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## **2026 GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES**

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## **DIVISIONS**

Super Late Model (SLM)

Pro Late Model (PLM)

Limited Late Model (LLM)

Legends Tour West (LEG)

## **OWNERSHIP GROUP**

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# DISCLAIMERS, DEFINITIONS & NOTICES

The rules and regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing Events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such Events. 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.

**NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF/OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.** 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. By signing the liability waiver at the Event, the signee is stating that he/she understands the "risk" of entering the pit area, the limits of the Series insurance coverage, and that he/she agree to unconditionally abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in the CARS Tour West Rules and Regulations.

The CARS Tour West shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further requirements. Any interpretation of or deviation from these rules are at the discretion of the CARS Tour West Officials. Their decisions are final.

## DEFINITIONS

### **CARS Tour West Officials (Tour Officials)**

Those persons(s) employed, supervised, and compensated by the CARS Tour West.

### **Event**

A CARS Tour West sanctioned Event, including but not limited to practice days and/or race days.

### **Member (Participant)**

All individuals who have signed the Liability Waiver at each Event prior to entering the garage, pit, or other restricted area at CARS Tour West Events.

### **Office**

The Series headquarters, located at 6900 Hudspeth Rd. Harrisburg, NC 28075.

### **Promoter**

Any individual, owner, president, manager who represents the Track at a CARS Tour West sanctioned Event.

### **Restricted Area**

During a CARS Tour West Event, certain areas are deemed restricted ("restricted areas"). These areas include everything inside the fence line including the pit and garage areas. The racing surface and race control are restricted areas.

## **NOTICES**

1. These Rules are effective from the date of publication until December 31, 2026. These Rules supersede all previously published Rules.
2. The intent of these Rules is to provide for fair, competitive, and safe racing during all CARS Tour West Events.
3. The CARS Tour West Officials shall amend any rule or specification contained within this rulebook. Furthermore, the Officials may impose further rules or specifications as necessary for the fair, competitive, and safe conduct of Events.
4. CARS Tour West Officials represent the overall and final authority for each Event. Tour Officials reserve the right to take all necessary steps, including the right to change, modify, or revise these Rules to ensure the fairness, competitiveness, and safety of Events. Such changes can be made with little or no advance notice, including during an Event.
5. Interpretation of these Rules, or any deviation from, is entirely and completely at the discretion of the CARS Tour West Officials.
6. Any disagreement regarding technical procedures, equipment, operations, race procedures, scoring or flagging will be resolved by CARS Tour West Officials. When their decision is made, it is considered final and binding.

# 1. LICENSING, MEMBERSHIP & CONDUCT

## 1.1. Registration & License Information

- 1.1.1. Each Driver and Owner must complete all CARS Tour West registration forms prior to participation in a CARS Tour West Event.
- 1.1.2. Age Requirements
  - 1.1.2.1. The CARS Tour West does not grant exceptions to the minimum age requirement for Drivers.
  - 1.1.2.2. Any Driver competing in the Super Late, Pro Late, and/or Limited Late divisions must be 12 years of age or older at the time of registration.
- 1.1.3. Capacity to Participate

All Drivers must be physically fit for racing. CARS Tour West Officials have the sole and absolute discretion to require a Driver to provide medical certification of fitness prior to participation in an Event.

All Drivers' ability to participate will be monitored by CARS Tour West Officials on a continuous basis. The CARS Tour West reserves the right to approve or deny a Driver's ability to participate in an Event based on the Driver's ability to participate in the Series safely and competitively.
- 1.1.4. Each Team must file a W-9 prior to competing in a CARS Tour West Event. The Team is responsible for notifying the CARS Tour West of any changes to the W-9 form on file with the CARS Tour West Office.
- 1.1.5. It is mandatory for all competing Drivers and Owners to be licensed by the CARS Tour West for the Event(s) in which they participate. Licensing can occur through either Annual License or a Single Event License (SEL). Single Event Licenses are good for the registered Event only and may not apply to annual registration fees.
  - 1.1.5.1. Licensing Fees:

2026 CARS TOUR WEST Licensing

Annual SLM Owner's License is \$250.00.

Annual PLM Owner's License is \$180.00.

Annual LLM Owner's License is \$100.00.

Single Event SLM Owner's License is \$125.00.

Single Event PLM Owner's License is \$90.00.

Single Event LLM Owner's License is \$50.00.

Annual SLM/PLM/LLM Driver's License is \$100.00.

Single Event SLM Driver's License is \$60.00.

Single Event PLM/LLM Driver's License is \$50.00.

\*\*\*All License fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

- 1.1.6. Race vehicles may only be driven by individuals with a valid CARS Tour West license for that division.
- 1.1.7. Annual and Single Event licenses are for the explicit and sole use of the individual or team named on the license and are non-transferable for use by any other individual or team.

## 1.2. General Rules

- 1.2.1. Owners assume full responsibility for the actions of their crew members, driver, and any other person for whom the Owner paid admission to the Event.
- 1.2.2. Substance Abuse Policy
  - 1.2.2.1. No intoxicating beverages or controlled substances can be consumed before, during or after race events by anyone in a restricted area.
  - 1.2.2.2. When there is reasonable suspicion present, CARS Tour West Officials reserve the right to require alcohol and/or drug testing of any Driver, crew member, or Owner at any time during an Event.
- 1.2.3. Drivers, Owners, and/or any other members of a crew shall have no claims. against or cause of action for damages, expenses, or otherwise against the CARS Tour West Officials, or the Promoter for an act of disqualification or damage to either car or driver, or both.
- 1.2.4. Entry fees and pit gate fees shall be non-refundable, but at the discretion of the CARS Tour West Officials may be transferable. Entry fees are paid prior to pit gate entry.
- 1.2.5. Decisions on transporter parking will be determined and announced on an Event-by-Event basis. (i.e., whether or not trucks will remain in the infield)

## 2. INSURANCE & WAIVER

### 2.1. Insurance

- 2.1.1. Insurance is available to participants and/or persons entering the restricted area of a CARS Tour West sanctioned Event for accidental death or hospital, and/or medical bills. Such insurance is for a period normally associated with the completion of an Event and for risks associated with participation in that Event. Insurance will be applied as secondary coverage ONLY after participant's primary coverage reaches its limits of coverage.
- 2.1.2. People admitted to the restricted areas of a CARS Tour West race must obey all rules and regulations for that area as set forth by CARS Tour West. Every individual admitted to any CARS Tour West Event must sign all releases as determined and/or required by CARS Tour West.
- 2.1.3. Any injury involving any driver, crew member, or any other Member occurring on the track premises during, a CARS Tour West Event must be reported to the Series Director before leaving the premises on the day of the Event. If the injured party is unable to make the report, it is the responsibility of someone known to the injured party to complete an accident report along with the CARS Tour West Director. The medical staff at the Event should also be involved in the completion of the documentation concerning the injury.

### 2.2. Waiver

- 2.2.1. The CARS Tour West and its assigns may use the name(s), picture(s), likeness(es) and performance(s) of any member in any way, medium or material (including without limitation by and through television, radio, air wave, cable and satellite broadcasts, film productions, videotape and audiotape reproductions, transmission over the internet, video games or other CARS Tour West licensed products, and public and private online services authorized by CARS Tour West and the like,

before, during and after the Event, for promoting, advertising, recording or reporting the Event or any other CARS Tour West sanctioned Event, and do hereby relinquish all rights thereto for these purposes, provided that car owners and drivers retain exclusive use of its name, picture and likeness in connections with product endorsements and the sale of products, services, concessions, and merchandise.

### **3. GENERAL POLICIES**

#### **3.1. Scheduling, Postponements, and Rain Outs**

- 3.1.1. The CARS Tour West will establish the schedule, location, and distance of all Events. This information will be part of the Entry Blank for each Event.
- 3.1.2. The CARS Tour West will make every reasonable effort to run Events as scheduled, for the advertised distance. The CARS Tour West reserves the right to change Event schedules and purses.
- 3.1.3. If weather or any other unforeseen situation prohibits a CARS Tour Event from being held on the advertised date, the Event will be rescheduled for the following available day if possible. The CARS Tour West reserves the right to reschedule to a later date or cancel an Event entirely. The CARS Tour West Officials and Promoter will jointly make decisions on postponement, rescheduling, and cancellation.
- 3.1.4. In the interest of competition, safety, weather, or in rare or extenuating circumstances, adjustments may be made to the Event schedule by CARS Tour West Officials. These changes may include but are not limited to reducing the lap count for one or more divisions; rearranging, consolidating, or eliminating practice or qualifying sessions; rearranging the order of races or activity; or placing a time limit on a specific activity or race.

