

# 2021 NORTHWEST MICHIGAN FAIR LAWN MOWER RACING RULES

Drivers must be 18 years of age. Drivers 8-17 years of age can race with parental permission

All drivers must sign a release

- **Driver Safety Equipment**
- Every driver must wear an automobile racing or motorcycle-type safety helmet.
- Every driver shall wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and proper shoes boots no tennis shoes on the track.
- It is MANDATORY that all drivers wear an “approved for racing” neck support.

## Technical Inspection

- Every mower entered in any event must be approved for competition by Technical Inspection.
- Any mower may be re-inspected at any time by the Chief Steward or Chief Technical Inspector.

## Mower Requirements

- CUTTING BLADES MUST BE REMOVED COMPLETELY FROM ALL MOWERS.
- Non-stock mowers must be equipped with an automatic throttle closing device.
- All mowers must be equipped with an engine safety cut-off switch.
- Mower brakes must be in good condition, operating on at least 2 wheels.
- Fuel must be pump gas. The only additive allowed is STA-BIL Fuel Stabilizer.
- Kill Switch: Mowers must be equipped with an automatic throttle-closing device. All mowers must be equipped with a kill switch, which will turn off the ignition if the driver leaves the mower. Velcro is not acceptable. Pressure switches are not allowed. Kill switch must remain in closed position (engine not running) until driver mounts mower. Additional Switches that can by-pass the kill switch are not allowed under any circumstance.
- Mowers must be free of projections, which could injure the driver or a competitor, or damage another mower. No axle or wheel mounting bolts may protrude beyond the face of the tire sidewall.
- Mowers must be safe and complete, all parts and panels in place, with no missing nuts, bolts, cotter keys, etc.

- All exposed chains and sprockets must be fitted with metal guards, which will direct a broken chain downward.
- Glass headlights must be taped or removed

#### FUEL and FUEL DELIVER

- The only acceptable fuel is pump gasoline. Fuel must be pumped fuel bought at Service stations, example SUNOCO racing fuel or VP Racing Fuel sold at Marathon Service stations. Additives, other than STABIL Fuel Stabilizer are prohibited. Any apparatus other than the carburetor which can be used to introduce any gaseous or liquid substance into the induction flow, whether connected or not, is prohibited, and will result in disqualification. Such devices include, but are not limited to, Nitrous Oxide, alcohol or water injection systems, turbo or superchargers, and/or the attendant hardware consistent with these systems. Any attempt to conceal or disguise such apparatus will be considered a flagrant violation and may result in expulsion

#### Rider Mower Classification

- **Stock Class:** As delivered from the factory with blades removed.
- **JP Class:** Class for kids ages 10-15.
- **IMOW Class:** (Int'l Mowers Of Weeds) Front engine, highly regulated.
- **Prepared Class:** Prepared (modified) drive train, engine, etc.
- **FX Class:** Major modifications allowed.

#### GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS I. RULES OF THE TRACK

A) No driver who has consumed any alcoholic beverage on the day of an event may participate in a practice or race event. NO alcoholic beverages may be consumed by ANY driver, or race staff before the end of the last race or other on-track activity. NO illegal drugs or controlled substances shall be tolerated on the track premises AT ANY TIME.

B) NO BUMPING WILL BE TOLERATED

C) The responsibility for a safe pass rests with the overtaking driver.

D) The following flag signals will be obeyed without question: GREEN: The race/practice is underway when the green flag is waved. YELLOW: Take care, Danger. NO PASSING ON ENTIRE COURSE. Drivers form a single line and close up with the leader, and follow the Starter's directions. Very slow machines

may signal following machines to pass under yellow. YELLOW & WHITE: These two flags drawn together by the starter are to indicate that the field is not sufficiently bunched for the restart. If you see this signal, close it up! RED: Stop racing immediately. Clear the course as much as possible. BLACK: Generally for a driving infraction or equipment violation. Driver must complete lap and pull into the pits for consultation with the Chief Steward at the designated spot. A furled black flag means the driver must clean up his/her act or receive a full black flag.

WHITE: One lap to go. When Crossed with GREEN it means half way-point. CHECKERED: End of race or practice session. Driver must complete lap and pull into pits or impound area.

E) Driver must keep both hands on the steering wheel, except to momentarily operate other controls.

F) If a driver leaves the course, he/she must re-enter the course as close as possible to the same point the mower left the marked track. The driver may not simply reenter further down the track.

G) If a mower stalls on the course, the driver's first responsibility is to move the mower to a safe position at least 10 feet off the course. Pit Crew or guest may not go on the course at any time during a race unless specifically directed to do so by the safety crew. This could lead to Driver Disqualification!

H) Mower must be completely stopped before driver dismounts. No more than 8 of

I) Unsafe on track/off-track driving practices may result in disqualification. Starting grid will be determined by a random draw during registration for heat races, not by time trials. these mowers will be allowed to race at one time. An A Main and B Main race may be used to determine the feature finalist. If a Yellow or red flag is thrown before the lead mower completes the first lap, the race will be restarted, And drivers will be lined up in original starting grid, but only once, if a second yellow/red flag is thrown before completion of the first lap, the race order will be determined by the order the mowers crossed the Start/Finish line at the start and they will resume racing by using a rolling start. The racer causing the 2nd Caution goes to the rear.

The Race Day Chief Steward shall have the right to remove from competition at any time any driver, crewmember or guest in the paddock who does not comply with these Regulations, who fails Technical Inspection or who, in the Race Day Chief Steward's sole discretion, is exhibiting behavior which is dangerous to participants or spectators.

## II. RULES OF THE PITS & GRID

No person under 16 years of age shall be on the grid. Persons 10 to 17 years of age may be on the grid with an approved parent's consent form on file

Mower pit speed is 5 mph maximum.

No mower may have more than 1 attendant on the grid, in addition to the driver.

Long pants, closed shoes and shirts are required in the track area.

No smoking on the track or track infield during the racing event.

Refueling: Driver must dismount and engine must be turned off when fuel is added. A fire extinguisher (liquid fire rated) must be in the hands of a crew member any time fuel is added to a hot machine.

Mower must be completely stopped before driver dismounts.

Crews are under the direction of the Pit Steward at all times.

Driver's are responsible for the conduct of his/her guests and crew, even while on the track.

Unauthorized personnel shall not enter the racing course. All individuals entering the controlled area which includes but is not limited to the racing course, grid and pit area, including crew members and guests, must sign a release from liability.

No vehicles other than racing mowers and official vehicles such as tow mowers shall be on or near the track.

Only one person shall be allowed on a racing lawn mower. The person on the mower must be a registered as a racer for the event.

Everyone in the Pits, Racers and Guest MUST have Wrist Bands purchased at the registration table.

#### 1. Parents Signature of Release and Approval.

16 years of age by December 31st of the race year and have or obtain a Valid Driver's License from the State of Residence. 3. If 15 years of age, Racer must have a Valid Drivers Learners Permit from the State of Residence and obtain Driver's License when s/he turns 16 years of age of that race year.