



## 2019 Race Procedures

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### 1. Preface

The intent of the Granite State Pro Stock Series (GSPSS) race procedures and rules is to foster a safe and orderly environment for competitive motorsports and entertainment. The knowledge of, and adherence to, these rules is ultimately the participant's responsibility. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication of, or compliance with, these rules. There is no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators, or any other individual involved.

### 2. Interpretation and Amendment

- a. Interpretations of the rules and procedures contained herein will be the sole responsibility of authorized officials of GSPSS. Their interpretations and judgments shall be final.
- b. These rules may only be amended by an authorized officer of GSPSS. This amendment will be posted on the GSPSS website, [www.gspss.net](http://www.gspss.net), and may be sent out via email to all registered teams. An amendment is effective upon the date of publication by GSPSS regardless of when a participant receives actual notice.

### 3. Respect

We are first, and foremost, human beings, and, as such, we are all worthy of respect. It is required that everyone (crew members, drivers, officials, fans, etc.) in the Granite State Pro Stock Series pit area will treat one another, as well as the hosting track and their staff, with respect. It is also required that the drivers treat one another with respect on the racetrack. Disrespect of anyone will not be tolerated, and will result in penalties. Said penalties will be discretionary and final.

### 4. Pit Area

- a. Drivers and crew members must remain in their pit stall.
- b. No alcohol or firearms will be allowed in the pit area.
- c. Jack stands must be under the car if it is being worked on.

### 5. Safety

- a. If a driver's car is damaged and requires assistance to be removed from the racetrack, the driver should remain in his/her car unless requested to disembark from the racecar by an official, or if he/she is in imminent danger.
- b. A full fire suit made of double-layered, Nomex material, clean and in good condition is mandatory. Fire retardant gloves and shoes are mandatory and must be worn during all on-track activities.
- c. Smoking is not allowed in the inspection area.

### 6. Practice and Testing Policy

- a. Private practices by any team within seven (7) days of a scheduled Series' event at that track are prohibited.
- b. Series' tires purchased for practice sessions will be branded. Branded tires cannot be used at any race events.

- c. The penalty for an unauthorized practice is that the driver and team involved will be unable to enter the next Series' event at that track. Additionally, the driver and team owner will be docked 100 championship points.

**7. Car Numbers & Decals**

- a. All cars numbers must be registered and approved by GSPSS.
- b. All cars numbers must be at least 18" tall on both doors and on the roof. Roof numbers should be grandstand-facing from the backstretch.
- c. GSPSS officials may use their discretion in requesting color changes due to poor visibility and scoring issues.
- d. All lettering/decals/signs must meet the approval of GSPSS officials.

**8. Points**

- a. There will be two point systems in place, one for registered drivers and the other for registered owners.
- b. Driver points will be earned by any registered driver competing in a GSPSS race, regardless of what car he/she may drive.
- c. Owner points will be earned by the registered owner of a car competing in a GSPSS race and will include an additional 25 points for each event attended.
- d. Point System
  - i. Feature Races

<b>Position</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	50	11	28	21	8
2	46	12	26	22	6
3	44	13	24	23	4
4	42	14	22	24	2
5	40	15	20		
6	38	16	18		
7	36	17	16		
	8	34	18	14	
	9	32	19	12	
10	30	20	10		

In the event that additional starters are added, Positions 25<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> will be awarded 1 point.

- e. All award monies will be made payable, by check, to the registered owner. The owner or a team representative must be present at the awards banquet to receive final point fund money.
- f. If an event is rained out, and will not be rescheduled, twenty-five (25) points will be awarded to each owner signed in at the time the event is called.

**9. Contingencies**

- a. Contingency Sponsors are a valuable part of the GSPSS program.

- b. Contingency stickers must be displayed for either product or monetary consideration. The decals must be placed on the car's front fenders so as to be visible from the grandstands as well as in photos of the racecar. The series decal must be displayed on the windshield or the top front section of the roof. This is mandatory to compete in any GSPSS event.
- c. **All contingency decals MUST be on the car. This is mandatory. Refusal to run decals will result in being ineligible for ALL of the contingency awards.** Sponsor conflicts must be addressed to the race director on a case by case basis.

#### 10. Driver's Meeting

All drivers must attend the driver's meeting. Any driver not present at the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) roll call will start at the rear of their heat race. If there is a conflict, a team representative may attend in place of the driver. The driver must inform a GSPSS official of any conflicts prior to the roll call.

#### 11. Electronic Devices

Cell phones and personal electronic devices are not permitted in race cars.