#### **3.2. General Safety**

- 3.2.1. All competitors are obligated to inspect the racing facilities, safety personnel and equipment, and conditions of the track on a continuing basis before and during each Event.
- 3.2.2. Competitors are obligated to inspect, observe, and promptly report any inadequacy in the facilities, personnel, equipment, or conditions of the track to CARS Tour West Officials.
- 3.2.3. Competitors are solely and directly responsible for the safety of their race cars and racing equipment and are obligated to perform their duties (whether as an Owner, Driver, or crew member) in a manner designed to minimize the risk of injury to themselves and others to the greatest degree possible.
- 3.2.4. Neither the CARS Tour West Officials nor Promoter are responsible for the adequacy or safety of a competitor's race car, racing equipment, or racing activity.
- 3.2.5. Neither the CARS Tour West nor the Promoter shall be responsible for the security of the competitor's race car(s), towing vehicles, trailer, tools, or pit equipment while such equipment is parked on the property owned / leased by the Promoter.

#### **3.3. Restricted Area Policy**

- 3.3.1. **Racing Surface Access.** The Racing Surface is a restricted area from 30 minutes prior to the first on-track activity of the day until all cars are captured and racing activity concluded at the end of the day. Personnel, including competitors, officials, track personnel, and track services personnel shall only go onto the racing surface

with clear and positive direction from Race Control. Nobody may access the racing surface, open any gate, fence, or barrier without such express permission from Race Control. The Event Schedule or Race Control may identify certain periods during the Event that the track is “cold.” Permission is not required during periods when the track is cold.

- 3.3.2. Race Control Access. Race Control is restricted to Track Officials, CARS Tour West Officials, FLO Racing, and other invited guests. At no time during an Event shall an Owner, Driver, Spotter, or other Member enter Race Control without an invitation.
- 3.3.3. Violation of the Restricted Area policy will be subject to penalty by the CARS Tour West includes ejection from the Event, fines, probation, and suspension.

#### 3.4. Purses and Payouts

- 3.4.1. Purse and Championship Points fund monies, if any, will be distributed to the designated payee of the Team in accordance with the 2026 W-9 form completed by the Owner. Any changes to the distribution of funds will be the Owner’s responsibility. Proper income tax information, including Federal ID numbers and/or social security numbers, must be on file with the CARS Tour West Office before funds are distributed.
- 3.4.2. All Event results must be declared official and announced prior to, or simultaneously with, distribution of an Event’s purse.
- 3.4.3. Proper income tax information, including Federal ID numbers and/or social security numbers, must be on file with the CARS Tour West Office before any funds are distributed.
- 3.4.4. Prize Monies will be paid by check and will be distributed by the CARS Tour West office following each event.
- 3.4.5. All checks issued by the CARS Tour West must be deposited into your account within 60 days from the date of issue.
- 3.4.6. Reissued Checks will have a \$40 reissued fee applied.

### 4. EVENT PROCEDURES

#### 4.1. General Rules & Procedures

- 4.1.1. All Drivers must be on-time to participate in CARS Tour West Events that they enter. Any Driver late for the Drivers’ Meeting, any promotional activities that are part of the event schedule, Driver introductions, or other activities shall forfeit any earned starting position and start at the rear of the field as a penalty car.
- 4.1.2. Any driver changes from what is recorded on the Official Entry Blank must be reported to and approved by the CARS Tour West Officials. This requirement applies during all activities including testing, evaluation, and practice.
- 4.1.3. A car which that is properly entered in an Event may be driven by any Driver properly licensed by the CARS Tour West for that division.
- 4.1.4. No car will be permitted to compete or continue to compete in practice, qualifying or a race if, in the opinion of CARS Tour West Officials, the car presents a hazard.
- 4.1.5. Members shall not enter upon the racing surface at any time for any reason (see Restricted Area Policy) during practice, qualifying, or a race.

#### 4.2. Car Numbers and Driver Name

- 4.2.1. Car numbers should be plain or minimally stylized Arabic numbers of a solid color

that contrasts with the primary color of the door panel or roof. Trim lines can be used but are NOT a substitute for clearly contrasting numbers.

4.2.2. Numbers must be clearly visible and easily distinguishable from Race Control.

4.2.3. All cars are to have the car number clearly readable on both doors. Door numbers must be at least twenty-one (21) inches in height and three (3) inches in stroke (width). Door numbers must be positioned in the center of the door.

4.2.4. All cars are to have the car number on the roof, clearly readable from the Driver's side of the car. Roof numbers must be at least twenty-four (24) in height and three (3) inches in stroke (width).

4.2.5. Duplicate car numbers are allowed at the discretion of CARS Tour West officials.

4.2.6. When duplicate numbers are entered within a division, the Entry currently highest in Owner Championship Points will be assigned the use of that number during an Event. During the first three Events, the prior year's Owner Championship Points shall be used.

4.2.7. Entries with a duplicate number will be modified by CARS Tour West Officials based either on the car's primary color (i.e., 12W for 12 White) or the Driver's last name (i.e., 12P for 12 Pyne).

4.2.8. In the event duplicate numbers are not easily distinguishable, high visibility tape or markings in colors assigned by CARS Tour West Officials may be used to help distinguish between entries.

4.3. Sponsor, Contingency and Other Decals

4.3.1. The following areas on the race vehicles are reserved for CARS Tour West sponsor decals:

4.3.1.1. The uppermost five (5) inches of the full width of the windshield.

4.3.1.2. On each side of the vehicle: The side window between the B & C posts; Below the A post and from the car number forward to behind the front tires, and the B post.

4.3.1.3. Rookies must allow space on the lower rear bumper cover for a "rookie stripe"

4.4. Spotters & Radio Communication

4.4.1. At each Event, a designated area will be established for spotters. This location will be communicated during the Crew Chief Meeting and Drivers Meeting.

4.4.2. Spotters are required to attend the Drivers Meeting as indicated on the Event schedule.

4.4.3. Spotters must always monitor the CARS Tour West Race Control frequency, even when the team's primary radio channel is in use (i.e., spotters must have a second radio dedicated to Race Control, or a scanner locked onto the Race Control frequency). Spotters must be capable of always communicating with the driver during on-track activity.

4.4.4. Testing, Practice & Qualifying. The CARS Tour West recognizes that a spotter may not always be available during testing, practice, and qualifying. If the team does NOT have a spotter in the designated area during testing, practice and qualifying, the Crew Chief and Driver are still responsible for listening to and complying with all directives from Race Control. At least one team member with direct communication to the Driver must always monitor the CARS Tour West Race Control frequency when the car is on the track.

4.4.5. Each CARS Tour West team will be responsible for providing a spotter in the

designated area. Each team's spotter must check in with the CARS Tour West Official assigned to the spotter's stand at least five minutes to the expected start of the race.

4.4.6. Each team must provide the CARS Tour West with the radio frequencies in use during the Event. Teams must utilize analog radios within the UHF band for all communications. Teams must present a team radio to Frank's Radio prior to competing in their first Event, or if any changes to radio frequencies occur.

#### 4.5. Meetings

4.5.1. Crew Chief Meeting: The CARS Tour West will conduct a mandatory informational meeting for Crew Chiefs and other interested parties as indicated on the Event schedule. CARS Tour West Officials will share any specific information on abnormalities or peculiarities of the track hosting the Event and make teams aware of any schedule changes or deviations from normal procedures. Teams not present for the Crew Chief meeting are subject to penalty at the discretion of the CARS Tour West Executive Director.

