Radio is mandatory from race control to the driver.** Cooperate with the Officials as they line you up for restarts. If you are dropping to the tail of the field for any reason (penalty or you choose to start at the tail), move out of line, slow down and let the field pass you and then rejoin the field at the tail. This will aid the Scoring officials in lining you up quicker so we can get back to green flag racing. Driver's MUST be able to hear the race director. **If the officials determine that your raceceiver is not working, you will be black flagged to the hot pit to repair it. (this is the drivers & crews responsibility, not the track workers).**

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1/20, 1/27, 2/3

## TRACK RULES

**\*BANDOLERO RESTRICTOR PLATES\***  
**BEGINNER BANDOLERO CARS WILL BE  
REQUIRED TO USE THE RED "INEX"  
RESTRICTOR PLATE. BANDITS & OUTLAWS  
WILL NOT USE A RESTRICTOR PLATE.**

**\*TIRES\***  
**LEGEND CARS & BANDOLERO CARS WILL BE  
REQUIRED TO USE HOOSIER TIRES  
LEGAL TO THE INEX RULEBOOK.**

**\*FUEL\***  
**THE MANDATORY FUEL FOR ALL CARS IN ALL  
EVENTS AT CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY  
IS SHELL PUMP STATION GAS.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION,**

***INEX***