



Ventura Racing Association

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS 2010

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Preface

The rules and/or 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 will govern the condition of all events and by participating in these events all members are deemed to have complied with these rules. No expressed or implied warranty of safety will result from the publication 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 participants, spectators or others.

VRA reserves the right to amend by addition or deletion any rule by notifying members, in writing or posting at the track office same changes, at least seven days prior to implementation of said addition or deletion. Rules involving safety may be imposed immediately.

Rules will be imposed as written. It is your responsibility to be familiar with all rules. Official's decision shall be final in all cases.

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Rules and Regulations

All members and participants shall be subject to the rules and regulations of Ventura Racing Association, herein referred to as VRA, as hereinafter set forth and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated during the season. A driver, car owner, mechanic, competitor, official or contestant when duly licensed and registered by VRA is then a member of VRA until the end of the current calendar year or until otherwise notified.

1. All drivers, car owners and officials must be licensed by VRA before taking part in sanctioned events. VRA license must be carried at all times and presented on demand to any official. Violators subject to fine or suspension. All drivers must be in good standing prior to the close of the season in order to collect or participate in post season awards.
2. There shall be an annual license fee for all drivers and general members to be determined at the beginning of each season. Car number registration \$20.00.
3. Car registration applications must be filed along with license application by the car owner.
4. VRA reserves the right to approve or reject any and all license applications.
5. No license will be issued until a fully completed and signed license application has been received.
6. Only VRA members in good standing and non-members holding proper pit credentials will be allowed in the pits. Driver may only be on track while engaged in competition. Crew may go onto track area only with permission of Raceway officials.
7. Any VRA Driver who allows any person to use, or attempt to use, his license or event pit pass in any manner, shall be subject to the loss of 250 points, fined \$100.00 and suspended for two races. Non-driver member shall forfeit their membership.
8. VRA members are not employees of VRA and are independent contractors, and assume and take all responsibility for all charges, premiums and taxes, if payable on any funds they receive as a member of VRA.
9. A record of earnings will be kept by VRA according to car number and credited to the individual registered owner. The registered car owner should sign for all monies won and all checks will be made out to him/her. The Internal Revenue Service requires that prize monies (in excess of \$600.00) be reported to them annually.
10. No person serving as an officer, official or employee of any other racing organization, not specifically approved in writing by VRA is eligible for licensing by VRA.
11. Any person over 16 years of age may apply for a regular VRA license. Junior classes require a restricted license with age listed in their rules.
12. If proof of driving ability is deemed necessary, tests may be conducted by and at the discretion of VRA officials. Their decision shall be binding on applicant.
13. If and when deemed necessary, VRA officials shall have the authority to insist on a physical examination of any applicant or license holder.
14. All cars taking part in VRA events must be registered by the licensed owner.
15. Car numbers will be assigned by VRA only in the order in which applications are received. Whenever possible requested numbers will be assigned, but VRA reserves the right to issue all numbers in order to prevent duplication and maintain proper records.
16. In the event a car is owned by a partnership or corporation, license will be issued to one person only.
17. An owner of a registered car may transfer number to a replacement car upon sale or destruction of original licensed car.
18. No license may be transferable except as in Rule 17.
19. When a licensed car is sold, a new owner must file a car registration application and new license and car number will be issued, unless it is a replacement as in Rule 17.
20. No car may be sold or transferred for the express purpose of circumventing a suspension to that car. Any car under suspension may not be raced even if the car has been sold and ownership transferred. Suspensions must be served and fines paid prior to the end of the season. If not, they carry over into the next season. No car may be registered with outstanding penalties from the preceding year.
21. No Duplicate numbers may be registered in same class.
22. **When a registered car is sold, VRA must be notified of date of sale, and to whom the car has been sold.**
23. When a number other than that officially assigned is used, VRA assumes no responsibility in event of error in scoring, point tabulation or purse payment.
24. No person under the age of sixteen (16) may be allowed in the pit area, with the exception of licensed VRA drivers or minors with prior VRA approval. Any driver under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian fill out and sign a minor release form. Failure to do so will result in suspension for a minimum of two events.
25. No car number may be changed on Raceway premises except to avoid duplication by order of VRA Race Director.
26. All cars must carry their assigned VRA numbers before entering the Raceway premises.
27. **Car numbers will be issued as follows: all VRA classes 00-99. Numerals must be in contrasting colors. All numbers must be readable from the scoring tower by the scorers. Any numbers deemed unacceptable shall be changed. Numbers must be applied on both doors, both headlight covers, and on car top, readable from the right side. Sprint Cars must have numbers on nose and both sides of tail tank. Drivers and teams are to make all efforts to field neat and clean appearing cars at all events. Cars not conforming to this requirement may not be allowed to race.**
28. Any race meet or event not run under VRA rules and not authorized by VRA shall be considered an unsanctioned event.
29. Any licensed or registered VRA member or participant violating any VRA rules or regulations may be penalized by disqualification, suspension, fine, loss of points and may be required to post a bond insuring future adherence to rules. At the discretion of the VRA official in charge any or all of these penalties may be imposed.
30. **No registered VRA member under suspension will be permitted to participate in any event, regardless of sanctioning body, or be allowed to enter pits or racing area until suspension period is completely served.**
31. ANY DRIVER, CAR OWNER OR CREW WHO PERMITS A CAR TO BE DRIVEN IN ANY VRA RACE MEET BY AN UNLICENCED PERSON, OR FAILS TO NOTIFY VRA OFFICIALS OF ANY CHANGE OF DRIVER DURING A RACE MEET SHALL BE SUSPENDED AND/OR FINED. Also, all points earned by that car for that and all preceding races may be taken away.

