



MARS Racing Series 2018 Rule Book

Disclaimer

1. The rules and/or regulations set forth herein do not express or imply warranty of safety, from publication of, or, compliance with these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the MARS Racing Series and are in no way a guarantee against injury to participants.
2. These rules and/or regulations will apply to all MARS Racing Series sanctioned racing events.
3. MARS Racing Series officials have full authority over said sanctioned racing events. In the event of any dispute the Race Directors decision will be final.
4. All racecars are subject to be inspected by the MARS Racing Series Technical Director or UMP Technical official at any time during the event. MARS Racing Series officials' decision is final.
5. The MARS Racing Series reserves the right to alter or amend these rules and/or regulations in the interest of fair competition.

RACE PROCEDURES & FORMAT

You must hot lap and qualify in the order that you draw. If you miss hot laps, go ahead and get your car ready for qualifying so you don't miss that. If you miss qualifying, you may go at the end and receive 1 lap. However, the best you can qualify is 13th. There will be 2 laps in qualifying. Once you take the green, that's your lap. If you have problems before the green, you may repair and go at the end and receive 1 lap. Once again, the best you can be is 13th. After qualifying everyone will run a Heat Race. There will be 3, 4 or 6 Heat Races depending on the car count. The top 3 or 4 cars in each Heat Race will transfer, depending on the number of qualifying races. The heats will be 8-10 laps in length depending on the size of the track and time. There will be 1 or 2 Consolation Races with 2, 3 or 4 cars transferring. This information will be announced in the drivers meeting.

*****RaceCeivers and Transponders required at all series events!***

SCORING PROCEDURES

When the caution comes out, the lineup will be derived from the last completed lap in scoring by the transponders. We do not use the split yellow scoring system.

PROVISIONALS

There will be two (2) provisionals at the first race, based off the 2017 points. For remaining races there will be two (2) provisionals for the highest two (2) cars in the current points. Each driver is limited to 2 provisionals for the entire series. There also will be one (1) emergency provisional. Each driver is limited to one (1) emergency provisional for the entire series. If a driver uses an emergency provisional, they will only receive feature points and their TOW Money.

STARTS AND RESTARTS

All starts and restarts will be off turn four. On the initial start, the front row needs to be even when they start. Maintain a good, even and steady pace. No speeding up and slowing down by the pole sitter. If you start a little early in the middle of the corner, that's okay as long as you are even. No jumping. The front row will have two chances to get it right, after that we will move them back a row and let the second row try. If they can't get it, we'll try the third row. Maybe by then we will be racing. If you stop or spin out on the initial start by yourself, you will go to the tail. If more than one car is involved, we will go back to the original start. On single file restarts, the leader will start off turn 4, with no passing to the inside until you pass the flag-stand or designated area. You may pass to the outside if the car in front of you is willing to let you go by. Anyone caught jumping the restart, will be penalized for every position gained plus one, either at the next caution or the pay window, which-ever comes first.

CAUTION RULES

When the caution comes out, slow down immediately. If you think you have damage on your car during a caution, pull down immediately and let us check. If we can fix it with our hands, we will. However, we can't spend but a few minutes on it, as the show must go on. If you have a flat, you will be given three (3) courtesy laps from the time you enter your pit or the designated pit area, providing you enter pit road at a moderate pace. If you enter wide open and put everyone in danger, we won't wait on you, and you will not be allowed to return. Remember to enter and leave the pits in a safe manner. We don't want anyone getting run over. If the caution comes out on the white flag lap, we WILL NOT be racing back to the checkered flag. The caution will come out and we will go back Green/White and Checkered. If we have to run an extra lap, we will. This is a safety issue only.

JUDGEMENT CALLS

We do not make judgement calls during the race. If your wheels stop moving, you go to the tail. The only exception is if the track is blocked and you can't get through, then we will give you your spot back. If you make contact, slide into the wreck, you will be considered to be part of the wreck, and go to the tail. If you spin on a track with no infield walls, cause a big pile up behind you, and keep on going through the infield and don't stop, you will also be put to the tail. This is because if there had been an infield wall, you would have wrecked. There is a two (2) caution rule. If you bring out a 2nd caution, you will be asked to leave the race you are in for the night and try again later. This will be a judgement call from the officials concerning the cause of the 2 cautions.

MOVE-OVER FLAG OR LAP FLAG

Lap traffic will be given the lap flag for 2 laps. If he doesn't move, he will be shown the black flag. When you are getting lapped on a one groove track, please get out of the groove. On a multi groove track, please stay still and hold your line; don't be moving around high and low. Hold your line and let the leaders go. It might be you leading the next night.

TROUBLE MAKERS

There is no fighting at the race track. Anyone running into anyone else on the track intentionally or using their car as a weapon will no longer be able to compete in the series. If it happens in the last two races, you will not be allowed to compete in next year's Southern Nationals Series. Each driver is also responsible for his crew, and the same rules apply. You are professionals and know what you are doing. Please show it. If you are determined to fight, please take it away from the track and let us all know so we can come and watch.

Technical Rules: Technical Rules will follow 2018 UMP DirtCar Late Model Rule Book at www.dirtcarump.com .

Hoosier Racing Tire will be the official tire of the 2018 MARS Racing Series. The Series will follow the designated "track tire rule" for each event and be released in a press release or bulletin prior to each event.

***Tire Rule may be amended by bulletin.**

***Chemically altering a tire is strictly prohibited and will result in monetary fine (\$1,000), loss of all winnings for said event, loss of all points for said event and being suspended from competition for three events. Tire samples will be sent to an independent laboratory and their decisions are final.**

Points Breakdowns:

The Series will give drivers feature points and shop up points for all drivers not making the feature field.

1. 200	13. 174
2. 196	14. 172
3. 194	15. 170
4. 192	16. 168
5. 190	17. 166
6. 188	18. 164
7. 186	19. 162
8. 184	20. 160
9. 182	21. 158
10. 180	22. 156
11. 178	**22 positions standard feature race.
12. 176	Drops two points per position for any feature having more than 22 cars.

75 show up points will be given to all non-feature drivers.

Points Payoff:

-The MARS Racing Series will pay the top-five drivers at the end of the 2018 season. The requirements for drivers receiving points fund monies at seasons end is based on 80 percent of the scheduled races completed and 100 percent of racer attendance. Drivers may drop their worst finish at the seasons end. Points fund may be amended and/or pro-rated to reflect any changes in schedule, etc.

1. \$5,000
2. \$2,500
3. \$1,500
4. \$750
5. \$500