4.5.2. Drivers Meeting: CARS Tour West Officials will conduct a mandatory meeting for Drivers, Crew Chiefs, and Spotters as indicated on the Event schedule. This meeting is mandatory. CARS Tour West Officials will share specific information about the race procedure and noteworthy information (such as the location of the restart zone, the choose location, and the penalty box) specific to the Event. Information shared in the Driver's Meeting has the same force and weight as these Rules. CARS Tour West Officials will verify attendance through roll calls, sign-in sheet, or other methods as directed by the CARS Tour West Series Director.

#### 4.6. Timing & Scoring

4.6.1. The CARS Tour West Chief Scorer is responsible for scoring the Event. The decisions of the Chief Scorer, with respect to timing and scoring, are final.

4.6.2. Timing and Scoring will provide information to teams at the conclusion of each testing or practice session. Qualifying results and lineups will be provided as soon as possible. Unofficial race results will post within twenty (20) minutes of the completion of each race. Reports are available at the CARS Tour West trailer.

4.6.3. The CARS Tour West routinely makes live timing information available through a variety of channels such as Race Monitor. Information is provided via these channels as a convenience only. All data provided via these channels are unofficial. The CARS Tour West makes every effort to ensure the availability and accuracy of this information, but the Tour is not responsible for the information displayed by these channels. The AMB Timing System / Orbit platform maintained by Timing and Scoring is the only official source of timing and scoring data.

4.6.4. Upon completion of qualifying sessions and races, the respective division's Technical Director will notify the Chief Scorer of inspection results and any relevant penalties. Official results, Driver Championship Points Standings, Owner Championship Points Standings, Contingency Awards, and Race Reports will post within forty-eight (48) hours of when the Chief Scorer receives that notification.

4.6.5. Transponders

- 4.6.5.1. Transponders will be available for rent at the CARS Tour West series hauler during each Event. Transponders are assigned by Timing and Scoring and will be picked up by the team at the CARS Tour West trailer.
- 4.6.5.2. Transponders must be installed on the right side of the rear subframe rail (beside the fuel cell). The leading edge of the transponder mounting bracket must be 14 feet, 2 inches rearward of the leading edge of the front of the vehicle. The transponder bracket should be mounted vertically, with the square tab on the bottom. Teams must ensure that the transponder is picked up and mounted prior to going on-track.
- 4.6.5.3. The team is responsible for the return of the transponder to the CARS Tour West following each Event. Any team not returning the transponder to the CARS Tour West Office within five (5) calendar days following the conclusion of the Event will be responsible for the replacement cost of the Transponder plus a \$250 fine. Teams may return a Transponder in person or by common carrier (UPS, FedEx, etc.) to the CARS Tour West Office.

#### 4.6.6. Scoring Rechecks.

- 4.6.6.1. During practice and qualifying, any team with timing and scoring concern should contact the CARS Tour West Officials as soon as possible.
- 4.6.6.2. Following a race, teams may request that the CARS Tour West Review scoring information by contacting the CARS Tour West Officials or Chief Scorer within twenty (20) minutes of the posting of the unofficial results at the CARS Tour trailer.

#### 4.7. Random Draw.

- 4.7.1. Jointly with the Crew Chief Meeting, teams will participate in a random draw. The team may designate any member to draw for the team.
- 4.7.2. The results of the random draw will be posted at the CARS Tour West trailer.
- 4.7.3. The random draw results: Establishes the order in which cars will move through the inspection line; Establishes the qualifying order for the Event; Sets the Tire groups for the Event; and are used by Timing and Scoring as outlined in these Rules. Teams not participating in the random draw (i.e., late/post entries) will be placed at the discretion of the CARS Tour West Officials.
- 4.7.4. MMI Legends qualifying groups will be established by practice speeds.

#### 4.8. Qualifying

- 4.8.1. The CARS Tour West will utilize single car qualifying for all SLM/PLM/LLM Events unless otherwise specified on the Entry Blank.
- 4.8.2. The CARS Tour West will utilize multi-car qualifying for all MMI Legends Events unless otherwise specified on the Entry Blank.
- 4.8.3. The inspection order and qualifying lineup will be set using the random draw as outlined in these Rules.
- 4.8.4. All cars must pass technical inspection prior to qualifying unless excused by Tour Officials. Upon passing technical inspection, all cars are considered impounded. The only work allowed prior to qualifying without explicit permission of CARS Tour West Officials are the adjustment of tire pressures and/or the adding of tape to the grill area.

- 4.8.5. At the discretion of Tour Officials, drivers may be allowed a scuff or 'no-flag' lap.
- 4.8.6. Cars must line up as directed by Officials so that qualifying can be completed in a timely manner. Any car not in line at the time qualifying starts will be subject to penalty unless excused by Tour Officials. Failure to line up and present for qualifying as directed may result in loss of the qualifying attempt and/or subsequent loss of starting position at the discretion of Officials.
- 4.8.7. All competitors are expected to make a Qualifying attempt.
- 4.8.8. When two or more cars have duplicate fast lap times, the tie will be broken by the Driver's second lap time. If a tie still exists, Owners Championship Points will break the tie. Finally, if neither the second lap time nor Owners Championship Points break the tie, then the random draw will be used.
- 4.8.9. Any car sustaining damage during a Qualifying attempt or having a significant mechanical issue may be removed from the grid for repairs. Cars removed from the grid for repairs will forfeit any earned starting position and be required to start at the rear of the field.
- 4.8.10. In the event Qualifying has begun, and subsequently the Event is postponed, the CARS Tour West may re-inspect and re-qualify Entrants.
- 4.8.11. Pre-Qualifying Penalties. In the event of a pre-qualifying penalty, the Driver's fastest qualifying time will be disallowed, and the slower of the two laps will be used to establish the Driver's starting position. Based upon the nature of the infraction, CARS Tour West Officials may impose additional penalties.

#### 4.9. Starting Positions

- 4.9.1. The CARS Tour West will specify the starting field size on each Event entry blank.
- 4.9.2. The CARS Tour West may modify the procedure for establishing starting positions for an Event by publishing Event-specific procedures on the Event entry blank.
- 4.9.3. When Qualifying is completed, starting positions will be established by the following:
  - 4.9.3.1. Qualifiers, by time, as outlined in the Official Entry Blank.
  - 4.9.3.2. Two (2) Owner's Provisionals. Owner's Provisionals will be given to the two highest-ranking teams in the top 30 of the Owner's Championship Points that did not qualify on time. For the first three Events of the season, the prior years' Owners Championship Points will determine eligibility.
  - 4.9.3.3. One (1) Past Champions Provisional. If more than one past champion does not qualify by time or Owner's Provisional, then the Past Champions Provisional will be given to the most recent Past Champion. If all entered Past Champions earn a starting position under 4.9.3.1 or 4.9.3.2, this Provisional will not be filled.
  - 4.9.3.4. In the event the field is not fully filled and there are Entries for an Event that did not qualify on time and did not receive an Owner's or Past Champion provisional, remaining positions will be set by Qualifying time.

#### 4.10. When Qualifying is not entirely completed, starting positions are established by the following:

- 4.10.1. Owners Championship Points. For the first three Events of the season, the prior years' Owners Championship Points shall be used.
- 4.10.2. One (1) Past Champions provisional as outlined in 4.9.3.3.
- 4.10.3. In the event the field is not fully filled and there are Entries that do not have Owner's Championship Points, and do not receive the Past Champions provisional, remaining

positions will be set by the random draw.

#### 4.11. Flag and Light Rules

##### 4.11.1. General

4.11.1.2. CARS Tour West Officials will use flags, as set forth in this section, for the purpose of providing drivers with information throughout the Event. Officials may use light signals in addition to, or in lieu of, flags. The procedure(s) for the use of flags and/or lights by CARS Tour West Officials may vary for individual divisions or races. Specific procedures will be covered during the Drivers Meeting.

4.11.1.3. Failure to follow these flag and light rules and any related direction by Race Control will be subject to in-race penalties up to and including parking or disqualification as outlined in these Rules.