Section 2
General Regulations

1. **No members will be allowed in pit area until he or she has secured a pit pass and signed waivers for that particular race. Violation is punishable by a mandatory fine of \$50.00 and/or disqualification of driver and car associated with violation.**
2. Pit passes are issued for a fee at the pit office.
3. **A valid VRA license must be shown when signing for a pit pass. Members without their VRA license in their possession will be treated as a nonmember.**
4. Pit passes are not transferable.
5. Drinking of intoxicating beverages or use of contraband drugs on the racing premises is strictly forbidden. ANY PARTICIPANT IN ANY VRA EVENT WHO SHOWS ANY EVIDENCE OF HAVING PARTAKEN OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR DRUGS MUST LEAVE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO A MANDATORY FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$50.00 OR MORE THAN \$250.00.
6. Promoter or Race Director has the right to reject the entry of any car or driver.
7. No driver or crew member may enter racing area until he has signed all releases, registration and/or entry forms. No person will be permitted at any time to sign the VRA release sheet for anyone other than himself. Violation will be a minimum \$50.00 fine. Second violation will result in loss of seasons' points and suspension for remainder of the season.
8. At all race meets the driver assumes responsibility for actions of his pit crew or guests. In every respect, the driver will be the sole spokesman for his owner and pit crew in any and all matters pertaining to the race and must talk to the VRA officials in charge. The driver may name a pit captain, who is a VRA member, who will have the sole right to speak for him in his absence.
9. No licensed member or participant shall subject any official to abuse or improper language at any time. Violations carry indefinite suspension and/or fine. Any member or participant who shall commit an assault or shall threaten to do bodily injury to any VRA official or such person serving under their orders shall be subject to suspension and/or fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or loss of all points as of date of infraction.
10. Decisions of race officials on interpretation of rules pertinent to race procedures or scoring of positions shall be considered final.
11. No driver, car owner or mechanic shall have any claim for damages, expenses or otherwise against promoter, track operator, VRA or its officials by reason of disqualification or damage to either car, driver or both and they agree the track is in a safe and usable condition if they take part in the racing activities.
12. VRA officials have the right to subject any driver to a physical examination before being allowed to compete. **Any driver requiring hospitalization will be required to obtain a release from his physician before allowed to return to competition. Subject to approval of Race Director.**
13. No VRA member shall take part or participate in any strike, boycott, unsportsmanlike behavior or any other action or activity considered detrimental to VRA or Ventura Raceway. Violation will mean immediate suspension for each participant. If participant is driver, owner or crew member of car, that car, which they are associated with, may not participate in any VRA event until all fines are paid and suspensions are completed.
14. No VRA member will participate in fights in pits or on Raceway premises at any time. Violation will result in a fine of no less than \$100.00 and immediate suspension for each participant. Any cars with which the members or participants are associated will not be allowed to compete until all fines are paid and suspension completed.
15. VRA members agree to abide by official's decisions.
16. All drivers, car owners and/or mechanics assume full responsibility for any and all injuries sustained, including death and property damage, any time they are on Raceway premises and in route thereto or there from.
17. Rules may be subject to change and revision by VRA upon notification to license holders at least seven days prior to effective date. Posting of change on pit board, Ventura Raceway web page, handout at pit office or VRA bulletin mailed to last known address shall constitute notification. Notify pit office of any change of address.
18. VRA reserves the right to judge, decide and establish what constitutes a legal car. A legal car is one which has met all VRA safety, appearance and technical requirements, and has a signed tech sheet on file with VRA.
19. All drivers and pit crews are required to be neat and clean in appearance. Shirts and shoes must be worn. Failure to comply to the above may result in non-admittance into the pit area and/or fine.
20. Cars leaking water, oil, gasoline or showing excessive smoke may be black flagged from the race at the discretion of officials.
21. **Competitors are not permitted in the press/scoring tower and official's office without specific permission from the Race Director. Failure to comply may result in fines or other penalties.**
22. A VRA division must have a quorum of a least twelve (12) cars in running condition or events for this division are subject to immediate cancellation by the track operator or Race Director.
23. VRA and track operators are not responsible for any damage or theft of trucks, cars, tools or personal property on Raceway premises.
24. All competitors and personnel are restricted from the infield and from crossing the track unless the pit area is specifically designated in the infield area. Violators will be subject to \$100.00 fine and/or suspension.
25. No one will be allowed to wear a shirt or jacket that is the same or similar to those worn by the VRA officials, with the intent to deceive officials or drivers. The use of official shirts or jackets will be up to the Race Director.
26. All drivers wishing to obtain a VRA driver membership may be required to take and pass a race procedure and rules test prior to racing their first event. Rookie drivers may also be required to take part in a rookie orientation meeting at a time set by race officials.
27. No transmitting or receiving devices allowed in any VRA class vehicle. This includes radios, onboard computers and data transfer equipment. No scanners or two-way radios in pit area or grandstands. VRA may require an official one way receiver to communicate with our officials. This radio may be required in some divisions and will have to be purchased and maintained by the driver or car owner.
28. No driver or crew from any team is to go into any competitors pit area, tech area or grandstand area with intent to threaten or accost any member of that team due to on track, tech or any other racing related incident. Problems are to be dealt with, with the aid of a VRA official. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in fines, suspension or both.

