

# WARTON STOCK CAR CLUB GENERAL TRACK RULES

The rules in this book are valid until the next rule book is printed, excepting rule changes\* at an A.G.M or for H&S reasons.

\*Updated rules will be published in the meeting programme

Drivers are recommended to obtain their own insurances in regard to racing at Warton Stock Car Club, no responsibility will be accepted by the Club members, drivers or officials in respect of death or injury caused during race meetings.

No driver will be allowed to flaunt the Club regulations more than once. If a warning is ignored the offender will not be allowed to race at the following or subsequent meetings.

Two passport photographs are required to register as a driver. If renewing a licence to race after having raced in the previous season only one photo is required. Previous season's members' race numbers will be held for them for the whole season and until the following Easter meeting.

Drivers are permitted one free pass for one 'mechanic', the pass is transferable for people, but only valid for one car and that car must be racing on the day the pass is used. Replacement passes will not be issued if pass is lost. Passes are available from the booking in office.

All drivers must attend the drivers meeting before racing commences, a wristband will be issued to all attending drivers. Failure to show wristband while attempting to enter the track for racing will result in missing at least that race.

## 1. OFFICIALS

- Committee Members, Lap Scorers
- Clerk of the Course
- Starter
- 4 Marshals on podiums on infield
- 1 Marshal near in gate to stand on raised ground next to gate during racing
- 1 Marshal near exit gate to stand on raised ground next to gate during racing
- **ALL ABOVE TO HAVE RADIOS WITH HEADSETS**

## 2. FLAGS

- Waving Yellow Flags: Displayed on rolling lap before race starts, no overtaking or jumping the start allowed, offenders may be black flagged or be docked places after the race.
- Green Flag: Start of Race
- Chequered Flag: Race over, cars must keep racing until red flags are shown. (Lap scoring continues until the red flags are shown)
- Red Flag: **Stop racing immediately**, do not overtake anyone come to a halt as soon as is safe to do so. Cars must not move until told to do so by an official. Any driver who fails to stop within a reasonable time will be placed on the infield and will miss the rest of the race. Any drivers who, having stopped, then start to move without being told to do so by an official will also be placed on the infield.
- Stationary Yellow Flag: Drive with caution and be prepared to stop.
- Black Flag: Pull into the infield as soon as it's safe to do so, within two laps. If you have been shown the black it will be because you have contravened one or more of the clubs rules or have a safety issue with your car. Only if an Official is certain will a black flag be shown.

**Failure to follow the above Flag Rules may lead to suspension from that race and possibly further actions being taken against the driver.**

### 3. ROOF COLOURS

- Cars line up from start line as follows:
- White Start line
  - Yellow on first bend
  - Blue on back straight
  - Red on second bend
  - Silver & Gold behind all cars

THE ONLY EXCEPTION BEING A NEW OR INEXPERIENCED DRIVER, WHO CAN START AT THE BACK OF THE GRID AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLERK OF THE COURSE.

### 4. LAPS

- Final 15 laps, plus rolling lap
- Grand National 12 laps, plus rolling lap
- Helter Skelter 10 laps, plus rolling lap
- Points Scoring Heats 10 laps, plus rolling lap
- 9 Cars 9 laps
- 8 Cars 8 laps
- 7 Cars 7 laps
- 6 Cars 6 laps
- 5 cars or less, they may or may not be allowed to occur at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

### 5. POINTS

- Points will be scored by up to the first ten, Warton Stock Car Club members to finish. Points scored will be 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- The Grand National. The winner of the final of the Stock Cars, Ministox and Senior Minis MUST start at the front of the grid, one lap down. If this car finished in the points the driver will score double points. **If the Grand National has less than 10 cars no double points will be awarded.**
- Any queries regarding race positions, points accrued etc, can only be made to a maximum of three race meetings after the queried race. At the end of the season this will be two weeks BEFORE the Presentation Dance.