##### 4.11.1.4. Green Flag Rules & Procedures

4.11.1.5. The green flag signals racing has started or restarted as outlined in the Start & Restarts.

##### 4.11.2. Yellow Flag Rules & Procedures.

4.11.2.1. The yellow flag signifies a caution period. Upon calling of the caution by the Race Director, the Starter will display the Yellow Flag. The display of the Yellow Flag by the Starter is the sole and exclusive method for starting the caution period.

4.11.2.2. Upon display of the yellow flag and beginning of a caution period, all cars must immediately reduce speed to a cautious pace, hold position, and form a single-file line.

4.11.2.3. All caution laps are untimed, uncounted laps unless otherwise specified on the Entry Blank or in the Drivers Meeting.

4.11.2.4. Timing and Scoring is frozen at the time of caution. The lineup will revert to the last lap fully completed by all competitors.

4.11.2.5. All cars involved in the incident will be placed into the lineup at the tail of his/her respective lap.

4.11.2.6. During a caution period, no car may pass the pace car unless directed to do so by Race Control.

4.11.2.7. Cars on the rear of the lead lap, in front of the race leader and immediately behind the pace car may be directed to pass the pace car at the direction of Race Control. These cars are ineligible to pit after advancing past the pace car.

##### 4.11.2.8. Unassisted Spins:

Any Driver who has two unassisted spins in the same race may be required to come to pit road during a caution period to confer with a CARS Tour West Official and his/her Crew Chief. Any Driver who has a third unassisted spin in the same race may be parked for the duration of the race in which the spins occur. Any Driver parked for this reason shall retain his/her finishing position, purse and points based on the laps completed.

4.11.2.9. Any Driver or Member who, in the judgment of Race Control, causes or attempts to cause a caution shall be assessed a penalty of three (3) or more Green Flag laps upon a return to racing.

##### 4.11.3. Red / Yellow Flag

4.11.3.1. The Red/Yellow Flag combination is a special circumstance, occurring after the caution has been displayed, but when track conditions allow for safe pit access or

- otherwise at the discretion of Race Control.
- 4.11.3.2. After the field has come to a complete stop as directed by Race Control, those cars electing to come to the pits may do so in a cautious, controlled manner.
- 4.11.3.3. Cars entering the pits may work on the race car. Work may ONLY be done in the pit or garage area, not on the racing surface.
- 4.11.3.4. Drivers of cars that are on the racing surface must remain in the car.
- 4.11.3.5. Crew members are not allowed onto the racing surface unless specifically given permission to do so by Race Control.
- 4.11.3.6. In the event Race Control changes to a Red-only flag, all work on race cars must stop immediately.
- 4.11.3.7. Cars performing work under a Red / Yellow must restart at the tail of the field, in the order your car returns from the pits.
- 4.11.4. Red Flag
  - 4.11.4.1. The Red Flag means that the race must stop, immediately, regardless of the position of cars on the track. The Red Flag is used, if in the opinion of Race Control, a prolonged delay in competition is necessary and prudent.
  - 4.11.4.2. Drivers should stop immediately as directed by Race Control.
  - 4.11.4.3. No repairs or service of any kind shall be permitted during the Red Flag. All work must stop on any car in the pit or garage area immediately.
  - 4.11.4.4. Spotters should notify the Spotter's Stand Official if his or her car will need pushing assistance as early in the red flag as practical.
  - 4.11.4.5. Performing work on a car during a Red Flag period shall incur a minimum penalty of two (2) or more Green Flag laps upon a return to racing.
- 4.11.5. Black Flag / Black Flag with White Cross
  - 4.11.5.1. The Black Flag signifies the car must go to the pits immediately and report to the CARS Tour West Official at the vehicle's pit or other designated location. Race Control will declare the car and reason on the Race Channel, and the Starter will display the Black Flag to the car involved. Upon receiving the Black Flag, the Driver must drop to the inside and follow the direction of Race Control immediately.
  - 4.11.5.2. If a car fails to honor a Black Flag within a reasonable time, at Race Control's direction, the Starter will display the Black Flag with a White Cross. After completion of the lap in which the Black Flag / White Cross is displayed, Timing and Scoring will discontinue scoring on the car, and any laps completed disallowed until the car has fully complied with the Black Flag and is approved to return to racing by CARS Tour West Officials.
  - 4.11.5.3. Any car that fails to comply with a Black Flag / Black Flag with a White Cross, and such failure to comply results in a caution, then that car will be determined to have intentionally caused a caution and be subject to penalty as outlined in the Yellow Flag rules, above.
- 4.11.6. Blue Flag / Yellow Stripe
  - 4.11.6.1. The blue flag with the diagonal yellow stripe signifies that faster traffic is overtaking the cars being signaled. Cars given the Blue Flag with the Yellow Stripe shall yield to the overtaking traffic as directed by Race Control.
- 4.11.7. White Flag

- 4.11.7.1. The White Flag is displayed to the race leader upon the start of the final lap of the race.
- 4.11.7.2. A car on the racetrack may not receive assistance during the white flag lap. The car receiving such assistance will not be scored for the white flag lap. The car providing such assistance may be subject to a time or lap penalty. The decision of the CARS Tour West as to what constitutes providing or receiving assistance is a judgment call and not subject to appeal or review.
- 4.11.8. Checkered Flag
  - 4.11.8.1. The Checkered Flag will be displayed by the Starter as the lead vehicle completes the Race.
  - 4.11.8.2. When the leader receives the Checkered Flag, the balance of the field receives the Checkered Flag on the same lap. Finishing positions will be awarded to the most laps traveled in the least time, whether the car is still running or not.
  - 4.11.8.3. If the yellow is displayed after the leader has received the Checkered Flag:
    - 4.11.8.3.1. All cars taking the Checkered Flag and crossing the start/finish line prior to the display of the Yellow Flag will be scored based on their finishing position.
    - 4.11.8.3.2. All cars having not taken the Checkered Flag at the time of yellow, but able to continue shall continue at a reasonable pace and cross the start/finish line. Cars will be scored based on their position at the time of caution as determined by the Chief Scorer. There shall be no racing back to the line in attempt to gain positions.
    - 4.11.8.3.3. All cars having not taken the Checkered Flag, but unable to continue will be scored based on their last completed lap.
- 4.12. Pit Stop Procedures
  - 4.12.1. Pit procedures for each Event, including any necessary and prudent deviations from the procedures listed here, will be reviewed during the Drivers Meeting.
  - 4.12.2. Pit assignments will be determined by CARS Tour West Officials as early as practicable and communicated to Members.
  - 4.12.3. When following the pace car during a Yellow Flag period, all Drivers must maintain position in relation to other cars or as directed by Race Control.
  - 4.12.4. Cars choosing to pit may NOT pull up or advance position. Cars intending to pit will drop down from their existing position to enter pit road in the manner described during the Drivers Meeting.
  - 4.12.5. When practicable, cars should be completely in the assigned pit box or in an area acceptable to CARS Tour West Officials.
  - 4.12.6. Cars exiting pit road during a Yellow Flag will fall into line behind the tail of the field. Blending in from the pits is not allowed. Any car attempting to advance position by blending in will be subject to penalty by Race Control.
  - 4.12.7. Cars choosing to pit must maintain pace car speed or slower during entry, throughout the pit or garage area, and during pit exit. Driving in an unsafe manner during a pit stop cycle will be penalized by Race Control.
  - 4.12.8. There is to be no smoking within fifteen (15) feet of pit stalls or fuel containers.
- 4.13. Competition Cautions.
  - 4.13.1. The CARS Tour West utilizes competition cautions. How and when a competition caution will occur is at the discretion of Race Control, as announced in the Drivers

Meeting. A competition caution may not occur within the final fifteen (15) laps of a race.