Section 3
Safety Regulations

The following is required in all VRA Classes

1. Nylon safety belts (three inch minimum width) crotch strap and nylon shoulder harness is required. Belts must be securely mounted to roll cage. All safety belts, shoulder harness and their installation are subject to approval by VRA Technical Director. No belt and harness more than two years old may be used. Assemblies not marked with the date of manufacture, will not be allowed - NO GRACE PERIOD.
2. Drivers must wear full face helmet with face shield or goggles, approved by the Snell Memorial Foundation, S or SA, 2000 or newer with Snell sticker attached. No "M" rated helmets or open face helmets allowed in any class. Driver must wear an SFI Rated fire suit (top and bottom), two piece allowed. Window nets will be required in all divisions. **All drivers must wear fire proof driving gloves, neck collar brace, leather shoes, boots or driving shoes during any on track activities.**
3. All cars are subject to safety inspection at any time before taking part in a sanctioned race meet, speed trial or special tests, or at discretion of VRA officials.
4. No driver shall compete in any event with head or arm extended outside of race car. Failure to comply will result in immediate black flag and removal from race.
5. No race, time trial or warm-up shall be started unless the following equipment is on the premises:
 - a. An ambulance and attendant whose minimum requirements shall be having satisfactory completed an accredited First Aid course such as the one given by the Red Cross.
 - B. Carbon dioxide and/or dry powder by extinguishers or a fire truck.
6. Cars may have one or two seats. Both seats must meet all VRA seat and seatbelt rules. If a car has two seats, both left and right windows must have VRA approved window nets, properly installed. No one may ride on the outside of a vehicle at anytime when it is being moved on the track or in pit or parking area.
7. All stock cars must be equipped with an approved type fire extinguisher with visual gauge mounted on an approved metal bracket, within reach of the driver. No tape will be used to connect or hold fire extinguisher in place. The extinguisher must be certified as in proper working order prior to the first race that a car participates in each season. Date must be within one year of initial tech for season. An additional fire extinguisher shall be included in the pit equipment of each car.
8. Center-top of steering post must be padded with at least 2" of resilient material.
9. Suggested roll bar design is located on technical illustration page.
10. Only approved ventilated gasoline cans, equipped with a flexible filter nozzle and/or tube will be permitted.
11. Use of two (2) gasoline cans at the same time while refueling will not be permitted. Violation will mean instant disqualification.
12. All gasoline in the pit area must be stored in fire department approved safety containers.
13. Not more than 20 gallons of gasoline per car will be allowed in any one pit at any time.
14. No string type window nets allowed. Nets must be of top release design. See diagram on technical illustration page
15. No rags or any type tape are to be used on the motor, trans or rear end for the purpose of holding parts in place, stopping leaks, etc.
16. All hoods must be securely attached by hood pins. Cars with loose hoods may be removed from competition. Pins must be secured to the car by a cable.
17. **All cars must begin each event with all body panels intact and securely fastened to the framework. No car may continue in any event without a hood, any door and roof intact. Other damaged panels missing will be at the discretion of VRA officials.**
18. No flammable items may be attached to any car (advertising or decoration).
19. No car may participate in any event with anything protruding from the normal lines of the car. (i.e., stuffed animals, antennas, signage, etc.) Decisions on this provision are final.
20. No car may carry any type of stuffed animal in the car due to fire regulations.
21. During any racing event, no car may leave the track and go to pit area for repairs. All work must be done in designated work area for that evening's events as discussed at drivers' meeting. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.
22. No wheels are allowed that do not meet the specifications and tolerance of the Tire and Rim Association. No lightweight wheels or oversized wheels which have an increased circumference of the bead flange.
23. Items not covered in this section, are not considered legal by their omission. Any item not covered must be approved by VRA Officials prior to their implementation.
24. No glycol based coolant allowed.

