



1. Registration fee will be \$50 per driver for all races at Michaels Mercer Raceway. This will be required for each driver to pull a pill. All drivers must declare their engine size at all events in order to draw a pill as well. **NO EXCEPTIONS AND NO REFUNDS.** All drivers must complete the registration form to be allowed to compete in any Michael Mercer Raceway events. Mail to P.O. Box 1, Mercer, PA 16137
2. The race director shall be empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from such alteration of specifications. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of Michaels Mercer Raceway officials and their decisions are final.
3. Points: Please see points rules for details.
4. Michaels Mercer Raceway will do the payoffs for all events in competition. A reasonable amount of time after the check has been deposited will need to be given to make sure that the track check clears the account before the checks will be written and mailed to drivers/owners.
5. Rainouts: 20 show-up points for a rainout will be given only after the first heat race of the night has taken the green flag. (Example: If we are at a track where the Sprint Cars are the first heat of the night, their first heat race must have taken the green in order for us to give 20 points for a rainout.) If all Modified heat races are completed and then the show is rained out, heat race points along with the 20 show up points will be given for that night. If all modified heat races are not completed and it rains, no one will receive points for the heats and you will only receive the 20 show up points.
6. Rescheduled rain date: Only in the event of a whole new show will an additional 20 show up points be awarded. If it is rescheduled as a feature only make-up show, no show up points will be awarded.
7. Pill Draw will be used to determine heat race lineups, unless the promoter elects to use a time trial format. **The heat race finishes will determine the redraw for the top 12 feature lineup.** The final A-Main qualifiers will fill in the middle part of the feature lineup. B-Mains will determine the final starting positions and the Alternate position for the feature. Alternates will be taken from the B-Main. The number of laps of the B-Main will be based on the overall car count for the event and announced at the driver's meeting. The first unqualified car will become the first alternate. First and second Alternates should be at the line-up area ready to go for the feature. If a driver(s) scratches after the heat races have been completed and cannot run the feature, an invert will be

taken from the top 11 (10), etc. drivers. The extra car will enter the field from the B-Main, if one is needed. If you will your feature, the next week you start 12<sup>th</sup>. If you pull the worst Pill you get in free the following week.

8. All qualified feature cars need to enter the speedway surface in order to consider the field set for the feature. A car can be pushed onto the track, but must fire or the alternate will be sent out. If only 25 cars are ready for the feature event, the alternate will then be added to complete the 26 car starting field. All drivers must report to the Pit Steward representative that they have scratched from the feature event. Once said driver scratches from the feature, you cannot re-enter the race. The alternate will then be added to the field. If 26 cars enter the speedway surface and one car breaks before the drop of the green, the field is considered set and no alternate will be added.

### **ABSOLUTELY NO FUEL STOPS.**

9. All restarts during the heats and features will be double file with the pole sitter getting their choice of inside or outside the front row. Exception: After the 3<sup>rd</sup> caution of the feature or within the last 5 laps of the feature when a yellow flag is thrown all restarts will then be single file. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the specified feature laps of any race may change from the original posted at the beginning of the night.
10. Order of Events and Lineups: The order of events and lineups at each individual track will be posted at the Pit Steward board. It is the responsibility of each individual race team to stay abreast of changes to those lineups in the event of changing weather conditions, etc.
11. White Flag Rule: All cars will follow the White Flag rule when lining up for heats, B-Mains and features. The White Flag rule means that all cars will be in the designated line-up area before the white flag flies in the previous heat race, B-Main or Feature event, or said cars will start at the rear of the field.
12. In cases where the finish of the race is too close to call (in real time), the track officials may use photo(s), video or electronic scoring, if available, to aid in determining the winner.
13. Official RaceCeiver communication only, will be used for the racing competition. No other radios or listening devices allowed. All drivers are required to have a one-way radio. The one-way radio must be working and active prior to any on-track activity.
14. **At all transponder tracks, the Lucky Dog will be the first car, one lap down, not involved in the caution. All lapped cars will go to the tail of the field if involved in the caution. If you were involved in the caution you will fall in behind the lapped cars.**
15. Michaels Mercer Raceway official(s) have final say on all official calls and rules.
16. Tire Rules: D200/D300/D400/D500 Hoosier Tires only. Tire Compounds must be visible for inspection for Michaels Mercer Raceway track Inspector. If they are not visible you will be disqualified.
17. Car Body Rules:
  - Body Specifications:**
    - A. Bodies:**
      1. Cutlass, Supreme, Grand Prix, Probe, Cavalier, Sunbird, Lumina, Grand Am, Daytona, Thunderbird (but not limited to), no fan or ground effect cars, no exotic bodies, front wheels, and tires must be fully exposed.

