

# VROA 2019

## General Rules

### A. General Rules:

1. The rules and/or regulations set forth in this book are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for all events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participants in these events. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to any participant spectator or official. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publications of, or compliance of these rules and/or regulations.
2. All persons admitted to the pits and/or restricted areas of a Vintage Racing Organization of America (VROA) sanctioned event must obey all rules and regulations set forth by the VROA. Each person so admitted releases the VROA of any liability. Anyone bringing legal action against the VROA, its executives or any of its members will automatically forfeit their membership in the VROA for a minimum of ten years. They also give up any points, moneys and awards received to that date.
3. Drivers, car owners, mechanics and crew members shall have no claims against the VROA or its officials, agents, affiliates or race organizers, by reason of disqualification or damage of either personal injury or property.
4. The VROA reserves the right, in public image of the sport, to disapprove any advertising or sponsorship.
5. All drivers must have a membership before competing in any VROA event. Drivers must be a minimum of fourteen years of age. Any driver under the age of 18 must provide a notarized, signed guardian consent form to race with the club. All drivers under the age of 18 will be subject to a racing experience review by the VROA executive committee. Drivers under the age of 18 with a racing experience review by the VROA executive committee may be required to be mentored by a registered VROA driver.
6. The treasurer will assign all car numbers upon receipt of the membership fee. All previous competitors will have their previous year's number reserved.
7. All cars must have the sponsor decals placed on their car where designated by sponsor or club request. All sponsor decals must be visible.
8. Sponsor decal: They must be placed on every car for every race, in order for the car to race.
9. Each car / pit crew must have a 5lb. minimum fire extinguisher at their pit site, easily accessible at all times. (The tech officials would like them placed at the rear of each trailer)
10. Transponder must be mounted no further forward than the rear axle housing.
11. USE OF TWO WAY RADIOS will NOT be allowed. (see track procedures)

**B. Conduct Rules:**

1. Participants in the VROA sanctioned events are to conduct themselves in an orderly manner not detrimental to auto racing. Complete attire, including shirt and shoes are mandatory at all times.
2. Verbal and/or physical abuse of a VROA official, agent, representative and/or use of improper language is strictly prohibited. Disorderly behavior at any event will subject offenders to suspension and/or fine and/or loss of points, as decided by the Executive Committee. Drivers are responsible for the actions of their crew, only if present.
3. The conduct of any participant during the course of any event that is deemed unsportsmanlike could be subject to loss of points and/or prize money and/or membership in the VROA.
4. Any driver failing to attend a driver's meeting, unless specifically excused by the race director, will waive the right to protest at that event.
5. Possession and/or use of any intoxicant or controlled substance is prohibited before or during any VROA race event. Possession of and/or use of prescription drugs that affect ability to control oneself in a safe manner is also prohibited prior to or during any VROA race event. Violation of this regulation will cause the offender to be suspended from further participation immediately, and a possible fine.

**C. Official Decisions:**

1. The VROA reserves the right to determine and interpret the intent of all rules and a specification governing sanctioned events and their decision is final.
2. Any situation not specifically covered herein, will be acted upon by the race director and/or officials in charge and their decision is final.

**D. VROA Membership:**

1. To maintain membership in the VROA annual dues are required. These dues are due at the first membership meeting in January and cover the calendar year January 1, through December 31.
2. The amount of the dues are as follows:
  - General / Associate Membership dues.....\$25.00
  - Driver Membership dues.....\$50.00
  - Car Owner Membership dues .....\$50.00

3. All drivers must have a paid membership to race with the VROA. A minimum of 50% of the dues must be paid before their first time racing.
4. All elected positions will have one membership due paid for by the club.

#### **E. Voting:**

1. Member Voting Rights – All members; drivers, owners and associate members can vote on issues related to the general operation of the VROA. However, only car owners may vote on issues related to safety and technical issues of the club. Each car owner gets one vote regardless of how many cars they own.
2. A proxy vote will be accepted. Member must notify a committee member either by handing over a proxy vote or by calling a committee member and notifying them of a vote by mail, fax or email. Member must file a proxy for each proposal presented. One proxy will not blanket all proposals.