Section4
Pit Procedures

1. Each officially entered race team is entitled to a pit space for the entire race meet. This space is your responsibility and will be occupied for the duration of the meeting. Any team needing to leave prior to the official end of the event is required to get permission from a race official. This is to protect you and your race equipment.
2. **All tires and rims must be clearly marked with the car number for which they are being used. Teams must remove all used or damaged parts, used tires and other trash from their pit areas at the end of each event. This includes oil, gas or any other fluids. Failure to do so may result in a \$100.00 fine to that race team.**
3. No dumping of oil, gas, or other fluids from cars on the Ventura County Fairgrounds.
4. Teams must be responsible to move out their cars and equipment in an orderly manner as soon as possible at the end of each event. Do not block entries or exits.

Section 5 Inspections

1. The method and type of car inspection and number of cars to be inspected at any VRA race meet or event will be determined by VRA Race and Technical Director.
2. VRA, its officers or officials, assume no responsibility for impounded cars.
3. VRA reserves the right to limit personnel admittance to any car or garage in which inspections are being made; and the VRA Chief Inspector has the right to limit the attendance to only the VRA inspectors and two mechanics assigned to handle the work necessary to prepare the car for the inspection.
4. VRA reserves the right to confiscate and hold any parts and/or equipment not conforming to the rules. All cars are subject to a total tear down at discretion of VRA Race Director.
5. **No equipment or part shall be considered legal because it went through technical inspection unobserved or because a rule has not been written against it. Anything not covered in this rule book is still subject to VRA approval.**
6. VRA reserves the right to subject any car to a mechanical inspection at the discretion of VRA official in charge. It shall be the responsibility of the driver or car owner to tear down a car for inspection when requested to do so by the VRA official in charge. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of driver and car. It will be the responsibility of the car owner or driver to have no more than two persons in the impound area.
7. **At the conclusion of each VRA feature event, the top four cars and drivers, in each class, shall report directly to the designated, technical inspection area for post race inspection.** Any car and driver not going directly to the inspection area shall be disqualified. No car may leave the racing premises until the VRA official in charge allows the pit area to be open for car removal. Failure to comply with this rule shall lead to disqualification.
8. Any owner/driver driving a car not conforming to VRA rules and regulations;
 - Will on the first offense:**
 - a. Forfeit all points and moneys won for that night's events.
 - b. Owner and car may receive a one race suspension from all VRA events, at discretion of VRA Race Director.
 - Will on the second offense:**
 - a. Forfeit all points and moneys won for that night's event
 - b. Mandatory two race suspension of car and owner from any VRA event.
 - c. A 200 point deduction from previously earned VRA season points.
 - d. The owner must post a \$100.00 bond prior to the car being allowed to race.
 - Will on the third offense:**
 - a. Forfeit all moneys won for that night's event
 - b. Forfeit all earned VRA season points
 - c. Mandatory four race suspension of car and owner from any VRA event
 - d. Forfeit of a \$100.00 bond from second offense
 - e. The car must pass a complete VRA technical inspection prior to the cars returning to race in any VRA sanctioned event in the future. This inspection will be done at the convenience of the VRA Technical Officials and will require a fee to be paid for its carrying out.
9. Any driver, not a car owner, driving a car, found not conforming to VRA Rules, after a post race inspection, will be subject to the following penalties.
 - First offense in any car:**
 - a. Loss of all earned VRA points for that event
 - b. A one race suspension may be imposed at the discretion of the VRA Race Director
 - Second offense in same car:**
 - a. Loss of all earned VRA points for that event.
 - b. Mandatory two race suspension from any VRA event.
 - c. A 200 deduction from previously earned VRA season points.
 - d. Posting a \$100.00 bond prior to resuming driving in any VRA sanctioned event.
 - Third offense in same car:**
 - a. Forfeit all earned VRA season points
 - b. Mandatory four race suspension from all VRA events.
 - c. Forfeit of a \$100.00 bond from second offense.
 - d. Post a \$500.00 bond prior to returning to VRA competition.
10. Any driver/owner who refuses to take his/her car to post race tech inspection shall, on the first occurrence, receive the same penalty as if it were their second nonpass offense. If this is repeated a second time, the car and driver shall receive the same penalty as if it were their third non-pass offense.
11. Any VRA driver or car owner may appeal a tech or protest decision. Protest must be filed on the proper VRA Appeal Form, available at pit office. It must state clearly why a consideration should be granted. All items of the form pertaining to the appeal must be filled out completely. It must be received by the Director of Competition within three days of the event for which the decision being appealed was made. Form must be submitted to VRA Director of Competition in person or by registered mail postmarked within the three day time limit.
12. Any car that is disqualified from a VRA event, after any post race technical inspection, or protest, must pass a pre-race technical inspection for the same item that the car was disqualified for, prior to being allowed to resume competition. This tech inspection must take place between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the next race date that the car is entered in to compete. Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the car to not be allowed to compete. If requested, the car may be checked prior to the event by a VRA Tech Official. The time and place for this check is at the discretion of the official who will conduct the inspection on the car. If no acceptable time can be arranged, the inspection must take place at the track, as previously stated.