#### 12. Handicapping

- a. Time Trials will be used to set heat race line ups, Heat races will be lined up heads up, fast time pole in heat one 2<sup>nd</sup> quick time pole in 2<sup>nd</sup> heat ect.
- b. Time trial order will be set via practice speeds. Slow to Fast, We will do this so our announcer can try to build excitement as we go thru time trials.
- c. If an event is rained out after the heat race lineups have been posted, but before the heat races have been contested, then drivers will have to draw again for heat race qualifying positions.
- d. Consolation event lineups (if required) will be based upon heat race results. The first non-qualified car from the first heat race will start p1. The first non-qualified car in the second heat race will start p2 and so on.
- e. The starting field will be posted on the entry information form, which will be sent out electronically to teams, as well as posted on GSPSS website. The promoter does have the option to start additional cars. If that option is exercised, the number of additional starters and the assignment of those positions will be announced at the driver's meeting.
- f. Feature line-ups will be heads-up from heat and consolation race results. The winner of the first heat race will start p1. The winner of the second heat race will start p2 and so on until all positions have been assigned.
- g. Once the feature lineup has been determined, there will be an inversion. The provisional pole sitter will choose from a container full of numbered tokens (0-9) to determine exactly how many positions will be inverted.
- h. If qualifying for an event cannot be completed in its entirety, and is unable to be rescheduled, the field will be set according to owner's points.

#### 13. Provisional Starting Positions

- a. For the first two (2) events of the season, all registered Owner's will be eligible for provisional's based on the previous seasons top 10 in Owner's points. Starting at the third event, all registered Owners who are in the current top 10 in Owner's points will be eligible for provisional starting positions.
- b. All Owners will be allotted two (2) provisional starting positions for the 2019 season.

- c. The two Owners with the highest amount of points in the current standings that attempt to qualify, but do not finish in a qualified position in the consolation race, will be given the option to use a provisional. Provisional starting positions will not be confirmed until after the consolation race.
- d. If an Owner chooses not to take his/her provisional, it will be offered to the Owner - in the top ten - with the next highest amount of points that has not qualified. If all Owner's within the top 10 have qualified positions, then no provisional starting positions will be issued.

#### **14. Scratching and Changes**

- a. A driver may race one (1) car at any given event. No back-up cars or number changes will be allowed.
- b. Any team changing engines will be forced to start in the last position.
- c. Officials reserve the right to start a car at the rear of the field at their discretion.
- d. If a driver scratches from a particular race, and the lineup has been posted, all drivers will be moved up one starting position (i.e. if the second place starter scratches, the driver originally scheduled to start third will now start second, fourth will start third, etc.).

#### **15. Feature Event Gridding**

- a. Each car will have two (2) attempts to pass pre-race inspection. If a car fails both attempts, that car will start last in that race.
- b. Once a car has passed pre-race inspection, that car will be parked in an impound area. During that time, no adjustments will be permitted unless supervised by an inspector. Any unapproved change will result in a forfeiture of that starting position.
- c. The first non-qualified car for the feature will be the "Bubble Car." The driver of the "Bubble Car" has the option to present with the qualified cars. In the event that a qualified car fails to take the initial green, the "Bubble Car" will be allowed to participate as a scratch starter.

#### **16. Spotters**

- a. All teams must have a spotter, monitoring the race control channel, in the spotter's stand (If a Spotters Stand is in use) during all on-track activities.
- b. Misconduct in the spotter's stand will not be tolerated, and will result in a minimum penalty of a removal of that spotter from the spotter's stand.
- c. Cell phones and personal electronic devices (iPads, tablets, etc.) will not be permitted to be used when the driver they are spotting for is on the track.

#### **17. Scoring**

- a. Each racecar must be equipped with a transponder mounted 12" inches back from the centerline of the rear axle on the right rear frame rail.
- b. When the caution flag comes out the line-up reverts back to the last completed green flag lap.
- c. In order to be scored as participating in an event, a driver must take the initial green flag.
- d. Following the completion of lap one (1), all cars one (1) or more laps down will be placed at the rear of the field.

#### **18. Starts and Restarts**

- a. Once the one-to-go signal has been given, there will be no weaving.
- b. Any driver passing before the start-finish line on the initial green will lose two (2) positions per position advanced.

- c. Any driver passing before the green-flag is displayed on a restart lose two (2) positions per position advanced. Passing is permitted as soon as the green flag is displayed.
- d. All starts and restarts will be double-file unless indicated otherwise by race control.
- e. **Leader will have land choice on all restarts. On the initial start, heat or feature, the leader MUST start on the inside.**
- f. All restarts shall be made within a designated zone on the racetrack. The leader of the race will control the restart within the designated restart zone. If the leader does not restart by the time he/she reaches the exit of the restart zone, the starter will restart the race.

#### 19. Passing Flag & Lap Cars

- a. Cars that are shown the passing flag should be respectful of the leaders as they fight for position. Any driver ignoring the passing flag or requests to yield to the leaders may be removed from the race.
- b. When two or more cars are competing for track position, and the entire group is given the passing flag, all cars in that group are expected to slow down, get single file, and allow the faster traffic to go by, then they may resume racing.