### 6. RACING

1<sup>st</sup> Race: 15 minutes before start of 1<sup>st</sup> race drivers in 1<sup>st</sup> heat to line their cars up at designated area, so that as soon as the drivers meeting has finished cars can line up ready to start on time.

7. Rolling Lap under yellow flags. Cars at the front of their roof colours must maintain the gap to the cars in front, there is to be no racing, overtaking or contact before the green flag is dropped, the offending car(s) may be **black flagged or have positions docked after the race.**
8. 5 Laps remaining lapboards will be shown.
9. On Last Lap the lead car will be given the chequered flag. All cars can carry on racing until red flags are shown. (This is because lap scorers keep on scoring until they have seen red flags). After race completed, move slowly to out gate and if you can, push off any car near to you, to assist in a speedy clear up of the track.

### 10. PRACTICE RULES

- There is to be NO contact

- Cars entering the track must not pass the pit gate again until it has been closed and drivers given thumbs up signal/green flag
- Stock Cars must wait halfway down the pit straight, Minis & Banger class cars must wait on Start/Finish line.
- The red flag means that the session is over, cars may pass it only once.
- Failure to adhere to these basic rules could have drivers stopped from practicing and even get loaded up for the whole day.

#### **11. DURING RACING RED FLAGS**

- A. Red Flags in first quarter of race, complete restart. All cars deemed able to continue the race by the Clerk of the Course may restart.
- B. Red Flags after first quarter, all cars that are still running will line up in order as given by lap scorers, position will be as at end of the last complete lap. This will be running order which may not necessarily be points scoring order.
- C. If race order is not known the cars will line up in the order given by the lap scorers.

#### **12. A RACE WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY STOPPED FOR A FIRE IN A CAR ON THE INFIELD.**

#### **13. CARS STOPPED DURING A RACE**

Any driver who pulls off onto the infield, or stops on the track, during a race MUST remain in their car, helmet on, straps on, unless they are told otherwise. If a driver is asked to go to the safe area, they MUST remain there until after the red flags at the end of the race, overalls zipped up. Mobile phones and E-cigs must not be carried by any race driver while on the track.

Any driver who stops a race with the Thumbs Down signal will not be allowed to rejoin the race at the restart.

**14.** Fighting will NOT be tolerated on or off the track. Anyone fighting will be suspended for the rest of the meeting, followed by a two meeting minimum ban. This will be confirmed by the committee on the day. If the incident is deemed serious enough, further action may be taken at the subsequent committee meeting, on the Wednesday following the race meeting. Any letters concerned with the incident must be received by that meeting. The offending driver may attend the subsequent committee meeting to plead their case.

**15.** All classes must have adequate support for the drivers seat back.

**16.** The driver is at all times responsible for the conduct of his machine and people accompanying them to race meetings. Aggressive or abusive behaviour from a driver or any of their party towards and person at the track will result in suspension from the rest of the meeting and it will be discussed at the next committee meeting where further action may be taken. This also extends to cover bullying, threats, abuse, mems, photo shopped images or other negative comments, at any time, from any form of social media by any person to another, this includes texts, websites, social media and any such future forms of communication, by drivers and or their party.

**17.** No one, other than drivers, track officials and Medics crews are allowed on the track, even during practice sessions.

**18.** Any incidents on the track where a car or cars are involved with injured drivers inside, no one other than the appropriate officials are allowed on the track. If a driver is knocked out in any class, they cannot race again on that day. Any driver refusing to be looked at by the

medics, if they have been involved in an incident the Medics attend, will be excluded from racing for the remainder of that day.