Section 6
Race Procedure

1. No driver may enter more than one car per division per race event, and no car may be used by more than one driver per division. **Mechanics, pit crew, owners, or friends of owners may not drive unless they are registered as VRA driver members. General members must pay the added driver fee prior to their driving any car on the track.**
2. Any car may be driven in any race for which it has qualified within its division by any eligible driver. Driver change will result in the car starting at rear of field. (VRA drivers become eligible to race through a process of heat race and semi main events leading up to the main event. Any driver who is eligible for the main event based upon their heat race and semi main event finishes may change cars should their primary car become unable to compete. The car that they change to must be a VRA registered car, gone through and passed tech inspection for the night the change takes place. No non-eligible driver may move into the main event by taking over an eligible driver's car by going around drivers that are ahead of him in the non-transferred order, based upon their finish order in a semi main event. In order for a driver to take over an eligible driver's car they must be the next driver in line based upon the finishing order of the semi main event.)
3. A handicap system will be used for lining up all VRA heat races, semi main and main events. VRA Sport Compacts and Jr Midgets will use the following system, which will be used for all events except for opening night when a pill pick will determine heat race position.
 - a. Heat Races will be lined up inverted by season points or by pill pick number, with non-point and rookie drivers placed at the rear.
 - b. Those drivers that do not transfer directly to the main event from the heat race will transfer to a semi main event and be lined up in the order that they finished their heat race with rookie drivers at the rear.
 - c. Main events will be lined up by a pill pick inversion of either 4,6, or 8 of the transferring drivers from the heat races with rookies who transferred starting in the rear of the invert. Drivers transferring from the semi main event will start straight up, after the inverted drivers and transferred rookies, based on their finishing position in the semi main event.

VRA Sprint, Senior Sprints and Dwarf Cars will be lined up as follows.

- d. All drivers will pick a pill after registering. The pill will determine their starting position in their heat race. The lower the number picked the higher the starting position earned. Rookie drivers will be lined up, in order, by their pill pick number at the rear of heat races based on their pill pick number.
- e. Those drivers not transferring directly to the main event will go to a semi main event and be lined up as they finished their heat race. Non-transferring Rookies will go to the rear of the semi lined up in order as they finished their heat behind the non-rookie drivers.
- f. Main events will be lined up after picking an invert number of 4,6, or 8 by the winner of the last main event. Passing points from heat races will be used to determine the final pre-race positioning of the transfer drivers who will then be inverted based upon the pill picked. Transferring rookies will start at the rear of the non-rookie transferring drivers. Drivers transferring from the semi main event will start straight up, after the inverted drivers and transferred rookies, based on their finishing position in the semi main event. In all VRA Classes, if a driver who has qualified for the main event, is not able to start the race, an alternate driver will be added from the drivers who did not transfer from the semi main event. This will be done prior to the first green flag start of the main event. In all VRA classes, a driver who has earned Rookie Contender status will be allowed to start heat races, semi main and main events in their earned position. Rookie Contender status is granted by the VRA Director of Competition. It is not based upon a number of races completed, rather on the observed ability of the rookie driver to compete with veteran drivers in a positive manner.
4. All drivers must be on time to compete in the events for which they are scheduled. Any driver not ready to compete when called will be placed at the rear of the race line-up; changed to a later race; or left out of the remainder of the day's racing at the discretion of the VRA Race Director.
5. Once the field is lined up and the starter signals the drivers to be ready, preliminary laps may be set at the discretion of the starter, who will then start the race. Any car leaving the race track after the start of the preliminary laps and prior to taking the green flag will be allowed to compete only if they present themselves at the track entrance, ready to race, while the track entrance is still considered open, prior to the field taking the green flag for the start of the race. Those cars so doing will be allowed to start the race at the rear of the field. Cars not ready to enter the field before the track entrance is considered closed, may not compete. In the event of a total restart, the track will re-open to those cars ready to enter the track prior to the re-closing of the track entrance before the field takes the green flag. No car will be able to enter the field during a race if they do not take part in the first, official, green flag lap. **Cars leaving the track during a race may only re-enter the track during a yellow caution period or after a red flag condition, when the yellow flag is displayed. These cars will be placed at the rear of the field. If the green flag was displayed prior to their leaving, they may return to the track at the rear of the field only during a yellow or after a red flag period. No car may re-enter a race while the green flag is out. Disposition of cars not in position will be at the discretion of the officials.** This rule as well as No. 4 will apply on restarts also.