2. A one-pieced fiberglass roof that is centered from side-to-side on the roll cage and on the frame.
3. Maximum roof width 52", minimum 48". Length of roof is maximum of 60", minimum 48". No flat roofs, no offset bodies.
4. The maximum overall height of the car is 62" with a minimum of 53" measured from the ground.
5. Rear deck/spoiler must not exceed 50" from ground to the tip of the deck/spoiler/trunk (with driver).
6. Only magnetic steel and/or aluminum will be permitted for all inner and outer body panels.
7. Maximum body width anywhere 68", minimum 64".
8. Side door panel maximum 86" and a minimum of 60" in front of center of rear axle; door must be straight up and down within that measurement. Variations for molding will be acceptable. Front door extensions will be allowed up to 20" minimum behind front axle centerline. All extensions and rear quarter panels must have a maximum lip rounded or 90 degrees of 1-1/2" top and bottom, facing inside only.
9. Rear quarter panels must match. Two-inch (2") fender flares are legal as long as a 68" maximum body width is maintained. Rear quarter panels can extend back to 48" maximum (measured from center at rear axle to rear end of car including spoiler).
10. All horizontal body supports other than the inner pods, whether in the front and/or rear must be a minimum of 1" x 1" .095" thick tubing or 1" flat stock a minimum of .125" thick.
11. Inside and/or outside wings, spoilers, air foils and/or wind deflectors will not be permitted.
12. Rear trunk lid must be fully enclosed from quarter panel to quarter panel.
13. Front hood, nose and front spoiler can be no wider than 36" and may not extend anymore than 20" in front of axle centerline, also they may have 2" maximum lips up or down on side following contour of body. Hood must have complete sides.
14. Hood scoop cannot start anymore than 25" forward of center of carburetor, hood scoop cannot be wider than hood.
15. Minimum ground clearance 2-1/2".
16. No Sail Panels.

#### **B. Window Openings:**

1. Side minimum 12" vertical front and 14" vertical rear by 30" wide.
2. Front window opening 8" vertical measured from lowest point of roof or roll cage to highest point on hood (including hood scoop).
3. No covered window openings, except for mandatory front screen, (no aluminum) maximum 1" x 1" openings recommended. Screen must be suitable.

#### **C. Roll Cage:**

1. Only round magnetic steel tubing 1-1/2" and/or 1-3/4" outside diameter with a material thickness of 1-3/4" - .095" and or 1-1/2" - .120" will be permitted.
2. Round steel rollover bars are mandatory.
3. Front and rear roll bars must be connected at top (cage type).
4. Proper bracing and triangulations on front and rear roll bars are recommended.
5. A minimum of one diagonal bar across the top of the roll cage is recommended.

#### **D. Chassis:**

1. All frames must be fabricated utilizing 2" x 4" rectangular magnetic steel tubing with a .120" wall thickness. Only 2" x 4" rectangular box frames between the front and rear axle centers will be permitted. The 4" side of the rectangular tubing must remain in the vertical position. For the purpose of inspection one 3/16" diameter hole may be drilled in each frame rail for inspection of thickness. Other holes will not be permitted. Round tubing must

be either 1-1/2" outside diameter (if using for main hoop must be .125") and/or 1-3/4" outside diameter with wall thickness of .095".