#### 4.14. Free Pass Rule.

- 4.14.1. The Free Pass Rule will be utilized throughout all CARS Tour West Events. Scoring will determine the Free Pass car (aka the Lucky Dog) whenever one or more cars are one or more laps down at the time a Caution occurs. The Free Pass car is the first Driver not on the lead lap. The Free Pass car will be determined based on positions on the lap of record – i.e., the last fully completed lap prior to the Caution.
- 4.14.2. The Free Pass car is ineligible if: The Free Pass car is involved in the Caution, as determined by Race Control; The Free Pass car elects to pit prior to the “free pass”; The Free Pass car was not on track at the time of caution; or The Free Pass car is under penalty at the time of caution.
- 4.14.3. The Free Pass will not transfer in the event the recipient of the Free Pass is ineligible.
- 4.14.4. The Race Director will identify the Free Pass car on the race channel or declare “No Free Pass.”
- 4.14.5. The Free Pass car must make its way to a position immediately behind the Pace Car as quickly and safely as possible. All Drivers and Spotters are expected to help the Free Pass car get into position. The Free Pass car should hold position behind the Pace Car until it is directed to pass. The Free Pass car must maintain a reasonable speed and pass the caution vehicle in a safe manner to the outside and line up at the tail of the field as directed by Race Control.
- 4.14.6. The Free Pass car is eligible to pit only after completing the free pass lap.

#### 4.15. Starts & Restarts

- 4.15.1. All starts and restarts are double file. Upon the start or restart, Drivers must maintain their position, lane and speed until the start or restart has occurred. Drivers must remain in line until crossing the start/finish line. At the Race Director’s discretion, a single-file start, or restart may be directed after unsuccessful attempts at a double-file start or restart. The designated restart zone will be clearly marked and the position made known during the Driver’s Meeting.
- 4.15.2. On the initial start, the driver in P1 starts the race within the designated zone. The Starter will display the green flag once the driver in P1 starts the race. On the initial start, position number 2 cannot beat position number 1 to the start finish line.
- 4.15.3. On all restarts, the race leader will control the restart. The restart can occur anywhere in the designated zone. The Starter will display the green flag once the leader has restarted the race.
- 4.15.4. If the control car fails to restart within the designated restart zone, the Starter will display the green flag and restart the race.
- 4.15.5. In the event of caution during the first lap of a race prior to the completion of one lap, the field will be reset to the initial starting lineup, with cars involved in the caution being placed at the rear of the field. Cars that are involved but remain on track will line up according to how the car continued after the caution. Cars that are involved but elect to pit will line up according to the order in which they exit the pit.
- 4.15.6. Restart Positions after completion of at least one green flag lap the lineup will be as follows: Lead lap cars that did not pit, lead lap cars that pitted, in order of pit

exit/return to track, lap down cars, free pass car, cars involved in caution and wave-around cars, any penalty cars, followed by cars laying over.

#### 4.16. Choose Rule.

- 4.16.1. For restarts after the completion of one lap, the CHOOSE RULE will be used. The location and description of the CHOOSE marking will be relayed during the Driver's Meeting, and reminders provided by Race Control as prudent. The Race Director will announce the "Choose" before the Pace Vehicle exits Turn 2. Spotters should relay this immediately to the Driver. CHOOSE may occur with 2-to-Go or 1-to-Go, as determined by Race Control.
- 4.16.2. When approaching and passing the choose location, Drivers must choose the inside or outside lane.
- 4.16.3. The following actions will result in a "to the rear" penalty for a CHOOSE RULE VIOLATION: Failing to declare your lane and blatantly running over the mark; Changing lanes after declaring your lane; and impeding or otherwise slowing down the CHOOSE process.
- 4.16.4. The Race Director has the sole and exclusive discretion to declare Drivers INELIGIBLE to Choose (i.e., drivers involved in Caution). Any ineligible Driver will be placed at the tail behind all other cars on the same Lap.

#### 4.17. Green-White-Checker Rule & Procedure.

- 4.17.1. The CARS Tour West will make every reasonable effort to end races competitively. Race may end under caution due to weather, curfew, or other rare and extenuating circumstances.
- 4.17.2. If the Yellow Flag is displayed after the leader has taken the White Flag, but before receiving the Checkered Flag, all cars will follow the Yellow Flag procedures. All normal race procedures apply, including the Free Pass Car and Choose Rule.
- 4.17.3. When the race is ready to resume, the Green Flag will be displayed, and the leader will restart the race.
- 4.17.4. Upon completion of the first Green Flag lap, the White Flag will be displayed again.
- 4.17.5. Upon completion of the second Green Flag lap, the Checkered Flag will be displayed and the race deemed complete.
- 4.17.6. Should the Yellow Flag be displayed again prior to the Leader receiving the Checkered Flag, the procedures outlined above will be repeated until a race leader receives the Checkered Flag (unlimited attempts).
- 4.17.7. Records of the race shall include all laps completed competitively, and all green flag laps used to determine Championship Points and contingency awards.

#### 4.18. Race Procedure Penalties

- 4.18.1. The following penalties are considered in-race, or procedural penalties and are not subject to appeal.
- 4.18.2. "To the Rear" The Driver must fall to the rear of the longest line immediately. Failure to do so before the Start / Restart will result in the Driver being black-flagged and additional penalties assessed.
- 4.18.3. "Pass through" The Driver must drop to the inside and complete a pass through the pit road at a safe, reasonable speed and re-enter the race safely. Failure to complete a pass-thru penalty at the earliest opportunity will result in the Driver being black-flagged and additional penalties assessed.

4.18.4. Lap Penalty: The Driver must drop to the inside and enter the pits to a location directed by Race Control (the "Penalty Box"). The Driver will be held by a CARS Tour West official and released after the completion of the penalty by Race Control. No work may be done on the vehicle while the penalty is being assessed.

4.18.5. Black Flag: The Black Flag will be displayed to a Driver, typically in response to a penalty, safety, or mechanical issue. Upon receiving the Black Flag, the Driver must drop to the inside and follow the direction of Race Control immediately. Failure to do so in a timely manner may result in penalties, including lap or time penalties, invalidation of laps completed while under the black flag, or disqualification.

4.19. Driver actions that may be penalized include, but are not limited to:

- 4.19.1. Speeding or other unsafe driving in the pit or garage area.
- 4.19.2. Pitting outside of the designated area.
- 4.19.3. Entering the pits or conducting work under a red flag.
- 4.19.4. Speeding through an area where track services personnel are working.
- 4.19.5. Reckless driving (contact with another competitor resulting in a yellow flag).
- 4.19.6. Failure to line up for the start / restart as directed by Race Control.
- 4.19.7. Failure to follow the direction of a CARS Tour West Official (i.e., blowing the Stop sign at Pit Out).
- 4.19.8. Passing the pace car without direction from Race Control.
- 4.19.9. Intentionally causing a caution by stopping on the racetrack.
- 4.19.10. Rough driving (contact that results in one or more competitors hitting the wall/each other).
- 4.19.11. Flagrant rough driving (retaliation, intentional contact with another competitor during warm-up laps or under caution).
- 4.19.12. Aiding other competitors in a manner that violates the spirit of competition.
- 4.19.13. Working on the car in area other than a designated location (including working on the car on the racing surface).
- 4.19.14. Any actions endangering other competitors, spectators, officials, or track services personnel.
- 4.19.15. Race Control may assess lap or time penalties up to and including disqualification, not subject to appeal, after completion of the race if the behavior penalized would have normally resulted in an in-race penalty.

## 5. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

5.1. To be eligible to earn CARS Tour West Championship points, a Driver and Owner must be a member in good standing with the Tour, and both Driver and vehicle must be eligible to participate in the Event.

5.2. CARS Tour West Championship Points will be awarded as follows, across all divisions.

5.3. For each complete race, Driver and Owner Championship Points will be awarded as follows:

P1: 44 Points	P11: 31 Points	P21: 21 Points	P31: 11 Points
P2: 40 Points	P12: 30 Points	P22: 20 Points	P32: 10 Points
P3: 39 Points	P13: 29 Points	P23: 19 Points	P33: 9 Points

P4: 38 Points	P14: 28 Points	P24: 18 Points	P34: 8 Points
P5: 37 Points	P15: 27 Points	P25: 17 Points	P35: 7 Points
P6: 36 Points	P16: 26 Points	P26: 16 Points	P36: 6 Points
P7: 35 Points	P17: 25 Points	P27: 15 Points	P37+: 5 Points
P8: 34 Points	P18: 24 Points	P28: 14 Points	
P9: 33 Points	P19: 23 Points	P29: 13 Points	
P10: 32 Points	P20: 22 Points	P30: 12 Points	

5.4. Driver and Owner Championship Bonus Points: Leading a lap: One (1) additional championship point. Leading the most laps: One (1) additional championship point. Gaining the most positions from his or her starting position: One (1) additional championship point. In the event multiple drivers are tied for the “Most Laps Led” or “Positions Gained” bonus points at the completion of an Event, the additional championship point(s) will be awarded ONLY to the highest finishing Driver.