19. All classes. All cars to line up at the designated area, though not obstructing the ambulances. This is to be when the previous race is underway. No cars can enter the track unless told to do so by an official. When these cars are on the track the in-gate will shut within three minutes. The gate will not be reopened for a car arriving late.
20. If your car is found to be illegal when you are on the track you will not have the option of fixing it. You will wait out the race in the centre of the track. No car can have any outside help when on the track, this includes changing of tyres etc.
21. Transponders are required on all Ministox, Senior Minis and Stock Cars and must be a specified distance from the OUTSIDE of the front bumper e.g. 2m in Stock Cars, 1.2m for Mini Classes. They must have the race number written in permanent marker on one side and not be tampered with in any other way.
22. Any drivers caught under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances will be excluded from racing that day and will be given a life ban at the committee meeting. NOTE we are working closely with the Police on this matter and have granted them access at any time to visit the track on a race day.
23. Drivers must obey the instructions of pit and race marshals at all times.
24. Drivers and mechanics must, at all times, show courtesy and consideration to any member of the public who happens to have gained access to the pits area. Contravention of this rule will result in a warning.
25. A speed limit of WALKING PACE for all vehicles must be adhered too while in pit area. DRIVERS: No vehicles are allowed to move in the pits unless going to or from the track, scrutineering or collecting water. NOTE this includes quad bikes, scramblers and other off road type vehicles, including on the marshes. NOTE Racing cars MUST NOT DRIVE OUTSIDE THE PIT AREA.
26. All cars and drivers must attend the circuit and report to the scrutineers in good time for the start of racing. Day Licences are to be bought at Race Control immediately after scrutineering.
27. A) All cars must have been scrutineered and the driver booked in at Race Control before being allowed to race. Only registered members will be allowed to earn points for the Championship or claim appearance money when available, note appearance money must be collected on the day it is available. All drivers must race under their own number with the same car, no car swaps allowed.  
B) Only fully paid up members can race on Championship Day. Members must have raced in 3 meetings in bangers, ladies bangers and junior rookies and 5 meetings in stock cars, ministox and senior minis in that season to take part in the main Championship Race on Championship Day. NOTE Junior Drivers who's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthdays fall prior to the championship meeting to have their junior meetings honoured and carried into their relevant senior classes, e.g Ministox driver into Senior Minis and Rookie driver into Bangers. Former junior drivers to start from back of grid in their new relevant classes. A random draw is to be carried out for the banger class grid rather than by points on Championship Day.

Junior Rookies and Ladies Championship drivers MUST be members in order to race in on Championship Day, or their Championship meeting.

C) All drivers will be at least 16 years of age, except in Ministox & Junior Rookies. Proof of age must be shown and a Parents Consent Form must be filled in at Race Control for all drivers aged 11-15 in either class.

28. All drivers have the right to ask the committee to enquire into any matter or bring up a charge against another member. This request or charge must be made in writing. A driver can ask two committee members and Clerk of the Course to adjudicate immediately after a meeting of any incident which has occurred during racing. If the conduct of a driver is to be discussed at the committee meeting following race day, the driver will have the option of attending in order to defend themselves. The decision of the committee is final. If a driver wishes to appeal a committee decision, they have the right to appeal only once and must represent themselves individually, except where a junior driver is involved and then a guardian must be present.
29. All cars, trailers and accessories must be cleared from the circuit on the day of the meetings, this extends to rubbish including car parts, wheels and tyres. If in doubt, contact the Pits Office. NOTE any costs incurred by the club for removals of the above may be charged to the driver of the car from that area. At no time will the club or its members be responsible for any loss or damage to cars or personal property however caused.
30. All cars are subject to the decision of the scrutineer, but the driver may appeal to the Club committee, providing the appeal does not delay racing. The decision of the Club committee is final.
31. Any car with protrusions likely to cause damage will be warned and if not modified satisfactorily, will subsequently be disqualified.
32. All cars must have adequate braking systems.
33. Starters must be fitted and in working order.
34. All pit crews should have a working extinguisher in case of a fire in their area.
35. The main ignition switch must be fitted within easy reach of the driver and marshals. It must be clearly marked with **ON** and **OFF** positions.
36. All drivers must be equipped with a safety helmet as approved by ORCi. No plastic moulded, plastic injected or poly-carbon combinations allowed.
37. All drivers must wear flame resistant overalls and balaclavas, flame resistant gloves and neck brace (Neck brace is only optional in adult Bangers). Junior Classes (Ministox & Junior Rookies) must have their steering wheels taped up, or use a plastic disk, to stop hands and arms going between the spokes. This is also strongly advised for all adult classes to. Footwear must be racing boots or walking boots or safety trainers. Standard trainers or shoes are not permitted.
38. All drivers must have their numbers painted **IN WHITE ON BLACK OR BLACK ON WHITE** on BOTH SIDES of their roof fin. The number will be a minimum 10" high. If your number is unreadable, you will not be scored by the lap scorers. Roof colours must be displayed front and back on a number plate sized board. The colours gold and silver will not be allowed on any roof or aerofoil except on the points