2. Chassis width will be: front 24" minimum, 35" maximum; rear 26" minimum, 35" maximum. All measurements will be taken from the outside of the frame rails, at the top and bottom of the frame rails and its longest length. Clips, sub-frames, etc. will be considered a part of the frame.
3. The minimum length of the 2" x 4" frame rails begins 14" in front of the centerline of the rear axle and extends to the front of the radiator. The left and right rails (both top and bottom) must be equal in distance permitted. A maximum 4" indent in the lower left rear frame rail for suspension clearance will be permitted. The two (2) upper frame rails in the engine compartment may be altered for engine clearance only.
4. Minimum frame width must be 26" measured at rear roll bar (top and bottom). Left and right frame rails must measure equal distance from drive train centerline.
5. Minimum wheelbase of 106", maximum 110".
6. Side rails and rear bumpers must be minimum 1-1/2" OD x .095" wall. All bracing on both must also be minimum 1-1/2" OD x .095" wall; minimum wall thickness must be .120" with no solid or ballast added. ALL CARS MUST START THE RACE WITH ALL BUMPERS AND SIDE RAILS IN PLACE.
7. Front bumpers must be a minimum of 1-1/4" diameter x .095" wall No "V" shapes.
8. ALL BUMPERS MUST HAVE ROUNDED ENDS WITH NO SHARP EDGES.
9. All roll cages, bumpers, and side rails must be round steel tubing only.
10. No independent suspensions, front or rear. No "A" frames or ball joints utilized for steering axis. (King pin only). All brackets on front axle must be bolted or welded.
11. Engine must be centered in chassis and placed in an upright position. Engine set back minimum 32" for small block and maximum 42", measured from the center of front axle to front face of block. No rear engine cars.
12. Fuel Cell Only. Fuel cell height 12" minimum from ground to bottom of fuel tank. Fuel cell must be fully encased in a steel container with a minimum thickness of 20-gauge. An optional aluminum container may be used with a minimum thickness of .060". Fuel cell must retain foam inside. Fuel lines must siphon from top only. Fuel tank vent line must have an in-line, one-way valve for the prevention of fuel spillage. No auxiliary tanks. Recommended that fuel cells meet FIA/SPEC/FT-3 Specification. Integral ball check valve highly recommended for filler neck and vent tube.
13. Only two universal joints per driveline.
14. Only one radiator allowed, and it must be centered in front of motor in a vertical position. NO auxiliary cooling tanks or catch cans allowed in driver's compartment. No plastic or carbon fiber allowed.
15. Seat and steering wheel must be centered in frame. HIGH BACK SEATS ONLY. NO FIBERGLASS SEATS ALLOWED.
16. All suspensions systems must be mechanical with no form of electrical or computer assistance. NO four-wheel steering allowed that is actuated by the steering wheel. (No cantilever suspensions or inboard shocks).
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  - **Springs:**
    - ✓ Any type and/or form of spring will be permitted (torsion bar, coil, and/or leaf spring).
    - ✓ Coil springs must be manufactured from magnetic steel. Leaf springs must be manufactured from either magnetic steel or approved composite material.
  - **Shocks:**
    - ✓ Only one shock per wheel will be permitted (no titanium)
    - ✓ No shocks that can be adjusted from the cockpit

- ✓ No remote wires, lines or canisters.
- ✓ No air ride shocks.
- ✓ All shock absorbers must be constructed of magnetic steel and/or aluminum.

#### **E. Rear Ends:**

1. Rear end or chassis must not be offset any more than 4" from center at the inside tire width, measured from the inside of the left rear tire to the inside of the right rear tire, at axle height, front end the same.
2. Conventional open or closed quick-change rear ends ONLY. Modified-type front spindles with steel bearing shafts recommended. No limited slip differentials, locked rear ends only.

#### **F. Transmissions:**

Approved North American manufactured transmission only, standard, and must bolt to bell housing. No overdrive transmissions allowed. Neutral and reverse gear must be in operating order. From a neutral position with motor running, a car must be able to go forward and backward. If a conventional clutch and pressure plate are used, steel bell housing must be used.

**18. Driver's Meeting:** All drivers must attend Michaels Mercer Raceway Driver's Meeting.

**19.** If you are forced to move to another car during a race event, you must first notify the Pit Steward of Michaels Mercer Raceway. If you have already qualified for a position in the feature, you will bring any other car out and start at the tail of the feature. If you are not qualified for the feature, you must qualify the other car through the B-Main, starting at the rear.

