

# 2023 CPLMS/CCMS SERIES RULES

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and, by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.

They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator or official. The Carolina Pro Late Model Series (CPLMS) and Carolina Crate Modified Series (CCMS) shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OR SPECIFICATIONS. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of CCMS Officials. Their decisions are final. . Carolina Pro Late Model Series and Carolina Crate Modified Series retains the right to make all decisions and reserves the right to make any rule changes/amendments with dispute or appeal.

The interpretation and application of the CPLMS/CCMS rulebook, by CPLMS/CCMS Officials at a race event, shall be final, non-appealable and non-litigable. In order to promote racing, to achieve prompt finality in competition results and/or governing of race competition, ALL MEMBERS, INCLUDING COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS, EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT DETERMINATIONS OF BY CCMS OFFICIALS AS AN ENTITY, TO THE APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE CPLMS/CCMS RULES AND GUIDELINES SET FORTH, ARE NON-LITIGABLE AND THEY COVENANT THAT THEY WILL NOT INITIATE OR MAINTAIN LITIGATION OF ANY KIND AGAINST CPLMS, CCMS OR ANY PERSONS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SERIES, OR ANY OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES WITH RESPECT TO SUCH DETERMINATIONS OR TO RECOVER DAMAGES OR TO SEEK ANY OTHER KIND OF RELIEF AS A RESULT OF SUCH DETERMINATIONS.

Regulations and specifications set forth herein are automatically amended by revision(s) contained in subsequent Technical Bulletins issued by the Carolina Pro Late Model Series / Carolina Crate Modified Series or Rulebook Amendment(s).

**CPLMS reserves the right to update, modify, and/or delete rules at any time deemed necessary to ensure safety, fair competition or any other reason that may be appropriate. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the CPLMS officials.**

Any decision of and by CPLMS/CCMS officials is final. All cars must go through technical inspection prior to the car taking to the track for practice. Cars will be weighed with driver, and may be done prior to or after qualifying and prior to or after the feature. Reading of designated scales will be official. Any issue that is discovered in pre-practice or qualifying that is not fixed to officials' satisfaction by post-race tech will result in disqualification. Any competitor that finishes in the top 5 that does not have the CPLMS/CCMS seal may be required, at their expense, to remove the intake, heads, and/or oil pan for inspection purposes. Any CPLMS/CCMS sealed engine that finishes in the top 5 and is subject to question will be pulled and taken to the dyno. If found legal there will be no cost to the competitor.



### **DRIVER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

All competitors are subject to CPLMS/CCMS Officials approval. Any minor must submit in writing a racing resume for approval. All minor competitors must have parent and/or legal guardian sign parental release form.

### **MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Any person who desires to participate in a CPLMS/CCMS event as a Driver must purchase a CPLMS/CCMS - Membership. The membership is non-transferable and only the member to whom it is issued may use it. If a member intentionally or unintentionally assigns or otherwise permits another person or entity to use or attempt to use the membership card, then the member shall be subject to disciplinary action and shall indemnify and hold harmless CPLMS/CCMS from any loss or expense incurred by as a result. Once a membership is issued to an individual, regardless of who pays for the membership, the membership is the property of that individual. CPLMS/CCMS may revoke the membership for improper usage.

If driver membership and/or entry fee is not paid prior to race it will be taken from the drivers/car owner's payout.

### **ENTRY FEES:**

CPLMS/CCMS 1 year Membership fee \$75.00  
CPLMS/CMS one time trial Membership \$30.00  
CPLMS/CCMS entry fees are for regular point's event  
Early entry of \$60.00  
Received 7 (seven) days prior to the event \$75.00.  
Received on the day of event \$100.00



