



2021 - Riverhead Raceway Divisional Handicapping System

(Including Street Stocks & Mini Stocks)

***Handicapping System-** Based on Track Handicapping Points earned by the driver.

There are 5 types of handicap status. Handicap 1 is you accumulated 60 points last year and showed up at the most recent race. Handicap 2 was the previous race winner. Handicap 3 you have not accumulated 60 track points. Handicap 4 you missed the previous race. Lastly Handicap 5 you are under a penalty from either tech or race control.

All drivers are required to check in with the Handicapper at the pit entrance upon entry to the pits for every event. It is your responsibility to register the driver, car number, **transponder** and division each week. If you arrive late, you will have to go to the Handicappers Tower to register.

All drivers must register with the Handicapper within one (1) hour after entering the pit area. If not, you will start last in the heat or feature (if there are no heats). If the race is a time trial show that driver will not get to qualify and will start last if the feature has not been filled.

ALL division competitors: ALL drivers must have amassed a total of Sixty (60) Track Points from the previous year in order to be handicapped. NO new driver to a division will be handicapped UNTIL the driver has amassed a total of Sixty (60) total Track Points in that division. Any driver that does not have the Sixty (60) Track Points but finishes in a qualifying spot in the heat will start behind the handicapped qualified drivers.

When a Rookie Driver accumulates 60 points it is at the discretion of the handicapper or other officials to determine whether or not that driver is ready to be handicapped. It is possible they may need to accumulate more track points.

Opening Day Heats lineups will be determined by a pill draw for *drivers who accumulated at least 60 track points in 2019* in their division. Features will start straight up from heat finishes. Provisional will be in place for opening day for the top 20 in 2019 point standings. Please note that shall a driver Qualify on Opening Day without 60 track points from 2019; they will have to start behind the drivers who had 60 track points in the feature. (Ex. 2 Rookie Drivers Qualify for the feature with 0 track points because they finished 1st and 2th in their heat race. They will have to start 7th and 8th in the feature rather than 1st and 3rd)

Each Race following: Handicapping for heats AND feature will be based on driver's current handicapped points coming into that day's event *unless* it is a Time Trial event.

All drivers will be handicapped into heat lineups.

Example: lowest in points on pole in Heat 1, second to lowest points on pole for Heat 2, etc.

****Please see the example on Page 3.**

Feature Qualification: Top four (4) from each heat will qualify for feature. Drivers finishing outside of those qualified spots will be positioned for the feature starting behind the "qualified" drivers and in the order in which they finished in the heat. **If there are less than 10 cars there will only be 1 (one) heat and only 4 (four) cars qualify rather than 8 or 12 etc.**

Missing an Event: ANY driver that misses an event (*did not attend and compete*) will be given Forty-five (45) Handicapping Points. These points are NOT TRACK POINTS and are only used for the Handicapping. Upon a driver's return from missing ANY number of race meets, the driver will start last in the heat AND feature for the night that they return.

A car that does not compete in a heat will start dead last in the feature, IF the starting field is NOT Full.

Any driver who cannot compete due to mechanical issues (**MUST BE CLEARED BY TECH**) will receive 0 points for handicapping purposes. If the driver does not compete and is not cleared by tech, they will receive 45 handicap points for that night's event.

A car may NOT switch to a different heat than originally scheduled unless approved by race control. If there is a change of driver / backup car needed between the heat and the feature, that new driver / backup car combination will start last in the feature and must notify the Handicapper.

ANY DRIVER CHANGES MUST BE TOLD TO THE HANDICAPPER A **1/2 HOUR** BEFORE THE EVENT'S START.

IF A DIFFERENT DRIVER IS FOUND WHO WAS ORIGINALLY REGISTERED FOR THAT RACE, THE FOUND DRIVER AND THE REGISTERED DRIVER WILL FACE SUSPENSION, FINES AND FORFEIT OF MONEY EARNED THAT EVENING!!! Additionally, penalty points will also be given to both depending on the event. i.e, Heat=5pts / Feature=50pts.

Disqualified Driver

Any Driver on the track is at the discretion of the Race Director regarding on track penalties. Rough or Aggressive Driving can lead to a handicap penalty. Guilty drivers will start last the following week or weeks depending on the severity. They may also receive a 50 point handicap penalty. Should that penalty driver qualify through the heat they will start 8th for the feature. If any driver is disqualified from Tech either from qualifying or the feature they may lose all track points and issued total handicap points. **All disqualification points will be determined on severity of the offence through tech inspector.**