champion (Gold) or the championship cup winner (Silver). Drivers are requested to paint their cars in bright colours and keep the paintwork as tidy as possible.

39. Stock Cars will race in an anti-clockwise direction. Bangers, Ministox, Junior Rookies, Senior Minis and Ladies Bangers will race in a clockwise direction. No car must turn around and drive the opposite way to racing, unless recovering from an incident. The only exception to this rule is in the Banger Destruction Derby.
40. After a car has been scrutineered, the driver must book in at the booking in office in order to race. NOTE any car can be rescrutineered at any time. Any car that is found to have illegal modifications to it will be excluded and the driver may lose points and face a ban.
41. The decision of the lap scorers as to the finishing places is final.
42. No one may approach the lap scorers directly. Any queries will be made through race control.
43. Any driver warned of dangerous practice against any other specified driver will be suspended.
44. Any driver, mechanic or spectator, who is not in the race and is seen to be on the track before the red flag is displayed, will be suspended, as may the driver of the party they belong too.
45. Any lady can compete in the Ladies Bangers class in either their own Banger or a borrowed one that is suitable for the class, they must have the car scrutineered for themselves and book in before racing.
46. Team racing will not be allowed. Any driver deemed guilty of team racing will be disqualified from gaining points or any prize money and appearance money that may be paid. Further action may be taken at the discretion of the committee.
47. The winners of the Championship Silver Roof races will assume the silver roof from then on. They will start subsequent races from the rear of the grid, current holder of the silver roof then reverts to the roof colour corresponding to his or her points total to date. The points champion assumes his or her gold roof at the first meeting of the season. The second place driver may sport a black and white chequered roof edged by his current roof colour. The third placed driver may sport a red and white chequered roof edged by his or her current roof colour. The edge or border shall be not less than 4" wide. The roof colour for stock cars will be as now, a colour board front and rear. Winner of previous heat will start the next race at the back of his or her roof colour.
48. Drivers from visiting tracks, clubs or formula's to race the roof colour earned at their own track. Drivers returning to race at Warton after a break, to return with previous retiring roof colour. Drivers moving between classes during the season to race same roof colour as their previous class. This does not apply to Ministox drivers. Members abide by Club rules regarding roof colours. Any driver not displaying the correct roof colour will be given the chance to paint his or her roof the correct colour. Failure to comply will mean exclusion from racing. Roof colours also apply at fun meetings.
49. We are also respectful of our neighbours, any member, or part of their party, found to be speeding either to or from the track in Warton Village, Carnforth or surrounding villages

may receive a ban for themselves or the driver of the party they attend with.

50. Proposed changes of class rules e.g. from one specification to a completely different one, can only be proposed, seconded and be vote on by current members of the class. Committee member nominees must be paid by another paid member and seconded by another. All committee nominations and rule changes must be put in writing and given into Race Control, before racing finishes on the last points scoring meeting of the season signed by the proposer and seconder.
51. Should the need arise, the committee has the authority to borrow money on behalf of the Club, but only after being ratified by a Special General Meeting.

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**These rules are valid with immediate effect.**