## GENERAL RULES:

1. Drivers, car owners & crew members will always conduct themselves in a calm and sportsmanlike manner.
2. The driver/car owner alone will be the sole spokesman in any and all matters pertaining to the race and must talk with the CPLMS/CCMS officials in charge.  
**Driver is responsible for the crew.**
3. CPLMS/CCMS reserves the right to refuse entry to any car or person without question.
4. Open drinking of intoxicants in the pit area by drivers will not be tolerated. Offenders will be subject to immediate ejection.
5. Any person found with any weapon on him or his vehicle is also subject to arrest.
6. The following activities will result in fines, loss of winnings and points, and be subject to suspension and arrest: Loud and abusive language toward CPLMS/CCMS and track officials, Starting or engaging in a fight, deliberate contact during caution laps or after the race has completed, Subjecting any employee or official to improper or abusive language or profane signs. Penalty will be at the official's discretion.
7. Any fines, suspensions, and/or protests must be settled with CPLMS/CCMS management before a driver, car owner or crew member will be allowed to enter restricted area at another event.
8. Two (2) features wins in a row the driver or car must start the next race from the rear. Special events are the exception, and the following regular scheduled event will have the driver/car starting from the rear.
9. Stock means that you cannot modify this part. (If the rules don't say you can, then you can't.)
10. Car number(s) must appear on the roof and both sides to be scored.
11. SFI Head Restraints, approved full containment seat, and fire suppression system are required.
12. Fire Retardant driver uniform, window net, helmet, five-point harness and fire extinguisher required. If caught at any time without these items, you will not be allowed to race and will forfeit all points and money.
13. Crossing the racetrack during a race.
14. Any situation not specifically covered by this rulebook will be acted upon by race director, tech man, pit steward or management and decisions shall be final.
15. Ignorance of rules will not be accepted as an excuse for their violation.
16. Interpretation of rules and decisions of CPLMS/CCMS officials will be final.



## PRE-RACE PROCESS:

1. **Attendance by driver or car owner and spotter at every drivers' meetings is mandatory.**
2. Scale area is **off limits** to pit crews during any official weighing. No car will be weighed until the area has been cleared.
3. All drivers must have a transponder when on track.
4. All spotters must have race control when their driver is on track.
5. All drivers must be ready to compete in the event for which they are scheduled. If you are not staged in line up when cars are called to the speedway, you will start tail of the field.

## RACE PROCESS:

1. Any cars not lined up when called to the track will start in the rear.
2. The Race Director is in full control of race procedure and on track activities. His/her decisions will be final.
3. Drivers **may not** exit the car on track unless instructed by the race director or safety crew. Exiting the car for any other reason will be grounds for disqualification from the event.
4. **STARTS** - All initial starts are double file at the start line. Inside driver sets the pace and starts the race at the line. It is the outside driver's responsibility to stay beside him. Jumping starts will put you back one row. After 2 double file attempts (jumps do not count), line up will go single file. Leader must start the race on line off turn 4.
5. **RE-STARTS** - Drivers must be nose to tail and in line, drivers cannot leave distance or be under the car in front of them.
6. **MULTI-CAR WRECK ON FIRST LAP:** All cars get their spot back. Single car spin will go to the rear. Any cars going to the pit will go to the rear.
7. *Any car deliberately stopping before the completion of the first lap to bring out the caution will be put to the rear or penalized a lap at the discretion of the Race Director.*
8. *Deliberately stopping and bringing out the caution to keep from going a lap down will be scored one lap down.*
9. Any car(s) involved in any accident that brings out red or yellow flag will be lined up in the rear of the field. (This does not include cars that stop or spin to keep from hitting the other cars.)
10. Lap traffic must stay to the inside of the speedway. (Any cars trying to hold up leaders will be black-flagged.) If leaders are taken out by a lapped car they will get their spot back unless they go to the pits.
11. Any car charged with two (2) unassisted cautions will be black-flagged.
12. No work can be done on race cars on the track other than pulling sheet metal from tires by track officials. No tools or crew is allowed on the track!
13. Any driver stopping on track and exiting a car to argue with officials for any reason will be penalized at track official's discretion. Any car going the wrong way at any time will be disqualified and parked. (unless told by official)
14. No car can receive any assistance from another car during the last lap of the race.
15. Rough driving will be dealt with through fines and/or suspensions.



## POST RACE PROCESS:

1. **Cars will exit the track and enter the pit area at a safe speed.**
2. Any driver or crew member showing aggressive behavior during or after the race will forfeit any winning and points for that event, safety is our top priority!
3. Scale area is **off limits** to pit crews during official weighing. No car will be weighed until the area has been cleared.
4. Top five (5) cars must cross scales for inspection.
5. Top five (5) cars must stay at scales until the okay is given to leave by a CPLMS/CCMS tech official.
6. If driver wants to protest or claim they must have money on them and they have 5 minutes after they cross scales to have the money in the tech man's hand.
7. If a protest happens only FOUR (4) members of the car getting protested are allowed in the tech area. Only TWO (2) members of the protesting car are allowed.
8. Looking for small or unimportant errors or faults will not be tolerated or allowed. We are aware that the rule book may not cover every situation or issue.
9. ***Officials have final say on ALL protested or claimed item issues.***