5.5. For each completed Qualifying session: The Pole winner will receive two (2) championship points; and the second-fastest qualifier will receive one (1) championship point. Points will not be awarded for a qualifying session if the session is not fully completed (i.e., weather, track incident, etc.).

5.5.1. Drivers that fail to complete a race (DNF) will receive championship points in accordance with their position in the official results.

5.5.2. Any Driver that is Disqualified from an Event will receive neither Driver nor Owner Championship Points for that Event.

5.5.3. Any Driver or Team that enters and participates in an Event, and is not disqualified, is guaranteed a minimum of five (5) Driver Championship Points and Owner Championship Points even if they are unable to compete in Qualifying or the Race. If an Event is postponed or rescheduled for any reason, Driver and Owner Championship Points will only be awarded for the rescheduled Event.

5.5.4. The Driver which starts the race will be credited with all points earned by that vehicle in the race. Subject to the other provisions in the Rule Book, any eligible vehicle may be driven in any Event by any eligible driver.

5.5.5. The Chief Scorer has sole and exclusive authority to determine the award of Driver and Owner Championship Points for an Event. Decisions of the Chief Scorer on the award of Driver and Owner Championship Points are final and not subject to appeal.

5.6. Championships

5.6.1. The Driver Championship will be determined by the Driver earning the most points during CARS Tour West Events in the season.

5.6.2. The Owners Championship will be determined by the Owner earning the most points during CARS Tour West Events in the season.

5.6.3. In the Event of a tie for any position in the Driver or Owner Championship standings, the position will be determined by:

1. The Driver or Owner with the most wins.
2. The Driver or Owner with the most second place finishes.
3. The Driver or Owner with the most Top 5 finishes.
4. The Driver or Owner with the most Top 10 finishes.

## 6. OFFICIATING, PENALTIES AND APPEALS

- 6.1. CARS Tour West Officials, as outlined in these Rules, have final and absolute authority over interpretation of Rules, including Event Procedures. Officials shall have exclusive and continuing authority over all members to ensure the safe and efficient conduct of the Event. In the event a CARS Tour West Rule conflicts with a track or other sanctioning body rule, the CARS Tour West rules shall take precedence. Situations may arise where a specific rule is not applicable, impractical, or otherwise not in the best interests of safety, competition, or cost. CARS Tour West Officials have sole and final authority on the application of rules.
- 6.2. Responsibilities
  - 6.2.1. If a CARS Tour West Official, in his/her discretion, determines that a CARS Tour West member has, by commission or omission, committed an act which violates the actual or spirit of a CARS Tour West rule, or is detrimental to stock car racing or the CARS Tour West, the CARS Tour West Official shall report the act to the CARS Tour West Officials and the CARS Tour West Technical Director for the division as soon as practicable. The CARS Tour West Officials shall consider the report and take actions as deemed necessary. The CARS Tour West Officials shall issue a Penalty Notice as outlined in these rules.
  - 6.2.2. In rare or exigent circumstances, in the event a member's act is of sufficient gravity as to endanger the safe and orderly conduct of an Event, any CARS Tour West Official may take any such emergent action necessary to protect the integrity of the sport and ensure the safety of the Event. Emergency actions taken shall remain in effect until the CARS Tour West Officials is informed and take further action as deemed necessary.
- 6.3. General Scope of Penalties
  - 6.3.1. Lap penalties, time penalties, parking a driver, and other in-race actions by RACE CONTROL during or after a Race are considered in-race judgment calls and are not considered Penalties under this section, and are not subject to appeal.
  - 6.3.2. Officials will address rules infractions in accordance with CARS Tour West Rules. Every effort will be made to address any issues within 72 hours after the Event concludes.
  - 6.3.3. The CARS Tour Executive Director shall issue a formal Penalty Notice specifying the Event, the rule(s) violated and any penalties assessed. Penalty Notices will be published at the discretion of the CARS Tour West Officials.
  - 6.3.4. Penalties may be assessed against any Member in an Event, including an Owner, whether physically present at the Event or not.
  - 6.3.5. Penalties for violation of CARS Tour West Rules may include, but are not limited to:
    - 6.3.6. Warnings
    - 6.3.7. Fines.
    - 6.3.8. Forfeit of qualifying position.
    - 6.3.9. Disallowance of qualifying time(s).
    - 6.3.10. Forfeit of starting position.
    - 6.3.11. Probation from a specific number of events.

- 6.3.12. Probation for a specific period
- 6.3.13. Loss of Finishing Position in an Event
- 6.3.14. Loss of Driver Championship Points
- 6.3.15. Loss of Owner Championship Points
- 6.3.16. Disqualification
- 6.3.17. Suspension for a specific period
- 6.3.18. Suspension for a specific number of Events
- 6.3.19. Permanent suspension
- 6.3.20. In rare instances or extenuating circumstances, probation and/or suspension may be applied to all Members under the same ownership or team organization. For example, to prevent retaliation by a teammate.
- 6.3.21. Penalties for the violation of CARS Tour West Rules are determined by the gravity of the violation, the impact of the violation on fairness and competition, disruption of Event, and the overall interests of stock car racing and the CARS Tour West. Officials will use common-sense guidelines for the imposition of penalties.
- 6.3.22. Penalties will be assessed for violations of CARS Tour West Rules that are considered serious, including but not limited to:
- 6.3.23. Performing or participating in actions detrimental to stock car racing or the CARS Tour West.
- 6.3.24. Participating in a CARS Tour West Event while partaking or under the influence of alcohol or drug in violation of the CARS Tour West Substance Abuse Policy.
- 6.3.25. Falsifying or forging the signature on any CARS Tour West document, including but not limited to Entry Blanks, Waivers, and the like.
- 6.3.26. Permitting an unlicensed Driver to be driven during a CARS Tour West Event or failing to notify the CARS Tour West Officials of a driver change as required by these Rules.
- 6.3.27. Actual or threatened with assaults, abuse, or fights with any CARS Tour West Official or anyone working on behalf of a CARS Tour West Official or the Promoter.
- 6.3.28. Fighting or altercation with another Member, CARS Tour West Official or persons serving under his/her direction, in which the Member uses inappropriate or disparaging language regarding a person's race, color, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, age, or physical condition, including conduct on social media or other public platform, in the garage/pits, or while participating in a CARS Tour West Event;
- 6.3.29. Firing engines or generators during the National Anthem or at any other times where such activity is prohibited.
- 6.3.30. Entering onto the racing surface, opening a gate, etc., without permission or direction to do so from Race Control.
- 6.3.31. Contact with another Driver's vehicle at any time except during a Race.
- 6.3.32. Violations of CARS Tour West Promotion, Public Image & Social Media Policies
- 6.3.33. Acts which violate probation or suspension previously issued.

- 6.3.34. Failing to follow the direction of an Official.
- 6.3.35. Any act which endangers another competitor, official, spectator, track staff, or track services personnel.
- 6.3.36. Failure to present a car for inspection as required by CARS Tour West Officials.
- 6.3.37. Failure to comply with inspection requests by a CARS Tour West Official.
- 6.3.38. Failure to surrender parts or equipment found during inspection upon the request of a CARS Tour West Official.
- 6.3.39. Any determination by CARS Tour West Officials that parts and/or equipment do not conform to CARS Tour West Rules or have not been approved by the division's Technical Director.
- 6.3.40. Installation or use of any traction control device, whether functional or not.
- 6.3.41. Any alteration or modification of fuel.
- 6.3.42. Any alteration or modification of tires.
- 6.3.43. Use of any tire not impounded for the Event.
- 6.3.44. Use of electronic recording devices, onboard computers, or data acquisition devices during any practice session, qualifying or race.
- 6.3.45. Use of unapproved, altered, or modified fuel cell or fuel system components.
- 6.3.46. Any modification that permits the lowering of a racecar during competition.