#### **20. WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE**

**24.1** The weigh-in procedure is as follows: The car must approach the scales at a safe speed, ease onto the scales, come to a complete stop, and let the engine idle. If the car is not positioned properly, it shall ease off the scales and repeat the procedure. The driver shall refrain from excessive motion while the car is on the scales and shall not rock or bounce the car. The driver shall not rev the motor. When instructed, the car shall ease off the scales. Failure to comply with any portion of this procedure shall be deemed to be unsportsmanlike conduct and the driver may be subject to discipline which may include disqualification without right of protest or appeal.

**24.2** If a car is determined to be too light after the race is over, the car shall be reweighed. Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s), in their sole discretion, shall determine the best course of action for reweighing. Location of the scales and proximity of the line of cars, are but two factors in that determination. Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s) may simply back the car back up onto the scales and reweigh. The car shall repeat the weigh-in procedure. If the car is determined to be too light again, it will be disqualified from that race and relegated to last place in the official order of finish, all without right of protest or appeal. If the car makes the minimum weight the second time it is weighed, it will be deemed to be legal. No car will be weighed more than two (2) times. If the driver is determined to be light and goes to the driver's pit area or onto the track, it will be presumed that the car is too light and it will be disqualified from that race and relegated to last place in the official order of finish, receive last place money and points, all without right of protest or appeal, and the driver may be subject to discipline.

- 24.3** Driver's Responsibility: It is the driver's responsibility to be sure that the car meets the minimum weight at all times. The driver may request that the car be weighed at any time before or during the program, so long as the request does not interfere with the orderly presentation of the program.
- 24.4** Earlier Weight Checks: Cars may be weighed several times over the course of the racing program. Just because the car made minimum weight earlier in the program will not be controlling any other time the car is weighed.
- 24.5** No Tolerance: Michaels Mercer Raceway does not allow for any tolerances for fuel burn-off or any other reason.
- 24.6 Scales are Official:** All scales at Michaels Mercer Raceway are considered to be the official scales for that racing event only. The scales might not be calibrated or certified to be considered official.
- ◆ A 358 or less cubic inch motor with a 23 degree head will weigh 2400# minimum.
  - ◆ A Rush Sportsman Crate Modified can run with the Modifies as long as they run our brand of Hoosier Tires at 2400# minimum.
  - ◆ All small blocks bigger than a 358 cubic inch motor or with any other head configuration will be required to weigh 2500# minimum.
  - ◆ All big blocks regardless of size will be required to weigh 2500# minimum.
  - ◆ Every driver must declare their motor prior to pulling a pill for the night.
  - ◆ These weight classes will be monitored during the season and if any changes need to be made to level the playing field such changes will be considered by Michaels Mercer Raceway.
  - ◆ Carberators Only! No Fuel Injection.
  - ◆ Absolutely NO Aluminum blocks with the exception of the GM CT-525 **that must weigh 2500# and the W-16 that must weigh 2400# and both must be sealed.**
- 24.7** All added weight(s) must be securely attached to the frame below the body decking. Ballast and/or weight may not be mounted to the roll cage above the rear deck. Any part that moves or is not a fixed component to the steel frame structure may not be used for any weight attachment. Weights attached to the rear bumper and/or outside the frame will not be permitted.
- 24.8** All Decisions Final: The decisions of Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials concerning compliance with the weight requirements and procedures shall be final and shall not be subject to protest or litigation.
- 24.9** Top five drivers will weigh after heats, B-Mains, and feature events with the possibility of a random draw in the feature, if scales are available, regardless of what you are told over the one- way radios. Any car that goes to its' pit area before going to the scales will be presumed to be too light and will be disqualified from that race without right of protest or appeal.

## **21. RACERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 25.1** Discipline: All drivers entering a Michaels Mercer Raceway event shall be subject to discipline for any violation of the rules and regulations; violation of the Racer's Code of Conduct; or the failure to obey the directives and decisions of Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s).