DEFINITIONS:

Track Open- The track is considered open until the starter gives the field the one lap to green signal. Self starting cars waiting to enter the track will be allowed only when safe to join the field at the rear as the field passes the turn four track entrance. Non self starting cars will be fired off only when safe and at the direction of track officials.

Track Closed-The track will be considered closed after the starter gives the one lap to green signal and it no longer considered safe to add cars to the rear of the field.

6. **Any car involved in an incident causing a re-start flag to be brought out on the first lap of any race WILL be sent to the rear of the field prior to the re-start.** Re-start flags will be thrown at the discretion of VRA officials. All cars not involved in the incident bringing out the re-start flag will re-start the event in their original starting positions with adjustments made for the cars put to the rear of the field. There will be one restart per event. If the first lap fails to be completed after one restart, cars will restart in single file.
7. In the event of a red flag, after a lap has been completed, cars are scored and restarted as they crossed the starting line the last complete lap before the red flag, with cars involved in the accident starting at the rear of the field. If red flag is thrown after yellow flag has been thrown, the race will be restarted as cars were scored on the last complete lap, with the car(s) bringing out the yellow flag starting at the rear. In the event that enough laps have been covered for the race to be called a complete event, drivers will be scored and paid for the positions they would have held in the restart.

8. At the dropping of the yellow flag, all cars are to reduce speed and fall into line. Lineup for the restart will revert to the last completed green flag lap prior to the yellow coming out. **NO RACING TO YELLOW FLAG!**
9. Any car involved in an incident that causes the yellow flag to be thrown during a race will restart the race at the rear of the field. All other cars will restart the race in the positions held on the last green flag lap prior to the yellow flag coming out. The track condition will be considered yellow for scoring purposes until the lead car has received the green flag and crossed the start/finish line to resume the race.
10. Race will be stopped if the track is blocked or there is a serious accident, emergency or unsafe condition. All red and yellow flags are at the discretion of the starter or VRA Race Director. In the event of a red flag, all cars are to stop as soon as it is safe to do so and remain stopped until directed to move by a VRA official or a yellow flag comes out. Any car that fails to stop in a safe manner will be placed at the rear of the field for the next restart.
11. No repairs of any nature to any VRA car such as, additions of fuel, water and oil, changing tire pressure or changing of tires will be permitted on the track at any time. Penalty for violation is disqualification.
12. All repairs to cars during an event must be done in the designated work area for that event, as discussed in the evening's drivers meeting. After repairs are made car may re-enter the event only during yellow flag condition at the direction of the VRA official at the track entrance. **No re-entry during green flag racing.**
13. When a race meet is halted due to rain or curfew and Ventura Raceway must refund money and/or issue rain checks, prize moneys shall be paid only in those events completed.
14. A minimum of 51 percent of the scheduled distance of the feature race must be completed before a race can be called official. If the race is stopped with 50 percent or less laps run, no purse or points will be awarded.
15. No race will be considered official until the final declaration of finishing positions is posted. There is then a 15 minute protest period after the posting prior to results being deemed official.
16. When time trials are held on days prior to date of race meet, VRA reserves the right to seal all engines or impound cars.
17. All participants are subject to VRA rules and regulations when on the racing premises.
18. Any and all rough driving tactics will be dealt with by the Race Director.
19. **Any driver who cuts the infield and gains a position or makes contact with another car upon re-entry to the track and/or does not re-enter the track on the straight away shall be penalized no less than one position. A blocked track or other unusual circumstances will be taken into consideration.**
20. No cars will be permitted to hot-lap between events or during intermission.
21. VRA reserves the right to start the slowest car or cars, or any car, to the rear of their events.
22. All alternates shall be taken from the qualifying lineup and shall start in the rear.
23. Cars may enter the track only through the entrance in turn four. They may leave the track **only** through the exit in turn three. No car may leave the track through the turn four entrance unless directed to do so by VRA official in charge. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a \$25.00 fine and may result in loss of points or suspension.
24. All rookie drivers must place or paint an 18-inch yellow band on their rear bumper or have an easily visible rookie flag flying from their rear role cage. This band or flag must be clearly visible to all competitors and officials. This band or flag shall remain on their car until the driver is told to remove it by a VRA Official. A rookie driver who has shown acceptable driving ability may start in his/her earned position, if approved by the race director. The rookie stripe will remain on the car the entire season if the driver is running for rookie of the year. VRA reserves the right to waive this rule for drivers with known experience.
25. Any car or driver causing or involved in an incident that causes the yellow flag to be brought out, for any reason, two times during the same race, shall be required to leave the track for the duration of that race. (Note: this is commonly called the two spin rule. However, it is not only for spins, but for any incident such as: stalling on the track, accident, stopping when involved in an incident, leaving the track during an event for any reason)
26. All purse amounts will be paid at the following race event or mailed to competitors.
27. All purse winners will be responsible for cashing purse checks in a timely manner. VRA will not be responsible for replacing checks, not cashed during the current season. Lost or damaged checks may be replaced, however, a fee will be charged to reissue any lost or damaged checks. No check will be reissued unless damaged check is returned to VRA with-in 60 days of original issue.
28. VRA officials have the right to temporarily change race car numbers to avoid duplication.
29. Promoter or track operator may run any type of race program.
30. No driver changes at any time shall be made without previous notification to VRA officials. Any driver who competes in a car that he is not eligible to drive shall be disqualified, forfeit all prize money and points won in previous race meets, and shall be subject to a fine and/or suspension.
31. Drivers coming off the track must slow down to a safe speed when proceeding through the pit area. Any driver, or crew member, racing or driving a car or team vehicle at an excessive or unsafe speed in the pit area will be subject to a fine up to \$100.00 levied at discretion of the VRA official reporting the offense. Drivers, or crew, who violate this rule a second time will be subject to a mandatory \$500.00 fine and suspension from the next two VRA sanctioned events. A third offense will result in suspension for the remainder of the season and loss of all points.
32. No driver may drive through the center of the infield at any time during the running of a race. If a car comes into the infield, they must follow the edge of the track until it is safe to re-enter the race or leave the track area through the turn three exit. Under no circumstances may a car re-enter the track in a turn. All cars must re-enter the track on a **straight portion** of the track. Drivers who do not follow this safety rule will be subjected to a mandatory \$25.00 fine. Drivers who repeatedly break this rule will be suspended with loss of points.