#### 6.4. Fines

- 6.4.1. Fines levied against a member will be collected by the CARS Tour West Office by deducting the amount from the purse for the Event which gave rise to the Penalty Notice.
- 6.4.2. Fines are due and payable prior to the Member's participation in the next Event. If a fine has not been paid prior to the next scheduled Event, the Member will not be able to sign in until the fine is paid.
- 6.4.3. In cases where a fine presents a financial hardship, a member can make a written request to the CARS Tour West Officials for the fine to be recovered from a future race purse or the division's championship point fund. Such permission must be obtained prior to being allowed to complete in the next Event.

#### 6.5. Finality of Interpretation

- 6.5.1. CARS Tour West Officials, as outlined in these Rules, have final and absolute authority over interpretation of Rules, including Event Procedures.
- 6.5.2. CARS Tour West Officials shall have exclusive and continuing authority over all Members to ensure the safe and efficient conduct of the Event.
- 6.5.3. In any dispute between a Member and a CARS Tour West Official, the member is obligated to report such dispute to the CARS Tour West Officials promptly and accurately.
- 6.5.4. The CARS Tour West Officials shall have absolute, exclusive, and final authority as outlined throughout these Rules and Procedures.

#### 6.6. Appeals & Appeals Procedure

- 6.6.1. Race procedure calls are considered judgment calls and are not subject to appeal or litigation.
- 6.6.2. An Owner may appeal a penalty imposed by the CARS Tour West by submitting a written "Intent to Appeal" letter to the CARS Tour West Officials. Such Appeals must

be received by the CARS Tour West Office within five (5) business days of the Owner's receipt of the Penalty Notice.

6.6.3. Appeals must be in writing and accompanied by the non-refundable appeal fee of \$500.00.

6.6.4. The CARS Tour West Officials shall be responsible for the orderly handling and disposal of the appeal by appointing an Appellate Board. The Board shall be comprised of individuals qualified to hear such an appeal as determined by the CARS Tour West Officials.

6.6.5. The Appeal will be heard by the Appellate Board as soon as practical time and date are established. The hearing shall be at the sole and exclusive discretion of the CARS Tour West Officials.

6.6.6. The Appellate Board shall consist of three (3) members. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum for the Appellate Board.

6.6.7. The Appellate Board shall establish procedures for hearing the appeal. The Appellate Board shall not be bound by specific rules of evidence or procedure. The hearing will be conducted in the manner best suited to the relevant facts. Hearings may be conducted at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Appellate Board.

6.6.8. The cost of the proceedings shall be at the expense of the CARS Tour West. In the rare case the Appellate Board determines that the appeal was Instituted without merit, the cost for the proceedings shall be the responsibility of the Member filing such appeal.

6.6.9. Appellants agree that any decisions of the Appellate Board are final and not subject to further appeal. The Appellate Board shall have wide discretion in resolving appeals in the best interests of the sport but shall not order an event be re-run.

6.6.10. The CARS Tour West shall have the sole and exclusive right to publish the judgement of the Appellate Board. The names, relationships, testimony, and evidence provided by all parties relevant to the appeal are subject to release at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Tour. Parties agree to such release and waive any rights and will hold harmless the CARS Tour West and any / all parties involved in such release or publication.

6.6.11. The CARS Tour West Officials have final and exclusive authority for all decisions involving the CARS Tour West, including those covered under this Appeals Procedure.

## 7. INSPECTIONS

### 7.1. Inspections

7.1.1. All cars are expected to comply with CARS Tour West Rules, including those incorporated by reference. Failure to follow CARS Tour West rules may result in penalty.

7.1.2. Cars entered for a CARS Tour West Event may be inspected three (3) times during the Event.

7.1.2.1. Event Inspection: Cars may be inspected on the first day of on-track activity (practice day). The Event Inspection must be completed no later than final practice for the division as indicated on the Event schedule. An Event-specific window sticker will be applied upon successful completion of the Event

inspection.

7.1.2.2. Pre-Qualifying Inspection: The Pre-Qualifying Inspection will be done in order of the random draw that corresponds with qualifying order. Race Tires shall be installed as cars proceed through the inspection line. Once successfully passing inspection, all cars are placed as designated by CARS Tour West Officials and are considered impounded. The only adjustments that may be made after passing Pre-Qualifying Inspection are the addition of tape to the car's grill, and adjustment of tire pressures.

7.1.2.3. Post-Race Inspection: The top three (3) finishers, plus any other cars selected by CARS Tour West Officials, shall report directly to the inspection area without delay following any post-race celebrations. The Post-Race Inspection will vary and be at the sole and exclusive discretion of the division's Technical Director. Teams are forbidden from making any changes to the car, including the removing or addition of any equipment, except as directed to do so by Tour Officials as part of the Post-Race Inspection.

7.1.3. All cars will be subject to technical inspection at every Event. All cars are subject to inspection at any time by any CARS Tour West Official.

7.1.4. The CARS Tour West inspection equipment, including all scales, gauges, and measuring or testing devices as well as the procedures used by the CARS Tour West Officials shall constitute the sole and exclusive means by which a vehicle's compliance with these rules and requirements is determined. All scales, gauges, and measuring or testing devices shall be approved by the CARS Tour West division's Technical Director. No other equipment can be used to determine a race car's compliance with these rules.

7.1.5. All competitors are required to take all steps necessary as requested by CARS Tour West Officials to facilitate inspection, including teardown.

7.1.6. CARS Tour West Officials will determine the nature and extent of technical inspection. No prior notice or warning of nature or extent of inspection will be given.

7.1.7. Any team failing to comply with these Inspection rules are subject to penalty(s). Noncompliance includes not surrendering a car, car part, or equipment for inspection. This includes failing to present a car to Tour Officials as directed without delay.

7.1.8. The CARS Tour West has the right to seal or impound cars, car parts, or equipment that has been entered into an Event. The CARS Tour West is not responsible for payment or reimbursement for damage or loss suffered by the Member as the result of such sealing or impounding.

7.1.9. The CARS Tour West reserves the right to confiscate any non-conforming and/or unapproved part(s). The CARS Tour West is not responsible for payment or reimbursement to the Member for such confiscated parts.

7.1.10. Regarding inspection, the Crew Chief is responsible for proving a car or part's legality for competition. Tour Officials are not required to prove the violation.

7.1.11. On inspection teardown, the following person(s) will be present at the site:

7.1.11.1. The car owner or representative designated by the Owner.

7.1.11.2. A Supervisory Official

7.1.11.3. At least one additional CARS Tour West Official is familiar with the Division.

## 8. SAFETY

- 8.1. STOCK CAR RACING IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS SPORT. Everyone assumes that risk when he or she participates in an Event. Participation in motorsports has a significant risk of permanent injury or death that cannot be fully mitigated or eliminated. Members are required to advise their family members of this risk.
- 8.2. The CARS Tour West does not take responsibility for the adequacy of the racing facility, safety personnel or equipment, or conditions at any track hosting a CARS Tour West Event.
- 8.3. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Specific roles related to safety are:
  - 8.3.1. Promoter: The Promoter is directly and finally responsible to ensure that the racing facilities are adequate for the event; that adequate safety personnel and equipment are provided for each event, both for the purpose of preventing injury where reasonably possible and responding to injury when it occurs; and that the conditions at the racing facility are maintained in a reasonable manner to reduce the risk of injury, all as more fully set forth in the Sanction Agreement applicable to the event.
  - 8.3.2. Members: All Members are obligated to inspect for any unsafe condition with respect to the racing facilities, his/ her race car and all related equipment, safety personnel and equipment, and conditions at the track on a continuing basis before, during, and after the Event. Members must report to the Promoter and CARS Tour West Officials promptly any inadequacy or unsafe conditions in the facilities, race car, personnel, equipment, or conditions at the track. Members also are solely and personally responsible for the safety of their race cars and racing equipment and are obligated to perform their duties (whether as a car owner, driver, or crew member) in a manner designed to minimize the degree of possible risk of injury to themselves and others.  
**NEITHER THE CARS Tour West NOR THE PROMOTER CAN OR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADEQUACY OF A MEMBER'S RACE CAR, RACING EQUIPMENT, OR RACING ACTIVITY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE.**
  - 8.3.3. CARS Tour West Officials: CARS Tour West Officials should report promptly to the Promoter any observed safety inadequacies in the racing facilities, safety personnel, equipment, and/or conditions at the track. In addition, if a CARS Tour West Official observes any safety inadequacy in a member's race car, racing equipment, or conduct, the CARS Tour West Official may take whatever action is deemed reasonable and appropriate to correct such inadequacy.
- 8.4. Each Member agrees and consents that in the event of injury or death during or as a result of an event, the CARS Tour West may obtain access to and copies of all the Member's medical records including privileged or protected health information related to such injury or death.
- 8.5. Equipment and General Accessories
  - 8.5.1. Accessories used in the interest of safety and stability should be submitted to CARS Tour West Officials for review prior to use in competition.
  - 8.5.2. Drivers must not, at any time, compete with his or her head, or any other part of the body, extended outside of the race car.
  - 8.5.3. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by Race Control, car will not be permitted on the track until the track has been opened for practice as stated on the Event schedule.
  - 8.5.4. Passengers are not permitted to ride in or on a race car at any time.