- 25.2 Drivers Responsible:** The drivers shall be responsible, at all times, for the behavior of the owner of the car and all pit crew and discipline may be imposed upon the driver for any car owner's or pit crew member's violation of the rules and regulations; violation of the Racer's Code of Conduct; or the failure to obey the directives and decisions of Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s). However, Michaels Mercer Raceway may also impose discipline upon the offending car owner or pit crew member; as Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s) deem appropriate in their sole discretion.
- 25.3 Good Conduct Required:** All drivers, car owners and pit crew members shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects favorably upon the sport and Michaels Mercer Raceway. Any failure to adhere to this rule may result in the imposition of discipline, in the sole discretion of Michaels Mercer Raceway.
- 25.4 No Drugs:** No driver, car owner or pit crew member shall before, during, or after the event (as well as support classes) possess, use, consume or distribute any drug, narcotic or controlled substance which is illegal under federal, state or local law prevailing at the speedway. Michaels Mercer Raceway has a zero tolerance for illegal drugs, narcotics, and controlled substances. Any violation of this policy shall be grounds for immediate disqualification from the event, expulsion from the speedway grounds, criminal prosecution and imposition of any other discipline (including a lifetime ban) deemed appropriate by Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s). Any person suspected of possession, use, consumption, or distribution shall submit to a medical examination (which may include blood and/or urine testing) within 24 hours, with the cost of same to be paid by the person suspected and with the written results to be provided directly to Michaels Mercer Raceway. Any substance suspected to be an illegal drug, narcotic, or controlled substance shall be confiscated by Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s) and/or speedway security and/or law enforcement officers and may be subject to testing with the cost of same to be paid by the person suspected and with the written results provided directed to Michaels Mercer Raceway.
- 25.5 No Alcohol:** No driver, car owner or pit crew member shall possess, use, consume or distribute any alcoholic beverage on the speedway grounds before the event or while the evening's program (including all support classes) is still in progress unless the person is in a spectator area where consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted by Michaels Mercer Raceway, portion of the program has been completed.
- 25.6 Persons Under the Influence:** No driver, car owner or pit crew member shall be permitted to enter or remain in the pits or infield area while under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug, narcotic, or controlled substance. Any person suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug, narcotic, or controlled substance shall submit to a medical examination (which may include blood and/or urine testing) within 24 hours, with the cost of the same to be paid by the person suspected and with the written results to be provided directed to Michaels Mercer Raceway. Any person refusing to submit to a medical examination shall be presumed to have possessed, used, consumes, or distributed a drug, narcotic or controlled substance, or alcohol, and shall be subject to discipline, in the sole discretion of Michaels Mercer Raceway.
- 25.7 Media Relations:** Michaels Mercer raceway recognizes and endorses the efforts of the

racing media to promote modified racing and other forms of motorsports. Any driver refusing to participate in an on-track interview at the end of the event, any post-race interview arranged by Michaels Mercer Raceway or in any post-race press conference shall be subject to discipline, including but not limited to imposition of a fine the shall be equal to or greater than the driver's winnings.