Section 7 Flag Rules

Any driver who does not obey the flag rules and/or radio commands will be subject to a position penalty, disqualification and/or fine. Signal lights are for safety, only flag signals and radio commands are designated as official. All flag and light signals are at the discretion of the starter and/or race director.

Green Flag - Start racing.

Red & Yellow Flag - Complete restart (see Section 5, Rule 7)

Yellow Flag - Caution, go slow, single file, hold your position, no passing.

Red Flag - Cars Stop! Then proceed only when directed by VRA officials or Yellow flag displayed.

Black Flag - Pull off track for consultation. May go to the infield.

White Flag - One lap to go

Checkered Flag - End of race.

Blue & Yellow Flag - To let cars know they are being lapped by the leaders. Move, at the direction of starter, to safe area of track, to allow faster cars to pass.

Crossed Flags - Half-way through race.

Rolled up flag pointed at a driver - This is a warning of a possible violation that may result in a black flag being given to the driver.

Green Flag

When the green flag is given by the starter, the race has begun and passing may begin. On a yellow flag restart, cars may start racing as soon as the green flag is displayed. All cars must receive a green flag to be scored.

Yellow Flag

1. The yellow flag signifies caution because of an accident or hazardous condition on the track.
2. When given, cars will slow down immediately and fall into a single file line behind the lead car. The field will not gain a lap on the lead car in the event the yellow flag is given to a car other than the leader.
3. In the event a safety car is used, no car under any condition may pass the safety car. Any car passing safety car will lose one lap. A safety car will pace field until a green flag is again displayed.
4. While the yellow flag is being displayed, no member of pit crews will be allowed to cross onto the race track to contact car or driver. Violation will mean loss of one lap.
5. Cars returning to the race course from the work area while the yellow flag is out must go to the rear of the field.
6. Leader is responsible for speed of the field when under the yellow flag and failure to slow down may result in leader being placed in rear of field. Laps under yellow flag will not be counted in short races of less than 50 laps.
7. No pit crew may service or repair any wrecked or damaged car until the car has been removed to designated work area.
8. Cars involved in incidents during yellow flag laps may be placed at the rear of the field, at the discretion of the VRA Race Director. If any work is done to any car under yellow flag conditions, they will be put to the rear of the field.
9. It is the responsibility of the drivers to hold their position after passing the starting line under the yellow flag. Drivers gaining positions under a yellow flag will be penalized after the conclusion of race.
10. Unsportsmanlike driving under yellow flag will result in disqualification, fine or penalty.