#### **F. Track Procedures:**

1. All drivers must be equipped with a working one-way RACE-ciever type radio. Drivers are prohibited from using any two-way radio. Two-way radios may only be used by track officials, head tech official, pit directors and club officials.
2. Working on a car during a race:
  - Red flag: no working on the car by anyone.
  - Green/yellow flag: Car may be worked on in the pits only
3. If you cause two cautions, you will be black flagged for that race.  
(or under the discretion of the track)
4. Original Start: In the case of an accident on the original start, there will be a complete restart. Restarts: All cars will be restarted in the position they were running on the lap prior to the caution. Cars involved in the accident will go to the back of the field.
5. Feature Inversion:
  - Top 15 eligible cars will be inverted.
  - Anyone more than one second slower than the fastest qualifier will line up behind the fastest qualifier, from fastest to slowest
  - If opt to go to the back, must go behind everyone
  - VROA club members to be informed: It is the track's decision regarding innocent victim(s) involved in a crash as to where you start.
6. Qualifying: When prohibited from having time trials or the normal line up. Then line up will be done by driver points with full inversion. (this can be adapted as needed by the executive committee)
7. If a driver is not at their car, race ready, by the second call by the pit director they will be placed at the back of that race.

8. If a driver switches driving to a different car than which he/she qualified in, that car and driver must start the fast heat or feature race at the back of the lineup, behind any volunteers that want to start at the rear of the lineup.
9. If a driver scratches his/her time they must start at the rear of the fast heat.
10. If there is a time difference of more than 1 second between the fastest and slowest qualifying cars, the slower car(s) will be sent to the rear for the feature race line up.
11. If a crew person goes on the track at any time during a race or caution period, you will be disqualified unless the race director grants permission.
- 12. NOTE: Track rules take precedence over VROA rules. Track rules that conflict with VROA rules will be noted during the drivers' meeting.**

#### **G. Time trial brake out rules**

1. 1/4 Mile track is 3 Tenths
2. 3/8 Mile track is 4 Tenths
3. 1/2 Mile track and up is 5 Tenths

#### **H. Inspection Procedures:**

1. During Pre-Race Inspection all cars will be accompanied to the scales, or designated inspection area, by two crewmembers. Crewmembers will be responsible for pushing cars on/off the scales, or in/out of the inspection area. Crewmembers may be from any car or team.
2. During Post-Race Inspection of the tires, durometer readings will be taken as close to the exit of the track as is safe. The first three finishing drivers, as well as one random finisher need to look for a Tech official indicating the Inspection area as they pull off the track at the end of the feature. This area will also be indicated during the drivers meeting. Drivers/cars that are part of this inspection MAY NOT return to their pit until the inspection is completed.
3. Post-Race pumping of engines will take place in an enclosed area, either the VROA tech tent, an enclosed trailer, or a tech barn at the track. It is the responsibility of the car owner/driver to remove the valve cover, rocker arm, pushrod and sparkplug, side cover and install and remove the pump fitting in the spark plug hole. This can be done by an assigned crew member. At least one car will be pumped after each feature race at the head technician's discretion, conditions permitting. Only the car owner, (people authorized by the car owner), and tech officials will be permitted during the pumping of the engine.
4. Tech inspector's will be responsible to enforce the placement of sponsor decals on every car.
5. A car will be allowed one race before having a technical inspection. After that a tech session will need to be scheduled with the technical director at their convenience. No

- points and no contingency payout will be given. If car has not been technically inspected after the one race, that car will not be able to race until it has a technical inspection done.
6. No Pre-Season Technical Inspections will be done at the track!

#### **I. Protests:**

1. A protest will only be accepted from a driver, or owner of a car competing at that race event.
2. Scoring Protest: The scorers will determine the final positions in all events. Protests regarding finishes must be given in writing to the race director with a refundable fee of \$25.00. It must be handed in within 15 minutes of the posted finish. The \$25.00 will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Driveline protests will be handled in the same procedure.
3. Refusal to have a car checked when protested admits guilt. The driver will forfeit points, purse money, and all awards to date and will be suspended for one calendar year.
4. Cars must not be removed from track property until 15 minutes after the last race competed in unless permission from the race director and head tech is granted.