- 25.8** Fighting or Other Misconduct: Any person taking part in discourteous conduct or causing a disturbance is subject to discipline. Persons leaving their pit area to go to another pit area or to any other location to cause a disturbance are subject to discipline. If any physical contact occurs, including but not limited to fighting, pushing or shoving, the offender is subject to discipline which shall include the loss of accumulated points and a fine and suspension, the amount and duration of which shall be determined by Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials in their sole discretion. Repeat offenders shall be subject to progressive discipline (which may include a lifetime ban). Michaels Mercer Raceway disapproves of this sort of behavior because it is detrimental to the sport and the presentation of a professionally staged entertainment program suitable for the entire family.
- 25.9** Rough Driving: It is the policy of Michaels Mercer raceway to provide good, clean, competitive racing. Any driver, in the opinion of Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials, charged with rough driving (overly aggressive driving) will be subject to discipline, which shall include a fine, forfeiture of points, and suspension. Repeat offenders shall be subject to progressive discipline (which may include a lifetime ban). This rule against rough driving applies to both on-track incidents and those which occur in the pits. Michaels Mercer Raceway strongly disapproves of rough driving because it presents a safety hazard for drivers, spectators, and others; because it is detrimental to the sport; and because it interferes with the presentation of a professionally staged entertainment program suitable for the entire family.
- 25.10** No Abusive Language: No driver or other person affiliated with the car (i.e., owner, pit crew member) shall subject Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials, scorers, security, office personnel or speedway officials to verbal (improper/obscene/profane language) or physical abuse at any time. Offenders shall be subject to discipline, which shall include a fine, forfeiture of points, and suspension, and repeat offenders shall be subject to progressive discipline. Michaels Mercer Raceway disapproves of this sort of behavior because it is detrimental to the sport and the presentation of a professionally staged entertainment program for the entire family.
- 25.11** No Unsportsmanlike Conduct: No driver shall engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct. Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials have the sole discretion to determine what constitutes unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 25.12** Any driver or other person who attempts to and/or does physically abuse any event official, including pushing, punching, touching, grabbing and/or grabbing the official's equipment, etc will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or legal action or any other action deemed inappropriate will be subject to a fine, forfeiture of points, and suspension as deemed at the time by Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials.

## **22. TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS**

- 26.1** Right to Inspect: Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials may inspect any car at any time before, During or after the race. The speedway may inspect any car for safety purposes before or during the race.

**26.2** Prior Inspections: The fact that a car was inspected and determined to be legal or safe on any prior occasion shall not govern. Cars must be legal and safe at all times. Cars deemed to be illegal or unsafe shall not be allowed to compete in the event and the driver may be subject to discipline. Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials make no warranty or representation of the legality or safety of cars allowed to compete in the event.

**26.3** Post-Race Inspections: If any illegality is detected in any post-race inspection, the car will be disqualified, relegated to last place in the official order of finish for the race in which the disqualification occurred and the driver may be subject to discipline, which may include but is not limited to forfeiture of purse and/or points.

## **23. DISCIPLINE**

**27.1** Right to Discipline: Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials shall have the sole right to determine whether a driver or other person shall be subject to discipline.

**27.2** Whether to Impose Discipline: Whether a person is subject to discipline shall be a matter entrusted to the discretion of Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials.

**27.3** Amount of Discipline: Unless rules of Michaels Mercer Raceway establish a specific penalty for any transgression, the nature and amount of the discipline imposed shall be within the sole discretion of Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials.

Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials may imposed any of the following forms of discipline, singly or cumulatively.

1. Disqualification from the event;
2. Forfeiture of points for the event or the season to date;
3. Forfeiture of purse money or contingency money;
4. Forfeiture of point money, if any;
5. Imposition of a fine;
6. Suspension from one or more future events;
7. Lifetime ban from all Michaels Mercer Raceway events.

**27.4** Progressive Discipline: Michaels Mercer Raceway shall keep a record of all discipline imposed. Persons subject to progressive discipline shall suffer a greater penalty for the second and each subsequent offense. For example, if a driver is fined \$100 for the first offense, the second offense may result in a fine of \$200 and the third offense may result in a fine of \$300. Progressive discipline; however, shall not carry over to the following season.

**27.5** Fines: All fines imposed by Michaels Mercer Raceway before the pay-off is made shall be withheld from the purse or contingency monies the driver is eligible to receive for the event. If the purse or contingency monies due the driver are not sufficient to satisfy the fine, the fine will carry forward to subsequent Michaels Mercer Raceway events. If the fine is imposed after the pay-off is

completed for that event, it will carry forward to subsequent Michaels Mercer Raceway events. A driver must pay all outstanding fines to be allowed to enter any subsequent Michaels Mercer Raceway events. If an owner/driver does not pay a fine imposed, the owner/driver's car cannot compete in a subsequent Michaels Mercer Raceway event with another driver until the fine is paid. A car owner must pay all fines before the car may be driven in any subsequent Michaels Mercer Raceway event. Any fines remaining unpaid at the end of the season shall be withheld from the driver's point money, if any is due the owner/driver. If the point money is insufficient to pay the outstanding fine or if the driver is not eligible for any point money, the fine shall carry over from season to season until it is fully paid.

