

4-17 Speedway's "Virtual Drivers Meeting"

On behalf of 4-17 Southern Speedway's owners, officials and staff we want to take this opportunity to welcome (you), the Driver's, as well as your crew, family, car owners, sponsors and friends. The 4-17's mission is: "to bring local short track racing back to life" and, with a bit of luck, provide a pleasurable racing experience for you along the way.

As your Race/Competition Director I want to assure all drivers of our commitments to you.

Commitment #1: Consistency

We can all agree that no-one wants flip-flop decisions or erratic policy pertaining to race procedures. While it might be impossible to maintain 100% consistency, I want to set the bar high and show that it is our highest commitment to you.

-example: A lot of discrepancies at race tracks occur on the track resulting from the official's call on a given yellow-flag, wreck or incident. Most race tracks use one of two methods to follow when making race stopping contact/accident calls. They use a "Total-Judgement" procedure on who's at fault and who gets penalized, or they use a "All-Involved" procedure on who gets penalized.

For a couple of reasons we decided early-on we would consistently implement the "All-Involved" procedure for dealing with the yellow/red flag incidents for the 2017 season. (For details, please refer to: Yellow Flag Rules-> Spinner/Spinee, and Tap-Out Rule)

Commitment #2: Impartiality

Firm But Impartial, with no favoritism to be shown, and to be fair to all drivers, is among my highest priorities.

Commitment #3: Do our best job possible

Taking no matter lightly, with our assurance we will attempt to do the best that we can to offer you a safe, and hopefully enjoyable racing experience. We will listen to you concerns, and if we feel it would better the racing environment we will take steps to improve our procedures toward that goal.

With the commitments out of the way, let's move on to some other topics, with the first being:
-SAFETY

We highly recommend that all drivers' safety equipment get upgraded to a Snell 2015 rating and be SFI/1 approved. The Rule book will specify exact requirements/specifications. The condition of your equipment is important to us and may be monitored.

Absolutely no speeding by any vehicle in the pit areas

Always drive Slow & Cautious as you are driving through any of our pit areas!!

Any race vehicle that poses a safety issue on the race track: (protruding bumper, sharp metal exposed, etc.) will be directed to pit area.

In a racing accident, unless there is a fire or strong gas smell, stay in your car until safety crew arrives. Driver may exit car, at the scene only, to inspect race car for damage. Stay at your car. No foul-language or movement/gestures toward other drivers or race officials will be tolerated.

When broom crew, safety crew, or wrecker is on the race track, weaving, or scuffing tires is prohibited.

Occasionally a race official may be instructed to pull your car out of line to inspect for damage. While our race officials are prohibited from making any repairs or adjustments to your car, you must obey any instructions received from a race official.

-Entering/Leaving Race Track

All cars enter the race track at Turn 3 opening, with permission of Turn 3 flagman.

All cars exiting the race track will use Turn 1 opening, remembering to slow down. Your view of pit road is somewhat obstructed coming over the hump and very close. (Watch Turn 1 flagman)

If you are attempting to exit race track it is a good idea to wave your hand/arm as a signal to other drivers that may be following that you are slowing to exit.

-Race Event Schedule

This schedule will be posted in the Tech area early in the afternoon, just to the right of the race line-up board, with a list of the afternoon's/evening's order of events.

Please pay attention to PA announcers as any last minute changes will be announced.

-Driver Registration/Starting Positions

Race starting-positions and qualifying order will be determined by pill-draw held in the Tech area. All drivers will need to 'Register' with your pill-draw. This occurs during pre-race practice sessions allowing everyone ample time to get registered for the evening with your pill-draw.

-Drivers Meeting

A face-to-face drivers meeting will take place before any Qualifying or Racing Events begin. All drivers are required to attend. Any last minute event updates or changes in procedures (such as Tech requirements) will be discussed at that time.

-Qualifying

Only designated classes (Per Race Schedule) will qualify. Two-Lap Qualifying will occur single file from Turn 3 staging area. When entering race track you will go by flag stand with one-to-go. The next time by you will receive Green, then White, then Checkered. No wave-off. Any spin or stopping will nullify that lap. If a lap is missed by scoring, the flagman will be instructed to control.

In the event of a tie, the faster 'Other' lap will determine. If that's a tie the 'First car out' will determine.

-Heat Races and Staging

Heat races may or may not be run according to classes and schedule.

Please be ready when called to go to staging area and line up for your race.

-Race Initial Starts/Restarts

Race initial starts and restarts are ultimately controlled by Official/Starter. Cooperation is needed between pole sitter and flagman to start a race successfully. Pole sitter of race determines the pace, and will initiate the start or fire-off at the Turn 4 'Line' or sometimes referred to as: 'The starting box'. Pace-car speed is what we expect the minimum pace to be when starting a race. Crawling, or Extremely-Slow drag race starts may work with 5 or 6 cars, but not with a field of 15-20 cars. The more cars in the field we strongly encourage a faster pace for starting a race.

Jumping a start may result in a warning to the offending driver, if this occurs a second time that driver will be placed at the rear of the field.

4-17 Speedway will utilize the 'Restart Cone Rule' for the 2017 season.

(For details, please refer to: 'The Restart Cone Rule')

-Lineups

Lineups for restarts will be accomplished both manually, as well as Raceceivers.

Our Raceceiver frequency is: **462.42500**

-Complete Restarts

On the initial start of the race, if a yellow/red flag occurs, with 0 laps being completed, all cars shall be placed in their original starting position for the restarting of the race. Any cars that have exited the track must start at the rear upon returning.

-Scoring

Cars are scored at the Start/Finish line. With regard to restarts all cars are scored from the last completed lap. When a race finish is determined by time constraint the finish order may be the order in which the last restart occurred.

-Lapped/Slow Cars

Lapped cars will obey flagman's lay-over flag or instructions at all times. Lapped/Slow traffic will move high, (To the outside lane) if possible.

Lapped cars are also restricted to use of the Cone-Rule, and will relinquish all restarting positions to lead-lap cars.

-After the Checkered Flag

Please remember we do have a 11:30pm curfew. Occasional adjustments to schedule or changes to event length may be necessary to finish on time.

With time allowing we generally invite the top-three finishers to remain on the race track at the Victory area in front of main flag stand, for pictures and interview. Pit crew and associates are allowed to join in.

No burn-out celebration allowed, No riding on, or in, race car with driver is permitted.

Do not forget to report directly to Tech area, if required.

-Payout Procedures

(For details, please refer to: 'Code of Conduct Policy')

-4-17 Southern Speedway Website

Please visit the official website: <http://www.417southernspeedway.com>

The latest news/events are generally discussed on the website's Facebook, and Twitter feeds.

When launching website from apple iphone, be sure to install the 'Mobile Web App'

-Advice

Although we all participate in a highly emotional sport, we are still expected to act professionally and courteously while at the track as well as on non-race days of the season. We ask that you be fair & considerate on social media to all involved parties of any racing or other incident. Drivers are the stars of this track and ultimately will be the voice of reason to the many thousands of followers; many of whom are children! The use of Improper Language or Gestures towards the fans or track officials will not be tolerated on race days. You might think twice about posting negative social media, especially calling out people by name.