Red Flag

The red flag may be used if, in the opinion of the starter or VRA Race Director, the track is blocked or there is a serious accident. The red flag means that racing is stopped immediately regardless of position of cars on track. Cars should remain where stopped until signaled to move by an official. Drivers of cars not involved in the incident, causing the red flag, will remain in their cars unless directed to get out by a VRA official. Drivers leaving their cars without direction, may be subject to a position penalty, fine or suspension at discretion of Race Director. When lining up a race after the red flag has stopped an event, the race order will revert to the last complete green flag lap, with all cars involved in the red flag incident, who are able to restart, placed at the rear of the field. In the event a race ends under a red flag condition, the race finish order will revert to the last completed green flag lap with the cars involved in the red flag incident placed at the rear of the finishing cars. Drivers may exit their car in the red flag work area only or by direction of a VRA official.

Black Flag

A driver will not continue in the race after getting black flagged. He must slow down and keep clear of all other cars in the race and pull into the pits or the infield at the first opportunity for consultation. Failure to obey black flag after two consecutive laps will result in driver being not scored for laps completed after that point. Flagrant disregard for black flag may result in disqualification. Any car causing two yellow flags to be displayed will be black flagged. Drivers may be black flagged for driving infractions at the discretion of starter or VRA Race Director

White Flag

When the white flag is displayed it means the start of the last lap. The white flag is a courtesy flag, and is displayed for information only.

Checkered Flag

1. All races will officially end with the checkered flag regardless of the number of laps completed. Scoring will continue until the checkered flag is dropped. Final disposition of any flag dispute will be decided by VRA.
2. When the checkered flag is given to the leader, the balance of the field receives the checkered flag on the same lap. Finishing position will be paid according to laps completed regardless of whether the car is still running or not.
3. Any race stopped due to unsafe track conditions or weather will be considered complete if 51 percent of the scheduled distance has been completed. (See Section 5, Rule 15.)

Blue and Yellow Flag

When this flag is displayed, move to safe area of track. The safe area will be determined at the pre-race pit meeting. This flag is mandatory and failure to obey after two laps will result in use of black flag.

**Section 8
Special Rulings**

1. Special rulings may be made for a certain track or race due to extraordinary conditions.
2. Special rulings must be approved by VRA and must be made known to all competitors before race meet or event by means of bulletin, wire, entry blank, or pre-race meeting.
3. Special rulings issued from VRA will be considered as official amendments to the VRA rules, regulations and specifications.
4. Special rulings or changes in specification will not be in effect in any VRA racing division until such rulings or changes are posted at pit office, and/or issued to members in bulletin form from VRA.

**Section 9
Protests**

1. Protests must be filed by VRA drivers only for alleged violation or infraction of rules, regulations and/or specifications pertaining to performance of vehicle only, as covered in the rules or entry blank. Protests must be filed by drivers participating in the race in which the infraction occurred.
2. All protests must be filed in writing on proper form from pit office, with VRA Race Director or his designated pit area official within fifteen minutes after completion of the night's racing event and must be accompanied by a cash bond of \$100.00. Protest forms must be legible, completely and correctly filled out stating the rule being protested. Failure to do so will result in the protest being denied. Protest may be filed for one (1) violation only. Any violation found as a direct result of a protest inspection will not be considered part of the protest for the purpose of deciding who shall receive the cash bond. (If car found to be legal, money goes to protested driver. If car found to be illegal, money goes to protesting driver.)
3. Regardless of the outcome of a protest, expenses incurred by Raceway will be deducted from the cash bond.
4. If expenses exceed the amount of the bond, the additional costs shall be billed to the person who protested, if not upheld, that person shall not be considered in good standing until all claims have been settled. In the event that a protest is upheld, the person who loses the protest will be responsible for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the inspection.
5. Drivers have thirty (30) minutes to challenge the race results and file a written protest. At the end of that thirty (30) minutes all results are deemed official and no challenges to them will be accepted or discussed! Protests must be filed with race director or his designee.

**Section 10
Race Etiquette**

1. Drivers and crews are to be courteous to raceway fans at all times. Loud use of profanity will not be tolerated.
2. Any harassing or belittling of VRA employees, Raceway Security and or Fairgrounds employees will be dealt with in the strictness of penalties.
3. **At no time is a racer, car owner, crew member or fan allowed in the tower to discuss any infraction without permission. Infraction of this rule could lead to a fine, ejection from the event and/or suspension.**