- 27.6** Suspensions: All suspensions must be fully served. Cancelled events do not count against the suspension. For example, if a driver is suspended for two (2) events and the next event is cancelled due to inclement weather, the suspension continues in effect until fully served. Any suspension imposed shall carry over to the following season until fully served. For example, if a driver is given a three race suspension but only two events remain on the schedule, the suspension will still be in effect at the first event of the following season.
- 27.7** Finality of Decision: The decisions of Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials regarding discipline shall not be subject to protest or litigation.
- 27.8** Not law Enforcement: While Michaels Mercer Raceway has the right to impose discipline for any misconduct that is in violation of any law (such as assault, terroristic threats, public intoxication or illegal drug use), Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials are not responsible for law enforcement or investigation. Rather, investigation and prosecution shall be the responsibility of law enforcement officials and/or speedway security. Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials shall cooperate whenever practicable, but are not bound by any decision of law enforcement and/or security to the undertake or to decline an investigation or prosecution.
- 28.1** Spokesman: The driver shall be the sole spokesman for the team and the car owner.
- 28.2** Written Protests Only: All protest must be submitted in writing to Michaels Mercer Raceway Director/Owner to Main office within ten (10) minutes of the official announcement of the order of finish. The protest must specifically state the basis for the protest. Verbal protests will not be considered. The failure to file a timely, written, specific protest shall be deemed to be a waiver of the right to protest and shall preclude any subsequent appeal or litigation.
- 28.3** Right to Protest: Any affected driver may protest any violation of the rules (including car specifications and weight requirements) unless the rules expressly preclude the filing of a protest or appeal.
- 28.4** A Main Only: Protest may be lodged with respect to the A Main only. Protests may not be lodged with respect to any qualifying event. Protest must be made in writing within 10 minutes after the finish has been posted on the Pit Steward board.
- 28.5** Visible Protests: Protests may be made concerning visible violations of rules or specifications. A visible protest situation is any time a tool or mechanical device is not needed by Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s) to determine the car's compliance with the rule.
- 28.6** Technical Protests: Technical protests must be filed with the Director/Owner of Michaels Mercer

Raceway and must be accompanied by a \$500.00 fee, paid in cash before investigation. Failure to Pay the protest fee, in cash, shall be deemed a waiver of the right to protest and shall preclude any subsequent appeal or litigation. A technical protest situation is any protest which requires any tool or mechanical device (including scales) for Michael Mercer Raceway Officials to determine a car's rule compliance. For the purpose of a subsequent appeal, all measurements by Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials are presumed to be correct, absent a showing by the driver of a mistake or Prejudice. If the protested car is found to be illegal, it shall be the burden of the driver to establish Legality in any subsequent appeal or litigation. If the protested car is found to be illegal, the Protest fee is refunded to the protester, less an administrative fee of \$250.00, which shall be retained By Michaels Mercer Raceway. If the car is found to be legal, the fee is retained by Michaels Mercer Raceway with \$250.00 going to Michaels Mercer Raceway and \$250.00 going to the Protested car. Cars that are found to be illegal will forfeit all points earned for the race in questions And the driver will also forfeit any earnings due for that race. **If a driver refuses tech inspection, They will be considered illegal and will forfeit all points and monies earned for that race.** Michaels Mercer Raceway shall not be responsible for any damage caused by the inspection.

- 28.7** Race Results Protests: Any affected driver may protest race results. A recheck of scoring will then be made, if necessary, and, thereafter, the results will be considered final. Protest must be made in writing within 10 minutes after the finish has been posted on the board in the trailer.
- 28.8** Holding the Purse: In the event of a protest, Michaels Mercer Raceway will delay purse distribution until the matter is ultimately decided by the appeal board. Michaels Mercer Raceway can distribute that portion of the purse to drivers whose finishing positions will not be affected by the protest or any subsequent appeal.
- 28.9** Right to Refuse Protest: Michaels Mercer Raceway reserves the right to refuse any protest if the protest is deemed unnecessary and/or is deemed to have been used for purposes of harassment.
- 28.10** Records of Protest: Michaels Mercer Raceway will retain all written protests for seven (7) days after the event giving rise to the protest.