#### 20. Yellow Flags

- a. Once the yellow flag and/or the yellow lights have been illuminated, the field is frozen. Driver's should roll out of the throttle and get in single-file.
- b. Position After Caution
  - i. Cars will be lined up according to their positions on the last completed green flag lap.
  - ii. It will be at the discretion of race control to determine which car(s) were involved in the cause of the yellow flag.
- c. Once the "one-to-go" signal is given, the field will be re-aligned double file, lead lap cars to the front in the order of running followed by the doubling up of the lapped cars in their order of running.
- d. Once the leader receives the "one-to-go" signal at the start/finish line, all cars exiting pit road will restart at the rear of the field.
- e. Any driver drawing three (3) yellow flags during an event will be parked for the remainder of the event.
- f. Any driver, who in the opinion of Series' officials intentionally caused a yellow flag, will be penalized one (1) lap.

#### 21. Free Pass Award

- a. After the yellow flag is displayed and/or the caution lights are illuminated, the first eligible car, one (1) or more laps down to the leader at the time of the caution period, will be credited one (1) lap.
- b. A car is not eligible to receive the "Free Pass" when, in the judgment of GSPSS officials, the car was involved in, or the reason for the caution, the car is on pit road at the time of the caution period, or the car has been penalized with a discretionary call (aggressive driving, verbal abuse of an official, or disobeying a GSPSS request). In the case of a GSPSS discretionary penalty, it will be made known to the competitor at the time the penalty is imposed that they will be ineligible for the "Free Pass."
- c. Transferring the "Free Pass" will only occur when the first eligible car becomes ineligible to receive the award because of a GSPSS discretionary penalty, or the first eligible car was not in competition at the time of the caution period. Only in these instances will the "Free Pass" be transferred.

## **22. Red Flag**

- a. When a red flag is displayed, all cars will safely stop immediately in the area requested by race control. There will be no moving on the racetrack unless directed to do so by an official.
- b. Only cars already in the pit area can continue to be worked on.

## **23. Black Flag & Black Flag with White Cross**

- a. The black flag signifies the driver must go to the pits immediately and report to the GSPSS Official at the car's assigned pit area. It does not mean automatic disqualification.
- b. If the driver does not obey the black flag directive after two (2) signals, the driver will then be given the black flag with a white cross at the start-finish line to inform the driver that any additional scoring of his/her car will be discontinued until further notice. The driver will be signaled with the black flag with a white cross for two (2) laps before the yellow flag will be thrown. If the yellow flag is thrown for a driver's refusal to acknowledge the black flag and the black flag with a white cross, the driver will be parked for the remainder of the event, fined \$250.00, and penalized 10 championship driver's and owner's points.
- c. In addition to the black flag, a black flag number indicator, in full view of the driver, may be used to display the number of the car being black-flagged.

## **24. White Flag**

- a. The white flag signifies that the leader has started his/her last lap.
- b. If the yellow flag is displayed and/or the caution lights are illuminated during the white-flag lap, a green-white checker finish will ensue (even if it carries the race past the advertised distance). The lineup used to align the cars on the restart will be from the last completed green-flag lap.
- c. Cars may not receive any assistance after the leader has received the white flag at the start/finish line except cars making a pit stop. Violation will result in the car not being scored on that lap.
- d. Any driver assisting another driver after passing under the white flag may be subject to a lap or time penalty.

## **25. Checkered Flag**

- a. The checkered flag signifies that the race is completed. When the required race distance has been completed by the lead car, the race will be declared "officially complete" regardless of the flag being displayed.
- b. When the checkered flag is displayed and the race leader completes the race, the balance of the field also completes the race in the same lap. Finishing positions will be determined according to the most laps traveled on the racetrack in the least total time, whether the car is still running or not.

## **26. Inspection**

- a. All racecars are subject to inspection at any time by a GSPSS Official. Failure to cooperate may result in disciplinary action.
- b. GSPSS will designate an assigned inspection area. Only those designated by a GSPSS Official will be permitted in that area. Each team will be permitted three (3) team members including the driver.
- c. GSPSS reserves the right to confiscate and retain possession of illegal components.

- d. GSPSS may request a team submit to more in-depth inspection processes (bubbling of engines, compression checks, etc). The competitor is always responsible for costs with reassembling the racecar after said inspection.
- e. GSPSS also reserves the right to send parts out for independent inspection. If the parts are determined to be legal following independent review then GSPSS will be responsible for the cost of the inspection. However, if, the part was determined to be illegal, it will be the participant(s)'s responsibility to pay for the inspection.
- f. GSPSS is in no way responsible for damages incurred during the inspection process by one of its officials, authorized agents, or independent contractors.
- g. Smoking is not permitted in the inspection area.

#### **27. Disqualification**

Drivers and owners disqualified from an event will receive no money and no points for that event.

#### **28. Rough Riding:**

Rough riding and overaggressive driving will not be tolerated, and will be subject to discretionary penalties determined by Series' officials.

#### **29. Official Finish:**

In order to be considered official, at least half of the advertised race distance must be completed.