#### **J. Point System:**

1. **Appearance:** There will be 50 points awarded to each owner as appearance (or show up) points. The car must be race ready, at the track.
2. In the event of a race cancellation before racing begins the Pit Director with input from the Executive Committee will determine who receives appearance points.
3. **Qualifying:** The points will start out at 25 points and go down one point per car placement, with a minimum of 1 point per car.
4. **Feature Points:** Finish points will start at 50 and go down two per place finish with a minimum of 2 points per car.
5. **Heat Race Points:** Will start out at 10 points and go down one point per car placement, with a minimum of 1 point per car.
6. **Owner & Driver Points:** Points will be maintained for both the car owner and individual drivers.
7. **Shared Driver Points:**
  - a) Drivers for each car must be picked before the first race of the season.
  - b) Each driver must run a minimum of three races. If one driver does not run at least 3 races all points for that driver will be forfeit.
  - c) If both drivers run in the same race the points will be awarded to the designated car only.
8. Points will be awarded to any car that starts the race and takes the 1<sup>st</sup> green flag, regardless of any restarts.

#### **K. Race Payout**

1. Payout will be done for those drivers that start the feature race.
2. The payout sheet that is signed is a contract that the signer is agreeing to the amount being paid.
3. Any car without a technical inspection will not be eligible to receive any contingency payout. The payout will go to the next technical inspected car in line of winning order.

#### **L. Rule Change Request:**

Rule request forms can be obtained when to you want to add, change, or delete any rules. But this does not nullify your right to bring a proposal up at a meeting when it occurs to you at that time. Request forms are designed for your pre – thought and explanation of your subject matter for better presentation, and review by any committee that may have to review it.

#### **M. Election of Officers and Offices:**

1. Officer and office positions of the VROA will be voted on in December for the following race season. Elected officials will take office directly following that election meeting. The following positions are nominated and voted on by members of the VROA:

##### **A. Offices:**

- a. President
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer

##### **B. Officers:**

Executive Committee (3 members)

1. President
2. First Vice President
3. Second Vice President

The Executive Committee will be voted on by three separate ballots. The positions will be nominated and voted on individually in the following order:

- 1.) Nominate and Vote for President.
- 2.) Nominate and Vote for First Vice President.
- 3.) Nominate and Vote for Second Vice President.

Individuals elected to an Office position may also serve in an Officer position.

In addition to the above, the following operational positions will be nominated and voted on by members of the VROA:

- Race Director
- Pit Director

- Head Tech Official
- Marketing Director

These operational positions are to be filled by members of the VROA. The Head Tech Official cannot be a current owner or driver member.

Assistants to the Pit Director are voluntary positions and may be filled by non-members where appropriate.

Tech Committee members can be nominated and voted on by members of the VROA or be volunteers. This committee will contain a minimum of four and a maximum of six members.

Elected officials may appoint an assistant which must be approved by a vote of the club members.

#### **N. Rookie Status:**

The car driver cannot have had any open wheel car racing experience previous to racing with the V.R.O.A. Also, must run 75% of the season races.

#### **O. Stock Certificates:**

1. **Certificates:** Each owner, driver and member that pays their annual dues will be issued one share of ownership in the VROA. An actual stock certificate will not be given to the owner, driver or member but a stock ledger will be maintained by the treasurer, to show ownership and voting rights.
2. **Voting:** Each owner, driver and member that has a share may vote on issues related to the general operation of the VROA. Only owners may vote on issues related to safety and technical issues of the VROA.

#### **P. Year End Awards:**

1. **Point fund payout:** Any car owner that shows up with their car intending to race, at 75 % or more of the races, will get payout at the end of the race season. Payout is done by owner points.
2. **Plaques, Trophy's & Certificates:** First place will receive a trophy, and second place through 12<sup>th</sup> will receive plaques, 13<sup>th</sup> place and on will receive certificates.
3. **Certificates:** Certificates will be awarded to positions 13<sup>th</sup> on back to all owners and drivers that participated during the year.
4. Awards for the Most Improved Driver, Best Appearing Car, and Hard Luck Driver, will be voted on from the current race season by current club members, and will be presented at the annual banquet. Rookie of the Year award will be awarded to eligible rookies with the highest driver point total.

#### **Summary:**

**The items presented in the VROA Organizational Guidelines do not cover every ruling for every situation that has happened in the past, and it does not cover every situation that could happen in the future. The Executive Committee will make rulings on the rest. They will do so in the best interest of the club.**