## **24. APPEALS**

- 29.1** Exclusive Remedy: Michaels Mercer Raceway has established a grievance board of appeals to rule on appeals. The appeal process contained in these rules shall be binding on all parties and shall not be subject to judicial review or litigation. The appeal process is the exclusive means for any aggrieved party to seek review of any reviewable decision of a Michaels Mercer Raceway Official.
- ✓ Submitting Appeal: The appeal must be submitted, in writing, to Michaels Mercer Raceway within 48 hours of the event or decision giving rise to the appeal. The appeal will be deemed submitted on the date of actual receipt by Michaels Mercer Raceway Office, if delivered in person; but if the appeal is submitted by mail, then the date of the postmark shall govern. The appeal must state the following: the decision to be reviewed; the date of the event or decision giving rise to the appeal; the name of Michaels Mercer Raceway Official, if any, involved in the matter; the substance of the decision to be reviewed; and specific grounds for which an appeal is sought. The failure to submit a timely, written and specific appeal shall be deemed to be a waiver of the right to appeal and shall not be subject to judicial review or litigation.

- 29.2** Appeal Board: Members of the appeal board shall be determined as follows: Two (2) members of the board shall be selected by Michaels Mercer Raceway.; one (1) member of the board shall be selected by the driver lodging the appeal, with the following proviso: the driver representative shall not have any interest whatsoever in the outcome of the appeal.
- 29.3** Convening the Board: The appeal board will meet whenever and wherever necessary for the efficient and speedy disposition of its business. The appealing party will be given written notice of the date, time and place for the meeting. The meeting may take place in person or by telephone. A quorum of the board shall consist of any two voting members of the appeal board and the chairman or the chairman's designee.
- 29.4** Decision: A majority of the members of the board voting must concur to modify any penalty or determine any appeal. A decision of the majority of the board shall be considered final and shall not be subject to any judicial review or litigation. If the board fails to agree on action to be taken on an appeal, the appeal shall be referred to Michaels Mercer Raceway owner for decision and the Owner's decision shall be final and shall not be subject to judicial review or litigation.
- 29.5** Parts: When an appeal involved the legality of any parts, the affected driver or car owner must surrender the part or parts in question. Michaels Mercer Raceway will issue a receipt upon surrender of the parts, but the parts will not be returned until after the appeal hearing is concluded.
- 29.6** Procedure: The procedure for the hearing on the appeal is as follows:
1. First, the decision of Michaels Mercer Raceway Official or Officials shall be put into the record.
  2. Second, the contents of the written appeal shall be put into the record.
  3. Next, the aggrieved party will state his case and will call any witnesses or introduce any evidence to support that case. Hearsay evidence is admissible.
  4. Next, Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s) will state the case in support of the decision from which an appeal is being made, and may call any witnesses or introduce any evidence to support that case. Hearsay evidence is admissible.
  5. Next, the aggrieved driver will make any desired rebuttals, additions to the record or summations.
  6. Next, Michaels Mercer Raceway Official(s) will make any desired rebuttals, additions to the record or summations.
  7. At any time during the hearing, members of the appellate board will be given the opportunity to ask any questions of any person present in person or by telephone at the time of the hearing.
  8. In the interest of justice, the appeal board may continue any hearing to receive additional evidence.
  9. After the record is closed, the members of the appeal board will deliberate in private and will make its determination, decision or recommendation by majority vote.
  10. All interested parties will be notified in writing of the appeal board's decision.
  11. Michaels Mercer Raceway shall retain copies of all decisions by the appeal board.
  12. If the payment of the purse or any portion thereof was withheld due to the appeal, the promoter shall be notified, in writing, Michaels Mercer Raceway of the decision and its

impact upon the payment of the purse and the promoter shall distribute all withheld sums forthwith.

- 25.** Any rules or regulations not covered in this document will be determined on a timely basis and voted on by Michaels Mercer Raceway Board Members and by Michaels Mercer Raceway Officials and those decisions will be final.