## 8.6. Personal Safety Equipment

### 8.6.1. General

8.6.1.1. Each Member is solely responsible for the effectiveness of all personal safety equipment used during an event. Neither the CARS Tour West nor CARS Tour West Officials are responsible for any personal safety equipment's effectiveness.

8.6.1.2. Each Member must investigate and educate himself/herself fully about the availability and effectiveness of personal safety equipment.

8.6.1.3. CARS Tour West Officials will be solely responsible for determining whether to mandate equipment and shall establish Rules with respect to such equipment. Each Member is solely responsible for familiarizing himself/ herself with these Rules. The CARS Tour West strongly recommends, however, that each Member consider the use of and follow the guidelines regarding such equipment, as set forth in the remainder of this subsection.

8.6.1.4. All Members must comply with the manufacturer's specifications and limitations applicable to the operation, training, use, installation, inspection, testing, repair, and maintenance of all personal safety equipment, machinery, vehicles, tools, materials, and equipment unless specifically superseded by a more stringent corresponding requirement.

8.6.2. Protective Clothing: During all on-track activity, each Driver shall wear an approved, fire resistant:

- 8.6.2.1. Driving suit.
- 8.6.2.2. Gloves.
- 8.6.2.3. Shoes.

8.6.3. It is the Driver and crew member's responsibility, not the sanctioning body nor Tour Officials to ensure that a Driver or crew member maintains, wears, and effectively uses protective clothing.

8.7. Fire Extinguishers

- 8.7.1. An automatic working fire suppression system (strongly recommended) or driver-accessible fire extinguisher is required in all race cars.
- 8.7.2. All competing teams must possess an appropriately rated, 10-pound working portable fire extinguisher while in attendance in the pits.
- 8.7.3. The portable fire extinguisher shall be clearly marked with the car number.
- 8.7.4. The portable fire extinguisher shall be presented during the Event Inspection.

8.8. Helmets, Head and Neck Restraint Devices

8.8.1. Helmets

- 8.8.1.1. Drivers must wear a helmet that meets the 2015 Snell standard or better and have a sticker visible for inspection. Only Snell S.A helmets will be allowed.
- 8.8.1.2. Full-face helmets are required.
- 8.8.1.3. Helmets must be without physical damage including cracks, chips, or other defects.
- 8.8.1.4. Helmet skirts are highly recommended.

8.8.2. Head and Neck Restraint Devices/Systems

- 8.8.2.1. At all times during an Event (practice, qualifying and competition), Drivers must use a capable form of head and neck restraint. A strap-type neck restraint is mandatory (no neck collars).
- 8.8.2.2. It is the Driver's responsibility, not that of the CARS Tour West or CARS Tour West Officials, to ensure that their device/system is approved, correctly installed, maintained,

8.9. Seat Belts

- 8.9.1. SFI-Approved seat belts with a minim of double shoulder harness and crotch strap will be required.
- 8.9.2. Seat belts must have no visible defects or fraying.
- 8.9.3. It is the Driver's responsibility, not that of the CARS Tour West or CARS Tour West

Officials, to ensure that the seat belt system is approved, correctly installed, maintained, and effectively used.

#### 8.10. Seats

- 8.10.1. Professionally manufactured aluminum racing seats and the Kenny's Components JL1 Seats (if bolted in six locations with a minimum 0.375-inch (3/8") bolts are approved.
- 8.10.2. An SFI 39.2-rated seat is highly recommended.
- 8.10.3. All other carbon fiber seats must have prior approval by the CARS Tour West and may be required to have a minimum SFI 39.2 rating.

#### 8.11. Driver's Window

- 8.11.1. The Driver's window must be equipped with a safety net with a quick- release latch. Safety net must be a rib-type construction made from one inch by one inch (1" x 1") wide material with one inch by one inch (1" x 1") square openings when installed. Safety net must not be flush with the body or connect to the body at any point.
- 8.11.2. String window nets will not be permitted.
- 8.11.3. The safety net must have a minimum SFI rating of 27.1. The minimum net size must be seventeen inches (17") wide and sixteen inches (16") high. When latched, the window net must fit and pull tight.

#### 8.12. Master Power / Electrical Switches

- 8.12.1. A master on/off switch is recommended to be in the center of the car, clearly marked and within easy access of the Driver, as well as access from outside both window openings.
- 8.12.2. At minimum, it must be clearly marked and easily accessible to safety crews.

#### 8.13. Lead

- 8.13.1. All lead weights must be painted white, with the car number painted red or black on each individual piece.
- 8.13.2. All lead weights must be securely fastened.
- 8.13.3. Lead inspection will be part of the CARS Tour West technical inspection. If a piece of lead is not properly painted white with the car number in red or black marked on all sides, the team will receive one warning annually. Any future violation will result in a minimum \$250.00 fine for the second offense. A third offense will result in automatic disqualification.
- 8.13.4. Any lost weight will result in a minimum \$250.00 fine.

#### 8.14. Other Safety Rules

- 8.14.1. Batteries must be securely fastened and mounted outside the driver's compartment or in a box with a cover.
- 8.14.2. Resilient padding designed for roll bar use must be installed on any roll cage member which can be reached by any extremity of the Driver while the Driver is normally seated with restraints fastened.
- 8.14.3. The steering wheel must be padded.
- 8.14.4. All cars must have an OBERG, SRI or other CARS Tour West-approved vacuum style fuel shut off placed near the point where the fuel exits the fuel cell.
- 8.14.5. No part of any cooling / oil system may be in the driver's compartment.

## 9. TIRES

### 9.1. General Tire Rules

- 9.1.1. Qualifying tires for SLM/PLM/LLM must be new sticker tires purchased at track from Hoosier Tire West at each event. (EIRI)
- 9.1.2. Tires must always remain outside and visible to Tour Officials.
- 9.1.3. No substance of any kind can be put on any race tire for any division such as armor-all, tire dressing, tire conditioner, or softener, etc.
- 9.1.4. Tires will be inspected routinely. If found with any substance applied, tires will be confiscated and a penalty assessed.
- 9.1.5. Tires may be impounded by CARS Tour West Officials at any time for testing and inspection. Additional testing may be done by an outside testing laboratory at the discretion of CARS Tour West Officials.
- 9.1.6. Cars must start the race on the tires used during Qualifying.
- 9.1.7. Individual race tire requirements are specified in each division's Rules.

## 10. MISCELLANEOUS

### 10.1. Equipment and General Accessories

- 10.1.1. Titanium, Inconel, or other exotic materials are not allowed for use on the race car unless specified by the CARS Tour West.
- 10.1.2. No data acquisition equipment or wiring is allowed in the race cars during official event days for CARS Tour West Events.
- 10.1.3. Digital dashes are not allowed in SLM/PLM/LLM.
  - 10.1.3.1. Mobile phones, smart watches, and Bluetooth devices are not allowed in the race vehicle during practice, qualifying, or race.

